



Celebration of New Ministry with the Welcoming of a New Rector

Dear Friend in Christ, We share this resource with you as you prepare for the Celebration of New Ministry with the Welcoming of a New Rector in your parish or ministry setting. We feel truly blessed to share this journey with you and we offer these notes as guidelines as you work through planning this liturgy. We commend the *Renewal of Ministry* service in Enriching our Worship 4 as the preferred liturgy for the Celebration. You also have the option of using the *Celebration of a New Ministry* service in the Book of Common Prayer.

Please make an appointment with our Program Assistant so that we can review the service with you and share together our hopes and dreams for this service, for you, for your congregation, and for us as bishops. Following our meeting and at least a week prior to the service, please send us a draft copy of the bulletin for our review.

General Guidelines

The Letter of Institution:

The Bishop will bring a copy of a framed certificate from our offices, that will acknowledge you have been called as Rector. If you print the language of the Letter in the bulletin, please make sure it matches the language at the end of this document. We encourage you to display the Letter somewhere in the church during your ministry, perhaps in your office, in a parish hall, or in a library.

Liturgical Color:

The liturgical color for the service is the color of the liturgical season or of the day if the service falls on feast day.

Preacher:

You are invited to choose a preacher who knows you and the congregation well, someone able to speak to both your gifts and the gifts of the parish. Before you make the request, please consult with the Bishop so that we can affirm your choice. If you believe it pastorally important for the bishop to preach, we will.

Presider:

The Bishop will preside at this liturgy. We will ask you to bid the Peace and to do the final blessing at the end of the service. We welcome your presence standing next to us for the celebration of the Eucharist.



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Bishop's Chaplain:

The Bishop will need a Chaplain for this service. This person could be either lay or ordained.

Deacons:

We suggest you ask a deacon to serve the liturgical functions of the diaconate during the liturgy. If there is not a deacon in your parish, please reach out to the Archdeacon in your Region and they will be able to assist you in finding a deacon who will be able to serve with you and your congregation.

Additional Gifts:

We encourage you to think of additional gifts that might be included in the liturgy that celebrate the diversity and depth of the life and ministry of the parish. Perhaps something from youth members, formation leaders, or something symbolizing the outreach and mission-oriented ministries of the parish. The rubrics note that these gifts would be brought to the altar at the time of the offertory.

In the *Celebration of New Ministry* in the Book of Common Prayer, there is a provision for the Constitution and Canons of TEC and ECCT to be presented to the Rector. We encourage you to reach out to your Regional Dean to present a copy of the Canons to you. This presentation could be inserted in the service following the reading of the letter of institution using the following language:

"N., Obey these Canons, and be among us to share in the councils of this diocese."

Readings for the Service:

If the day you have chosen is a particular feast day, we encourage you to use the lessons for that day. The rubrics also note that you may choose lessons from the following "Various Occasions" lectionary: All Baptized Christians, At Baptism, For the Mission of the Church (I & II), or the Propers of the Day.

You may pick readers from your congregation to read lessons and to lead the psalm if it is not being sung. A deacon should read the Gospel if they are participating in the service.



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General Guidelines

Hymns:

Congregations often have hymns that are very special to their life in ministry that we encourage you to use at this service celebrating the parish and your ministry amongst them. Hymns linked to the lessons or the occasion being celebrated would also be appropriate.

Creation Care Verse in Renewal of Vows:

We encourage you to add the creation care verse and refrain to the Renewal of Vows at the end of the Baptismal Covenant. This verse originated in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut and we are proud of this important addition to our covenant for all of The Episcopal Church.

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?"

R: I will, with God's help



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Letter of Institution Text for Bulletin

Name of Clergy Presbyter of the Church of God, you have been called to work together with your Bishop and fellow-Presbyters as a pastor, priest, and teacher, and to take your share in the councils of the Church.

Now, in accordance with the Canons, you have been selected to serve God as Rector at

Name of Parish, Somewhere, Connecticut

This letter is a sign that you are fully empowered and authorized to exercise this ministry, accepting its privileges and responsibilities as a priest of this Diocese, in communion with your Bishop.

Having committed yourself to this work, do not forget the trust of those who have chosen you. Care alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. By your words, and in your life, proclaim the Gospel. Love and serve Christ's people. Nourish them and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

May the Lord, who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to perform them.

Given under my hand and seal, in the city of Meriden, Connecticut, on the ***Date*** day of ***Month*** in the year two thousand ***Year***, and in the ***Year*** of my consecration,

The Rt. Rev. Laura J Ahrens
Bishop Suffragan

or

The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey W. Mello
Bishop Diocesan

Please contact the Bishop's Office to confirm the information in bold & italics above.

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The Renewal of Ministry with the Welcoming of a New Rector

Parish Name

City/Town Date

Dear Members of _____ Congregation,

It is with great joy and gratitude that I join you for this service celebrating the renewal of ministry and the welcoming your new rector. Today marks a significant moment in the life of this congregation, a time to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and look forward with hope to the future.

As we gather today, we are reminded of the journey that has brought us to this point. The history of this congregation is rich with stories of faith, dedication, and service. Each member, past and present, has contributed to the life of this community. We honor the legacy of those who have served before us, whose commitment and love have laid the foundation upon which we stand.

Today, we rejoice in the beginning of a new chapter. This new chapter includes not only a change in ordained leadership but also a reaffirmation of your mission and purpose. It is a time to embrace the fresh energy and new ideas that come with this transition. Your new rector brings unique gifts and together with you, a new ministry begins.

This new ministry is an opportunity to deepen your faith, expand your outreach, and strengthen your community bonds. Together, you are invited to partner with God to explore a future that reflects the love and grace of Christ, making a meaningful impact within and beyond our congregation.

May you work together, each offering your unique talents and perspectives, to create a vibrant community where all are welcome and valued.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to your new rector and to all of you. May this celebration be a reminder of God's faithfulness and a catalyst for renewed purpose and joy in our shared ministry.

In Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey W. Mello, Bishop Diocesan

Or

The Rt. Rev. Laura J Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan

Gathering of the Community

Prelude ~	Title	Composer
Processional Hymn ~ 1982 Hymnal #	### First Line	Tune Name

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God, Creator of all.

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people are seated. The Warden(s) stand near the Bishop.

The Bishop states the purpose of the gathering; and concludes

People of ____, you have reflected on your ministry and discerned your choice for a new Rector.

Wardens We have chosen and called **N.N.** to be our *Rector*, and *he/she/they* has accepted.

Bishop I commend your choice and affirm this call.

The Letter of Institution (BCP, p. 557) is read. The Bishop continues

Bishop Are you, the people of ____, ready to continue in your ministry, with **N.** as your priest?

People We are.

The Word of God

*The Wardens escort the Priest from the nave to the front of the assembly.
Representatives such as Lectors present the lectern Bible and say*

N., with this Bible we proclaim and hear God's living Word. Join us in the ministry of telling the Good News to the World.

Rector: Amen. Let us hear again the Good News of salvation. A

Reading From ~ **Book #:#-#**

Reading 1

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm **###**

Psalm

A Reading From ~ **Book #:#-#** **Reading 2**

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn ~ Hymnal 1982 # The **###** First line **Tune name**

Gospel ~ **Book #:#-#**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to _____.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon ~ **Preacher**

Following the Sermon, the Celebrant stands. Please stand as you are able.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Bishop **N.**; people of _____: in Holy Baptism we received full adoption through God's grace and full empowerment for ministry through the Holy Spirit. Will you work together as partners in the mission of the Church, to reconcile all people to God through Christ?

People We will, with God's help.

Water is poured into the font.

Bishop The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to Christ, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Bishop may bless the water.

We pray you, O God, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that all who in baptism are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

The Rector says

Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in God's holy Catholic Church.

Rector Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Rector Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Rector Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Rector Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Rector Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Rector Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Rector Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Rector Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Rector Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Rector Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, and called us to ministry in Jesus Christ, keep us in eternal life by his grace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers

A symbol of prayer (e.g., a book of prayers, the list of intercessions, an icon) is brought forward by Intercessor(s) from the congregation.

N., with this [] we offer our prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings to God.

Rector Amen. In the Spirit of God, who searches the heart and knows our deepest needs, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who yearn for Christ's healing.

Then follow Prayers written for the occasion; or the Litany for the Mission of the Church (Book of Occasional Services 2003, p 246); or the Litany of Thanksgiving for a Church (BCP p. 578). The Litany for Ordinations is not appropriate for this occasion.

A stole and/or flask of oil for healing may be presented by parishioners such as Pastoral Visitors, Eucharistic Visitors, or Prayer Circle Members.

N., with prayer, companionship and laying-on of hands we bring the reconciling presence of Christ to those who seek healing. Join us in this ministry by calling us to repentance, and assuring us of God's forgiveness and love.

Rector Amen. Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, loves you eternally, and reconciles you to one another.

Additional gifts may be exchanged here.

If the new minister is the rector or vicar of the parish, a Warden may now present the keys of the church, saying

N., receive these keys, and let the doors of this place be open to all people.

People Amen.

The Regional Dean or other member of the clergy representing the Diocese presents the Constitution and Canons of this Church, saying

N., obey these Canons, and be among us to share in the councils of this diocese.

People Amen.

The Bishop then says

N., let all these be signs of the ministry which is mine and yours (the Bishop's and yours) in this place.

People Amen.

The new Minister, if a priest, may then kneel in the midst of the church, and may say

O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house, and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you

would have me do. Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Bishop then presents the new minister to the congregation, saying
Greet your new Rector.

When appropriate, the family of the new minister may also be presented at this time.

The Congregation expresses its approval. Applause is appropriate.

The Bishop greets the new minister.

All stand. The new Rector says to the people

Rector The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and the wine. Addressing the Rector, they say

N., when we share the bread and the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Join us at God's table to offer and bless our gifts of bread and wine.

Rector Amen. Together, let us keep the feast.

The elements are brought to the table, and the Offertory continues as a hymn or anthem is sung.

Offertory Anthem ~ **Title** **Composer**

When the alms are brought forward, gifts for ministry may also be brought to the altar, and may be received with the following or similar words

Bishop We offer thanksgiving to God for the ministries represented by these symbols, and ask God's grace to live ever more fully into the commitments we have made in Baptism.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving ~ Eucharistic Prayer A, or that of your choice from approved resources

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus ~ 1982 Hymnal # S### **Composer**

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that **with [** **and]** all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When coming forward to receive Holy Communion, please follow the direction given by the ushers. If you are unable to come to the front, please let an usher know and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

Communion 1982 Hymnal # **### First line** **Tune Name**

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send
us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Rector says

The Blessing

Closing Hymn ~ 1982 Hymnal # The### First line

Tune Name

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude ~ Title

Composer

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Celebration of a New Ministry

Parish Name

City/Town

Date

Prelude ~ Title Composer

Processional Hymn ~ 1982 Hymnal # ### First Line Tune Name

The Institution

The Wardens, standing before the bishop with the new minister, say these or similar words

Bishop **N.**, we have come together today to welcome **N.N.**, who has been chosen to serve as Rector of **(name of church)**. We believe that *he/she/they* is well qualified, and that *he/she/they* has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

The Bishop may read the Letter of Institution, or else may state the purpose of the new ministry. The Bishop then says

Bishop **N.**, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

Minister I do.

The Bishop then addresses the congregation

Bishop Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold **N.** in this ministry?

People **We will.**

Bishop Let us then offer our prayers to God for all his people, for this congregation, and for **N.** their **Rector**.

Litany for Ordinations

Litanist God the Father,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Litanist God the Son,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Litanist God the Holy Spirit,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Litanist Holy Trinity, one God,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Litanist We pray to you, Lord Christ.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the Day of your Coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist For all members of your Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve you in true and godly life, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Jeff and Laura, our Bishops, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons, that they may be filled with your love, may hunger for truth, and may thirst after righteousness, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist For **N**, chosen priest in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist That *he/she/they* may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your Name, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit *he/she/they* may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist For *his/her/their* family, that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist For the mission of God, that in faithful witness the Church may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist Rejoicing in the fellowship of [] and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our Lord.

People To you, O Lord our God.

Litanist Lord, have mercy.

People Christ, have mercy.

Litanist Lord, have mercy.

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

Everliving God, strengthen and sustain N, that with patience and understanding he/she/they may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated for the reading of Holy Scripture.

The Readings are selected from the following list, or in accordance with the directions on page 565 of the Book of Common Prayer:

Old Testament Joshua 1:7-9, or Numbers 11:16-17,24-25a

Psalms 43, or 132:1-9, or 146, or 133 and 134 (especially suitable for use in the evening)

Epistle Romans 12:1-18, or Ephesians 4:7,11-16

Gospel John 15:9-16, or Luke 10:1-2, or John 14:11-15

A Reading From ~ Book #-#-#

Reading 1

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm ###

Psalm

A Reading From ~ Book #-#-#

Reading 2

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn ~ Hymnal 1982 # ### First line Tune name

The Gospel ~ Book #-#-#

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to [].

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Induction

Representatives of the congregation and of the clergy of the diocese stand before the bishop with the new minister. Any of the presentations that follow may be added to, omitted, or adapted, as appropriate to the nature of the new ministry, and to the order of the minister.

Representatives of the congregation present a Bible, saying

N., accept this Bible, and be among us as one who proclaims the Word. **Amen.**

The Bishop presents a vessel of water, saying

N., take this water, and help me baptize in obedience to our Lord. **Amen.**

Others present a stole or other symbol, saying

N., receive this stole, and be among us as a pastor and priest. **Amen.**

Others present a book of prayers or other symbol, saying

N., receive this book, and be among us as a person of prayer. **Amen.**

Others present olive oil or some other symbol, saying

N., use this oil, and be among us as a healer and reconciler. **Amen.**

If the new minister is the rector or vicar of the parish, a Warden may now present the keys of the church, saying

N., receive these keys, and let the doors of this place be open to all people. **Amen.**

Representative clergy of the diocese present the Constitution and Canons of this Church, saying

N., obey these Canons, and be among us to share in the councils of this diocese. **Amen.**

Other Representatives of the congregation present bread and wine, saying

N., take this bread and wine, and be among us to break the Bread and bless the Cup. **Amen.**

The Bishop then says

N., let all these be signs of the ministry which is mine and yours in this place. **Amen.**

The new Minister, if a priest, may then kneel in the midst of the church, and may say

O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house, and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do. Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care,

and grant that I may faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Bishop then presents the new minister to the congregation, saying

Greet your new **Rector**.

When appropriate, the family of the new minister may also be presented at this time.

The Congregation expresses its approval. Applause is appropriate.

The Bishop greets the new minister.

The Peace

Rector The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem ~ **Title** *Composer*

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving ~ Eucharistic Prayer A (Chose any prayer you like from the BCP or from EOW- Sample is from Prayer A)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus ~ 1982 Hymnal # **S###** *Composer*

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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Communion 1982 Hymnal # ### First line Tune Name

Prayer after Communion

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit.

We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray that **N.** may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life.

Grant that we, with *him/her/them*, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn ~ 1982 Hymnal # ### First line Tune Name

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude ~ Title Composer

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The Renewal of Ministry with the Welcoming of a New Rector

Parish Name

City/Town

Date

Gathering of the Community

Prelude ~ Title Composer

Processional Hymn ~ 1982 Hymnal # ### First Line Tune Name

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God, Creator of all.**

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated. The Warden(s) stand near the Bishop.

The Bishop states the purpose of the gathering; and concludes

People of , you have reflected on your ministry and discerned your choice for a new Rector.

Wardens We have chosen and called N.N. to be our *Rector*, and *he/she/they* has accepted.

Bishop I commend your choice and affirm this call.

The Letter of Institution (BCP, p. 557) is read. The Bishop continues

Bishop Are you, the people of , ready to continue in your ministry, with N. as your priest?

People **We are.**

The Word of God

*The Wardens escort the Priest from the nave to the front of the assembly.
Representatives such as Lectors present the lectern Bible and say*

N., with this Bible we proclaim and hear God's living Word. Join us in the ministry of telling the Good News to the World.

Rector: Amen. Let us hear again the Good News of salvation.

A Reading From ~ **Book #:#-#**

Reading 1

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm **###**

Psalm

A Reading From ~ **Book #:#-#**

Reading 2

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn ~ Hymnal 1982 # **###** First line **###** Tune name **###**

The Gospel ~ **Book #:#-#**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to **###**.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon ~ **Preacher**

Following the Sermon, the Celebrant stands. Please stand as you are able.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Bishop **N.**; people of **###**: in Holy Baptism we received full adoption through God's grace and full empowerment for ministry through the Holy Spirit. Will you work together as partners in the mission of the Church, to reconcile all people to God through Christ?
People We will, with God's help.

Water is poured into the font and the Bishop or the Rector leads the renewal of baptismal vows

Bishop The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to Christ, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Bishop may bless the water.

We pray you, O God, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that all who in baptism are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

The Rector says

Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in God's holy Catholic Church.

Water is poured into the font and the Bishop or the Rector leads the renewal of baptismal vows.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Rector Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Rector Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Rector Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Rector Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Rector Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and

integrity of all creation?

People

I will, with God's help.

Bishop

May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, and called us to ministry in Jesus Christ, keep us in eternal life by his grace; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers

A symbol of prayer (e.g., a book of prayers, the list of intercessions, an icon) is brought forward by Intercessor(s) from the congregation.

N., with this [] we offer our prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings to God.

Rector

Amen. In the Spirit of God, who searches the heart and knows our deepest needs, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who yearn for Christ's healing.

Then follow Prayers written for the occasion; or the Litany for the Mission of the Church (Book of Occasional Services 2003, p 246); or the Litany of Thanksgiving for a Church (BCP p. 578). The Litany for Ordinations is not appropriate for this occasion.

A stole and/or flask of oil for healing may be presented by parishioners such as Pastoral Visitors, Eucharistic Visitors, or Prayer Circle Members.

N., with prayer, companionship and laying-on of hands we bring the reconciling presence of Christ to those who seek healing. Join us in this ministry by calling us to repentance, and assuring us of God's forgiveness and love.

Rector

Amen. Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, loves you eternally, and reconciles you to one another.

All stand. The new Rector says to the people

Rector

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and the wine. Addressing the Rector, they say

N., when we share the bread and the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Join us at God's table to offer and bless our gifts of bread and wine.

Rector Amen. Together, let us keep the feast.

The deacon brings the elements to the table, and the Offertory continues as a hymn or anthem is sung.

Offertory Anthem ~ Title **Composer**

When the alms are brought forward, gifts for ministry may also be brought to the altar, and may be received with the following or similar words

Bishop We offer thanksgiving to God for the ministries represented by these symbols, and ask God's grace to live ever more fully into the commitments we have made in Baptism.
Amen.

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Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
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People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus ~ 1982 Hymnal # S### **Composer**

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Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross,

he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that **with [_____ and]** all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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Communion 1982 Hymnal # ### First line

Tune Name

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Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Bishop says

We have celebrated this new pastoral relationship in the great prayer of the Church. **N.**, I commend to your love and care the people of **_____**. My siblings in Christ, I commend to your love and care your new Rector, colleague and friend, **N.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn ~ 1982 Hymnal # **###** First line **_____** *Tune Name* **_____**

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