

# AN OUTLINE OF THE SERVICE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A PASTOR

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# INSTALLATION OF A PASTOR

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Based on the Service  
for the Lord's Day

## GATHERING

### CALL TO WORSHIP

#### GREETING

All may stand as the minister and other worship leaders enter.

The minister greets the people saying:

The Lord be with you.

The people respond:

**And also with you.**

#### SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

The minister continues:

Let us worship God.

Clap your hands, all you peoples;

Ps. 47:1–2

**shout to God with loud songs of joy.**

For the Most High is awesome,

**a great sovereign over all the earth.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

Ps. 92:1

### PRAYER OF THE DAY OR OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

*After a brief silence, the prayer of the day may be said:*

Almighty and eternal God,  
by your grace  
you have called us in this time and place  
to be your servant people  
as we follow our servant Lord.  
Make your Holy Spirit move  
within and among us,  
that together we may live a new life  
in the crucified and risen Christ.  
Bind us together in faith,  
so that as we receive all spiritual gifts  
needed to fulfill our calling,  
we may support one another  
in common ministry;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE, PSALM, OR SPIRITUAL

*All may remain standing.*

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say that we have no sin,  
we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.  
But if we confess our sins,  
God who is faithful and just  
will forgive us our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*1 John 1:8, 9*

In humility and faith  
let us confess our sin to God.

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Almighty God,**  
by water and your Holy Spirit  
you baptized us to be your own  
and called the church into being.  
We confess that we hold back  
the love of your Spirit among us.  
We do not listen for your word of grace,  
speak the good news of your love,  
or live as a people made one in Christ.

Silent prayers of confession may be offered.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**  
Transform our lives by the power of your Holy Spirit  
and make strong our common witness  
to the one Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

“Lord, Have Mercy” (A), “Holy God, Holy and Mighty”  
(B), or “Lamb of God” (C) may be sung.

**A** Lord, Have Mercy

*Kyrie Eleison*  
PH 565, 572–574

May be sung in threefold, sixfold, or ninefold form.

**Lord, have mercy.**  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**B** Holy God, Holy and Mighty

*Trisagion*

Sung three times.

**Holy God,**  
holy and mighty,  
holy immortal One,  
have mercy upon us.

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.**

**Or**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

#### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God, who is rich in mercy, *Eph. 2:4, 5a, 6a, 8*  
out of the great love with which God loved us,  
even when we were dead through our sin,  
made us alive together with Christ  
and raised us up with him.

For by grace you have been saved through faith,  
and this is not your own doing;  
it is the gift of God.

**Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,  
let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*The people may exchange with one another, by words and  
gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.*

## CANTICLE, PSALM, HYMN, OR SPIRITUAL

A canticle, psalm, hymn, or spiritual may be sung.  
During the seasons of Christmas and Easter, (A) “Glory to God” is especially appropriate.

When the Lord’s Supper is to be celebrated, (B) “Worthy Is Christ, the Lamb” is appropriate. On other occasions (C) “Glory to the Father” may be used.

### **A** Glory to God

*Gloria in Excelsis*  
PH 566, 575, 576; PS 173

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God’s people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **B** Worthy Is Christ, the Lamb

*Rev. 5:12, 9, 13;  
7:10, 12; 19:4, 6–9*  
PH 594

**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God. **R**

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are his. **R**

Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation. **R**

Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **R**

For the Lamb who was slain  
has begun his reign. Alleluia! **R**

**C** Glory to the Father

*Gloria Patri*  
PH 567, 577–579

**Or**

Glory to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.  
Amen.

The people may be seated.

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us pray.

After a brief silence, the following is said:

Overwhelm us with your Holy Spirit, O God,  
that the words we hear  
will speak to our hearts as your Word,  
made known to us in Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Amen.**



It is appropriate for an elder to read one or more of the readings, and for a deacon to read the Gospel.

The reader may say:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Rev. 2:7, 11,  
17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22

## **FIRST READING**

Before the reading:

A reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

At the conclusion of the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Silence may be kept.

## **PSALM**

The psalm for the day is sung or said.

## **SECOND READING**

Before the reading:

A reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

At the conclusion of the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Silence may be kept.

## **ANTHEM, HYMN, PSALM, CANTICLE, OR SPIRITUAL**

An anthem, hymn, psalm, canticle, or spiritual that reflects the scriptures for the day may be sung.

## **GOSPEL READING**

Before the reading of the Gospel:

A reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

Or

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the conclusion of the Gospel:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Or

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## HYMN, PSALM, OR SPIRITUAL

## INSTALLATION

*The moderator addresses all present:*

### SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

As in one body we have many members, *Rom. 12:4–8, 11*  
and not all the members have the same function,

**so we, who are many, are one body in Christ,  
and individually we are members one of another.**

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us:

**prophecy, in proportion to faith;**

ministry, in ministering;

**the teacher, in teaching;**

the exhorter, in exhortation;

**the giver, in generosity;**

the leader, in diligence;

**the compassionate, in cheerfulness.**

Let us not lag in zeal,  
but be ardent in spirit, serving the Lord.

Or

#### A LITANY OF GIFTS

As in one body we have many parts *Based on Rom. 12:4–8,*  
and each part has its own function, *11–13*  
so all of us together with Christ are one body,  
and we all belong to each other.

**We have different gifts  
according to the grace God has given us.**

If your gift is to hear God's Word,

**speak it out in faith.**

If your gift is service,

**live to serve others.**

If your gift is the heart of a teacher,

**teach what is true.**

Let preachers preach with conviction,  
and givers give freely;

**let officers work diligently for the people,  
and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.**

Let us not lack for enthusiasm,  
but be ardent in spirit,

**serving the Lord,  
rejoicing in hope,  
patient in suffering,  
constant in prayer,  
supporting one another,  
and welcoming all.**

## STATEMENT ON THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

The following or similar interpretation of ministry shall be given:

We are called out by God *Based on Book of Order*  
to be the Church of Jesus Christ, *G-3.0200-.0401*  
a sign in the world today  
of the new life that God intends for all.

In our life together  
we are to display the new reality  
that sin is forgiven,  
reconciliation accomplished,  
and the dividing walls of hostility torn down.

As the living body of Christ,  
the church is called  
to proclaim the good news of salvation,  
to present the claims of the gospel on people's lives,  
and to demonstrate Christ's love in service to the world.

We are called to undertake this mission  
even at the risk of life,  
trusting God in all things.

In faith we embrace  
a new openness to what God is doing in our time,  
a renewed obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and a new joy in our common worship and work.

Today we reclaim our historic calling  
and remember the great ends of the church:

*All present may continue:*

**The proclamation of the gospel** *Book of Order*  
**for the salvation of humankind;** *G-1.0200*  
**the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship**  
**of the children of God;**  
**the maintenance of divine worship;**  
**the preservation of the truth;**  
**the promotion of social righteousness;**  
**and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven**  
**to the world.**

The moderator continues:

The ministry of the church is shared by pastor and people, so that all together may fulfill the mission to which we are called in Jesus Christ.

The particular responsibility of the ministry of the Word and Sacrament is to build up the church and serve the people of God, so that the Word may be rightly proclaimed and the sacraments rightly celebrated.

The call to this ministry has been extended by the congregation, accepted by the candidate, and approved by the presbytery. Therefore the Presbytery of N., by means of this commission, now installs N. as *pastor/associate pastor/co-pastor* of N. Church.

The *pastor*-elect, moderator, commission members, and other worship leaders gather at the front of the place of worship.

The moderator addresses all present saying:

In *his/her* baptism, N. was clothed with Christ. *He/she* was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament by the Presbytery of N., and is now called by God through the voice of the church to serve as *pastor* of this congregation.

**We remember with joy  
our common calling to serve Christ,  
and we celebrate God's call to our *brother/sister*,  
to serve among us as pastor.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS      *Book of Order G-14.0405*

The *pastor*-elect moves to the front of the place of worship to answer the questions required by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The moderator addresses the *pastor*-elect:

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

**I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

**I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

**I do and I will.**

Will you be a minister of the Word and Sacrament in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture and continually guided by the confessions?

**I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

**I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

**I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

**I do.**

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

**I will.**

Will you be a faithful minister, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith, and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

**I will.**

An elder of the church shall address members  
of the congregation:

Do we, the members of the church, accept N. as our *pastor/associate pastor/co-pastor*, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

The congregation responds:

**We do.**

Do we agree to encourage *him/her*, to respect *his/her* decisions, and to follow as *he/she* guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

**We do.**

Do we promise to pay *him/her* fairly, and provide for *his/her* welfare as *he/she* works among us; to stand by *him/her* in trouble, and share *his/her* joy? Will we listen to the word *he/she* preaches, welcome *his/her* pastoral care, and honor *his/her* authority as *he/she* seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

**We do and we will.**

## PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

The *pastor*-elect kneels, facing the congregation.

One of the following prayers may be used:

**A**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you, gracious Lord,  
for you alone are God.

You have made us,  
and we are your people,  
the sheep of your pasture.

You have led us to green meadows by cool waters,  
satisfying our every need with your love.

You have shown us paths that are right.  
Through shadowed valleys of despair,  
you have been our comfort and our hope.

Over long generations,  
your presence has sustained your people.

In your good time,  
you sent Jesus, your only Beloved,  
to be our shepherd.

He knew and loved your own,  
calling all who would hear to follow him.

The Good Shepherd laid down his life for us,  
risking the cross for the hope of resurrection.

By the power of the risen Christ  
you gathered the church together  
to live for you in newness of life,

a holy nation,  
a priestly family,

a people chosen as your own  
and called to proclaim your marvelous love.



Gracious God,  
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,  
that we may be faithful as your people  
and fruitful in the ministries you have given us.  
Grant diligence to those who lead,  
faith to those who teach,  
truth to all who speak,  
compassion to all who heal,  
wisdom to those who counsel,  
generosity to those who give,  
and cheerfulness to all who serve.  
To your servant N.,  
and to all who tend your flock as pastors among your people,  
give vision and strength,  
hospitality, humility, and peace.  
Bless the common ministry of this pastor and people  
with joy and power in the gospel.  
Strengthen us to live out the grace of our baptism  
and to serve you with the gifts of your Holy Spirit;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only shepherd and Lord.

**Amen.**

**B**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All praise be yours,  
Lord God of our salvation.  
By your Word,  
you called creation into being  
and made us in your image  
to love and serve you.

By your saving love  
you sent Jesus Christ to live among us,  
to redeem your people  
and establish your peace.  
By your Holy Spirit,  
you shower gifts on your children,  
opening hearts and worlds to your grace,  
empowering us to live holy and joyful lives.

We praise you, eternal God,  
for the church throughout the world,  
born of your love,  
saved by your grace,  
and sustained by your Holy Spirit.  
Make us the community you have called us to be,  
a chosen race,  
a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation,  
your very own people,  
gifted to proclaim your marvelous love.

*All may pray together:*

**Gracious God, we praise you  
that you have chosen servants in every age  
to speak your Word and lead your loyal people.  
We give you thanks for your servant N.,  
and for the ministry to which you have called *him/her*.  
Give N. a full measure of the gifts of your Holy Spirit  
both in the walk of faith  
and for the work of ministry.  
Anoint N. with power to proclaim the gospel  
in Word and Sacrament,  
in witness and in service,  
in truth and in love,  
for the building up of the people of God  
and for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The moderator continues:*

Generous God,  
pour out your Holy Spirit  
upon this congregation and all its people,  
that, baptized into your service  
and united in Christ's love,  
they may serve you with joy and faithfulness  
until all things are made new.  
Let the word they proclaim  
be your Word of truth.  
Let the compassion they show to the world  
be your love in Christ.  
Let their common life  
as pastor and people together,  
be holy, peaceable, and glad in your Spirit.  
Gracious God,  
accept all that we are and have  
in the service of Jesus Christ,  
and strengthen us by the power of your Holy Spirit  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

*The moderator addresses the newly installed pastor:*

N., as a minister of the Word and Sacrament in the church  
of Jesus Christ, you are now installed as pastor/associate  
pastor/co-pastor of this congregation.  
Be faithful and true in your ministry  
so that your whole life will bear witness  
to the crucified and risen Christ.

#### WELCOME

*Members of the presbytery and others as appropriate  
welcome the newly installed pastor.*

#### CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED PASTOR

*The newly installed pastor remains standing to receive the  
charge.*

One or more of the following or other appropriate Scripture may be used:

**A**

*Acts 20:28–32*

Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified.

**B**

*John 21:15–19*

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

**C** *1 Tim. 4:12–16*

Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

#### CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

All may stand. One or more of the following or other appropriate scripture may be used:

**A** *2 Tim. 1:13–14*

Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

**B** *Phil. 2:5–11*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**C**

*1 Peter 4:8–11*

Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

#### PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY

*Symbols appropriate to the new relationship between pastor and congregation may be presented.*

#### HYMN, PSALM, OR SPIRITUAL

### THE EUCHARIST

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*The installed minister may preside at the Lord's table.*

*The people are invited to the table using one of the following or a similar invitation. If B is used, the words of institution are not included in the great thanksgiving or at the breaking of the bread.*

**A**

*See Luke 13:29 and 24:30, 31.*

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!  
They will come from east and west,  
and from north and south,  
and sit at table in the kingdom of God.  
According to Luke,  
when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,  
he took the bread, and blessed and broke it,  
and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened  
and they recognized him.  
This is the Lord's table.  
Our Savior invites those who trust him  
to share the feast which he has prepared.

**B** *See 1 Cor. 11:23–26; Luke 22:19–20.*

Hear the words of the institution  
of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread,  
and after giving thanks to God,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat.  
This is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.  
In the same way he took the cup, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,  
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this in remembrance of me.  
Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup,  
you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord,  
until he comes.

## **OFFERING**

*An offering may be received for a purpose designated by  
the presbytery.*

*It is appropriate for deacons to gather the people's gifts.*

Let us return to God the offerings of our life  
and the gifts of the earth.

*The minister addresses the congregation using these or  
other appropriate scripture sentences:*

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: Acts 20:35b  
It is more blessed to give than to receive.

As the offerings are gathered, there may be an anthem, or other appropriate music.

The minister(s) and elders prepare the table with bread and wine during the gathering of the gifts. The bread and wine may be brought to the table, or uncovered if already in place.

The offerings may be brought forward. A psalm, hymn of praise, doxology, or spiritual may be sung.

The people stand.

The minister leads the people in the following or another great thanksgiving appropriate to the season (*BCW* pp. 126–156, 165–400):

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy  
to give you thanks and praise,  
eternal God, our Creator.

You formed us in your image,  
loved us with an everlasting love,  
and graced us with gifts for serving.

In covenant with your people Israel,  
you raised up leaders,  
judges, monarchs, and prophets,  
to show us your path of truth  
and nurture us in righteousness.

When we were faithless and would not follow,



you forgave and returned us to your way.  
In the fullness of time,  
you sent Jesus, your only Beloved,  
to be for us the way, the truth, and the life.  
By your Holy Spirit,  
he anointed all who would follow him  
to live a new life in your love.

Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with the choirs of heaven  
and with all the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*The people may sing or say:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The minister continues:*

You are holy, O God of majesty,  
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.  
Baptized as one among us,  
he received the gift of your Holy Spirit,  
and claimed his calling as a servant of your reign.  
Jesus proclaimed good news to the poor,  
and by the power of your Word  
set people free from all that bound them.  
He broke open the bread of life  
for all who were hungry,  
and upon the hurt and the lost  
poured out the living waters of your grace.  
In humble obedience,  
Jesus went to his death on the cross,  
and was raised up by your power to reign in glory.

In the resurrection  
the gifts of his Spirit  
were poured out upon your people,  
that the church might embrace his ministry  
and live as his body in the world.

*If they have not already been said, the words of institution  
may be said here, or in relation to the breaking of the bread.*

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus,  
on the night before he died,  
took bread,  
and after giving thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat.  
This is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,  
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,  
we take this bread and this wine  
from the gifts you have given us  
and celebrate with joy the redemption  
won for us in Jesus Christ.  
Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving  
as a living and holy offering of ourselves,  
that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

*The people may sing or say one of the following:*

**1**

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died,**  
**Christ is risen,**  
**Christ will come again.**

2

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life,  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

3

According to his commandment:

**We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory.**

4

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

*The minister continues:*

Gracious God,  
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,  
that the bread we break  
and the cup we bless  
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.  
By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ  
and with all who are baptized in his name,  
that we may be one in ministry in every place.  
As this bread is Christ's body for us,  
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

*It is appropriate for a deacon to offer intercessions for the church and the world, including intercessions for the congregation and its ministry.*

O God, by water and the Spirit,  
you have claimed us as your own,  
and anointed us for your service.  
Build up the body of Christ in your love,  
and equip the church for the work of ministry.  
Make us one body in Christ,  
where each one's gifts are honored  
and used for the good of all,  
where all submit to one another  
in humility and the bond of the Holy Spirit.  
Send us out into the world  
to do justice,  
to show mercy,  
and to walk humbly with you in trust and faith.  
Give us strength to serve you faithfully  
until that promised day of resurrection,  
when with the redeemed of all the ages  
we will feast with you at your table in glory.

Through Christ,  
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,  
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*The minister invites all present to sing or say the Lord's Prayer:*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Or**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,**

**Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,**

on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today  
our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from  
the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day  
our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not  
into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory,  
forever. Amen.

### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

If the words of institution have not previously been said,  
the minister breaks the bread using A.

If the words of institution were said in the invitation to the  
Lord's table or were included in the great thanksgiving,  
the minister breaks the bread using B.

Or the bread may be broken in silence.

**A**

*See 1 Cor. 11:23–26; Luke 22:19–20.*

The minister breaks the bread in full view of the people,  
saying:

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread,  
and after giving thanks to God,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat.

This is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

The minister lifts the cup, saying:

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,  
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this in remembrance of me.  
Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup,  
you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord,  
until he comes.

**B**

*1 Cor. 10:16–17*

Because there is one loaf,  
we, many as we are, are one body;  
for it is one loaf of which we all partake.

*The minister breaks the loaf in full view of the people,  
saying:*

When we break the bread,  
is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

*The minister lifts the full cup in view of the people, saying:*

When we give thanks over the cup,  
is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?

## **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*Holding out both the bread and the cup to the people, the  
minister says:*

The gifts of God  
for the people of God.

*The minister and those assisting receive Communion,  
and then serve the bread and the cup to the people.*

*It is appropriate for elders and deacons to serve the people.*

*The people may gather around the table to eat and drink,  
or they may go to persons serving the elements, or they  
may be served in their places. Silence may be observed; or  
psalms, hymns, anthems, or spirituals may be sung.*

*The following may be said in giving the bread:*

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

**Amen.**

In giving the cup:

The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The following prayer may be said by the minister or by all together:

God of grace,  
we thank you for welcoming us at this table  
to celebrate with all the saints  
your generous love given in Jesus your Son.  
By the power of your Holy Spirit,  
you have fed us in Word and Sacrament,  
and nourished us with the bread of heaven,  
the food that endures to eternal life.  
Make us always strong in our Lord's service  
so we will follow him faithfully wherever he leads;  
through Jesus Christ we pray.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### CHARGE

All present may stand.

It is appropriate for a deacon to dismiss the congregation using the following or a similar charge (*BCW* pp. 159–160).

*See 1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Tim. 2:1; Eph. 6:10;  
1 Thess. 5:13–22; and 1 Peter 2:17.*

Go out into the world in peace;  
have courage;  
hold on to what is good;

return no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted;  
support the weak, and help the suffering;  
honor all people;  
love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## **BLESSING**

*2 Cor. 13:13*

The newly installed *pastor* gives God's blessing to the congregation.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

## **HYMN, SPIRITUAL, CANTICLE, OR PSALM**

During the singing, the newly installed pastor may lead members of the commission and others in procession from the place of worship.