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ORDINATION TO THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Based on the Service
for the Lord's Day

GATHERING

PRESENTATION

The candidate, the presbytery commission, and other
worship leaders enter the place of worship.

The moderator of the presbytery commission addresses
the people:

As many of you as were baptized into Christ *Gal. 3:27*
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is one body and one Spirit, *Eph. 4:4*
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.

All may stand as the moderator presents the candidate:

In *his/her* baptism, N. was clothed with Christ,
and is now called by God through the voice of the church
to enter upon ministry of Word and Sacrament.

**We remember with joy our common calling to serve
Christ, and we celebrate God's particular call to our
brother/ sister N.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

All may stand.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all. *2 Cor. 13:13*

And also with you.

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

The minister continues:

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *Ps. 34:3*
let us exalt the name of the Lord together.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *Ps. 95:1*
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

PRAYER OF THE DAY OR OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

After a brief silence, the prayer of the day (BCW pp. 50–52 or 165–400) may be said.

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.

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Mighty and merciful God,
you have called us to be your people
and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ.
We confess that we have not lived up to our calling.
We have been timid and frightened disciples,
forgetful of your powerful presence
and the strength of your Spirit among us.**

Silent prayers of confession may be offered.

**O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways.
As you have chosen us,
and claimed us in our baptisms,
strengthen us anew
to choose Christ's way in this world.
Give us your Holy Spirit
that each one in ministry
may be provided with all the gifts of grace
needed to fulfill our common calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.**

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

A Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie
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.**

C Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

**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

The mercy of the Lord
is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven.
May the God of mercy,
who forgives you all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life.

THE PEACE

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

To this peace we were called as members of a single body.
The peace of Christ be with you.

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 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

ORDINATION

The moderator addresses all present:

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

There are varieties of gifts, *1 Cor. 12:4–7, 27*
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

*The following or similar interpretation of ordination shall
be given.*

We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by
baptism,

and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit.

This is our common calling,

to be disciples and servants of our servant Lord.

Within the community of the church,

some are called to particular service

as ministers of Word and Sacrament,

as elders,

and as deacons.

Recognizing the importance of each office, the church
ordains

in order to assure fulfillment of the primary responsibilities

of preaching the Word and administering the sacraments,

ordering the governance of the church,

and providing for ministries of care and compassion in the
world.

Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church,

the Presbytery of N., by means of this commission,

now ordains N. to the ministry of Word and Sacrament,

and installs him/her as pastor/associate pastor of the N. Church.

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

The congregation may stand.

*The candidate and worship leaders gather at the bap-
tismal font or pool, which shall be filled with water.*

The moderator or worship leader continues:

Ordination calls the whole church to renewed
commitment,
and reminds us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ
given in the covenant of baptism.
Let us, therefore, reaffirm our baptismal vows,
renouncing all that opposes God and God's rule
and affirming the faith of the holy catholic church.

RENUNCIATIONS

The moderator or worship leader addresses all present:

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

The people respond:

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ
and accept him as your Lord and Savior,
trusting in his grace and love?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The worship leader continues:

With the whole church
let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Water is poured visibly and audibly into the font or pool.

The following prayer is then led by the minister:

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.

Eternal and gracious God, we give you thanks.
In countless ways you have revealed yourself in ages past,
and have blessed us with signs of your grace.

We praise you that through the waters of the sea
you led your people Israel out of bondage,
into freedom in the land of your promise.

We praise you for sending Jesus your Son,
who for us was baptized in the waters of the Jordan,

and was anointed as the Christ by your Holy Spirit.
Through the baptism of his death and resurrection
you set us free from the bondage of sin and death,
and give us cleansing and rebirth.

We praise you for your Holy Spirit,
who teaches us and leads us into all truth,
filling us with a variety of gifts,
that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations
and serve you as a royal priesthood.

We rejoice that you claimed us in our baptism,
and that by your grace we are born anew.
By your Holy Spirit renew us,
that we may be empowered to do your will
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all glory and honor,
now and forever.

Amen.

The minister may place his or her hand into the water of
the font or pool, lift up some water, let it fall back into the
font or pool, and then make the sign of the cross over the
people while saying:

Remember your baptism and be thankful.
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit.

Amen.

ANOINTING

A member of the commission may anoint the candidate,
making the sign of the cross on the forehead with oil and
saying:

N., child of the covenant,
I sign you with the cross

that you may remember your baptism
and be thankful.

The candidate responds:

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may sit.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

The candidate 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 candidate:

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 our 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.

When the minister is also being installed, an elder of the church addresses the congregation:

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

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 ORDINATION

The candidate kneels, facing the congregation. Ministers of the Word and Sacrament and elders stand behind the candidate.

One of the following prayers may be used. Prayers A and B include alternative wording for use when a minister is also being installed.

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.

Gracious and eternal God,
with joy we give you all thanks and praise.

Throughout the ages
you have been faithful to your covenant people
whom you have called out of bondage
and redeemed to be your own.

In every time and place
you have chosen servants from among your people
to point the way to salvation.

We are grateful for ancestors in the faith
who followed without fear,
placing their trust in you alone.

We give you thanks for judges and monarchs
who ruled in righteousness and peace.
We praise you for prophets and apostles
who spoke your bold words of mercy and of truth.
We thank you for pastors and teachers
who have nurtured your people in faith and faithfulness.

Above all we praise you for Jesus Christ,
who came not to be served, but to serve,
and to give his life to set others free.

Anointed by your Holy Spirit,
he proclaimed your reign on earth,
revealing your saving love
in all he said and did.

Those gathered around the candidate lay hands on *him/her*.

All present may pray together:

Gracious God,
pour out your Spirit upon your servant N.,
whom you called by baptism as your own.
Grant *him/her* the same mind
that was in Christ Jesus.
Give *him/her* a spirit of truthfulness
rightly to proclaim your Word in Christ
from pulpit, table, and font,
and in the words and actions of daily living.
Give *him/her* the gifts of your Holy Spirit
to build up the church,
to strengthen the common life of your people,
and to lead with compassion and vision.
In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry,
give to your servant N.,
and to all who serve as pastors among your people,
gladness and strength,
discipline and hope,
humility, humor, and courage,
and an abiding sense of your presence.

The laying on of hands is completed.

The moderator continues:

Or

When the minister
is being ordained:

Gracious God,
pour out your Spirit
of power and truth
upon the whole church,
that we may be for you
a holy people,
baptized to serve you
in the world.
Sustain the church
in ministry.
Ground us in the gospel,
secure our hope in Christ,
strengthen our service
to the outcast,
and increase our love
for one another.
Show us the transforming
power of your grace
in our life together,
that we may be
effective servants
of the gospel,
offering a compelling
witness
in the world
to the good news of
Christ Jesus
our Lord.
Amen.

When the minister is
being installed:

Gracious God,
pour out your Spirit
of power and truth
upon the whole church
that we may be for you
a holy people,
baptized to serve you
in the world.
Sustain this congregation
in ministry.
Ground them in the gospel,
secure their hope in Christ,
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Show them the transforming
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our 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 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.

*Those gathered around the candidate lay hands on
him/her.*

All present 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 laying on of hands is completed.

The moderator continues:

Or

When the minister is
being ordained:

Generous God,
pour out your Holy Spirit
upon the church and all
its people,
that, baptized into your
service
and united in Christ's love,
we may serve you with joy
and faithfulness
until all things are
made new.

Let the word we proclaim
be your Word of truth.
Let the compassion we
show to the world
be your love in Christ.

When the minister is
being installed:

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 our common life
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 with
the power of your
Holy Spirit
now and forever.
Amen.

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 with
the power of your
Holy Spirit
now and forever.
Amen.

C

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.

Blessed are you, eternal God,
nurturing a people to love you and serve you
from generation to generation.

Blessed are you,
coming to us in Jesus Christ,
to destroy death and bring us new life.

Blessed are you,
empowering us by your Spirit
to carry out Christ's ministry of compassion.

Those gathered around the candidate lay hands on him/her.

We thank you, gracious God,
for calling your servant N.
into your church by baptism
and to this ministry of Word and Sacrament.
By your Holy Spirit,

give N. all gifts and graces needed
to proclaim the truth of the gospel in love,
to administer the sacraments of Christ,
and to shepherd the people of God
in common service and witness in the world.
Sustain N. with an awareness of your presence
that *he/she* may faithfully announce the good news in every
season.

May Christ so live in N.
that God's love is shown in word and deed,
and that *he/she* may follow Christ in glad discipleship
as long as *he/she* shall live.

The laying on of hands is completed.

The candidate may offer the following or a similar prayer:

God of grace,
you have called me through the voice of the church,
and claimed my life for this service.
When I am weak,
lift me up.
When I am strong,
do not abandon me
but renew my faith.
Let your wisdom find voice in my words,
and the compassion of Christ
be the work of my hands.

All present may pray:

**Eternal and almighty God,
we praise you for the gifts you bestow
on your servant N.
Keep us grateful for all you give,
and make us generous in service,
that we may respond in faith to the Word proclaimed
and joyfully receive your sacramental grace.
By your Holy Spirit,**

**so bind our lives together
that we may always announce your love
and display your kindness to the world,
through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION (AND INSTALLATION)

The newly ordained minister shall stand.

The moderator addresses *him/her*:

N., you are now a minister of the Word and Sacrament in the church of Jesus Christ *and for this congregation*. Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ.

The newly ordained minister responds:

Amen.

WELCOME

Members of the presbytery and others as appropriate welcome the newly ordained minister into the ministry of the Word and Sacrament.

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED

The newly ordained minister remains standing to receive the charge.

One or more of the following, or other appropriate scripture may be used.

A

Psalm 96, BCW

- ¹ O sing to the Lord a new song;*
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- ² Sing to the Lord and bless the Lord's name;*
proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.
- ³ Declare the glory of the Lord among the nations*
and the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples. **R**
- ⁴ For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;*
more to be feared than all gods.

- 5 As for the gods of the nations, they are but idols,*
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of the presence of the
Lord!*
- Oh, the power and the splendor of the sanctuary of
our God! **R**
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples,*
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the divine name;*
come to the holy courts with your offerings.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;*
let the whole earth tremble in awe. **R**
- 10 Tell it out among the nations, “The Lord is Sovereign!*
- the Lord has made the world so firm that it cannot be
moved
and will judge the peoples with equity.”
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder, and all that is in it;*
- 12 let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
13 before the Lord who is coming,*
who is coming to judge the earth.

[Unison]

The Lord will judge the world with righteousness,*
and the peoples with truth. **R**

B

2 Tim. 4:1–5

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander

away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

C *Matt. 28:18–20*

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

D *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 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.”

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY

Symbols appropriate to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament may be presented.

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

When the newly ordained minister is being installed, a charge may be given to the congregation using one of the following:

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.

HYMN, PSALM, OR SPIRITUAL

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The newly ordained 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 Luke 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 song 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 us 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 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.**

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:

All pray together.

Or

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

**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 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

Because there is one loaf,

1 Cor. 10:16–17

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, given for you.

Amen.

In giving the cup:

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

Gracious God,
you have gathered us at this table

with all the company of your people
in heaven and on earth.
In your mercy we have been nourished
by the living bread, Jesus Christ,
and we have been refreshed
by the power of your Holy Spirit.
May we, who have shared this holy meal,
go out as glad disciples of our Lord,
following in his way,
proclaiming his truth,
and living his love for the world.

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

The newly ordained minister 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.

2 Cor. 13:13

Alleluia! Amen.

HYMN, SPIRITUAL, CANTICLE, OR PSALM

During the singing, the newly ordained minister may lead members of the commission and other worship leaders in procession from the place of worship.