

The Parish of .....

Induction of  
The Reverend .....



Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn

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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### HYMN

*During the singing of the hymn the procession will enter the church*

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**Blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever.**

Let us pray

**Almighty God**

**to whom all hearts are open,**

**all desires known,**

**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**

**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you,**

**and worthily magnify your holy name,**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Representatives of the Parish of ..... bring the Rector-elect  
to the front of the church.*

*Representatives of the Parish of:*

Bishop X, we bring you N our *brother/sister* in Christ.

We thank God for *his/her* ministry in the Parish of .....

We pray that the Parish of ..... will love and support *him/her*.

*The Bishop:*

My brothers and sisters in Christ, thank you for enabling the ministry of N in your midst. Thank you for sharing your lives with *him/her* and for your care and concern for *him/her*. We pray for you as you continue to minister in Christ's name.

*The representatives of ..... Parish return to their places*

*The Bishop:*

We bring the Reverend N to this community to preach the word, celebrate the sacraments, and build up the Body of Christ.

### HYMN

*During the singing of the hymn the procession will leave the church.*

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**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 for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

*The Bishop breaks the bread, saying,*

We break the this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

**for we all share in the one bread.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,

**Have mercy upon us.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world

**Have mercy upon us.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,

**grant us your peace.**

*The Bishop gives this, or another suitable Invitation*

This is the Lord's Table all who seek God's mercy are welcome.

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*The Bishop prays the Post Communion prayer*

*concluding with*

Father,

**we offer ourselves to you**

**as a living sacrifice**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit**

**to live and work to your praise and glory.**

*The Bishop pronounces the Blessing.*

*The Rector says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

God calls every member of the Body of Christ to ministry.

To prepare for this new beginning, let us acknowledge God's holy presence,  
the source of our life and being, and seek God's forgiveness.

Lord, we have sinned in thought, word and deed.

Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy**

**We are truly sorry and we ask you to forgive us.**

Christ have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Help us, by your Spirit, to live in newness of life.

Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

*Standing, the Bishop says*

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness

to all who turn to him in faith:

pardon you and set you free from all your sins,

strengthen you in all goodness

and keep you in eternal life,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE COLLECTS FOR THE DAY

*The Bishop says or sings the collect*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Reading from the Old or New Testament

Psalm

HYMN

*All stand for the Gospel Reading*

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

*The reader says*

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

chapter ... beginning at verse ...  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

*After the Gospel the reader says*  
This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**thanks be to God**

THE SERMON

*Silence may follow*

THE PRESENTATION

*Standing before the Bishop with the Rector elect, the Parish Wardens say:*  
Bishop X, we come together to welcome N. He/she has been chosen to serve as the Rector of this parish of ..... . We believe he/she is well qualified, and has been prayerfully and lawfully elected.

*The Bishop addresses the Rector elect.*  
N, I am now to induct you to ministry in this parish. You are called by God to work as pastor, priest and teacher. It is your task to proclaim by word and deed the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are to love and serve the people among whom you work. You are to preach, to declare God's forgiveness to the penitent, to pronounce God's blessing, to baptise, to preside at the celebration of the Lord's Supper and to encourage each one in their vocation and ministry.

Do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?  
*Rector elect:* I do.

*The Bishop invites people to stand, addressing them in this way:*  
Will you who witness this new beginning, support and uphold N in *his/her* new ministry?  
*All:* **We will.**

*The Bishop says:*  
Let us offer our prayer to God for this congregation and for N, its Rector elect:

Everliving God, we praise you for the church in this place.  
In your great love, continue to bless it.  
Strengthen and sustain your servant N

This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

*The Rector says*  
Let us proclaim the mystery of the Faith.  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father,  
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen**

As our Saviour has taught us we are confident to pray,  
**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**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your spirit  
was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross  
and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance  
for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
For ever praising you and saying (singing):

**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.**

And now we thank you  
for these gifts of bread and wine,  
may we who receive them  
as Jesus said, share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and gave you thanks.  
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,  
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.

that with patience and understanding  
he/she may love and care for your people.  
Grant that together they may follow our Lord Jesus Christ,  
offering to you all their gifts and talents;  
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.

*All: Amen.*

#### THE INDUCTION

*The Rector elect stands with the Bishop*

*The Bishop:*

I now invite the people to bring forward symbols of ministry to enrich N in  
his/her work in our community.

*A Bible is presented.*

*The Bishop:*

Take this Bible. Be faithful in reading the Scriptures and expounding them  
to this congregation and calling all to obedience to the gospel.

*Rector elect:*

I give thanks to God for this privilege and accept this ministry.

*All: We promise to hear, read and study the word of God.*

*A Prayer Book is presented.*

*The Bishop:*

Take this Prayer Book. Be among your people as a person of prayer,  
faithfully ordering the worship of the Church  
and administering its pastoral offices.

*Rector elect:*

I give thanks to God for this privilege and accept this ministry.

*All: We promise to give ourselves to God in prayer and worship.*

*A vessel of water is presented.*

*The Bishop:*

Take this water. Be faithful in administering the sacrament of baptism  
according to the commands of Christ and the order and discipline of this  
Church.

*Rector elect:*

I give thanks to God for this privilege and accept this ministry.

**All: We will welcome those baptised and assist them by example and fellowship.**

*Bread and wine are presented.*

*The Bishop:*

Take this bread and wine. Be faithful in celebrating the sacrament of the death of Christ in this congregation.

*Rector elect:*

I give thanks to God for this privilege and accept this ministry.

**All: We will always give praise and thanks to God for the death and resurrection of Christ our Lord.**

*Healing oil and a purple Stole are presented.*

*The Bishop:*

N, be a channel of God's healing, hope and forgiveness in this place.

*Rector elect:*

I will seek to be a faithful agent of God's healing and reconciling love.

**All: By God's grace we will show God's healing and reconciling love to others.**

*The Bishop says:*

N, let all these be signs of the ministry we share in this place.

*The people of the parish respond:*

**All: Be among us as a faithful and loving pastor so that together we may proclaim the good news of Christ, and with all God's faithful people attain eternal life. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

*The Bishop says:*

N, I present you with your licence as Rector and set you in your place among the people of this parish.

*The people greet the Rector with applause.*

*The parish representatives return to their seats.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Bishop says*

Let us pray for the world and for the Church

*Intercessions and thanksgivings for the church, society and the world are offered.*

Lord in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with.*

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by grace receive through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

WORDS OF WELCOME

*Introduced by the Area Dean*

*The new Rector responds.*

THE GREETING OF PEACE

*All stand.*

*The new Rector says:*

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

HYMN

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Bishop*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift us 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**