

THE FORM OF  
THE INSTALLATION  
OF PASTORS



¶ After the usual Morning Prayer, or other Service, in which the first Lesson shall be *Ezekiel xxxiii.* 1-10, and the second Lesson, *St. John x.* 1-18, the Bishop, or Presbyter officiating, shall say,

**D**EARLY beloved in the LORD, we have assembled for the purpose of installing the Reverend *A. B.* as Rector (*or, Minister*) of this Church and Congregation, and are possessed of your vote that he has been so elected. But if any of you can show just cause why he may not be installed, we proceed no further, because we would not that an unworthy person should minister among you.

¶ If no objection be offered, the Bishop, or Presbyter officiating, shall say,

The LORD be with you;  
*Answer.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

**D**IRECT us, O LORD, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name; and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our LORD, who hath taught us to pray unto thee, O Almighty Father, in his prevailing Name and words:

**O**UR 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.

¶ Then shall the Officiating Minister present the Pastor-elect with the Holy Scriptures and the Books of Worship and Government of this Church, saying,

**R**ECEIVE these Books; and let them be the rule of thy conduct in dispensing the Divine Word, in leading the Devotions of the people, and in exercising the Discipline of this Church; and be thou in all things a pattern to the flock committed to thy care.

¶ Then shall be said or sung the following Anthem: *Laudate Nomen.* From Psalms cxxxv, cxlv, cxlvii, lxxviii.

**O** PRAISE the LORD, laud ye the Name of the LORD; praise it, O ye servants of the LORD;

2 Ye that stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God.

3 O praise the LORD, for the LORD is gracious; O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.

4 The LORD is gracious and merciful; long-suffering, and of great goodness.

5 The LORD is loving unto every man; and his mercy is over all his works.

6 All thy works praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints give thanks unto thee.

7 The LORD doth build up Jerusalem, and gather together the outcasts of Israel.

8 He healeth those that are broken in heart, and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

9 The LORD'S delight is in them that fear him, and put their trust in his mercy.

10 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Sion.

11 For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates, and hath blessed thy children within thee.

12 He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.

13 He is our God, even the God of whom cometh salvation: GOD is the Lord, by whom we escape death.

14 O God, wonderful art thou in thy holy places: the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.

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.

*Minister.* The Law was given by Moses;

*People.* But Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ:

*Minister and People.* Who is God over all, blessed for evermore. Amen.

Let us pray.

**M**OST gracious God, the Giver of all good and perfect gifts; Give thy grace, we beseech thee, to thy servant, to whom the charge of this Congregation is now committed; and so replenish him with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue him with innocency of

life, that he may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name, and the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

○ HOLY Jesus, who hast purchased to thyself an universal Church, and hast promised to be with that Church to the end of the world; Be graciously pleased to bless the ministry and service of him who is now appointed to offer the sacrifices of prayer and praise to thee in this house, which is called by thy Name. May the words of his mouth, and the meditation of his heart, be alway acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, our Strength, and our Redeemer. *Amen.*

○ GOD, Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit, we pray thee, this Congregation with thy love and favor; Enlighten their minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; graft in their hearts a love of the truth; increase in them true religion; nourish them with all goodness; and of thy great mercy keep them in the same, O blessed Spirit, whom, with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. *Amen.*

○ ALMIGHTY God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief Corner-stone; Grant that by the operation of the Holy Ghost, all Christians may be so joined together in unity of spirit, and in the bond of peace, that they may be an holy

temple, acceptable unto thee. And especially to this Congregation present, give the abundance of thy grace; That with one heart they may desire the prosperity of thy holy Church universal, and with one mouth may profess the faith once delivered to the saints. And grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; That so they may walk in the ways of truth and peace, and at last be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting; through thy merits, O blessed Jesus, thou gracious Bishop and Shepherd of our souls, who art, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall follow the Sermon, and after extemporaneous or other Prayer, the newly installed Pastor shall pronounce this Benediction:

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our LORD: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

