

**THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF OTTAWA**  
**Celebration of New Ministry: The Induction of an Incumbent**  
*Authorized by the Bishop March 5 2025*

**The Gathering of the Community**

*All stand. A hymn may be sung.*  
*The Archdeacon greets the community:*

Archdeacon: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.  
**All: And also with you.**

*Or from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost*

Archdeacon: Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Archdeacon: May his grace and peace be with you.  
**All: May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Archdeacon: Dear friends in Christ—members of this community and all visitors in our midst—after prayerful discernment and consultation, according to the practice of our diocese, Bishop *N* has appointed *NN* to be the Incumbent of this parish of *NN*.

The appointment of *N* to this position of leadership among the people of this parish builds upon and renews the good work done through the years in this community.

As we stand in God's presence let us pray that grace will be given to *N* and to all who share in the ministry of the Parish of *NN*, which is part of the work and witness of the whole church.

*Silence is kept. The Archdeacon then prays this collect.*

Almighty God, by your grace alone we are accepted and called to your service. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**The Proclamation of the Word**

*A psalm, canticle, hymn, or anthem may follow the first reading.*

*If the second reading is from the Gospels, it may be introduced as a simple reading or the customary gospel acclamation may be used.*

**Sermon**

*Silence for reflection may follow.*

**The Ministry Covenant**

*The new incumbent and churchwardens stand before the Archdeacon who addresses them.*

Archdeacon: Do you, the churchwardens of the Parish of *NN*, certify that *the Reverend NN* has received license from Bishop *Shane* to serve as your Incumbent?

Wardens: We certify that *N* is our duly appointed Incumbent.

Archdeacon: *N*, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to the responsibility entrusted to you as the Incumbent of this parish?

Incumbent: I do.

*The Archdeacon asks the people of the parish to stand.*

Archdeacon: Do you, the people of the parish of *NN* commit yourselves to share with *N* in the ministry of this parish?

Answer: **We do.**

*The Archdeacon asks everyone present to stand.*

Archdeacon: As members of the body of Christ, will you support *N* and the parish of *NN* in their ministry together?

Answer: **We will.**

Archdeacon: *N*, accept this charge, which our bishop shares and entrusts to you, in the name of our shepherd, Jesus Christ.

Archdeacon: Let us affirm our baptismal ministry.

All: **We are the household of God.  
We confess the faith of Christ crucified,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we share in his eternal priesthood.**

### **Presentation of the Incumbent**

*The Archdeacon presents the Incumbent and invites the congregation's welcome.*

## **The Prayers**

### **The Prayers of the People**

*One of the following options are led by a lay person.*

#### **Option A:**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray:

For *N* who has been sent to be our pastor, priest and teacher; to enable us to feel comforted, uplifted, and challenged by the Gospel of Christ.

Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord graciously hear us.**

Leader: For [*associate Incumbent(s) may be named*] [and] the whole people of God in this parish, that each one may be a true and faithful servant of Christ. Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord graciously hear us.**

Leader: For all our neighbours, our families, and our friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do. Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord graciously hear us.**

Leader: For those who are lonely, sick, bereaved, impoverished, or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them through our ministries. Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord graciously hear us.**

Leader: For our country and for this community, that the Lord will help us to contribute to their true growth and well-being. Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord graciously hear us.**

Leader: For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace. Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord graciously hear us. Amen.**

#### ***Option B:***

Leader: Dear friends in Christ, we are called to proclaim the story of God's love and mercy and, above all, the Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ: let us pray for *N* who has been sent to us to preach the word of God and to teach the faith. Lord in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We are called to be a sign and witness of God's purpose for all the human family: let us pray for *N* who has come among us to share our joys and sorrows, to counsel, reconcile, and comfort; to nurture this community of faith. Lord in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for the committees and groups of our church and community, that in wisdom and humility, in discernment and good humour, *N* may join with us in working for the building up of Christ's Church. Lord in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for one another, that together we may learn the ways of the kingdom, patterned in worship and practised in love. Together may we welcome strangers, stand with outcasts, and support those who are broken, in the pattern of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Lord in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

*The Incumbent then offers one of these prayers:*

Incumbent: Creator of the universe, the light of your glory shines in the darkness of our lives. Make us attentive to your presence, prompt to serve you, and ever eager to follow in the steps of the one who is our true light, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

All: Amen.

*Or*

Incumbent: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified, receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Incumbent: And now, as Jesus taught us, let us pray:

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

### **The Peace**

Incumbent: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

*The members of the congregation may share a greeting or gesture of peace with one another. The Incumbent offers informal remarks and then leads the Doxology.*

### **The Doxology & Dismissal**

Incumbent: Glory to God,

All: Whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we could ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Incumbent: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*A closing hymn may be sung.*