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**The Order of Service for**

## Institution by the Bishop of X

## and the Induction by the Archdeacon of X

**of Xxx**

**To the Parish of**

**Xxx**

**On xxx 2023**

**at 7.30 p.m.**

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# Welcome to an evening of joy! Today we celebrate a fresh start for the people of God in this place as a new priest begins their ministry and as we all rededicate ourselves to play our part in the worship and witness of the Church. But above all today we celebrate the presence of Jesus Christ in our midst and his call on our lives as we worship him in word and song. Our Diocesan Vision challenges us to be Healthy Churches Transforming Communities. May that prayer be richly fulfilled in this place as we commit ourselves anew to bearing witness to his saving love and power.

*The Area Dean welcomes the congregation and announces the first hymn.*

*The service may commence with a procession as the opening hymn is sung.*

*The Choir*

*The Readers and Licensed Lay Workers*

*The Visiting Clergy, Ministers and Ecumenical Representatives*

*The Clergy and Readers of the Parish(es)*

*The Patron with the Incumbent designate*

*The Area Dean*

*The Archdeacon*

*The Churchwardens with staves of office*

*The Bishop*

*The Bishop’s Chaplain*

*The Incumbent designate sits in the front pew*

**Hymn**

***The Greeting***

*Bishop* In the name of the Father,   
and of the Son,   
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

Peace be with you

*All*  **and also with you.**

*The Bishop introduces the service. Then all say together the Diocesan Vision Prayer*

**Heavenly Father,**

**we embrace Your call for us to make disciples,**

**to be witnesses to grow leaders**

**and to inspire children and young people.**

**Give us eyes to see Your vision,**

**ears to hear the prompting of Your Spirit**

**and courage to follow in the footsteps of Your Son,   
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***The Presentation***

*The Patron, or a representative, and the Incumbent designate stand before the bishop*

*Patron* Bishop *xxx* , I present *xxx* to be instituted to the parishe(s) of *xxx* .

*Bishop* Thank you for your presentation, which I accept.

*If the benefice is in the Bishop’s own gift, s/he says*

Brothers and sisters in Christ, I declare to you that I   
have appointed *N* be Vicar/Rector of this benefice   
and that I intend to collate *him/her.*

*Words of commendation may be offered by someone from the priest’s previous church*

*The Bishop may then interview the Incumbent designate*

*The Incumbent designate turns to face the congregation*

*Bishop* It is my pleasure to introduce *xxx* to you who is to be your new

*Vicar/Rector*.

People of these parishes and all who share in Christ’s ministry here, will you support each other in that ministry and now welcome *xxx* among you?

People **In Christ’s name we will.**

***Collect***

*Bishop* Almighty and everlasting God,   
by whose spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:   
hear our prayer for all Your servants,  
especially for Your Church in this place;

that each of us in our vocation and ministry   
may serve You in holiness and truth,   
to the glory of Your name and the good of Your Church   
and give to Your servant *xxx,* now to be Instituted, the needful gifts of grace, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Incumbent designate returns to the front pew*

***Reading(s)***

*One or two readings may follow.*

*A hymn may be sung between if there are two.*

*At the end of the reading*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**[Hymn]**

***Sermon***

***The Institution***

***Declaration and Oaths***

*The Declaration of Assent*

*Bishop* The Church of England is part of the One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the Catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, it has born witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the Thirty Nine Articles of Religion, the Book of Common Prayer and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons.

In the declaration you are about to make, will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making him known to those in your care?

*The Incumbent designate makes the following declaration:*

I, *xxx,* do so affirm, and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the Catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; and in public prayer and administration of the sacraments, I will only use the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by Canon.

*All stand*

*The Incumbent designate takes the Oaths, holding the Bible in his/her right hand and facing the congregation*

*The Oath of Allegiance*

I, *xxx*, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to his Majesty, King Charles the Third, his heirs and Successors, according to Law, so help me God.

*The Oath of Canonical Obedience, facing the Bishop*

I, *xxx*, do swear by almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Blackburn and his Successors in all things lawful and honest, so help me God.

*The Bishop then replies*

Thank you for this declaration of loyalty. On behalf of our diocese I, with all God’s people here, undertake to support and uphold you in your new ministry.

***The Promises of Priest and People***

*Bishop* Beloved in Christ, before we proceed to the institution, let priest and people be reminded of their duties within the Church of God and affirm their readiness to share in fulfilling our vision as healthy churches transforming communities.

*The Incumbent designate stands, facing the bishop.*

*Archdeacon* It is the duty of the parish priest to be,

like Christ the true High Priest,   
a teacher, and a herald of God’s kingdom,

administering the Sacraments,  
leading their people in worship and prayer,   
preaching and teaching,

encouraging those in their care to study the Bible,  
and to help others come to faith in Christ.

*Bishop xxx*, relying on the power of the Spirit,   
will you act as a faithful steward of the mysteries of God,   
lead your people in worship and prayer,  
proclaim the truth of the Holy Scriptures,  
ordering your life to reflect to others the Gospel of Christ  
and give yourself gladly and willingly  
to serving the spiritual and material needs of this community,   
to baptise them in the faith and equip them to be witnesses in the world?

*Priest* By God’s grace, I will.

*Bishop* People of these parishes will you be faithful

in public worship and private prayer,  
in Bible Study and discipleship,  
and in working to transform this community  
with the love of Christ, giving willingly of your time, money and energy  
to make God’s Kingdom visible in this place?

*People* **By God’s grace, we will.**

***The Institution***

*All kneel, the Incumbent designate kneeling before the Bishop who invites the people to pray in silence.*

*Bishop* *xxx,*do not forget the trust of those who have chosen

you. In your work and ministry, and with your colleagues, care alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor.

Give time for yourself, your family and friends.

By your words and in your life preach the gospel,.  
and show to people the saving power of Jesus.  
Love and serve Christ’s people.

Nourish them by word and sacrament and strengthen them to glorify  
God in this life and in the life to come.

*The Bishop sits and reads the Deed of Institution and gives it to the priest with the words.*

**x***xx* receive your cure and mine;

in the name of the Father,  
 and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The bishop stands and taking his/her staff, prays for the priest and blesses them:*

*xxx*, the Lord give you courage, wisdom, strength   
and love to do his will:

and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son  
and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

***The Induction***

*All Stand*

*Bishop Archdeacon,* I ask you now to induct *xxx*,

in the presence of the Churchwardens and this congregation,   
and to support *him/her*, so inducted.

*The Archdeacon and incumbent go to the main door of the church.*

*Archdeacon* I invite representatives of the Parochial Church Council(s), the Churchwardens and the Area Dean to accompany me to the main door of the Church.

By authority of the Bishop, I induct you *xxx* into the real, actual and corporal possession of the church(es) of *xxx*.

The Lord watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore. Amen

***The Installation***

*The Archdeacon and incumbent go to the appointed seat of the incumbent of the parish.*

*xxx*, I place you in [one of] the accustomed seats of the priest of this/these parish[es], and may God’s blessing rest upon your ministry.

*Priest* Amen.

*The Archdeacon introduces the new incumbent and welcomes them with a round of applause*

***The Prayers***

*All kneel or sit as the Incumbent leads the people in prayer using these or other words:*

*Priest* Let us pray for the growth of God’s Kingdom, saying,

Father, Your Kingdom come:

*All* **Your will be done.**

*Priest* In Jesus you came to bring good news to all people,   
send us out to build Your Kingdom.   
As living stones anoint us with Your Spirit,   
and strengthen us to work in His name.   
Father, Your Kingdom come:

*All* **Your will be done.**

*Priest* Send us to bring justice to the poor and freedom to the oppressed.   
Help us to exercise our influence for good in the world,   
our nation and our neighbourhood.

Father, Your Kingdom come:

*All* **Your will be done.**

*Priest* Send us to serve our local community,   
bringing Your love and truth to young and old,   
in our homes, schools and colleges,   
and places of work and leisure, and sharing the gospel of salvation of Your Son.

Father, Your Kingdom come:

*All* **Your will be done.**

*Priest* Send us to share with the world the good news   
of Your healing love in all the brokenness of life,   
and help us to be faithful witnesses to the risen glory of Your Son.

Father, Your Kingdom come:

*All* **Your will be done.**

*Priest* Send us to the sick and those who mourn,   
that we may bring comfort to all in sorrow,   
and light to those who live in darkness.

Father, Your Kingdom come:

*All* **Your will be done.**

*Priest* Send us out in the power of Your Spirit  
 to live and work to Your praise and glory.  
 Father, Your Kingdom come:

*All* **Your will be done.**

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| As our Saviour taught us, so we pray  *All*  **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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,  and the glory are yours now and for ever.  Amen.** | Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us    *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 Welcome**

*The new incumbent may be welcomed by the Churchwardens and others from the Parish and Community.*

*The Incumbent then invites the people to join with him/her when he/she first preaches the Word of God and celebrates the Holy Communion in this/another church, gives any notices and he/she then announces the hymn, during which a collection is taken for the Parish.*

**Hymn**

***The Blessing***

*The Bishop gives the blessing and dismisses the people:*

*Bishop* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

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

*All depart in this order*

*The Choir*

*The Readers and Licensed Lay Workers*

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*The Area Dean*

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*The Archdeacon*

*The Churchwardens with staves of office*

*The Bishop with the new Incumbent*