

Customary for The Renewal of Ministry

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Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan
The Rt. Rev. Wayne Hougland, 9th Bishop

The Renewal of Ministry

With the Welcoming of a New Rector

The Reverend _____,

Church, City

Date/Time

Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn

Please remain standing, as able.

Bishop Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Bishop continues

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God, Creator of all.**

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people are seated. The Wardens stand near the Bishop.

The Bishop states the purpose of the gathering, and concludes with this Charge;

Bishop Good People of _____, through Baptism you have been adopted into the community of faith, God's holy fellowship, the Body of Christ, the Church.

Together with your rector, you have been called to share in the Church's mission to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

As your bishop, I remind you that in Baptism, you are fully empowered and authorized to exercise ministry in Christ's name, with mutual affection and respect, within this parish, in the Diocese of Western Michigan, and in the wider community.

Having promised in Baptism to do this work, remember that each of you has resources and gifts for ministry. Join your rector, in prayer, in discerning a vision for this parish, and in calling forth the leadership, resources, and talents to carry out that vision. As you love and serve God's people, remember to love, support, and nourish your rector, his family, and the members of the staff who serve you here.

May the One who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to perform them.

People of _____, you have reflected on your ministry and discerned your choice for a new Rector.

Wardens We have chosen and called The Rev. _____ to be our Rector, and s/he has accepted.

Bishop I commend your choice and affirm this call.

The Letter of Institution is read.

Bishop _____, Presbyter of the Church of God, you have been called to work together with your Bishop and fellow Presbyters as a pastor, priest, and teacher, and to take your share in the councils of the Church.

Now, in accordance with the Canons, you have been called to serve God in *Church, City*.

This letter is a sign that you are fully empowered and authorized to exercise this ministry, accepting its privileges and responsibilities as a priest of this Diocese, in communion with your Bishop.

Having committed yourself to this work, do not forget the trust of those who have chosen you. Care alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. By your words and actions, and in your life, proclaim the Gospel. Love and serve Christ's people. Nourish them, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

May the One who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to perform them.

And concludes with:

Are you, the people of _____, ready to continue in your ministry, with _____ as your priest?

Congregation **We are.**

The Wardens escort the Priest from the nave to the front of the assembly.

The Word of God

Representatives such as Lectors present the lectern Bible and say

Lectors _____, with this Bible we proclaim and hear God's living Word. Join us in the ministry of telling the Good News to the World.

The rector places the Bible on the lectern with these words before they go to their places.

Rector Amen. Let us hear again the Good News of salvation.

The Lessons

The Old Testament Reading – (Insert)

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm (Insert)

The Epistle – (Insert)

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to _____.

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel - (insert)

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The people stand as able Rector moves to join Bishop at the font

Bishop _____; people of _____: in Holy Baptism we received full adoption through God's grace and full empowerment for ministry through the Holy Spirit. Will you work together as partners in the mission of the Church, to reconcile all people to God through Christ?

All **We will, with God's help.**

Bishop The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to Christ, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Bishop blesses the water.

We pray you, O God, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that all who in baptism are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Rector Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in God's holy Catholic Church.

Water is poured into the font and the Bishop or the Rector leads the renewal of baptismal vows.

Rector Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

All **I do.**

Rector Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

All **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Rector Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All **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.

Rector Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Rector Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Rector Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Rector Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Rector Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All **I will, with God's help.**

The Bishop then presents his gift of Chrism saying

_____, receive this Chrism and help me baptize in obedience to our Lord.

Rector Amen.

Rector May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, and called us to ministry in Jesus Christ, keep us in eternal life by his grace; through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The congregation may be sprinkled with the water.

The Prayers

Rector faces the congregation.

A book is brought forward by an Intercessor from the congregation, and he/she gives the book to the Rector.

_____, with this book we offer our prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings to
God.

Rector Amen. In the Spirit of God, who searches the heart and knows our deepest needs,
let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who yearn for Christ's healing.

A Litany for the Mission of the Church

Leader Holy God, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,

All **Have mercy on us.**

Leader Jesus the Christ, through whom the world is reconciled to the Father,

All **Have mercy on us.**

Leader Holy Spirit, source of both unity and diversity,

All **Have mercy on us.**

Leader From blind hearts and petty spirits, that refuse to see the need of all humankind for
your love,

All **Savior, deliver us.**

Leader From pride, self-sufficiency and the unwillingness to admit our own need of your
compassion,

All **Savior, deliver us.**

Leader From discouragement in the face of pain and disappointment, and from lack of
persistence and thoroughness,

All **Savior, deliver us.**

Leader From ignorance, apathy, and complacency that prevent us from spreading the Gospel,

All **Savior, deliver us.**

Leader O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry. Inspire our minds with a vision of your
kingdom in this time and place.

All **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Touch our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation.

All **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of
refreshment.

All **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Touch our lips, that we may tell in every tongue and dialect the wonderful works
of God.

All **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Touch our hearts, that we may discern the mission to which you call us,

All **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Touch our feet, that we may take your Good News into our neighborhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.

All **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Touch our hands, that we may each accomplish the work you give us to do.

All **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Strengthen and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous and unresponsive places.

All **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place.

All **Hear us, O Christ.**

Concluding Collect:

Bishop Blessed God, who makes all things new: Grant that this community of Word and Sacrament may be leaven for the world's bread, and wine of delight for hearts in need; a gathering strong for service and glad in praise; and a people listening and responding to your presence in their midst; through Jesus our redeemer and steadfast companion.

All **Amen.**

Rector moves to faces the congregation.

A stole and flask of oil for healing is presented by Eucharistic Visitors.

_____, with prayer, companionship and laying-on of hands we bring the reconciling presence of Christ to those who seek healing. Join us in this ministry by calling us to repentance, and assuring us of God's forgiveness and love.

Rector Amen. Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, loves you eternally, and reconciles you to one another.

The Peace (*rector puts on stole*)

All stand. The new Rector says to the people

Rector The Peace of Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

The offering is designated for the Rector's Discretionary Fund

Offertory Sentence:

Bishop: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and the wine

Addressing the Rector, they say

_____, when we share the bread and the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Join us at God's table to offer and bless our gifts of bread and wine.

Rector Amen. Together, let us keep the feast.

The Rector brings the elements to the table, and the Offertory continues with an anthem.

The congregation may be seated.

The alms are brought forward. Rector receives them, Bishop offers thanks as below. Gifts for ministry (prayer book, home communion kit, etc.) may also be brought to the altar, and may be received with the following or similar words: (Rector should receive those, also. Acolytes could receive things from the Rector and place them on the Baptismal Table.)

Bishop We offer thanksgiving to God for the ministries represented by these symbols, and ask God's grace to live ever more fully into the commitments we have made in Baptism.

People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The people stand, as able.

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Bishop It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (Insert)

Bishop Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do

this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Bishop and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Bishop We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Bishop and People **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 for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Invitation to Communion

Bishop The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Postcommunion Prayer

Bishop and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Bishop We have celebrated this new pastoral relationship in the great prayer of the Church. _____, I commend to your love and care the people of _____.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, I commend to your love and care your new Rector,
colleague and friend, _____.

Bishop

God's blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

Dismissal Let us go forth in the name of Christ
Thanks be to God

Postlude: