

A Service of Ordination and/or Installation Guide

A Commission of the Presbytery of Milwaukee, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), conducts Service for the Ordination of a Minister of Word and Sacrament. The service shall focus upon Christ and the joy and responsibility of the mission and ministry of the church. The format of this service of worship in the reformed tradition maybe adapted for specific use. **This service is from the Book of Occasional Services (BoS). For customs and traditions, as well as further information, see also the Companion to the Book of Common Worship. The BoS is the “official” liturgy for the ordination and installation of ministers in this presbytery, as well as future orders of service to be published in 2018.**

AN OUTLINE OF THE SERVICE FOR ORDINATION TO THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

GATHERING

Presentation
Call to Worship
Prayer of the Day or Opening Prayer
Hymn of Praise, Psalm, or Spiritual
Confession and Pardon
The Peace
Canticle, Psalm, Hymn, or Spiritual

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination
First Reading
Psalm
Second Reading
Anthem, Hymn, Psalm, Canticle, or Spiritual
Gospel Reading
Sermon
Hymn, Psalm, or Spiritual
Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament
 Statement on Ordination and Installation
 Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant
 Thanksgiving for Baptism
 [Anointing]
 Constitutional Questions
 Prayer of Ordination
 Laying On of Hands
 Declaration of Ordination (and Installation)
 Welcome
 Charge to the Newly Ordained
 Presentation of Symbols of Ministry
 [Charge to the Congregation]
 Hymn, Psalm, or Spiritual

THE EUCHARIST

Invitation to the Lord's Table
Offering
Great Thanksgiving
Lord's Prayer
Breaking of the Bread
Communion of the People

SENDING

Charge
Blessing
Hymn, Spiritual, Canticle, or Psalm

REQUIRED TEXTS FOR SERVICES OF ORDINATION TO THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Based on the Service for the Lord's Day

PRESENTATION Moderator of Presbytery:

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.

In his/her baptism, N. was clothed with Christ, and is now called by God through the voice of the church to enter upon ministry of Word and Sacrament.

As we remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's particular call to our brother/sister N.

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP (2 Cor. 13:13)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; Ps. 34:3

let us exalt the name of the Lord together.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; Ps. 95:1

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

PRAYER OF THE DAY OR OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

PSALM

SECOND READING
ANTHEM, HYMN, PSALM, CANTICLE, OR SPIRITUAL
GOSPEL READING
SERMON
HYMN

ORDINATION TO THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
(The moderator addresses all present:)

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE 1 Cor. 12:4-7,27

There are varieties of gifts but it is the same spirit who gives them.
There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.
God works through each person in a unique, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.
To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.
Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples and servant of our servant Lord.

Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as ministers of Word and Sacrament, as elders, and as deacons.

Recognizing the importance of each office, the church ordains in order to assure fulfillment of the primary responsibilities of preaching the Word and administering the sacraments, ordering the governance of the church, and providing for ministries of care and compassion in the world.

Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the Presbytery of Milwaukee by means of this commission, now ordains N. to the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT ***OPTIONAL***

Renunciations
Profession of Faith
Thanksgiving for baptism

ANOINTING

A member of the commission may anoint the candidate, making the sign of the cross on the forehead with oil and say:

N., child of the covenant

I sign you with the cross that you may remember your baptism and be thankful.

The candidate responds:

Thanks be to God.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Moderator to Minister:

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture and continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Will you be a faithful minister of the Word and Sacrament, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith, and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

PRAYER OF ORDINATION (The candidate kneels, facing the congregation. Ministers of the Word and Sacrament and elders behind the candidate.)

Those gathered around the candidate lay hands on him/her.

All present may pray together:

**Gracious God,
pour out your Spirit upon your servant N., whom you called by baptism as your own.
Grant him/her the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.
Give him/her a spirit of truthfulness rightly to proclaim your Word in Christ from
pulpit, table, and font, and in the words and actions of daily living.
Give him/her the gifts of your Holy Spirit to build up the church, to strengthen the
common life of your people, and to lead with compassion and vision.
In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry, give to your servant N., and to all
who serve as pastors among your people, gladness and strength, discipline and hope,
humility, humor, and courage, and an abiding sense of your presence.**

The laying on of hands is completed.

The moderator continues:

Gracious God,
pour out your Spirit of power and truth upon the whole church, that we may be for you a
holy people, baptized to serve you in the world.
Sustain the church in ministry.

Ground us in the gospel, secure our hope in Christ, strengthen our service to the outcast, and increase our love for one another.

Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be effective servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

(The Book of Occasional Services offers other suggested wording)

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION

The newly ordained minister shall stand.

The moderator addresses him/her:

N., you are now a minister of Word and Sacrament in the church of Jesus Christ. Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ.

The newly ordained minister responds:

Amen.

Welcome To Ministry

(Members of the presbytery commission greet the newly ordained minister)

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY (Symbols appropriate to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament may be presented. See the Book of Occasional Services as well as the *Companion to the Book of Common Worship* for appropriate ideas.)

HYMN

THE EUCHARIST (For newly ordained ministers, this is strongly encouraged to be included. Standing at the table the newly ordained pastor or their designate may preside.)

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Offering

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

CHARGE

BLESSING The newly ordained minister gives God's blessing to the congregation

HYMN

During the singing, the newly ordained minister may lead members of the commission and other worship leaders in procession from the place of worship.

The service of Installation of a Pastor is very similar to the Ordination service. The required texts are below within the Outline, and may be included in an Ordination service if the minister is also being installed.

AN OUTLINE OF THE SERVICE
FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A PASTOR

GATHERING

WELCOME - Moderator

The Commission Moderator could say:

Good Morning/Afternoon/Evening. My name is _____ and I am the Moderator of the Presbytery of Milwaukee. In this role I am also the Moderator of the Commission, which has the privilege of installing your new pastor at this special service of Worship.

This event is one of the unique features of the Presbyterian connectional system. So I want to bring you greetings from the other churches that make up the Presbytery of Milwaukee. In part the elders and ministers who are on the Installation Commission represent them today.

Your participation in this installation is very important too, as you affirm your call to this new pastor to share with you the ministry and work of Jesus Christ. As the Presbytery of Milwaukee we all share as a significant part of Christ's Church. Let us pray that this special worship event today will mark a new beginning of what God will be doing through the Presbyterian Christians in this place.

GATHERING

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Clap your hands, all you people;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**For the Most High is awesome,
a great sovereign over all the earth.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

Psalm 47:1,2; Psalm 92:1

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God, by your grace you have called us in this time and place to be your servant people as we follow our servant Lord. Make your Holy Spirit move within and among us that together we may live a new life in the crucified and risen Christ. Bind us together in faith, so that as we receive all spiritual gifts needed to fulfill our calling, we may support one another in common ministry, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen

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Moderator to Minister:

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Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture and continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Will you be a faithful minister of the Word and Sacrament, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith, and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

A ruling elder shall ask the following questions of the congregation:

Do we, the members of the church accept [name] as our [associate] pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to pray for [him/her], to encourage [her/him], to respect [his/her] decisions, and to follow as [she/he] guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?

Do we promise to pay [her/him] fairly and provide for [his/her] welfare as [she/he] works among us; to stand by [him/her] in trouble and share [her/his] joys? Will we listen to the Word [he/she] preaches, welcome [her/his] pastoral care, and honor [her/his] authority as [he/she] seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

Prayer of Installation

The *pastor*-elect kneels, facing the congregation. One of the following prayers may be used:

A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you, gracious Lord,
for you alone are God.

You have made us,

and we are your people,

the sheep of your pasture.

You have led us to green meadows by cool waters,
satisfying our every need with your love.

You have shown us paths that are right.

Through shadowed valleys of despair,
you have been our comfort and our hope.

Over long generations,
your presence has sustained your people.

In your good time,

you sent Jesus, your only Beloved,
to be our shepherd.

He knew and loved your own,
calling all who would hear to follow him.

The Good Shepherd laid down his life for us,
risking the cross for the hope of resurrection.

By the power of the risen Christ
you gathered the church together
to live for you in newness of life,
a holy nation,

a priestly family,

a people chosen as your own

and called to proclaim your marvelous love.

This part is for the moderator alone:

Gracious God,

pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,

that we may be faithful as your people

and fruitful in the ministries you have given us.

Grant diligence to those who lead,
faith to those who teach,
truth to all who speak,
compassion to all who heal,
wisdom to those who counsel,
generosity to those who give,
and cheerfulness to all who serve.
To your servant N.,
and to all who tend your flock as pastors among your people,
give vision and strength,
hospitality, humility, and peace.
Bless the common ministry of this pastor and people
with joy and power in the gospel.
Strengthen us to live out the grace of our baptism
and to serve you with the gifts of your Holy Spirit;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only shepherd and Lord.
Amen.

B

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
All praise be yours,
Lord God of our salvation.
By your Word,
you called creation into being
and made us in your image
to love and serve you.
By your saving love
you sent Jesus Christ to live among us,
to redeem your people
and establish your peace.
By your Holy Spirit,
you shower gifts on your children,
opening hearts and worlds to your grace,
empowering us to live holy and joyful lives.
We praise you, eternal God,
for the church throughout the world,
born of your love,
saved by your grace,
and sustained by your Holy Spirit.
Make us the community you have called us to be,
a chosen race,
a royal priesthood,
a holy nation,
your very own people,
gifted to proclaim your marvelous love.

All may pray together:

**Gracious God, we praise you
that you have chosen servants in every age
to speak your Word and lead your loyal people.
We give you thanks for your servant N.,
and for the ministry to which you have called *him/her*.
Give N. a full measure of the gifts of your Holy Spirit
both in the walk of faith
and for the work of ministry.
Anoint N. with power to proclaim the gospel
in Word and Sacrament,
in witness and in service,
in truth and in love,
for the building up of the people of God
and for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

This part is for the moderator alone:

Generous God,
pour out your Holy Spirit
upon this congregation and all its people,
that, baptized into your service
and united in Christ's love,
they may serve you with joy and faithfulness
until all things are made new.
Let the word they proclaim
be your Word of truth.
Let the compassion they show to the world
be your love in Christ.
Let their common life
as pastor and people together,
be holy, peaceable, and glad in your Spirit.
Gracious God,
accept all that we are and have
in the service of Jesus Christ,
and strengthen us by the power of your Holy Spirit
now and forever.
Amen.

Declaration of Installation

The moderator addresses the newly installed *pastor*:
N., as a minister of the Word and Sacrament in the church
of Jesus Christ, you are now installed as pastor/associate
pastor/co-pastor of this congregation.
Be faithful and true in your ministry
so that your whole life will bear witness
to the crucified and risen Christ.

Welcome

Charge to the Newly Installed Pastor
Charge to the Congregation
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Hymn, Psalm, or Spiritual

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