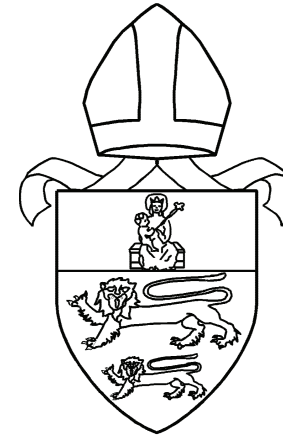


THE DIOCESE OF LINCOLN

The **Parish(es) of [name(s)]**



The **Institution/Collation/Licensing
and Induction/ Installation of**
The Reverend **[insert full name]**
as **Vicar/Rector/Priest in Charge of the Parish(es)**
of
[insert name(s)]
in _____ Church, _____
on **[insert date] 200_** at **[insert time]**

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THE ORDER OF PROCESSION

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The Lay Chairman & The Rural Dean
The Archdeacon
The Church Wardens
The Bishop
The Bishop's Chaplain

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

The *Rural Dean* welcomes the congregation and introduces the processional hymn.

[HYMN]

The *Bishop* introduces the service.

*Bishop* The Lord be with you  
*All* **And also with you**

*either (A)*

*Bishop* We have come to worship and praise God, who provides his Church with many gifts and ministries; to celebrate a further chapter in the life of these communities and to welcome and pray for (name) who has been chosen to serve here.  
Let us offer our prayers to God for all his people, for these congregations and for (name).

*and / or B*

*Bishop* God our Father, Lord of all the world, we thank you that through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church; hear our prayer for all your faithful people that in our vocation and ministry we may be instruments of your love and give to your servant, (name), now to be instituted the needful gifts of grace; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

*and the following may be included . . . .C*

*A representative of the congregation says*  
Christ calls us to many tasks; some are easy, others difficult; some bring honour, others reproach; some are suitable to our natural inclinations and material interests, others are contrary to both. In some ways we please Christ and ourselves, in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. Yet the power to do all these things is given us in Christ who strengthens us.

*or (instead of A, B & C) above: D*

*Bishop* We have come to worship and praise God, whose Church has many gifts and ministries; to celebrate a further chapter in the life of these

parishes; and to welcome and pray for (name) who has been chosen to serve here. This ministry continues the good work done through the years in this community and is part of the work and witness of the whole Church. It is a new beginning because (name) brings his/her own particular gifts.

As we stand in God's presence let us pray that grace will be given to him/her and to all of us in this ministry, that we may fulfil the responsibilities that are ours.

***Silence is kept***

*Bishop* Lord, in your mercy  
*All* **Hear our prayer**

*sit*

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**Reading from the Bible**  
**Gospel of the Day**

*At the end of the reading the reader says*

*Reader* This is the Word of the Lord  
*All* **Thanks be to God**

The Sermon  
*(Preacher, the Bishop of Lincoln / Grantham / Grimsby...)*

*There may be a HYMN between the readings and the sermon if desired*

## **[PRESENTATION], DECLARATION AND OATHS**

*The Presenting Patron or Rural Dean & Lay Chairman stand before the Bishop and say*

Right Reverend Father in God, I/we present to you, (full name), (degree), Clerk, to be licensed as priest in charge or instituted/collated as incumbent of the parish(es) of . . .

*Bishop* Thank you for your presentation.  
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 every generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne 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.

*(Name)*, 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?

*Priest* I, *(full name)*, 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 use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by Canon.

*Bishop* I now ask you to take the Oaths which are required by law.

**Oath of Allegiance to the Queen** *(taking a Bible in the hand and facing the congregation)*.

*Priest* I, *(full name)*, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second, her heirs and successors according to law, so help me God.

**Oath of Canonical Obedience** *(facing the Bishop)*

*Priest* I, *(full name)*, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Lincoln and his successors in all things lawful and honest, so help me God.

## **CELEBRATION OF PRIESTLY MINISTRY**

### **The Call to Mission**

*All stand*

*Bishop* *N*, within Christ's Church we are called to a shared ministry. Let us affirm the responsibility we share together.

*HYMN*

*During the hymn the Churchwardens lead the Bishop, the Archdeacon, the Rural Dean and the Vicar/Rector/Priest in Charge designate to the font. A lay person carries a large container of water to the font and places it by the font. Another lay person reads (from I Peter 2):*

Hear the words of St. Peter: "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, and a people claimed by God for his own, to proclaim the triumphs of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvellous light".

*The water is then poured into the font.*

*Rural Dean* Jesus said, "Full authority in heaven and on earth has been committed to me. Go forth, therefore, and make all nations my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all I have commanded you. And be assured, I am with you always to the end of time". (St Matthew chapter 28, verses 18-20)

*Archdeacon* The Church is called in the power of the Spirit to bring everyone to eternal life in Christ Jesus. People of God in this parish\*, will you share with your new parish priest in spreading the good news of the Kingdom, and in building Christ's body in this place?

*Parishioners* **With God's help, we will.**

*Bishop* *N*, as a priest in this/ these parish(es) you are to take to all who live here the knowledge of God's love, and to help every member of Christ's Church to fulfil the faith in which they were baptised, and so make Christ known to others. Will you do this?

*Priest* By the help of God, I will.

## **The Call to Service**

*The Churchwardens lead the procession to the lectern. An open Bible is carried from the congregation by a lay person and placed on the lectern. Where (new priest) N reads (from Ephesians 4):*

Hear the words of St. Paul: "Each of us has been given a gift, a due portion of Christ's bounty. And these were his gifts, some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip God's people for work in his service, to the building up of the Body of Christ".

*Bishop* Blessed be the Name of the Lord  
*All* **From this time forth and for evermore.**

*Bishop* Our help is the Name of the Lord  
*All* **Who has made heaven and earth.**

*Bishop* Almighty God,  
who for our salvation gives his people many gifts,  
and ministries for the advancement of his glory,  
stir up in you the gifts of his grace,  
sustain each one of you in your own ministry,  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*(V/R/Pp)* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The procession leaves*

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*Another* We thank God for all who minister to those in trouble.  
We pray for all who are in distress, for the sick and suffering,  
those who mourn, and those without hope.  
We pray for all who minister to them.  
(Pause)

Lord in your mercy,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Priest* Strengthen us to carry forward the work of Christ;  
that we and all who confess your name may be united in your truth,  
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*Priest* 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**

*All* **Living God,  
You are the source of every good gift.  
We dedicate ourselves to serve you  
as members of the Body of Christ  
working together in the power of the Spirit.  
Give us faith. Give us hope.  
Give us love that through us  
the world may believe that Jesus is Lord. Amen.**

#### **HYMN**

during which a collection is taken for the Diocesan Ordination  
Candidates' Training Fund.

## **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

*Rural Dean* Jesus said: "Among you, whoever wants to be great must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be the willing slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give up his life as a ransom for many". (*St Mark chapter 10, verses 43-45*)

*Archdeacon* The Church is called in the strength of the Risen Christ to continue his work in the world. Every member of the Church is to bring the light of faith to a dark world, to open the door of hope in a tired world, and to kindle the fire of love in a cold world. Will you strive constantly by prayer, word and action, to do all these things?

*All* **With God's help, we will.**

*Bishop* **N**, as leader of God's people in their ministry you must expound God's Word and strive to proclaim and live out his love. In his name, you are to guide and encourage those who come to you for Christian marriage; you are to declare the forgiveness of sins to the penitent; you are to comfort the distressed, minister to the sick and dying, and console the bereaved. Will you play your part in caring for all the people of this/ these parish/parishes and serving them in the name of Christ?

*Priest* By the help of God, I will.

### **The Call to Worship**

*The Churchwardens lead the procession to the altar. Two lay persons bring a loaf of bread and a bottle of wine and present them to the Priest, who places them on the altar N reads:*

Hear the words of St. Paul: "When we bless the cup of blessing', is that not a sharing in the blood of Christ? When we break the bread, is that not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is only one loaf, we, who are many, are one body; for we all share in the one loaf". (*1 Corinthians chapter 10, verses 16-17*)

*Rural Dean* The first Christians "met constantly to hear the apostles teach, and to share the common life, to break bread and to pray". (*Acts chapter 2, verse 42*)

*Archdeacon* The Church is called to offer up to God continually the sacrifice of adoration, praise and thanksgiving, and to pray not only for its own members but for the world. It is God's inexpressible gift to all Christians that they can share the life of Christ through word and

sacrament, growing in fellowship with him and with one another in him. It is, therefore, every Christian's duty to worship each Sunday, to hear and study the Scriptures, and to receive the Holy Communion faithfully and regularly, that they may know God's will, and live to his glory. Will each of you be faithful in this calling?

*All*      **With God's help, we will.**

*Bishop*    *N*, it is your duty and privilege to preside at the Holy Communion, to lead the worship of God's people, and to bless them in the name of the Lord. You must teach them the faith and the new way of Christ, in public and in private. You must intercede for them. And you must pray for yourself, that by the grace of the Holy Spirit you may grow stronger in your ministry. Will you do this?

*Priest*    By the help of God, I will.

*The Churchwardens lead the procession to the Chancel Step, where N and the Bishop stand together facing the people. A Churchwarden/the Churchwardens say:*

Bishop N and N, as you stand together before God and the people entrusted to your care, we invite you to share with us in witnessing to the good news of God in Christ, and we ask you to share with each other the oversight of God's ministry and mission in this place/these communities. Will you do this?

Bishop & Priest:      With the help of God, we will

*All*      **Father of all, guide and direct us, we pray, in our work and witness for you.  
Restore our faith and vision, renew our power to love,  
revive in us new life;  
so may we act and speak for you, and advance your kingdom.  
Amen.**

*there may be a HYMN here if desired*

## **THE COLLATION / INSTITUTION / LICENSING**

*N stands before the Bishop; the congregation remains standing; the Bishop reads the deed of collation/institution/licence and then hands it to the Priest.*

*Bishop*    *N*, receive this cure of souls, which is both yours and mine. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*There may be a HYMN here*

## **THE PRAYERS**      *All kneel*

*[The following or an alternative form of intercession can be used. If circumstances require, intercessions can be led by the Archdeacon using a form at his discretion]*

*New Priest or Vicar*    Let us thank God for our fellowship in the universal Church and for our Christian heritage.  
For those who down the ages have worshipped here and served God by their work and witness; let us bless the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Another*    We thank God for the gifts he gives us.  
We pray for guidance and grace in the ministry he calls us to share; for our Churchwardens and Church Councillors; and for all Christian people in their various callings; that all we say or do may proclaim God's Kingdom, and build up the Body of Christ in this place.  
*(Pause)*

*All*      **Hear our prayer.**  
Lord in your mercy,

*Another*    We thank God for these communities and for **these parishes\***.  
We pray for every home here.  
We pray for children, young people and adults that we may grow together in the way of faith, and that each may learn the secret of God's love.  
*(Pause)*

*All*      **Hear our prayer.**  
Lord in your mercy,

*Another*    We thank God for those people in our communities who serve our needs.  
We pray for those who bear the responsibility of government; for all who work in education; for those in farming, commerce and industry; and for all who work here; that they may deal justly, honour one another and seek the common good.  
*(Pause)*

*All*      **Hear our prayer.**  
Lord in your mercy,

benefice of the X group of parishes with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities belonging to them.

*The Incumbent rings the church bell to indicate that his/her ministry has begun; the procession then returns to the chancel step and]*

*This follows for inductions and installations: (T)the Archdeacon conducts the new Incumbent/ Priest in Charge to his/her stall*

*The Archdeacon says*

*N*, as our Bishop X was himself installed in the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln, so I install you as **Vicar / Rector / Priest in Charge** of **these parishes** to share his oversight of these communities, to pray for the people, lead them in worship and witness, and to be to them in all things a faithful minister of Christ. The Lord preserve your going out and coming in from this time forth and for evermore.

*All* **Amen.**

*[At this point, symbols of Priestly office e.g. Stole, Chalice and Paten, copy of the Ordinal can be presented using suitable words]*

## THE WELCOME

*Bishop* I commend to you your new (Vicar/Rector/Parish priest). Will you care for him/her, encourage him/her in his/her faith, and share in his/her ministry?

*All* **With the help of God, we will.**

*Bishop* I present to you (name) and ask you to receive him/her with affection.

*All* **We welcome you in the Lord's name.  
We are members together of the body of Christ.  
We are children of the same Heavenly Father.  
We are inheritors together of the Kingdom of God.  
We welcome you.**

*All sit.*

*The (Vicar/Rector/Parish priest) is welcomed by the wider Church and the local Community. Gifts may be presented. (It would be appropriate for gifts to be presented which are symbolic of the welcome - for example, a map of the parish)  
The new priest gives out any notices*

Amen.

*The Bishop blesses the new Incumbent / Priest in Charge*

*Bishop* May God give you grace to fulfill your calling with faithfulness and love. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

## CELEBRATION OF SHARED MINISTRY [if applicable]

*Accredited Ministers stand with the Vicar/Rector/Priest in Charge before the Bishop*

*Bishop* Will you, who are accredited and authorised to minister in this Benefice give support and counsel to the Vicar/Rector/Priest in Charge of these parishes / this parish and to one another so that you may work with the people whom you serve for the building up of the Body of Christ in this place?

*Ministers* We will so do, the Lord being our helper.

*The Bishop commends their ministry to God, saying*

*Bishop* Almighty God who has called many to minister in your Church, we commend to your glory the life and work of those who minister in this place. May they be committed to you and to one another. May they love, walk and pray as one body in Christ. Give them vision, courage and joy that the world may believe that Jesus is Lord to your eternal glory.

## THE INDUCTION [incumbents] / INSTALLATION [others]

*Bishop* I have collated / instituted / licensed the Revd N as Incumbent/ Priest in Charge and therefore I ask you, Archdeacon, to induct/install him/her and to defend him/her so inducted/installed.

*[This follows for inductions only: The Churchwardens conduct the Rural Dean, Lay Chairman, Incumbent and Archdeacon to the main door of the Church; all turn to face the Church door, as the Archdeacon says*

By direction of the Bishop I induct you into the real and actual possession of the parish churches of St. X, St. Y and St. Z and the