



## **Rite III**

**THE  
INSTITUTION,  
COLLATION or LICENSING  
OF A  
NEW PARISH PRIEST  
WITHIN A  
SERVICE OF THE WORD**

## Introduction

Rite III *A Celebration of Ministry with a Celebration of a Service of the Word* draws on the flexibility encouraged within the *Common Worship: Service of the Word* provision detailed in *Patterns for Worship*<sup>1</sup> and *New Patterns for Worship*<sup>2</sup>.

Those who choose to use Rite III should be mindful of these broad guidelines on the marks of worship in the Anglican tradition when preparing and celebrating the Institution Liturgy.

There must be:

- a clear structure for worship
- an emphasis on reading the word of God and on using psalms
- liturgical words repeated by the congregation
- the use of a Collect, the Lord's Prayer, and some responsive forms in prayer
- a recognition of the centrality of the Eucharist
- a concern for form, dignity, and economy of words.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Patterns for Worship*, Church House Publishing, London 1995

<sup>2</sup> *New Patterns for Worship*, Church House Publishing, London 2002

<sup>3</sup> *Patterns for Worship* p5

## Notes

### **1 The Presiding Minister**

The Bishop acts as the presiding minister throughout the celebration.

Where the Archdeacon/Area Dean institutes a priest when the Bishop is not present, the Archdeacon/Area Dean acts as the presiding minister.

### **2 Hymns and Songs**

Hymns and songs should be sung at appropriate points in the Service.

### **3 Liturgical Greeting**

The service should have a clear beginning with the greeting given by the presiding minister.

### **4 The Presentation of the New Priest**

It is recommended that this takes place at the beginning of the Service, possibly replacing the *Prayers of Penitence*.

See Appendix A for text of the Presentation.

The Collect may precede or conclude The Presentation – see Appendix D.

### **5 The Liturgy of the Word**

There should normally be at least two readings from Holy Scripture, together with psalmody.

Where a celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist is part of the Service, a Gospel Reading must be included.

A sermon follows the proclamation of God's word. It should normally be preached by the presiding minister.

### **6 The Induction/Institution/Collation of the New Priest**

It is recommended that this follows the Sermon.

See Appendix B for text.

### **7 The Prayers**

Prayers of Intercession may be offered and led by a variety of people, representing the congregation and the local community.

### **8 The Act of Commitment by Priest and People**

This may not be omitted.

It follows, or may precede, the Prayers of Intercession.

Alternatively, it may precede The Blessing and Dismissal.

See Appendix C for text.

## **9 The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

To emphasize its defining centrality for the Christian community, a celebration of the Eucharist should normally be part of the inauguration of the ministry of the new priest in the parish.

This can be achieved

*either* by including a celebration of the Eucharist as part of the Induction Rite.

*or* by arranging an Inaugural Eucharist as the Principal Service on the first Sunday of the new priest's ministry in the parish at which as many as possible of the local congregation should be encouraged to attend.

*The Inaugural Eucharist may take place on another day following the Institution if a greater attendance of the congregation would be achieved thereby.*

An authorized Eucharistic Prayer is used.

## **10 Conclusion**

The service shall have a clear ending, with the Bishop [or, at an Institution in the absence of the Bishop, the Archdeacon/Area Dean] giving the Blessing.

When the Rite has not included a celebration of the Eucharist, the Giving of the Peace may form part of the Conclusion.

See Appendix D for texts.

## **APPENDIX A**

### **The Presentation of the New Parish Priest**

*The Patron or Area Dean, accompanied by the Churchwardens, presents the Priest to the Bishop, saying*

Right Reverend Father in God, I present to you *N* to be admitted to the Cure of Souls in this parish.

*Representatives of the new Priest's previous parish or ecclesial community may commend the Priest, using appropriate words.*

### **The Declaration and the Oaths**

*The Bishops says to the Priest:*

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 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. 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 Declaration of Assent**

I, *N*, 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 will use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by Canon.

*Then the Priest takes the oaths, holding the New Testament in the right hand.*

*The Priest faces the congregation for:*

### **The Oath of Allegiance**

I, *N*, swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, her heirs and successors, according to law.

*The Priest faces the Bishop for:*

### **The Oath of Canonical Obedience**

I, *N*, swear do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Bishop of London and the Area Bishop of Willesden and their duly appointed successors, in all things lawful and honest: So help me God.

## **APPENDIX B**

### **The Institution/Collation/Licensing**

*The Bishop reads the legal document and delivers it to the Priest (who holds the seal with both hands) saying these words*

Receive the Cure of Souls which is both yours and mine; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Priest    Amen.

*The Bishop blesses the Parish Priest in appropriate words.*

### **The Induction and Installation**

*The Bishop delivers the mandate of Induction to the Archdeacon/Area Dean saying:*

Whereas we have duly and canonically admitted our well beloved in Christ, *N*, to the Cure of Souls in this parish, we hereby empower and require you to induct him/her into the real and actual possession of this Church and Benefice and to defend him/her so inducted.

*or if there is no induction:*

I ask you to install *N* as Priest in this parish.

*The Archdeacon/Area Dean escorts the Priest to a seat designated for him/her. The Archdeacon/Area Dean says:*

*N*, I install you as the Priest of this parish. The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore. Amen.

*The Archdeacon/Area Dean then places into the hands of the Priest the keys of the church and says:*

*At an induction:*

By virtue of this mandate I induct you into the real and actual possession of this parish church with all the rights and responsibilities belonging to it.

*or, at a licensing:*

*N*, you are now the Priest of this Parish.

*The Priest then goes to the Church Bell and tolls it as a sign of the start of his/her ministry in the Parish.*

*Representatives of the Community may welcome the new Parish Priest.*

## APPENDIX C

### An Act of Commitment by Priest and People

*All stand. The Bishop addresses the Priest and the congregation:*

I now invite you to affirm together your commitment to the task of ministry, witness and service to which God is calling you all.

Priest We are to baptise

**All and make new disciples.**

Priest We are to read God's holy word

**All and join together in prayer.**

Priest We are to attend to God's word

**All and proclaim it in the world.**

Priest We are to celebrate the Eucharist

**All and be formed as the Body of Christ.**

Priest We are to care for this community

**All and show the love of Christ to all in need.**

Priest We are to seek the Kingdom of God

**All and bring God's grace to human lives.**

Priest We are to nurture our children

**All and awaken in them a living faith.**

Priest We are to lead all people to Jesus Christ

**All and prepare them to enter his heavenly kingdom.**

*All pray in silence for awhile before saying together:*

**We declare this day  
that the Lord is our God:  
we will walk in his ways,  
we will keep his decrees,  
we will obey his commands,  
and live in the power of his Spirit.**

*A time of informal prayer for the new Priest and other members of the Leadership Team may follow.*

*The Bishop extends his hands over Priest and people and says:*

The Lord declares this day  
that you are his own, his treasured possession;  
work together as a people holy to the Lord your God,  
and may God meet all your needs  
from his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

**All To God our Father be glory for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## APPENDIX D

### Other Recommended Texts

#### The Collect

God our Father, Lord of all the world,  
through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your Universal Church:  
hear our prayer for your faithful people  
that in their vocation and ministry  
each may be an instrument of your love,  
and give to your servant *N* now to be *instituted/collated/licensed etc*  
the needful gifts of grace;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

#### Blessing

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and hope in believing  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*or:*

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

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