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*For a Service of Induction or Recognition which does not include ordination, the following order of service is provided. The service is conducted by the authority of presbytery, the moderator of presbytery presiding.*

*The Narration of Steps may be placed before the service of worship begins or may be placed before the preamble.*

THE NARRATION OF STEPS

The clerk of presbytery or other appointed person will narrate the steps in these or similar terms.

The Presbytery of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

meeting on the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

in the year of our Lord \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

resolved to sustain a call to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

from the congregation of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

[or,\* an appointment by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,]

and to meet at this time and in this place

and to induct [\*recognize, install] \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into ministry in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\* These words to be adapted as appropriate.

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**Procession**

*The people stand as the presbytery and others who are leading the service enter the church and remain standing until after The Rite of Reconciliation.*

**Call To Worship**

*The presiding Moderator shall say:*

The Lord be with you**.**

**And also with you.** *Ruth 2:4.*

There is one body and one Spirit,

just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

one God and Father of all.

**But to each of us grace has been given**

**according to the measure of Christ's gift.**

The gifts Christ gave were that some would be apostles,

some prophets, some evangelists,

some pastors and teachers,

to equip the saints for work of ministry,

for building up the body of Christ,

ALL **until we all come to the unity of the faith**

**and of the knowledge of the Son of God,**

**to maturity as a people,**

**to the measure of the full stature of Christ.**

*Eph. 4:4,5, 11-13, adapted.*

Let us worship God.

HYMN OF PRAISE

**Prayer Of Adoration**

O God of infinite possibilities,

as we ponder what you have done among us,

we are moved with awe and wonder.

In your hands

a lump of clay became a human person,

a barren womb brought forth a child of promise,

a boy's lunch became a feast for a multitude,

the confession of an impulsive fisherman became the Rock on which

you built your church,

human hands pierced with nails became the sign of

your saving power.

Truly, nothing is too difficult for you, Lord God Almighty!

And now as we gather together in response to your call,

we place ourselves anew into your hands

trusting that we too may become

new creations of your love

and instruments of your grace,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

**The Rite Of Reconciliation**

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

while we were sinners

Christ died for us.  *Rom. 5:8*.

In humility and faith

let us confess our sin to God.

**God of Mercy:**

**in Jesus Christ you call us to be your servant people,**

**but too often we have gone our own way.**

**to save sinners** *1 Tim. 1:15*

**hoping to avoid your claim on our lives.**

**We have not always trusted your good news**

**to be good for us**

**and have resisted the transforming power**

**of your Word.**

**We have allowed the empty distractions of this world**

**to draw us from our true vocation and**

**to block us from giving faithful witness**

**to your grace.**

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

**In your love forgive us and set us free**

**to respond to your call and**

**to be your faithful people,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silence for reflection.

Hear the good news!

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,

that Christ Jesus came into the world

to save sinners.  *I Tim. 1:15.*

Anyone who is in Christ

is a new creation.

The old life has gone;

a new life has begun.  *II Cor. 5:17.*

In the name of Jesus Christ,

you (we) are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

We are reconciled in Christ,

let us offer each other a sign of peace.

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

**And with you also.**

**HYMN**

**The Word Proclaimed**

**Readings From Scripture**

A lesson from the Old Testament

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

A psalm is sung or read

A lesson from the Epistles

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**Thanks be to God.**

A lesson from the Gospels

The gospel of Christ.

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

**The Sermon**

**Affirmation Of Faith**

*It is appropriate to respond to the Word by repeating in unison one of the ecumenical creeds or a selection from Living Faith.*

**Offerings and Thanksgivings**

HYMN

*During the singing of the hymn, the gifts of money may be brought forward. The people remain standing as the Moderator leads them saying:*

There are varieties of gifts,

**but the same Spirit;**

There are varieties of services,

**but the same Lord;**

There are varieties of activities,

**but it is the same God who** **activates all of them in everyone.**

To each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

**to use it for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,

**and individually members of it.**  *I Cor. 12:4-7, 27, adapted.*

Though we have different gifts,

together we are called to be the church with a ministry in the world which is led by the risen Christ.

*The people may be seated.*

**The Induction**

The person to be inducted is presented to the Moderator by the clerk who says:

Moderator, I now present to you, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and ask you to proceed with the induction.

*The person to be inducted stands before the Moderator who says:*

Listen now to what The Presbyterian Church in Canada believes concerning Christian ministry.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it is this to which you give your pledge as a minister of Word and Sacraments.

**The Preamble**

Approved, 1970 Revised, 1992, 1998.

All ministries of the Church proceed from and are sustained by the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is our Prophet, Priest and King, the Minister of the covenant of grace. By the operation of God's Word and Spirit, the Church is gathered, equipped, and sent out to participate in this ministry. All members of the Church are called to share the Gospel with the world, and to offer to the Father the worship and service that are due to the Creator from the creation, through Christ, the only Mediator, until he comes again. That the Church may be continually renewed and nurtured for ministry, Christ furnishes the Church with pastors and teachers. He requires and enables the Church to discern and to confirm by ordination those whom he calls to this pastoral and teaching office. The standards of his Church he entrusts in a special degree of responsibility to their care.

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**The Ordination Questions**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

All these things you have examined and are ready to accept. Being assured of your faith in Christ and your love for people, the Presbytery is prepared to induct you into ministry in this place. That your faith may appear in the presence of God and the people of God, we now ask you the appointed questions in terms of this preamble.

1. Do you believe in God the Father, made known in his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom the Holy Spirit witnesses in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

**I do.**

2. Do you accept the subordinate standards of this Church, promising to uphold its doctrine under the continual illumination and correction of the Holy Spirit speaking in Scriptures?

**I do.**

3. Do you accept the government of this Church by sessions, presbyteries, synods and general assemblies, and do you promise to share in and submit yourself to all lawful oversight therein, and to follow no divisive course but to seek the peace and unity of Christ among your people and throughout the Holy, Catholic Church?

**I do.**

4. Do you promise in the strength and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ to conduct yourself in your private and public life as becomes his gospel, and do you give yourself diligently and cheerfully to the service of Christ's word, sacraments and discipline, for the furtherance of his reconciling mission in the world?

**I do.**

May the Lord bless you and give you grace to fulfil these vows. **Amen.**

**Questions To The Congregation**

*The congregation will stand and the Moderator shall say the following or similar words:*

Members and adherents of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ congregation will please stand. The induction (recognition) of a minister is the beginning of a new partnership in service to God. These questions, therefore, I direct to you so that you may renew your commitment to this shared ministry.

1. Do you confess anew your faith in one God who is creator and ruler of the universe, who came to us in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and who remains present among us through the power of the Holy Spirit?

**We do.**

2. Do you receive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be your minister as from Christ?

**We do.**

3. Will you give of your substance as the Lord prospers you, for the maintenance of the Christian ministry and the furtherance of the gospel in this place and throughout the world?

**We will.**

4. Do you pledge yourselves to be co-servants with your minister under Christ, sharing in the worship of the church, offering support through prayers and friendship, announcing the gospel to the world by the power of the Holy Spirit?

**We do.**

May the Lord bless you and give you grace to fulfil these vows. **Amen.**

**\*The Induction Prayer**

*The Moderator leads in prayer saying:*

Praise be to you,

Lord God of creation.

By your power, you created the universe

to be a witness to your glory.

By your love, you became flesh and lived among us

in Jesus Christ

to redeem your people and

to establish your kingdom on earth.

By your Spirit, you sustain and nurture your people

and your purposes among us.

We praise and glorify your name O God,

because you have formed throughout the world

a church to be your chosen people,

a royal priesthood, a holy nation

to declare the praises of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And now we give you thanks

for your servant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

who has been called and ordained to serve you

and the church

as a minister of Word and Sacraments,

and who has been called/appointed to minister (among these people).

May the words \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ speaks in preaching and teaching

be your Word in Christ.

May the sacraments \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ celebrates

be lively signs of your presence among these people

who have made covenant with you through Christ.

May the qualities of compassion and discernment

that mark \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life among these people

show forth your love in Christ from day to day.

As we pray for your servant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

so too, O Lord, we pray for every minister and elder.

May they reach out the hand of friendship, care and affection to one another.

So may \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ realize that they stand not alone,

but is surrounded by co-workers in Christ

in whom \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ may find understanding, support and guidance.

We give you thanks, O God,

for the people of this congregation.

May they always remember their part in the ministry you have given to them and to all believers.

Give to them high expectation

that, by the power of your transforming grace,

they will be renewed in their love for Christ,

for one another, and for the whole world.

May \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and the people of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ congregation

grow together as members of one body in Christ--

rooted in the gospel,

abounding in hope,

steadfast in service,

in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

belong glory and honour,

worship and praise,

now and forever.  **Amen.**

*The congregation may pray in unison:*

**God of grace,**

**you call us to a common ministry**

**as ambassadors of Christ,**

**trusting us with the message of reconciliation.**

**Give us courage and discipline**

**to follow where your servants rightly lead us,**

**that together we may declare your wonderful deeds**

**and show your love to the world;**

**through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.**

**Declaration**

*The Moderator says:*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;

in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

the only king and head of the church,

and by the authority of the Presbytery of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

I now declare you to have been

INDUCTED *(recognized, installed) i*nto your ministry in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;

and I admit you to all the rights and privileges belonging to this office.

**Right Hand Of Fellowship**

As we welcome you to share in ministry

in this Presbytery,

we extend to you the right hand of fellowship.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*The Moderator, followed by all members of the presbytery will greet the newly inducted minister by extending the right hand of fellowship.*

**Signing The Formula**

*When members of presbytery have returned to their seats, the Moderator says:*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in signing The Formula, you testify that you adhere to those things declared and required in the Preamble and Questions at the ordination of a minister.

*The clerk directs the newly inducted minister to the table and book reserved for the purpose.*

**A Charge**

*A charge to the minister and a charge to the congregation may be combined into one.*

*If the Lord's Supper is to be celebrated.*

**The Dismissal**

HYMN

*A hymn of the church or discipleship is sung. If the presbytery retires at this time, the Moderator and the newly inducted minister remain to give the charge and benediction.*

the charge to the people

God has shown you what is good.

What does the Lord require of you

but to do justice,

love mercy,

and to walk humbly with your God.

*Micah 6:8.*

**Benediction**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

be with you all. **Amen.** *II Cor. 13:13.*

**Suggested Hymns and Readings**

For use in a Service of Ordination and/or Induction.

HYMNS

All people that on earth do dwell

Give to our God immortal praise

Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore Him

Sing praise to God who reigns above

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Love divine, all loves excelling

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Christ is made the sure foundation

Thy hand, O God, has guided

Christ is the King!

Lord of all power

Pour out Thy Spirit

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Be Thou my vision

God of Grace and God of glory

Ye that know the Lord is gracious

Lord of light

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Salvation and immortal praise

**Scriptures**

**Old Testament**

*Joshua 8:30-35*

*II Chronicles 34:29-33*

*Isaiah 6:1-8*

*Ezekiel 1:26-2:5*

**New Testament**

*Acts 1:7-9*

*Romans 10:14-17*

*II Corinthians 4:1-15*

*Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16*

*Philippians 2:1-11*

*II Timothy 4:1-8*

*Matthew 16:13-19*

*Matthew 28:16-20*

*John 1:1-18*

*John 6:28-38*

*John 10:1-11*

*John 15:1-11*

*John 21:15-17*

**Psalms**

*Psalm 19*

*Psalm 24*

*Psalm 34*

*Psalm 46*

*Psalm 48*

*Psalm 96*

*Psalm 103*

*Psalm 145*

**Calls to Worship**

*Psalm 95:6, 7*

*Psalm 100:1, 2*

*Psalm 116:1, 2, 7*

*II Corinthians 5:19*

*Ephesians 1:3*

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in the year of our Lord \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

determined that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

having the necessary gifts of grace and faith in Jesus Christ,

having satisfactorily completed the prescribed course of preparation,

and having received a call from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, duly sustained by the Presbytery of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

resolved to meet at this time and in this place

for the purpose of ordaining \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

to the ministry of Word and Sacraments

by prayer and the laying on of hands.

*When the ordaining presbytery is not doing the induction, the following words shall be used.*

Because the induction related to this service is to be held at a later time, permission has been received from the Presbytery of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to proceed with the Service of Ordination.

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The gospel of Christ.

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

**The Sermon**

**The Creed**

In response to the Word, let us join the whole church in confessing our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth,**

**and all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,**

**true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father;**

**through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary**

**and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**The Offerings and Thanksgivings**

**The Invitation**

What shall we give to the Lord for all God's gifts to us?

**Let us lift up the cup of salvation**

**and call on the name of the Lord.**

**Let us pay our vows to the Lord**

**in the presence of all God's people.***Ps. 116:12-14.*

With glad and humble hearts,

let us return to the Lord the gifts of our lives

and the labour of our hands.

HYMN

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

*During the singing of the hymn the gifts may be brought forward. If The Lord's Supper is to be celebrated, the gifts may be presented in the following order: first the bread and wine are placed on the Table, then the money is presented, and finally the ordinand accompanied by the clerk of presbytery.*

*The ordinand comes forward as a part of the procession and stands before the Moderator who leads the people, saying:*

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1. Do you believe in God the Father, made known in his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom the Holy Spirit witnesses in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

**I do.**

2. Do you accept the subordinate standards of this Church, promising to uphold its doctrine under the continual illumination and correction of the Holy Spirit speaking in Scriptures?

**I do.**

3. Do you accept the government of this Church by sessions, presbyteries, synods and general assemblies, and do you promise to share in and submit yourself to all lawful oversight therein, and to follow no divisive course but to seek the peace and unity of Christ among your people and throughout the Holy, Catholic Church?

**I do.**

4. Do you promise in the strength and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ to conduct yourself in your private and public life as becomes his gospel, and do you give yourself diligently and cheerfully to the service of Christ's word, sacraments and discipline, for the furtherance of his reconciling mission in the world?

**I do.**

May the Lord bless you and give you grace to fulfil these vows. **Amen.**

HYMN

*A hymn of the Spirit may be sung while the ordinand kneels in the designated place. The clergy participating in the laying on of hands stand around the ordinand.*

**Silence**

*The people remain standing and may offer silent prayer for the ordinand.*

**The Ordination Prayers**

*The Moderator leads in the prayers of ordination saying:*

We praise and glorify you,

Lord God Almighty,

that you have created us and called us to yourself;

you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ your Son;

you sustain our lives and our works

through the presence and power of your Holy Spirit.

We praise and glorify you,

Lord God Almighty,

that you have formed throughout the world

the church to be your chosen people,

a royal priesthood, a holy nation,

belonging to you alone

to declare the praises of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We praise and glorify you,

Lord God Almighty,

that in every age you have chosen servants

to speak your word

and to lead your people.

We give you thanks for your servant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

who has been called to be a minister of your church.

*The Moderator, followed by other ministers, places a hand on the head of the ordinand. The Moderator continues:*

Spirit of God,

rest upon your servant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

whom, with prayer and the laying on of hands,

we receive in your name

and ordain to the ministry of Word and Sacraments

in the holy, catholic church.

Spirit of God, anoint \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_with power

to proclaim the gospel

in word and sacrament,

in truth and love,

in the name of Jesus Christ.

Spirit of God, anoint \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with power

to announce forgiveness to the penitent,

to bind up the broken hearted,

to bring healing to the sick

in the name of Jesus Christ.

Spirit of God, anoint \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with power

to proclaim liberty to the captives of sin and death

and to challenge the oppressors of the weak

in the name of Jesus Christ.

Give to your servant, we pray,

good health of body, mind and spirit.

Give \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ strength and gladness,

willingness and usefulness,

patience and courage,

common sense and humour.

Be present through the joys and sorrows,

the doubts and the triumphs,

the certainties and the uncertainties

of the life and ministry to which you call \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Let \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ not easily be puffed up by the praise of others

nor easily depressed by the blame of others.

Hear our prayers, in the name of Jesus Christ, through whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*The ordinand stands. The people may be seated.*

**Declaration**

*The Moderator says:*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the only king and head of the church,

and by the authority of the Presbytery of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

I now declare you to have been ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacraments;

and I admit you to all the rights and privileges belonging to this office.

**Right Hand Of Fellowship**

As we welcome you to share in the ministry of Word and Sacraments,

we extend to you the right hand of fellowship.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*The Moderator, followed by all ministers present and the representative elders to presbytery will greet the newly ordained minister.*

**Signing The Formula**

*When members of presbytery have returned to their seats, the Moderator says:*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in signing The Formula, you testify that you adhere to those things declared and required in the Preamble and Questions at the ordination of a minister.

*The clerk directs the newly ordained minister to the table and book reserved for the signing of the formula.*

**The Charge**

*The newly ordained minister stands before the Moderator of Presbytery and such other representatives of the congregation and presbytery who are participating in the charge.*

*The people stand. The Moderator says:*

Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*Matt. 11:29-30.*

Tend the flock of God that is in your charge,

exercising the oversight,

not under compulsion but willingly, . . .

not for sordid gain but eagerly.

Do not lord it over those in your charge,

but be an example to the flock.  *I Peter 5:2-3.*

*Representatives of the congregation and presbytery will place the stole around the neck of the ordinand or give such other gift that is symbolic of the minister's role. The people say in unison:*

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*The service continues as planned.*

*For The Lord's Supper*

*For The Dismissal*