

Commissioning Litany

Leader: There are different gifts,

People: But it is the same Spirit that gives them.

Leader: There are different ways of serving God,

People: But it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through individuals in different ways,

People: But it is the same God who achieves God's purpose through them.

Leader: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

People: To use it for the common good.

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ,

People: And individually members of Christ.

Leader: Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make God's church useful in the world, and we call people to faith, so that, in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Creator. In that spirit, we are all called to serve.

People: Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free.

Leader: Speaking for the people of this congregation, I bring [Name of Candidate] to be ordained as a Minister of the Gospel. [Name of Candidate], God has called you to serve Jesus Christ in a special way. Do you trust in Jesus Christ as your savior, acknowledge him Lord of the world and head of the church, and through him believe in one God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer?

Candidate for Ordination: I do.

Leader: Do you accept the scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the church universal, and God's word to you?

Candidate for Ordination: I do.

Leader: Will you be a faithful minister, proclaiming the good news in word and ordinance, teaching faith and caring for people?

Candidate for Ordination: I will.

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, in every age you have chosen servants to speak your word, lead your loyal people and care for the hurting. We thank you for this one whom you have called to serve you. Give her special gifts to do her work; and fill her with the Holy Spirit, so that she may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be a faithful disciple as long as she shall live.

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