

Installation

P: Dear Christian friends: Baptized into the priesthood of Christ, we all are called to offer ourselves to the Lord of the Church in Thanksgiving for what he has done and continues to do for us. It is our privilege to recognize and support those who are engaged in the work of this congregation, especially those in the ministry of_____.

The following persons, having been elected (by the congregation) to the positions of leadership, are asked to come forward as their offices and names are read.

P: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ liberated you from sin and death and made you members of his Church. Through Word and Sacrament you have been nurtured in faith. I ask you, together with all who are here gathered, to confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we are baptized.

Creed

P: *St. Paul writes:* There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all. (1 Cor. 12:47)

You have been elected to, positions of leadership and trust in his congregation.

To Council

P: You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect him in whose name we gather. You are to work together with other members to see that the worship and work of Christ are done in this congregation and that God's will is done in this community and in the whole world. You are to be diligent in your specific area of serving, that the one Lord who empowers you is glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation.

P: On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully to r" 'n duties of the office to which you have been elected?

If so **answer in unison:**

Yes, by the help of God.

Congregation stand

P: People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized? If so **answer in unison: Yes, by the help of God.**

To Council

P: I now declare you installed as *officers/council members* of this congregation. God bless you with his Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ.

Amen.

Let Us Pray

P: For all who offer themselves in your name, we give thanks, O God. Give them the joy of service, and constant care and guidance. Help us all to be both willing servants and thankful recipients of ministry, that your name be glorified, your people live in peace, and your will be done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.