

*A Liturgy
for the Beginning of a New Ministry*



After the post-communion prayer, the Officiant addresses the congregation:

This morning, we welcome Sue as she begins her ministry among us.

The Officiant addresses Sue:

Sue, in the presence of this community,
do you commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

Sue responds:

I do.

Will you guard those placed in your care, nurture them in their faith, faithfully administer the sacraments, and proclaim the living Word among them?

Sue responds:

With the help of God, I will.

Will you carry out the tasks of your office,
and care for God's people in this place with love,
patience and understanding?

Sue responds:

With the help of God, I will.

*Sue steps aside, and the Officiant addresses the
congregation:*

Brothers and sisters, will you love and support Sue in
this ministry?

All respond:

With the help of God, we will

*Sue kneels before the Officiant and period of silence is
observed.*

The Officiant stretches out his hands over Sue, and all say:

May our blessed Lady pray for you.

May St Faith our Patron pray for you.

May St Francis, who bore

the marks of the Lord Jesus pray for you.

May the holy angels befriend you

and watch around you to protect you,

and may the Lord give you peace. Amen.

Sue faces the congregation for:
The Commissioning of the People
Sue addresses the people of St Faith's:

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, in prayer for one another and for the communities in which you live, work and serve?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and when you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak and seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, we will.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruits of the Spirit. **Amen.**

The notices follow here.

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