

Liturgy for Archdeacon Installation

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This has been most often done at the Sunday Eucharist right before the Gloria. However, we are now encouraging deacons' installations to be done at a festive office (i.e. Evensong) or a non-Sunday Eucharist so that our deacon's colleagues can attend.

In order for the deacon to fully participate in the service that follows, the Installation takes place immediately following the Opening Acclamation so that the deacon may receive the gospel book before the gospel reading in the service.

The Presider stands before the Archdeacon with the new Deacon and says:

Archdeacon _____, we have come together today to welcome the Reverend _____, who has been chosen to serve as Deacon of this church in the parish of _____.

The archdeacon reads the Letter of Assignment from the Bishop.

Archdeacon: My sisters and brothers in Christ, do you accept this deacon to serve among you?

People: We accept and welcome her.

Archdeacon: Will you work with her/him in the mission Christ has given you?

People: We will.

Archdeacon: N., in the presence of this congregation, do you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

Deacon: I do.

Presider: N., accept this Gospel Book and share the Good News with this congregation.

Archdeacon: Let us pray.

Heavenly Creator, whose blessed son came not to be served but to serve; bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, we may all minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of Him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Archdeacon: I invite you to greet your new Deacon.

The service continues with the Collect and the Liturgy of the Word.