

Readings and Psalms Suitable for the Celebration of a New Ministry

This list is intended to be helpful, but not restrictive. The Deacon, in consultation with the Officiant may choose readings representative of his or her ministry.

Old Testament Readings

Isaiah 61: 1-3 (The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me)

Jeremiah 1.4-9 (Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you)

Psalms and Suitable Refrains

84 (Happy are the people whose strength is in you)

119.33-40 (Give me life in your ways)

146 (God keeps his promise for ever or Alleluia)

New Testament Readings

Acts 6.1-4 (We will turn this responsibility over to them)

Romans 12.1-9 (We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us)

2 Corinthians 4.1-6 (We do not proclaim ourselves; but Jesus Christ as Lord)

Ephesians 4.7, 11-16 (To equip the saints for the work of ministry)

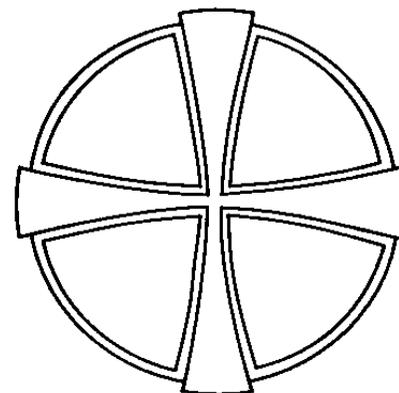
Gospel Readings

Luke 10.1-2 (The Lord appointed seventy others)

John 14.11-15 (If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it)

John 15.9-16 (Love one another)

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Diocese of Fredericton

The Deacon replies

Amen. May we find joy together in the service of Christ.

Officiant On behalf of the Bishop of Fredericton, I present to you Deacon *NN*.

The congregation may respond with a sign of welcome. The Regional Dean, Archdeacon or others present welcome the Deacon.

The Deacon says

Dear friends in Christ,
let us pray that this ministry we share
may accomplish the purpose of God's grace.
Let us pray for the world,
the universal Church,
and for ourselves.

Prayers of the People

A member of the community may lead the congregation in prayer. Intercession or thanksgiving may be offered for

*the Church
the Queen and all in authority
the world
the local community
those in need
the departed*

The Deacon may conclude the prayers with the following (or other suitable) collect.

It is a new beginning
because *N* brings particular gifts
to our common servant ministry together.
As we stand in God's presence
let us pray that grace will be given to *N*,
and to all of us in this ministry,
that we may fulfil the responsibilities
which are ours.

Silence is kept.

The Collect

The prayers, readings, and preface are normally those of the day. If the propers are inappropriate, those for Ember Days on page 395 of the Book of Alternative Services may be used, or a selection may be made from the list of readings following this rite.

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

A first reading as appointed.

Reader A reading from ...
At the conclusion of the passage, the reader says
The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may be kept. Then shall follow a psalm as appointed. On Sundays and major festivals a second reading as appointed is read.

Reader A reading from ...
At the conclusion of the passage, the reader says
The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may be kept. A psalm, canticle, hymn, or anthem may follow.

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The Gathering of the Community

All stand. The officiant greets the community.

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Or from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost,

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Officiant May his grace and peace be with you.

People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

The officiant may, in the following or similar words, introduce the theme of this celebration as that of the ministry of the whole people of God.

Officiant My brothers and sisters in Christ,
NN has been chosen to be Deacon of
this parish of *N*.
After prayerful consideration,
and according to the practice of this diocese,
the bishop has appointed *N*
to this position of service
in our common ministry.

This ministry continues the good work
done through the years in this community,
and is part of the work and witness
of the whole Church.

Almighty God,
you have given us grace at this time with one accord
to make our common supplications to you,
and you have promised through your well-beloved Son
that when two or three are gathered together
you will hear their requests.
Fulfil now our desires and petitions,
as may be best for us,
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,
and in the age to come eternal life;
for you, Father, are good and loving,
and we glorify you
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Officiant says

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The members of the community, ministers and people, may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The service may continue with the preparation of the gifts for the Eucharist.

All stand for the Gospel.

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

At the end of the Gospel, the reader says

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

A silence for reflection may follow.

The Officiant may then lead the recitation of the Apostles' Creed or the renewal of baptismal vows from the baptismal liturgy in the Book of Alternative Services.

Covenant in Ministry

Representatives of the deacon's discernment, vocational chaplain, mentor, and the Regional Dean, may say

I certify that the letters of appointment and license have been read in my presence.

The Officiant asks the incumbent (and assistant clergy in the parish)

Do you commit yourself (selves) to serve with *N* in this ministry in this place?

The incumbent (and assisting clergy) respond(s)

I do.

The Officiant asks the Deacon

Officiant Do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to the responsibility entrusted to you?

The Deacon replies

Deacon I do.

The officiant asks the congregation to stand and says

Officiant Do you, the people of the parish of *N*, commit yourselves to share with *N* in the servant ministry of this parish?

People **We do.**

The officiant asks visitors to stand, and says

As brothers and sisters in the body of Christ, will you support *N* and the parish of *N* in their servant ministry together?

People **We will.**

Representatives of the congregation may present any or all of the various symbols of the ministry.

Representative *N* receive this stole and be among us as a leader in our shared baptismal ministry.

Representative *N* receive this bible and be among us as a herald of God's Word and deeds.

Representative *N* receive this towel and basin and call us to service in Jesus' name.

Representative *N* receive this newspaper/magazine/journal and interpret to us the needs, hopes and concerns of the world.

Officiant *N*, let all these be signs of the ministry which is mine, the bishop's and yours, and is shared by all the people of God.