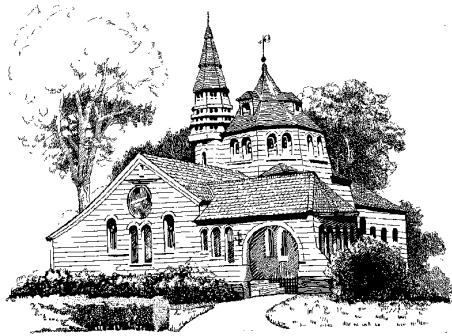


*Service  
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Installation*



# *A Service for Installation of Church Officers*

## *Opening Litany*

*Leader:* There are different gifts,  
**People:** But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

*Leader:* There are different ways of serving God,  
**People:** But it is the same Lord who is served.

*Leader:* God works through different persons in different ways.  
**People:** But it is the same God who achieves God's purpose through them all.

*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 the Body.

*Leader:* Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make Christ's church useful in the world, and we call men and women 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 Father.

*Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as ruling elders, remembering that our Lord Jesus said:*

*"Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and if you want to be first you must be attentive to all people!"*

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

## *Ritual of Installation*

### PRESENTATION OF ELDERS ELECT

*Allison Garth and Suzanne Parmly*

### QUESTION FOR ELDERS ELECT

*Do you welcome the work for which you have been chosen, and will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in his promises through Jesus Christ our Lord?*

**I do and I will.**

### QUESTIONS FOR CONGREGATION

a. *Do we, the members of the church, accept Allison Garth and Suzanne Parmly as Elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?*

**We do.**

b. *Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the church?*

**We do.**

## *Unison Prayer of Dedication*

*God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.*