

THE FORM OF
THE PUBLIC RECEPTION
OF PRESBYTERS

After suitable Services and a Sermon, the Presbyter to be received shall be presented to the Bishop officiating, by a Presbyter of this Church, as follows:

REVEREND Brother in Christ, I present unto you this godly and well-learned Presbyter, to be received into the Ministry of this Church.

Bishop. Reverend Brother, it has been duly certified to us that you have been Ordained to the Holy Ministry in the Church, and now desire to exercise your Ministry in this Church. Do you solemnly declare your belief in the Old and New Testaments, and in the Doctrines set forth in our Articles and Liturgy?

Answer. I do.

Bishop. Our help is in the Name of the LORD;

Answer. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Bishop. Let us pray.

All kneeling, and saying,

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

MOST merciful Father, we beseech thee to send upon this thy servant thy heavenly blessing; that he may be clothed with righteousness, and that thy Word spoken by his mouth may have such success that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also that the people to whom he may minister may have grace to hear and receive what he shall deliver out of thy most holy Word, or in agreement with the same, as the means of their salvation; so that all may seek thy glory, and the increase of thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

Then shall the officiating Bishop give him the Right Hand of Fellowship, saying,

BROTHER, take thou Authority to execute in this Church the Office of a Presbyter, to which thou hast already been Ordained, and be thou a faithful Dispenser of the Word of

God and of the Christian Sacraments: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then the Bishop, or a Presbyter appointed by him, shall deliver a suitable Charge to the newly received Presbyter; after which a Hymn may be sung, followed by Collects or Extemporaneous Prayer, closing with this Benediction:

GOD the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless you, and keep you; the LORD make his Face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the LORD lift up his Countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.