

Recognition of the Priest-In-Charge Ministry

This form is to be used following the homily (and Creed if being used) at a service of Holy Eucharist.

Symbols appropriate to the ministry may be given to the PIC by congregants.

The congregation being seated, the Officiant (ECCT staff member, Region Dean, or Region Archdeacon) stands in full view of the people. The PIC stands facing the officiant.

The Officiant says these or similar words

Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good.

A warden of the congregation

N. has been appointed to the ministry of Priest-in-Charge of this congregation.

People Praise be to God, who has called you to this service.

Symbols appropriate to the ministry of a Priest-in-Charge may be given at this time, using the form "[N.], we give you this ____ as a symbol of your ministry among us."

The following, or some other Collect may be used

Officiant Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Look with favor upon this servant whom you have called,
O God, and grant that they may be so filled with your
Holy Spirit that they may minister in their chosen task
with joy and steadfast devotion; through Jesus Christ
our Savior. *Amen.*

Then follows by the Officiant

In the Name of God, we recognize you, [N.], as Priest-in-
Charge of this congregation.

*If the Officiant is a bishop or priest, they may bless the Priest-
in-Charge at this time.*

Then follows by the Officiant

Friends in Christ, greet your new Priest-in-Charge.

Applause in appropriate.

*The service continues with the Prayers of the People and the exchange
of the Peace. A litany for the church, including local and regional intentions,
may be substituted for the Prayers of the People.*