

Induction of 2022 Christ Church Vestry

Brothers and sisters 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.

Our purpose today is to recognize and affirm the ministry for which the wardens and vestry of Christ Church have offered themselves. We ask God's blessings upon them in their newly accepted responsibilities, and to pledge them to our prayers and support in the extension of God's Kingdom.

The Wardens

Today, we are here to install into office the Church Wardens of this congregation and to ask God's blessings.

Greg, you have been appointed Rector's Warden of this congregation.

Barb, you have been elected People's Warden of this congregation.

Trish, you have been elected Associate Warden of this congregation.

I would remind you that the office of Church Warden is an ancient and honourable one, and carries with it not only dignity, but great responsibility. Each of you is possessed of equal authority, and yours is a joint and mutual responsibility.

Together with the Incumbent and the Vestry, it will be your duty to make provision for and to manage the temporalities of this church in accordance with the Canons and Bylaws of the Diocese of Edmonton.

I would add, also, that on account of the office you now hold, this congregation will look to you, not only for leadership in all that pertains to the good management and welfare of the temporalities of the parish, but also for example and encouragement in all efforts to promote the spiritual well-being of the congregation.

Before investing you of your office, may I ask if you accept this office of Church Warden in this church and the responsibilities pertaining thereto in accordance with the principles set forth in the Canons of this Diocese?

WARDEN: I do.

Incumbent: The Lord, who hath given you this good will, grant you grace to perform your duty to His glory and the welfare of this church and congregation. I install you as Rector's (and/or Peoples' and/or Associate) Warden of this parish of Christ Church. for the ensuing year, until a successor has been appointed or elected.

May you look well to the important duties of your office and may God's richest blessing rest upon you in your efforts to discharge the same.

The Vestry

Members of Vestry, you have been called to this ministry. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with care, to the honour of God and the benefit of the Church? Will you strive to hold before you the vision for ministry in this place, the care and concern of the community and the parishioners and will you seek God's will and guidance in all you do?

VESTRY MEMBERS: We will.

The presiding minister addresses the congregation.

Will you uphold *the vestry and wardens* in this service?

PEOPLE: We will.

The presiding minister continues,

O Lord, our God, whose blessed Son came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, we beseech Thee to bless all who, following in His steps, give themselves to the service of their fellow worshipers. We pray especially for those who are about to assume office in the government and work of this parish. Endue them with wisdom, patience and courage to strengthen the weak and raise up those who fall; that, being inspired by Thy Life, they may worthily minister in Thy Name to the suffering, the friendless and the needy; for the sake of Him who laid down His life for us, the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE: Amen

Announcements

Walking in Blessedness through Lent

Please join us Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the church for a meditative service of scripture, song, and Eucharist based on the Beatitudes led by Archdeacon Sue and Dr. Joy Berg. All are welcome.

Encanto: The Gift of God's Family

Every Sunday in Lent, at 9:30 am, join your church family in exploring our faith together with themes from the film *Encanto*. You can gather either on Zoom or in the Church Hall for a 15-minute activity and focus together. Email nick@trussell.ca for the Zoom link. For more information: <https://www.wonderworshipandplay.com/programs>