

Service of Commissioning: Altar Servers

RECTOR: Servers, you have come forward today to commit yourselves to the office of Server at the Lord's Table and to make promises of faithful service.

INSTALLATION OF NEW SERVERS

RECTOR: Do you desire to undertake this sacred responsibility and to enter the service of the guild?

CANDIDATE: I so desire.

RECTOR: Will you (*names*) be diligent in your duties and faithful in your commitment, recognizing that it is the Lord you serve?

CANDIDATE: I will so try, the Lord being my helper.

RECTOR: In the name of this congregation, I commend you to this office of Server in God's Church: and I present to you a medal as a symbol of your ministry, and to you we pledge our prayers, encouragement, and support.

INSTALLATION OF NEW TEAM CAPTAIN/HEAD SERVER

RECTOR: Do you (*name*) reaffirm your commitment to serving your Lord as a Server at the Altar and are you (*name*) so willing to take on the added responsibilities as (*Team Captain / Head Server*), being for your fellow Servers, a teacher, example, and friend?

SERVER: I will so try, the Lord being my helper.

RENEWAL OF VOWS FOR ALL SERVERS

RECTOR: Do you once again desire to continue in the office of Server for the new year?

SERVERS: I so desire.

RECTOR: Will you continue to try to faithfully execute your responsibilities as a member of this Parish Guild?

SERVERS: I will so try, the Lord being my helper.

RENEWAL OF VOWS FOR HEAD SERVER

RECTOR: Do you (*name*) reaffirm your commitment to serving your Lord as a Server at the Altar and are you (*name*) so willing to take on the added responsibilities as Head Server, being for your guild, a teacher, example, and friend?

HEAD SERVER: I will so try, the Lord being my helper.

RECTOR: May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this end in all things you may do God's will in the service of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER AND BLESSING FOR ALL ALTAR SERVERS

RECTOR: Let us offer up our prayers as ministers of God's Church commending these Servers to their work.

SERVERS: Almighty God, who has called me to the sacred office of a Server in your church, I pray that you may guide, strengthen and bless me by my service in your House and by my daily life, please you and give glory to your presence, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

RECTOR: Almighty God, look with favour upon these persons who have now affirmed their commitment to serve you as a Server at your Table. Give them the courage, patience and wisdom; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.