

# ELDER INSTALLATION

[Congregation remains standing]

## Welcome

Today, with great joy, we get to receive [NAME] as an elder, a pastor of [CHURCH NAME].

## Opening Liturgy

*Leader:*

There is but one Good Shepherd.

*Congregation:*

**Our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Leader:*

The sheep hear his voice,  
and he calls his own sheep by name  
and leads them out.

*Congregation:*

**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.  
He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.**

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.**

*Leader:*

The Lord Jesus, who so loves his Bride  
that he gave himself up for her

and still now washes her with the water of his grace,  
as the Head of the Church,  
her Chief Shepherd,  
gives to her undershepherds—pastors, to care for the sheep,  
even as they are sheep themselves.

***Congregation:***  
**Thanks be to God.**

[You may be seated]

## **Introductions**

This morning we are pleased to install,  
[NAME] as an elder [show picture, brief comments on family],

The pastors or elders of a church are to be qualified, faithful men according to 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1, who will stand before God and give an account for the people of [CHURCH NAME], according to Hebrews 13.

This is both a solemn and joyful occasion.

## **Vows**

And so [NAME]:

Will you teach us,  
whether many or one on one,  
In sermons and prayers and counsel,  
The Gospel of Jesus Christ?  
*(1 Tim. 4:11-16, Acts 20:20)*

**I will, by God's grace.**

Will you shepherd us,  
not for shameful gain, but eagerly;  
not domineeringly, but gently,  
being examples to the flock?

*(1 Pet. 5:1-3)*

**I will, by God's grace.**

Will you pray for us,  
interceding on our behalf,  
that we might comprehend with all the saints,  
the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,  
that we may be filled with all the fullness of God?  
*(Eph. 3:14-19)*

**I will, by God's grace.**

[To the congregation]

Church, will you be subject to him,  
clothing yourselves in humility  
even to one another,  
obeying your leaders,  
letting them serve you with joy,  
and not with groaning,  
since this would not be of advantage to you?  
*(1 Pet. 5:5, Heb. 13:17)*

**We will, by God's grace.**

## **Prayer of Installation**

[current elders lay hands]

Gracious Father,  
Thank you for the gift of this man,  
who your Holy Spirit has made an overseer  
to care for Christ's church,  
which he obtained with his own blood.

Grant him strength and wisdom,  
to equip the saints for the works of ministry,

for building up the body of Christ,  
until we all attain to the unity of the faith  
and of the knowledge of the Son of God,  
so that we may no longer be children,  
tossed to and fro by the waves  
and carried about by every wind of doctrine.

Grant him humility and affection for us,  
that they may pay careful attention to themselves  
and to all the flock,  
that the body might grow,  
being built up in love.

Amen.

### **Declaration of Installation**

In the name of the Lord Jesus,  
the Chief Shepherd of the Church,  
on behalf of the pastors of [CHURCH NAME]  
I install [NAME],  
as an elder.

Church, will you welcome your new elder?

[give gifts to new elder]