



## THE ORDINATION VOWS

Recalling your baptism, we ask you to affirm again your faith in one God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — and your commitment to following Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord.

Recognising your call, we ask you to affirm your trust in God's promises:

- that through the ministry of preaching, God's Word will accomplish its task among us;
- that in celebration of the Lord's Supper and Baptism, God will be present to nourish us for eternal life;
- that through the ministry of pastoral care, God will build us up to the full stature of Christ;
- and that through the work of mission, God will establish God's kingdom in our local neighbourhoods and beyond

Will you now take your ordained place among the people of God, as an agent and sign of the good news of Jesus Christ, serving them and not lording it over them, leading them in humility, compassion and patience?

Will you faithfully proclaim the living Word of God, the faith received from the apostles and handed down to us in the Holy Scriptures?

Will you faithfully lead God's people in celebrating the presence of their Living Lord as they gather around Word and Water, Wine and Bread?

Will you faithfully care for God's people, welcoming the stranger and binding up the broken-hearted, loving them, as does the Good Shepherd, to whom they belong?

Will you faithfully disciple God's people to carry out the mandate to advance the Kingdom of God in your local neighbourhood and beyond?

Will you honour the integrity of the body of Christ, taking your place in all humility alongside your co-workers from every church that proclaims the Lordship of Jesus Christ?