



Litany of Welcome

For the beginning of the Interim Journey.

(Can be amended to suit the season)

Leader 1:

A church family is constantly changing. We come to different times and seasons, periods of growth and transition. People come and go in our church life. It is important and right that we recognise these times of change, of endings and new beginnings, and that we mark them.

Today we share a time of welcome, with Revd XX, whose time as our interim minister begins. We welcome her/him and the process that s/he brings.

Leader 2:

Revd XX, in the presence of this congregation will you commit yourself to this new task and responsibility and promise to discharge your duties in harmony with the constitutions of the church?

Interim Minister:

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Leader 1:

Will you love, serve and pray for these people of God, nourishing them with word and holy sacraments, and lead them forward during this important time of change?

Interim Minister:

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Leader 2:

Will you lead this people in giving faithful witness to the word and making known the love of God through loving each other and this community of (Parish)?

Interim Minister:

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Leader 1:

May Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, give you with the power of his spirit so that you might perform them with strength and compassion.

All: Amen

Leader 2:

I ask all of you now, people of (Parish/church), will you receive this messenger of Christ, Revd XX, who continues the work of bringing the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard her as a fellow servant of Christ and work with her in the ministry of this parish?

All: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Leader 1:

Will you pray for her/him, encourage and honour her/him and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

All: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Leader 2:

By your statements of commitment and the affirmation of this congregation, we welcome you as interim minister in the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen