

**DEDICATION OF WARDENS, PARISH
COUNCIL, SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES,
PARISH NOMINATORS, AND SAFE
MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVE**

GREETING: The Lord be with you
 And also with you

We come together today to commission the
Wardens, Parish Council, Synod Representatives,
Parish Nominators, and Safe Ministry
Representative.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has
welcomed you, for the glory of God. *Rm.15.7*

OPENING PRAYER:

Let us pray:

There are diverse gifts:
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God:
but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through people in different ways:
**but it is the same God whose purpose is
achieved in them all.**

Each one of us is given a gift by the Spirit:
**and there is no gift without its corresponding
service.**

There is one ministry in Christ:
and in this ministry we all share.

Together we are the Body of Christ:
and individually members of it.

Based on 1 Corinthians 12:4ff

1st READING: PHILIPPIANS 1: 3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

For the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 15: 12-17

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

For the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

COMMISSIONING:

L. O Lord our God, in your wisdom you have brought these your servants to ministry within the Parish of St. Paul's Burwood. Pour out upon them your Holy Spirit.

Encourage them that they may be enabled to fulfil their ministry in all faithfulness, diligence and courage.

Give them the spirit of power and of love and conviction.

Enable them to endure in the face of difficulty and opposition and to proclaim fearlessly your word to both the Church and community, caring for people as Christ has cared for us.

ALL: God of peace, we have entrusted these people with various tasks within this Parish. Enable us to be forthright in our support of them and diligent in our prayers for them.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L. May the life of this Parish be intertwined with the Spirit, so your Church may bring forth the fruits of Unity and Peace.

ALL: God of grace, you call us all to ministry as ambassadors for Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us understanding and courage, patience and grace, that with joy we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER OF COMMITTAL

Into your hands, O God, we commit this your world, this your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed, and to suffer death upon the Cross. Into your hands we commit all the problems which seem insoluble, in sure and certain hope; for in you is our trust. Here and now, we lay all in your hands. All love, all glory, be unto you, for ever and ever. Amen.