**Welcome of Newly Licensed Readers**

It is customary for those admitted as Readers and Liscensed as Lay Ministers to be welcomed formally by their congregations on the Sunday following the service and to read aloud their licences.

This form of words may be used:

The president says

I present to you N who was [admitted and] licensed as a Reader / Licensed Lay Minister by the Bishop of N in the cathedral yesterday. Will you welcome and uphold him/her in his/her new ministry for Christ?

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**With the help of God, we will.**

The Reader reads out the licence, and may be invited to give testimony.

The president may pray for the new Reader / Licensed Lay Minister.

The president may introduce the Peace in these or other suitable words

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**