

CONCERNING THE CONSECRATION AND DEDICATION OF A PLACE OF WORSHIP

Pastor opens the service with a greeting (This is especially important because of the visitors likely to be attending the service)

Praise & Worship

Offering

Prayer

O Eternal God, mighty in power, of majesty incomprehensible, whom the heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands: You have graciously promised your holy presence wherever two or three of your faithful servants gather together in the Name of your son. Be present with us who now come with humility and gratitude to consecrate this place to the honor of your great Name. We dedicate it to the work of your kingdom: for reading your most holy Word, for celebrating your holy Sacraments, for offering to your glorious prayer and thanksgiving, for the blessing of your people, and for the mission of your Church. Accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and fill this place with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Hymn or Song

Scripture Reading: Psalm 122:1-9 and/or Psalm 48:9-14

One or more of these prayers of Thanksgiving the Pastor or other representative of the Congregation

Everliving Father, watchful and caring, our source and our end: All that we are and all that we have is yours. Hear us now, as we dedicate this place to which we come to praise your Name, to ask your forgiveness, to know your healing power, to hear your Word, and to be nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and to judge, to illumine and to bless your people.

Lord Jesus Christ, make this a temple of your presence and a house of prayer. Be always near us when we seek you in this place. Draw us to yourself to find comfort and wisdom, to be supported and strengthened, and to rejoice and give thanks. Grant, Lord Christ, that here we may be united with you and with one another, so that our lives may be sustained and sanctified for your service.

Holy Spirit, open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts, that we may grow closer to you through joy and through suffering. Be with us in the fullness of your power as new members are added to God's household, as we grow in grace through the years, when we are joined in Holy Matrimony, when we turn to you in sickness or special need, and, at the last, when we are committed into the Father's hands.

Sermon by Pastor or invited representative of FCF

Closing Scripture: Psalm 27:4-5

Prayer of Dedication by Pastor or invited representative of FCF

In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord and saviour, I, _____ by divine grace, by virtue of the spiritual authority entrusted to me, now therefore consecrate this Place of Worship, setting it apart from unhallowed and profane use, and dedicating it to Almighty God for the ministration of his holy Word and Sacraments, for building up the Body of Christ, for the mission of the Church, and for public worship. *All gathered respond, saying **Amen***

Additional Scriptures for Church Dedication

Psalm 100

1 Chronicles 29:15-19

2 Chronicles 6

Psalm 122