

# Reception into Full Connexion and Conference Worship 2024 Order of Service

## Welcome

The President, Vice-President and the Secretary of the Conference enter in silence.

## Call to Worship

Leader: We come in this service to God, bringing our stories, our lives, and ourselves.

**All: Amen**

Leader: We come to God, who has come to us in Jesus, and who travels with us through our daily lives.

**All: Amen**

## Hymns

During the first hymn those being Received into Full Connexion enter and take their seats

**Hymn: StF 116: Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation**

**Hymn: StF 65: Sing of the Lord's goodness**

**Bidding Prayer** led by the President of the Conference

We seek God's blessing on this day, these people, this world and so we open our hearts and lives and seek God in prayer.

**Prayers of Adoration, Praise and Confession** led by the Vice-President of the Conference

Praise the Lord, all you nations

**Praise God, all you people!**

Great is God's love towards us

**God's faithfulness shall last for ever.**

Praise the Lord

**Amen**

**Hymn: StF 343: All my days**

**Reading:** Jeremiah 31:31-34 (in Cantonese with English translation)

**Hymn: StF 755: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**A reading from the Gospel according to John**

Hear the Gospel of Christ  
**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

John 15:1-4

This is the Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**Hymn: StF 755: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Sermon** - the President of the Conference

**Hymn: StF 562: O God, what offering shall I give?**

**Marking the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Ordination to the Presbyterate**

**Introduction** – Secretary of the Conference

**Prayer (said by women presbyters)**

**In God's image we were created,  
In God's name we are called.  
In God's family we abide,  
In God's service we endure.**

**Reading:** Galatians 3:26-29

All are invited to stand

**Prayer (said by all)**

**In God's image we were created,  
In God's name we are called.  
In God's family we abide,  
In God's service we endure.**

For all that has been  
**We give thanks.**

For all that shall be  
**We trust God.**

**Amen**

**Prayers of intercession** led by the Vice-President and the Youth President

*Sung Response:*

***Lord hear our prayer,  
we hear your promise to us,  
take the bad from this world,  
and help us build your kingdom here.***

**The Lord's Prayer in the form of StF 763:**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.**

**Amen**

**Dedication of the offering**

**Hymn: StF 681: Community of Christ**

**RECEPTION INTO FULL CONNEXION AS PRESBYTERS OR DEACONS**

**THE ORDER OF PRESBYTER:**

*Reception of ordinands into Full Connexion and reception of presbyters into Full Connexion by transfer*

**THE ORDER OF DEACON:**

*Reception of deacons into Full Connexion*

**The Vice-President addresses all those who have been received into Full Connexion**

**Time of quiet and prayer for those Received into Full Connexion**

**Hymn: StF 658 - A charge to keep I have**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment – the President of the Conference**

Gracious God, we give you thanks that in every generation you call people to serve you in ministry and mission.

We thank you for the faithfulness of the presbyters and deacons received today into Full Connexion with the Methodist Conference, who have answered your call to serve your Church as presbyters and deacons.

**We commit ourselves to pray for them.**

Gracious God, we give you thanks that you call every Christian, lay and ordained, to share in mission together.

We thank you for our calling as a church and as disciples to work together in acts of service, learning, caring and evangelism.

May we bring hope and transformation to your world.

**We commit ourselves to respond to your call.**

In all things, it is on you that we depend.

By your grace, send your Holy Spirit, that we might be inspired to acts of love and service, in the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**Hymn**

**StF: 186 - Tell out my soul**