

### **Welcome to a new deacon**

President: Brothers and sisters in Christ, I present to you Simon whom our bishop has ordained to the order of deacon within the Church of God and licensed to serve in this parish. I ask you to accept his ministry among us, to welcome him into your homes and hearts and strengthen him by your love and prayers.

**All: We welcome you, Simon, as a fellow worker in the service of the Lord. May God richly bless you and make you a blessing among us, and among all with whom you work.**

### **At the presentation of a stole**

Receive the stole of your office as a deacon. As you take up responsibility in the Church of God, remember that Our Lord's yoke is easy, his burden is light.

Deacon: Amen.

### **At the presentation of a New Testament**

Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you now are.

Believe what you read, teach what you believe and practise what you teach.

Deacon: Amen.

### **At the presentation of jug and bowl**

Receive these symbols of the deacon's vocation to serve, as our Lord washed his disciples' feet. Do not be afraid to tackle any task in the service of the community, as an example to us all.

Deacon: Amen.

### **At the presentation of a prayer book**

Receive this book of daily prayers. Please be a person of prayer. As you support us by your prayers, so we shall support you with ours.

Deacon: Amen.

### **At the presentation of church keys**

Receive the keys to this church. Welcome people into this holy place, help them to unlock the mysteries of salvation, and be open-minded and open-hearted.

Deacon: Amen.

President: May the boldness of God's Spirit transform you, the gentleness of God's Spirit lead you, and the gifts of God's Spirit equip you to serve and worship him, now and always. **Amen.**