



# the Company of Servers

## Rite of Admission

*It is envisaged that admission will take place within the context of the Eucharist.  
Following the homily those to be admitted stand before the Chaplain with their sponsor(s).*

**Chaplain** I will go to the altar of God. **All** **Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.**

**Chaplain** Our help is in the name of the Lord **All** **Who has made heaven and earth.**

**Sponsor** Father/Mother, I present to you *N (and N)* who desire(s) to be admitted to the Company of Servers.

**Chaplain** Members of the Company of Servers believe that the churches of the Anglican Communion are part of the one holy catholic and apostolic church, ordaining men and women to serve as deacons, priests and bishops in the church of God, believe in the real presence of the risen Lord Jesus in the Eucharist, recognise and use according to their conscience the seven sacraments of the church and undertake to keep the rule of life of the Company.  
Do you accept these things?

**Candidate(s)** I do.

**Chaplain** Companions seek to assist the clergy in presenting and offering the worship of Almighty God and enabling the congregation to share in the liturgy. They do so with reverence and respect, knowing that the things they touch are holy and that the one we serve is the Lord and servant of all. In addition, through prayer and the reading of the scriptures and by mutual support and encouragement they aim to fashion their living according to the pattern we see in Christ.  
Do you aspire to this way of life?

**Candidate(s)** I do.

**The Chaplain gives a badge to each Companion and says to each:**

*N*, I admit you into the Company of Servers in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All** **Amen.**

**Chaplain** Gracious Father, you call the whole creation to worship around your throne, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven. At the Eucharist you invite us to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of Christ, the Lamb before whom all the white-robed elders bow. As you invite us to minister in your sanctuary, make us worthy of our calling to serve at your altar reverently, attentively and devoutly, in body, mind and heart.

**All** **Bless the Company of Servers and equip us all to show forth in our lives the fruits of adoration and to bring others closer to you as we help them to pray. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.**

*The Eucharist continues with the Peace.*