

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The deacon of the week is responsible for the Prayer of Dedication. This prayer is situated near the end of worship after the Offertory, immediately following the Doxology/Hymn of Dedication.

The overarching purpose of the Prayer of Dedication is to offer praise and thanksgiving to God for the blessings of life, and for our redemption. As well, it is a prayer by which we offer ourselves, our lives, and the fruit of our labors in Christ.

Together with these specific themes, you should aim for brevity and clarity, keeping in mind that the Prayer of Dedication is situated not long after the Prayers of the People, a longer and more comprehensive, intercessory prayer.

As you prepare, you're encouraged to draw inspiration from the Psalms, specifically Psalms of Thanksgiving (ex: Ps 8, 9, 29, 30, 40, 66, 100, 103-05, 113, 117, 126, 133, 135, 138-39, and 145-50), as well as other prayers and expressions of praise and thanksgiving in Scripture, the lectionary readings for the given day, and the liturgical seasons of the church year, (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, etc.).