

## **Service of re-dedication or opening of a new building**

The construction work is now complete  
The task of building God's Kingdom continues anew

**Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labour in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
And his courts with praise  
**Give thanks to him and bless his name  
For the Lord is good and his love is everlasting.**

Members of *(church name)*  
God has called you to be His Holy Temple.  
Built together to become a dwelling in which He can live by his Spirit  
Do you commit yourselves afresh to work together,  
To be a living demonstration of God's presence in this place?

**Christ the cornerstone  
Foundation and master builder  
Make us into what You would have us be**

Do you accept this building as a gift from God;  
That it may be a place of worship to Father, Son and Holy Spirit;  
A place of proclamation of the Good news of Jesus to the world;  
A place of fellowship and instruction for all who are seeking to live as disciples of Christ;  
A place of activity, that all who are needy, may experience love of Christ in action?

**We open these doors  
And the doors of our hearts**

**That all who come seeking  
May find Christ in this place**

Members of the wider community and friends of this church  
As you celebrate with us the opening of this building  
Will you welcome and respect it as part of this neighbourhood  
Will you support us as we seek to care for it and offer it as a centre of Christian community?

**We welcome you as neighbours  
And support you as fellow citizens  
May you find favour with all people  
And may your work prosper**

*Prayer*

Welcoming and generous God  
May the door of this house we have raised be wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship and your loving care  
May it be narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and hate  
May its windows be high enough to radiate your glory to the world  
And low enough for us to see through them the needs of the people around us  
May its walls be strong enough to provide shelter and refuge for all who seek it  
And weak enough to never contain the possibilities of the Gospel in this place  
Living, Loving, Redeeming God  
May this place be a gateway to your eternal Kingdom  
Through Christ our Lord  
AMEN