

AN ORDER OF FAREWELL TO CHURCH MEMBERS

This is an act of public farewell to a church member or family moving to another community.

In any liturgy of the assembled congregation, as a Response to the Word, or at some other suitable point in the service, the Dean calls forward the person who is moving to be recognized. He faces the congregation.

The pastor may briefly describe the contributions of the person to the congregation and then proceed with this order.

The Dean:

The church is a family.

United by baptism and the common recognition of Jesus Christ
as Lord and Savior, we are all brothers and sisters.

And, for a time, Christ Church Cathedral is our home.

Like every human family,

our church family is formed and reformed over time:

as members are born, as they die,

as members are adopted into our family,

and as they leave our congregation for a new home, in a
different place.

For a time, Scott Smith has lived with us.

We have shared each other's joys and sorrows,

we have lightened each other's heavy loads.

Together we have laughed and cried,

together we have worshiped and praised God,

together we have followed Christ as his disciples.

Congregation:

We feel sorrow in your leaving,

**yet we rejoice with you in anticipation of the new chapter
of ministry that awaits you at Trinity Church Wall
Street.**

We will miss your love and support,

yet we know you will add much to the lives

**of those who await you, just as you have added
much to our lives.**

We will pray for you as we pray for the whole family of God.

The Dean:

Let us pray:

O God, you are the strength and the protector of your people.
We humbly place in your hands Scott Smith of this Cathedral
congregation who is about to leave us.

Keep and preserve him, O Lord,
in all health and safety, both of body and soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scott, our prayers go with you. Amen.