

Rite of Blessing for the Engineering Suite

Sign of the Cross

Deacon: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Introduction to the Blessing

Deacon: All learning must have as its final purpose to bring us to a knowledge of the truth and to the worship of the one true God. Today we ask God's blessing on this facility which will be a place of learning for our Engineering students.

We ask that the Engineering staff entrusted with the education of our students may always teach them to join the discoveries of human wisdom with the truth of the Gospel to keep the faith and live up to it in their lives, always at the service of the common good.

Opening Prayer

Deacon: Let us pray.

O God of abundance, your dream for us is that we grow in our knowledge and experience of you. Be with us today as we come together to celebrate this new facility that will enhance the learning and building up of this community.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Reading *Exodus 35:31-32, 35*

Deacon: My friends, from the book of Exodus we read:

‘And he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze... He has filled them with skill to do every sort of work done by an engraver or by a designer or by an embroiderer in blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, or by a weaver—by any sort of workman or skilled designer.’

Deacon: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A brief reflection.

Prayers of Intercession

Deacon: On this day, when we celebrate the opening of this new facility, let us raise our voices in prayer.

Reader: We pray for leaders of technology, that they may seek the flourishing of all and the protection of the environment for the common good. Lord, in your mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray for our engineering students, that the Spirit of God may grant them the gifts of wisdom and understanding as they grow in their knowledge, understanding and skills. Lord, in our mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray for our engineering staff, that they may share their knowledge with courage, patience, and concern for their students. Lord, in your mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray for the parents, friends and benefactors of our sixth forms community. May we work together to make God's Kingdom more visible in our world. Lord, in your mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: O God of wisdom and love, you understand our every need even before we ask. Show us your goodness in answer to these prayers, so that the benefits of this new facility will be reflected in lives of goodness and truth shown through creativity and craftsmanship.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Prayer of Blessing

Deacon: Let us pray.

Lord God, in your kindness hear the prayers of this community. We dedicate this facility to the education and well-being of the present and future students of Christ the King Emmanuel. Bless this place and all who use it.

May it be a place where students and teachers will discover the creative presence of the Spirit, working through the wonder of technology, for the benefit of humanity and the world. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Holy water is sprinkled on those present and the area.

Blessing and dismissal

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Deacon: May the Lord bless and keep you.

May his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May he look upon you with kindness, and give you his peace.

All: **Amen.**

Deacon: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, +
and the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Deacon: Go in peace.

All: **Thanks be to God.**