Litany of Dedication

Of Sanctuary Furniture (Pulpit, Communion Table)

Leader:	What is this place?
People:	Only a building, but when we gather here, God's name is praised.
Leader:	What are these things?
People:	Only wood and nails, but in this place they serve us as we praise God's name.
Leader:	We dedicate this furniture to the proclaiming of God's word, in Scripture and
	preaching, in poetry and song, in sharing and prayer.
People:	May we, too, be instruments that proclaim your word, o God, with our
	mouths and with our lives.
Leader:	We dedicate this furniture to engaging with God's word, in sight, sound, smell,
	taste, and touch, as we share the Lord's Supper, light the light of Christ, or con-
	template a work of art.
People:	May we always seek to engage with your word, o God, as we ask questions,
	exercise creativity, and wonder at your mysteries.
Leader:	We dedicate this furniture to our living of God's word, as we go from here in-
	spired, challenged, comforted, or wondering, as we remain on the look-out for
	God's presence in every place we go.
People:	May we remember that as you call us, o God, you send us. As we are called to
	this place, it is to be sent out again, to proclaim your word with our lives, to
	engage your word with our minds and hearts, and to live your word with our
	whole selves.
Leader:	We pray this dedication in the name of Jesus, a carpenter, our Lord, who took
	simple things and helped us to see God.
All:	Amen

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