

**priest**

- [pri:st] *n*
  - 1) священник (*особ. католический*)  
parish priest - кюре
  - 2) *книжн.* священнослужитель
  - 3) *пренебр.* поп
- жрец  
high priest - верховный жрец
- дубинка для глушения рыбы  
◇ like priest, like реоре - *посл.* каков поп, таков и приход

- [pri:st] *v*
  1. *обыкн. pass* посвящать в священники
  2. выполнять обязанности священника; выступать в качестве священника

**priest** Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**priest** [priest priests priested priesting] *BrE* [priɒst] *NAmE* [priɑst] **noun**

- a person who is qualified to perform religious duties and ceremonies in the Roman Catholic, Anglican and Orthodox Churches
  - a parish priest
  - the ordination of women priests

**compare** †chaplain, †clergyman, †minister, †vicar

- (*feminine priest-ess BrE* ['priɒsteɪ] ; *NAmE* ['priɑsteɪ] ) a person who performs religious ceremonies in some religions that are not Christian

Word Origin:  
Old English prēost, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **priester**, German **Priester**, based on ecclesiastical Latin **presbyter 'elder'**, from Greek **presbuteros 'elder'** (used in the New Testament to denote an elder of the early church), comparative of **presbus 'old (man)'**.

Example Bank:

- He was considered the high priest of finance at that time.
- a ceremony led by the High Priest
- the priest who was celebrating Mass

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**priest** **W3** /priɒst *BrE* *AmE* **noun** [countable]

[**Language:** Old English; **Origin:** preost, from Late Latin presbyter, from Greek presbyteros '*older man, priest*', from presbys '*old man*']

- someone who is specially trained to perform religious duties and ceremonies in the Christian church
- a man with religious duties and responsibilities in some non-Christian religions

**THESAURUS**

- **priest** someone who is specially trained to perform religious duties and ceremonies in the Christian church: a Catholic priest | a Buddhist priest | Women priests are much more common these days. | The priest who married us was very friendly and helpful.
- **bishop** a priest of high rank in some branches of the Christian church, who is the head of all the churches and priests in a large area: the Bishop of Oxford | a meeting of bishops
- **vicar** a priest in the Church of England who is in charge of a church in a particular area: our local vicar
- **preacher** someone who gives the sermon (=a religious talk as part of a church service) in some Protestant churches: a Methodist preacher
- **minister** the formal word for any priest in some branches of the Christian church: In 1843, 450 ministers of the church broke away from the established church of Scotland.
- **chaplain** someone, especially a priest, who takes care of the religious needs of an organization such as a college, hospital, prison, or the military: the prison chaplain
- **pastor** *American English* someone who is in charge of the prayers, ceremonies etc in some branches of the Protestant church: a Baptist pastor
- **rabbi** the person who is in charge of the prayers, ceremonies etc in the Jewish religion: Israel's chief rabbis
- **mullah** a Muslim teacher of law and religion: The people turned to their traditional leaders, the mullahs.
- **holy man** someone who is treated with great respect by people who belong to a religion: A Sadhu, or Hindu holy man, was performing yoga on the banks of the River Ganges.
- **the clergy** the official leaders in organized religions, such as the priests, rabbis, and mullahs: Around 30 members of the clergy gathered for the meeting.
- **clergyman** a male member of the clergy – used especially in the past: His youngest son decided to become a clergyman.

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