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## foreword

The offices and blessings contained in this Ritual were adapted from the western forms in use for centuries before 1958. Some were revised by a committee consisting of Fathers Chambault, Turner, Schmemmann, Schneirla and Upson and were authorized in 1952 for official use in the Western Rite Vicariate by the late Metropolitan Anthony Bashir of thrice-blessed memory. In his original preface he noted that the forms for Christian Initiation were approved in 1911 by Metropolitan Gerassimos (Messarah) of Beirut with whom the young Deacon Anthony Bashir first came to the United States.

Revisions have been confined to such matters as flawed pneumatology, the removal of references to persons venerated for careers outside of the Church, and doctrines or opinions alien to Orthodoxy.

The Very Reverend Paul Schneirla  
Vicar General  
1993

*This new edition is dedicated to Fr. Paul Scheirla, in grateful recognition of his support of the Western Rite from before it was received into the Archdiocese in 1958. May God continue to grant him "many years."*

*This Ritual has been revised according to the practical needs of our parishes and includes a number of services and blessings not previously available. While, depending on circumstances, some services will not be sung, most of the material in this work has been pointed for chanting. May Almighty God, who nourishes and restores His people through the Holy Mysteries, hear our prayer and praise.*

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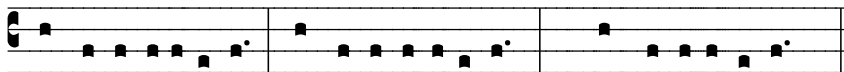
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# THE ORDER FOR THE BAPTISM OF AN INFANT

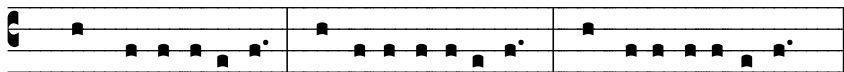
*The clean Baptismal Font is filled with clear water. The container for salt and the phials of Holy Chrism and Oil of Catechumens are placed nearby. The Priest, with acolytes and other clergy, the Cross and candles going before, and with thurible and incense, comes to the Font, and there, or before the Altar of the Baptistry, says the Litanies. Note that when previously blessed water is available the service may begin with the questioning at the Doors of the Church, p. 7.*

## LITANY OF THE SAINTS

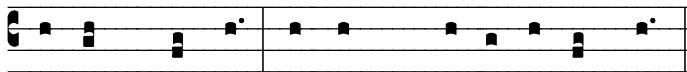
*Priest (or cantor):*      *People:*      *Priest (or cantor), etc:*



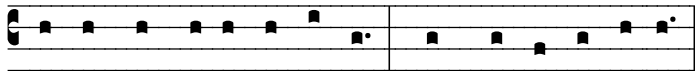
Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. **Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.** Chris-te e-le-i-son.



**Chris-te e-le-i-son.** Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. **Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.**



O Christ, hear us. **O Christ, graciously hear us.**

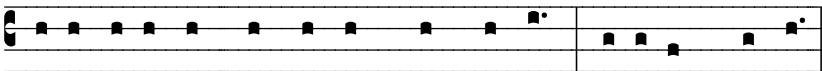


O God the Father of / heaven, **have mercy upon us.**  
O God the Son, Redeemer of the / world, **have mercy upon us.**  
O God the Holy / Ghost, **have mercy upon us.**  
Holy Trinity, one / God, **have mercy upon us.**

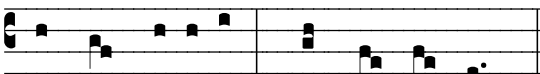


Holy Ma/ry, **pray for us.**

Holy Mother of / God, **pray...** Holy Virgin of / virgins, **pray...** St. / Michael, **pray...** St. / Gabriel, **pray...** St. / Raphael, **pray...** All ye holy Angels and Arch/angels, **pray...** All ye holy orders of blessed / Spirits, **pray...** St. John the / Baptist, **pray...** St. / Joseph, **pray...** All ye holy Patriarchs and / Prophets, **pray...** St. / Peter, **pray...** St. / Paul, **pray...** St. / Andrew, **pray...** St. / James, **pray...** St. / John, **pray...** St. / Thomas, **pray...** St. / James, **pray...** St. / Philip, **pray...** St. Bar/tholomew, **pray...** St. / Matthew, **pray...** St. / Simon, **pray...** St. / Jude, **pray...** St. Mat/thias, **pray...** St. / Barnabas, **pray...** St. / Luke, **pray...** St. / Mark, **pray...** All ye holy Apostles and Ev/angelists, **pray...** All ye holy Disciples of the / Lord, **pray...** All ye holy / Innocents, **pray...** St. / Stephen, **pray...** St. / Laurence, **pray...** St. / Vincent, **pray...** St. Fabian and St. Se/bastian, **pray...** St. John and St. / Paul, **pray...** St. Cosmas and St. / Damian, **pray...** St. Gervase and St. / Protase, **pray...** All ye holy / Martyrs, **pray...** St. Sil/vester, **pray...** St. / Gregory, **pray...** St. / Ambrose, **pray...** St. Au/gustine, **pray...** St. Je/rome, **pray...** St. / Martin, **pray...** St. / Nicholas, **pray...** All ye holy Bishops and Con/fessors, **pray...** All ye holy / Doctors, **pray...** St. / Anthony, **pray...** St. / Benedict, **pray...** All ye holy Priests and / Levites, **pray...** All ye holy Monks and / Hermits, **pray...** St. Mary / Magdalen, **pray...** St. / Agatha, **pray...** St. / Lucy, **pray...** St. / Agnes, **pray...** St. Ce/cilia, **pray...** St. / Catherine, **pray...** St. Ana/stasia, **pray...** All ye holy Virgins and / Widows, **pray...**

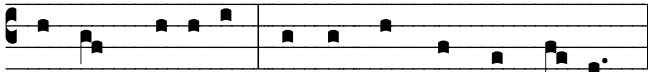


All ye holy men and women, Saints of God, **intercede for us.**

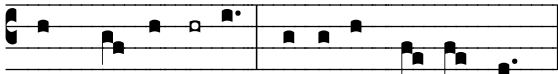


Be thou merciful, **spare us, O Lord.**



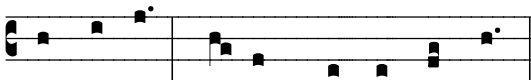


Be thou merciful, **graciously hear us, O Lord.**

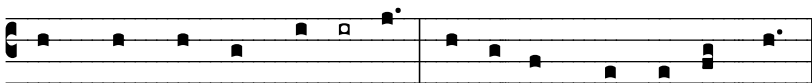


From all e - vil, **de-li-ver us, O Lord.**

- / From all sin, **deliver...** - / From thy wrath, **deliver...** From sudden and un/prepared death, **deliver...** From the crafts of / the devil, **deliver...** From anger, hatred, and all unchar/itableness, **deliver...** From the spirit of / uncleanness, **deliver...** From lightning / and tempest, **deliver...** From the scourge / of earthquake, **deliver...** From pestilence, fam/ine, and war, **deliver...** From ev/erlasting death, **deliver...** Through the mystery of thy holy In/carnation, **deliver...** Through / thine Advent, **deliver...** Through thy / Nativity, **deliver...** Through thy Baptism and ho/ly fasting, **deliver...** Through thy Cross / and Passion, **deliver...** Through thy Death / and Burial, **deliver...** Through thy holy Re/surrection, **deliver...** Through thy wonderful / Ascension, **deliver...** Through the coming of the Holy Ghost / the Paraclete, **deliver...** In the day / of judgement, **deliver...**



We sinners, **beseech thee to hear us.**



That thou wouldest spare us, **we beseech thee to hear us.**

That thou would/est pardon us, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to bring us to true / repentance, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to govern and preserve / thy holy Church, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to preserve our Apostolic lord and all orders of the Church in thy true / religion, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to humble the enemies / of holy Church, **we beseech...** That it

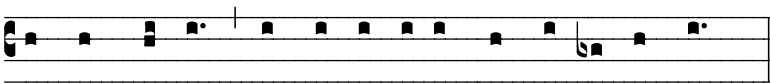
may please thee to give unto Christian kings and rulers peace and / true concord, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to grant to all the Christian people peace / and unity, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to recall such as do err into the unity of the Church, and to bring all unbelievers into the light of / the Gospel, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to strengthen, and preserve us in thy ho/ly service, **we beseech...** That thou wouldest lift up our minds unto hea/venly desires, **we beseech...** That thou wouldest reward all our benefactors with everlast/ing blessings, **we beseech...** That thou wouldest deliver our souls, and the souls of our brethren, kinsfolk, and benefactors, from eternal / damnation, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to give and preserve the fruits / of the earth, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to grant unto all the faithful departed ☩ rest / eternal, **we beseech...**

*The Priest shall say and repeat a second time the following verse:*

That thou wouldest vouchsafe to ☩ bless and ☩ consecrate this Font for the regeneration unto thee of / new offspring, **we beseech...**

*Then he shall continue the Litanies.*

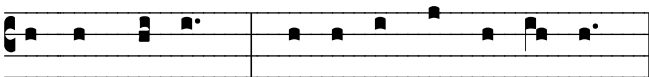
That it may please thee graciously / to hear us, **we beseech...**  
- / Son of God, **we beseech...**



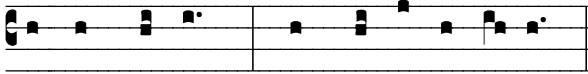
O Lamb of God, who tak-est a-way the sins of the world,



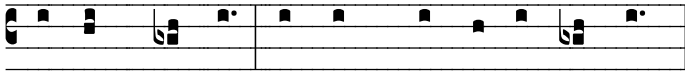
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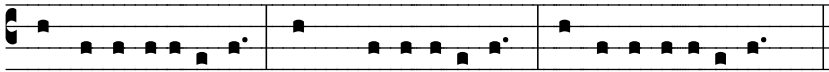
O Lamb of God... **graciously hear us, O Lord.**



O Lamb of God... **have mer-cy up-on us.**



O Christ, hear us. **O Christ, graciously hear us.**



Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. **Chris-te e-le-i-son.** Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.

*The Our Father and the Apostles Creed may be said. Then follows:*

*V.* With thee, O Lord, is the well / of life.

*R.* **And in thy light shall we / see light.**

*V.* O Lord, hear / my prayer.

*R.* **And let my cry come un/to thee.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, be present at the mysteries, be present at the sacraments of thy great goodness: and send forth the spirit of adoption for the regeneration of the new peoples whom the Font of Baptism doth bring forth unto thee: that what is to be done by our humble ministry, may be effectually fulfilled by thy power. Through... **Amen.**

*The Priest may bless the Oil of Catechumens here, if it is not available, using the form on p. 204.*

## EXORCISM OF THE WATER

I exorcise thee, O creature of water, by the living ☩ God, by the true ☩ God, by the ho☩ly God, by God, who in the beginning through his Word divided thee from the dry land: whose Spirit moved upon thee, who commanded thee to flow from paradise.

*Here he divides the water with his hand, and then scatters it, outside the rim of the Font, towards the four quarters of the world, saying:*

And commanded thee to water the whole earth with thy four rivers, Who in the desert by wood bestowed upon thee sweetness when thou wast bitter, that men might drink. Who brought thee forth from the rock, that he might refresh the people, wearied with thirst, whom he had delivered out of Egypt. I exorcise thee through Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord: who in Cana of Galilee by a wondrous miracle did change thee through his power into wine: who walked upon thee with his feet, and was baptized in thee by John in Jordan. Who brought thee forth together with blood from his side: and commanded his disciples, that they should baptize in thee them that believe, saying: Go ye, teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, that thou mayest be made holy water, blessed water, water that washeth away stains and cleanseth sins. I command thee therefore, every unclean spirit, every phantom, every lie, be rooted out, and flee away from this creature of water; that to them who shall be baptized therein, it may become a Font of water springing up unto life eternal, regenerating them unto God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, in the Name of the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. **Amen.**

Let us pray: O Lord Holy, Father almighty, everlasting God, who dost sanctify spiritual waters, we humbly entreat thee: that thou wouldest vouchsafe to look upon this ministry of our humble service, and to send forth upon these waters, made ready for the washing and purifying of men, the Angel of holiness; to the end that, the sins of their former life being washed, and their guilt cleansed, they being regenerate may be worthy to be made a spotless habitation for the Holy Spirit. Through... in the unity of the same Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Then, he breathes thrice into the water, in three directions according to this figure  $\psi$ . Then he puts incense in the thurible, and having blessed it, censures the Font, with three simple swings. Next,*

*pouring some of the Oil of Catechumens into the water in the form of a Cross, he says in a loud voice:*

May this Font be sanctified and made fruitful by the Oil of salvation, for such as shall be born again therefrom unto life eternal, in the Name of the ☩ Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the ☩ Holy Ghost.

**Amen.**

*Then in the same manner, he pours in some of the Chrism, saying:*

May this inpouring of the Chrism of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit the Paraclete, be wrought in the Name of the holy Trinity. **Amen.**

*Next he takes both phials of the said holy Oil and the Chrism, and pours in some of both together in the form of a Cross, saying:*

May this commingling of the Chrism of sanctification, and of the Oil of Unction, and of the water of Baptism be likewise wrought in the Name of the ☩ Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the ☩ Holy Ghost.

**Amen.**

*Then setting down the phials, with his right hand he mingles the holy Oil and the infused Chrism with the Water, and scatters it over the whole Font. Then he wipes his hand with crumbs of bread. He then changes his vestments from purple to white.*

## AT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH.

*The Priest, having ascertained the name(s), questions the Child (each separately if there are several to be baptized). The Godparents answer for the Child.*

*N., what do you ask of the Church of God? R. Faith.*

*Priest: What does Faith bring you to? R. Life Everlasting.*

*Priest:* If then you desire to enter into life, keep the commandments. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.

*Then he blows three times gently into the face of the Child, and says once:*

Go out of *him (her)* thou unclean spirit, and give place unto the Holy Spirit the Paraclete.

*Then he makes with his thumb the sign of the Cross on the forehead and on the breast of the Child, saying*

Receive the sign of the Cross both upon thy ☩ forehead and also on the ☩ heart, take unto thee the faith of the heavenly precepts: and be thou such in thy conversation, that thou mayest now be the temple of God.

Let us pray: We beseech thee, O Lord, graciously hear our prayers, and keep with thy perpetual power this thine Elect, *N.*, who hath been signed with the sign of the Cross of the Lord: that *he (she)*, preserving the rudiments of the greatness of thy glory, may by keeping of thy commandments be worthy to attain unto the glory of regeneration. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then he places his hand upon the head of the Child and afterwards extending his hand, he says*

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, vouchsafe to look upon this thy *servant (handmaid) N.*, whom thou hast been pleased to call to the rudiments of the faith: drive far from *him (her)* all blindness of heart: break all the snares of Satan, wherewith *he* hath been bound: open to *him (her)*, O Lord, the gate of thy mercy, that, being filled with the sign of thy wisdom, *he (she)* may be free from all evil desires, and in the sweet savor of thy commandments may joyfully serve thee in thy Church, and prosper from day to day. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING OF THE SALT

*Note that this blessing may be omitted if salt has been blessed previously.*

I exorcise thee, O creature of salt, in the Name of God the ☩ Father almighty, and in the charity of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ, and in the power of the ☩ Holy Ghost. I exorcise thee through God ☩ the living, through God ☩ the true, through God ☩ the holy, through God ☩, who created thee for the protection of mankind, and commanded thee to be consecrated through his servants for the people that should come to believe; that in the Name of the holy Trinity thou be made a saving sacrament to put to flight the enemy. Therefore we pray thee, O Lord our God, that sanctifying thou wouldest ☩ sanctify, and blessing thou wouldest ☩ bless this creature of salt, that it be made to all who receive it perfect healing, abiding in their members, in the Name of the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. **Amen.**

*Then he puts a little of the blessed salt into the mouth of the Child, saying*

*N.*, Receive the salt of wisdom: may it avail thee for mercy unto life eternal. **Amen.**

*Priest.* Peace be with thee. *R.* **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray: O God of our fathers, O God the author of all truth, we humbly entreat thee, that thou wouldest vouchsafe mercifully to look upon this thy *servant (handmaid) N.*, and that thou wouldest suffer *him (her)* no longer to hunger, now tasting this first relish of salt, to the end that, being fulfilled with heavenly food, *he (she)* may ever be fervent in spirit, rejoicing in hope, ever serving thy Name. Lead *him (her)*, O Lord, we beseech thee, to the washing of the new birth, that *he (she)* may with thy faithful be worthy to attain unto the eternal rewards of thy promises. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE EXORCISMS

I exorcise thee, unclean spirit, in the Name of the ☩ Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the ☩ Holy Ghost, that thou go out, and depart from this *servant (handmaid)* of God *N.* For He Himself commands thee, accursed and damned one, who walked with His feet upon the sea, and stretched forth His hand to Peter as he sank. Therefore, accursed devil, acknowledge thy sentence, and give honor to Jesus Christ His Son, and to the Holy Ghost, and depart from this *servant (handmaid)* of God *N.*, forasmuch as our God and Lord Jesus Christ hath vouchsafed to call *him (her)* to His holy grace and benediction, and to the Font of Baptism.

*He signs the Child upon the forehead saying:*

And this sign of the Holy ☩ Cross, which we set upon *his (her)* brow, do thou, accursed devil, never dare to violate. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Priest then lays his hand upon the head of the Child, and afterwards holding it extended, says:*

Let us pray: I entreat thy eternal and most just mercy, O Lord holy, Father almighty, everlasting God, author of light and truth, upon this *servant (handmaid)* of God *N.*, that thou wouldest vouchsafe to enlighten *him (her)* with the light of thine understanding: cleanse *him (her)* and sanctify *him (her)*: give *him* true knowledge, that being made worthy of the grace of thy Baptism, *he (she)* may hold firm hope, right counsel and holy doctrine. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places the end of his stole which hangs from his left shoulder on the Child and leads him into the Church saying*

*N.*, enter into the temple of God, that thou mayest have part with Christ unto life eternal. **Amen.**



## IN THE CHURCH

*When they are come into the Church, the Priest going towards the Font, says with the people:*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, he suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets; and I believe One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the Resurrection of the dead, ⁊ and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy Name: thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil. Amen.

*And then, with his back turned to the Baptistry, he says*

I exorcise thee, every unclean spirit, in the Name of God the ⁊ Father Almighty, and in the Name of ⁊ Jesus Christ His Son, our Lord and Judge, and in the power of the ⁊ Holy Ghost, that thou depart from this creature of God, *N.*, which our Lord hath

vouchsafed to call unto His holy temple, that it may become the temple of the living God, and that the Holy Spirit may dwell therein. Through the same Christ our Lord, who shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest, with his thumb, touches the ears of the Child, saying*

EPHTHATHA, that is, Be opened.

*Then he touches the nostrils saying*

For a savor of sweetness. But thou, devil, flee away; for the judgement of God draweth nigh.

*Then he questions the child to be baptized by name, the Godparents answering.*

*N.*, do you renounce Satan? *R.* I do renounce him.

And all his works? *R.* I do renounce them.

And all his allurements? *R.* I do renounce them.

*Then the Priest dips his thumb in the Oil of Catechumens, and anoints the Child on the breast, and between the shoulders in the form of a Cross, saying once*

I anoint ☩ thee with the Oil of salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord, that thou mayest have eternal life. **Amen.**

*Then he wipes his thumb and the places anointed with cotton or something similar. The Priest at the Font then questions the Child to be baptized, the Godparents answering.*

*N.*, do you believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? *R.* I do believe.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was born into this world, and who suffered for us? *R.* I do believe.

Do you also believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? *R.* I do believe.

*Then, naming the Child to be baptized, the Priest says*

*N.,* Will you be baptized? *R.* I will.

*The Priest then baptizes the Child with a three-fold immersion (or pouring, according to circumstance) at the same time clearly and distinctly pronouncing the form once only, saying:*

*N.,* I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

## THE ORDER OF CHRISMATION

*Having washed his hands, the Priest stands with his face toward the newly baptized, and says:*

May the Holy Ghost come upon you, and may the power of the Most High preserve you from sin. **Amen.**

*Then, signing himself with the sign of the Cross he says:*

*V.* ✠ Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* O Lord hear / our prayer.

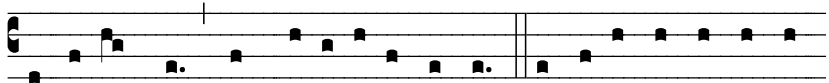
*R.* **And let our cry come un/to thee.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

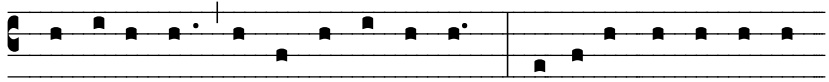
*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

*With his hands extended over the newly baptized, he says:*

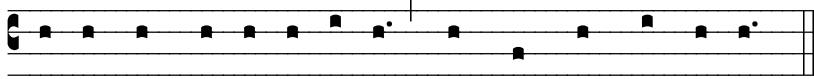




ho-ly tem-ple which is in Je-ru-sa-lem. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther



and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost: As it was in the be-gin-



ing, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.



Con-firm, O Lord...

*The Priest then says:*

*V.* Show us thy mercy, / O Lord.

*R.* **And grant us thy salva/tion.**

*V.* O Lord, hear / my prayer.

*R.* **And let my cry come un/to thee.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: O God, Who didst give to Thine Apostles the Holy Spirit, and didst will that by them and their successors He should be delivered to the rest of the faithful; look mercifully on the service of our humility; and grant that the heart of *him (her)* whose forehead we have anointed with the sacred Chrism, and signed with the sign of the holy Cross, may, by the same Holy Spirit descending therein, be made the temple of his glory. Who, with the Father and the same Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, God, world without end. **Amen.**

Behold, thus shall every man be blessed that feareth the Lord.

*The Priest places on the head of the Child either a small white Chrisom or some white substitute and says:*

Receive this white garment, and see thou carry it without stain before the judgement-seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, that thou mayest have eternal life. **Amen.**

*He then gives to him a lighted taper, saying:*

Receive this burning light, and keep thy baptism, so as to be without blame; keep the commandments of God, that, when the Lord shall come to the nuptials, thou mayest meet Him in the company of all the Saints in the heavenly court, and have eternal life, and live for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

*As Holy Communion is prepared from the Reserved Sacrament a hymn may be sung. The Priest holding the Blessed Sacrament, says:*

Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

**Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof: but only say the word and my soul shall be healed (Thrice).**

*The Priest administers Holy Communion to the Child, saying:*

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. *And the Godparents reply:* **Amen.**

*Then the Priest says:*

Let us pray. Pour forth on us, O Lord, the spirit of Thy love; that those whom Thou hast filled with the paschal Sacrament, may, by

Thy goodness, live in perfect concord. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth... **Amen.**

*N.*, Go in peace, and the Lord be with you. **Amen.**

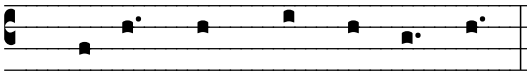
*Making the sign of the Cross over the Child, he says:*

May the Lord ☩ bless you out of Sion, that you may see the good things of Jerusalem all the days of your life, and have life everlasting. **Amen.**

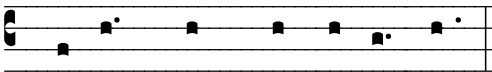
# The Order for Holy Baptism for Adults

## BEFORE THE ALTAR

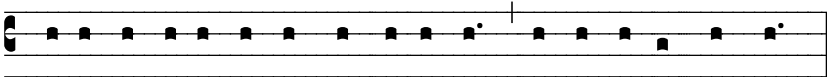
*The clean Baptismal Font is filled with clear water. The container for salt and the phials of Holy Chrism and Oil of Catechumens are placed nearby. The Baptismal Candle and Chrisom (white cloth) are prepared. The Priest (vested in surplice and purple stole and cope), with acolytes and assisting clerics, kneels at the steps of the Altar and silently offers devout prayers to God that he may worthily administer this great Sacrament. Rising, he makes the sign of the Cross and says or sings:*



V. O God, make speed to save us.



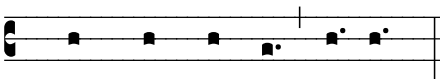
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.



V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost.



R. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,



world without end. A-men.



*The following psalms are sung with this antiphon*



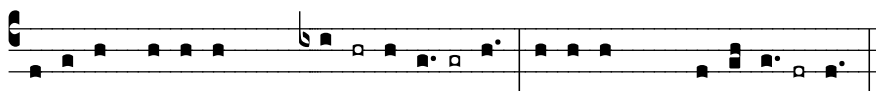
I will pour clean wa-ter ov-er you, \* and ye shall be washed



of all your in-i- qui-ties, saith the Lord.

PSALM 8 *Domine, Dominus noster*

Tone VI B



O LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy / Name in all the world; \* thou that hast set thy glory a/bove the heavens!

2. Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, be/cause of thine enemies, \* that thou mightest still the enemy and / the avenger.

3. When I consider thy heavens, even the / work of thy fingers; \* the moon and the stars / which thou hast ordained;

4. What is man, that thou art / mindful of him? \* and the son of man, that / thou visitest him?

5. Thou madest him lower / than the Angels, \* to crown him with glo/ry and worship.

6. Thou makest him to have dominion of the / works of thy hands; \* and thou hast put all things in subjec/tion under his feet:

7. All / sheep and oxen; \* yea, and / the beasts of the field;

8. The fowls of the air, and the / fishes of the sea; \* and whatsoever walketh through / the paths of the seas.

9. O / Lord our Governor, \* how excellent is thy / Name in all the world!

Glory be to the / Father and to the Son, \* and / to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, † is now and / ever shall be, \* world / without end. Amen.



2. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the li/ving God: \* when shall I come to appear before the / presence of God?
  3. My tears have been my meat day / and night, \* while they daily say unto me, / Where is now thy God?
  4. Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by / myself; \* for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth in/to the house of God;
  5. In the voice of praise and thanks/giving, \* among such / as keep holy-day.
  6. Why art thou so full of heaviness, O / my soul? \* and why art thou so disquiet/ed within me?
  7. O put thy trust / in God; \* for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my count/enance, and my God.
  8. My soul is vexed with/in me; \* therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, from Hermon / and the little hill.
  9. One deep calleth another, because of the noise of thy wa/ter-floods; \* all thy waves and storms / are gone over me.
  10. The Lord will grant his loving-kindness in the / daytime; \* and in the night season will I sing of him, and make my prayer unto the / God of my life.
  11. I will say unto the God of my strength, Why hast thou forgot/ten me? \* why go I thus heavily, while the ene/my oppresseth me?
  12. My bones are smitten asunder as with / a sword, \* while mine enemies that trouble me / cast me in the teeth;
  13. Namely, while they say daily un/to me, \* - / Where is now thy God?
  14. Why art thou so vexed, O / my soul? \* and why art thou so disquiet/ed within me?
  15. O put thy trust / in God; \* for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my count/enance, and my God.
- Glory be to the Father and to / the Son, \* and / to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, † is now and ever / shall be, \* world / without end. Amen.

*The antiphon is repeated*

I will pour clean water over you, \* and ye shall be washed of all your iniquities, saith the Lord.

*Then the Priest says*



Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. **Chris-te e-le-i-son.** Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.

Our Father...

*V.* And lead us not into tempta/tion.

*R.* **But deliver us from e/vil.**

*V.* O Lord, hear / my prayer.

*R.* **And let my cry come un/to thee.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Majesty to worship the Unity: we beseech thee; that through the steadfastness of this faith we may evermore be defended from all adversities.

Almighty God, we beseech thee to hear our prayers: may the working of thy power accomplish what is to be done through our lowly ministry.

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, to thy *servant (handmaid)*, that, being instructed in thy holy mysteries, *he (she)* may be born again in the water of baptism and counted among the members of thy holy Church. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## AT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH

*The Priest, having ascertained the name(s), questions the Catechumen (each separately if there are several to be baptized). If a Catechumen is a child, the godparents answer.*

*Priest: N., what do you ask of the Church of God?*

*R. Faith.*

*Priest: What does Faith bring you to?*

*R. Life Everlasting.*

*Priest: If then you desire to enter into life, keep the commandments. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. Now the faith teaches this: that you shall adore one God in three Persons, and three Persons in one God. The three Persons in God are distinct, never to be confused one with the other, while the nature of God is one and only one. The Father is one Person; the Son is a second; the Holy Spirit is a third. Yet these three have only one nature and are one God.*

*The Priest asks*

*N, do you renounce Satan? R. I do renounce him.*

*P. And all his works? R. I do renounce them.*

*P. And all his allurements? R. I do renounce them.*

*P. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth? R. I do believe.*

*P. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born into this world and who suffered? R. I do believe.*

*P.* Do you believe also in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting? *R.* I do believe.

*Then he blows three times gently into the face of the Catechumen, and says once*

Go out of *him (her)* thou unclean spirit, and give place unto the Holy Spirit the Paraclete.

*He breathes in the form of a Cross upon the catechumen's face and says*

*N.*, through this rite of breathing upon you, receive the good spirit and the ✠ blessing of God. Peace be with you.

*The Catechumen replies:*

*R.* And with thy spirit.

*Then he makes with his thumb the sign of the Cross on the forehead and on the breast the Catechumen, saying*

Receive the sign of the Cross both upon thy ✠ forehead and also on the ✠ heart, take unto thee the faith of the heavenly precepts: and be thou such in thy conversation, that thou mayest now be the temple of God. Having entered into the Church of God, be happy in knowing that you have escaped the snares of death. Worship only God, the Father almighty, and Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, and the all-holy, good, and life giving Spirit.

Let us pray: O Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, I pray thee, show thy *servant (handmaid), N*, the way of the true faith and the knowledge of thyself. For *he (she)* wanders in uncertainty and doubt through the darkness of this world. Then, when the eyes of *his (her)* heart have been opened, *he (she)* will profess thee to be the one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. May *he (she)* enjoy the

fruit of this profession of faith both here and in the world to come.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*With his thumb the Priest makes the sign of the Cross upon each candidate's forehead, saying*

I sign you on the ✠ forehead that you may take up the Lord's Cross.

*Upon his ears*

I sign you on the ✠ ears that you may listen attentively to God's commands.

*Upon his eyes*

I sign you on the ✠ eyes that you may see God's glory.

*Upon his nostrils*

I sign you on the ✠ nostrils that you may perceive the sweet fragrance of Christ.

*Upon his mouth*

I sign you on the ✠ mouth that you may speak words of life.

*Upon his breast*

I sign you on the ✠ breast that you may believe in God.

*Upon his shoulders*

I sign you on the ✠ shoulders that you may take upon yourself the yoke of his service.

*The Priest makes the sign of the Cross upon the whole body of the candidate, without touching him, saying*

I sign your whole being, in the Name of the ✠ Father and of the ✠ Son and of the ✠ Holy Spirit, that you may have eternal life and live forever. **Amen.**

Let us pray: We beseech thee, O Lord, graciously hear our prayers, and keep with thy perpetual power this thine Elect, *N*, who hath been signed with the sign of the Cross of the Lord: that *he (she)*, preserving the rudiments of the greatness of thy glory, may by keeping of thy commandments be worthy to attain unto the glory of regeneration. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray: O God, Creator of the human race and also its Redeemer, be merciful to the people thou hast adopted. Enroll these reborn children in the New Covenant. Then, as children of promise, they will joyfully receive by grace what they could not attain by nature. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then he places his hand upon the head of the Catechumen and afterwards extending his hand, he says*

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, vouchsafe to look upon this thy *servant (handmaid) N*, whom thou hast been pleased to call to the rudiments of the faith: drive far from *him (her)* all blindness of heart: break all the snares of Satan, wherewith *he (she)* hath been bound: open to *him (her)*, O Lord, the gate of thy mercy, that, being filled with the sign of thy wisdom, *he (she)* may be free from all evil desires, and in the sweet savor of thy commandments may joyfully serve thee in thy Church, and prosper from day to day. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING OF THE SALT

I exorcise thee, O creature of salt, in the Name of God the ☩ Father almighty, and in the charity of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ, and in the power of the ☩ Holy Ghost. I exorcise thee through God ☩ the living, through God ☩ the true, through God ☩ the holy, through God ☩, who created thee for the protection of mankind, and commanded thee to be consecrated through his servants for the people that should come to believe; that in the Name of the holy Trinity thou be made a



saving sacrament to put to flight the enemy. Therefore we pray thee, O Lord our God, that sanctifying thou wouldest ✠ sanctify, and blessing thou wouldest ✠ bless this creature of salt, that it be made to all who receive it perfect healing, abiding in their members, in the Name of the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. **Amen.**

Let us pray: O Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, yesterday, today, and forever, without beginning and without end, we humbly implore thee on behalf of thy *servant (handmaid) N*, whom thou hast freed from the errors of unbelief and evil living. Graciously hear *him (her)* who bows *his (her)* head to thee at this purifying Font. Born again of water and the Holy Spirit and having put off the old man, may *he (she)* put on the new man who is created in thy image. May *he (she)* put on a pure and spotless robe, and be worthy to serve thee, our God. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then he puts a little of the blessed salt into the mouth of the Catechumen, saying*

*N.*, Receive the salt of wisdom: may it avail thee for mercy unto life eternal. **Amen.**

*Priest.* Peace be with thee. **R. And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray: O God of our fathers, O God the author of all truth, we humbly entreat thee, that thou wouldest vouchsafe mercifully to look upon this thy *servant (handmaid) N.*, and that thou wouldest suffer *him* no longer to hunger, now tasting this first relish of salt, to the end that, being fulfilled with heavenly food, *he (she)* may ever be fervent in spirit, rejoicing in hope, ever serving thy Name. Lead *him (her)*, O Lord, we beseech thee, to the washing of the new birth, that *he (she)* may with thy faithful be worthy to attain unto the eternal rewards of thy promises. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE EXORCISMS

*Three exorcisms follow, before each of which is said*  
Kneel down, chosen one of God, and say the Our Father.

*The candidate kneels and prays after which the Priest says*

Stand up; end your prayer by saying: Amen.

*The candidate rises and replies: Amen.*

*The Priest says to the sponsors*  
Make the sign of the Cross on *him*.

*Then he says to the candidate*  
Come forward.

*The godparents make the sign of the Cross on the candidate's forehead, saying*  
In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*The priest also makes the sign of the Cross on the candidate's forehead and says:*  
In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Next, the priest lays his hand on the candidate's head and then, with his hand extended, says:*

Let us pray. O God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, thou appearedst on Mount Sinai to thy servant, Moses; thou leddest the children of Israel out of Egypt, graciously appointing an Angel to guard them day and night. We ask thee, Lord, to send thy holy Angel from heaven to guard in the same way thy *servant (handmaid), N*, and to lead *him (her)* to the grace of thy baptism. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Therefore, accursed devil, acknowledge your condemnation, and pay homage to the living and true God; pay homage to Jesus Christ, his

Son, and to the Holy Spirit, and depart from this *servant (handmaid)* of God, *N*, for Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, has called *him (her)* to his holy grace and to the Font of baptism. Accursed devil, never dare to desecrate this sign of the holy ✠ Cross (*he signs him*) which we are tracing upon *his (her)* forehead. Through the same Christ our Lord, who is to come to judge the living and the dead and the world by fire. **Amen.**

*Again the priest says to the candidate:*

Kneel down, chosen one of God, and say the Our Father.

*The candidate kneels, prays, and says the Our Father as far as But deliver us from evil inclusively. The priest adds:*

Stand up; end your prayer by saying: Amen.

*The candidate rises and replies:* Amen.

*The priest says to the sponsors:*

Make the sign of the Cross on him.

*Then he says to the candidate:* Come forward.

*And the sponsor makes the sign of the Cross upon the candidate's forehead, saying:*

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*The priest also makes the sign of the Cross on the candidate's forehead and says:*

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Next the priest lays his hand upon the catechumen's head and then, with his hand extended, says:*

Let us pray. O God, thou art the unfailing support of those who call upon thee, the liberator of those who pray to thee, the peace of those who appeal to thee, the life of those who believe in thee, the resurrection of those who die in thee. I call upon thee in behalf of thy *servant (handmaid)*, *N*, who asks for the gift of baptism, and

who hopes to obtain, through this spiritual rebirth, everlasting grace. Accept *him (her)*, O Lord. Thou hast graciously said, “Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.” Then grant thy favor to him who knocks, so that, having received an everlasting blessing in *his (her)* baptism, he may possess the kingdom of grace that thou hast promised. Who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Hear, accursed Satan. I adjure you by the Name of the eternal God and of our Savior Jesus Christ, depart with your envy, conquered, trembling, and groaning. May you have no part in the *servant (handmaid)* of God, *N*, who already has thoughts of heaven and who is about to renounce you and your world and achieve a blessed immortality. Therefore give honor to the Holy Spirit who, descending from the high throne of heaven, comes to upset your wiles and to make perfect the heart cleansed at the divine fountain, a temple and dwelling place dedicated to God. And thus entirely freed from the harmful effects of past sins, may this *servant (handmaid)* of God give thanks always to the eternal God and bless his Holy Name for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*A third time the priest says to the candidate:*

Kneel down, chosen one of God, and say the Our Father.

*The candidate kneels, prays, and says the Our Father as far as But deliver us from evil inclusively. The priest adds:*

Stand up; end your prayer by saying: Amen.

*The candidate rises and replies:* Amen.

*The priest says to the sponsor:*

Make the sign of the Cross on him.

*Then he says to the candidate:* Come forward.

*And the sponsor makes the sign of the Cross on the candidate's forehead, saying:*

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*The priest also makes the sign of the Cross on the candidate's forehead and says:*

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Next the priest lays his hand upon him and then, with his hand extended, says:*

I exorcise you, unclean spirit, in the Name of the ☩ Father and of the ☩ Son and of the ☩ Holy Spirit. Come forth, depart from this *servant (handmaid)* of God, *N*, for he commands you, accursed and damned spirit, he who walked upon the sea and extended his right hand to Peter as he was sinking.

Therefore, accursed devil, acknowledge your condemnation and pay homage to the living and true God; pay homage to Jesus Christ, his Son, and to the Holy Spirit, and depart from this *servant (handmaid)* of God, *N*, for Jesus Christ, our Lord and God, has called *him (her)* to his holy grace and to the Font of baptism. Accursed devil, never dare to desecrate this sign of the holy ☩ Cross (*he signs him*) which we are tracing upon *his (her)* forehead. Through the same Christ our Lord, who is to come to judge the living and the dead and the world by fire. **Amen.**

*After the exorcisms, the Priest lays his hand upon the head of the Catechumen, and afterwards holding it extended, says:*

Let us pray: I entreat thy eternal and most just mercy, O Lord holy, Father almighty, everlasting God, author of light and truth, upon this *servant (handmaid)* of God *N*., that thou wouldest vouchsafe to enlighten *him (her)* with the light of thine understanding: cleanse *him (her)* and sanctify *him (her)*: give *him (her)* true knowledge, that being made worthy of the grace of thy Baptism, *he (she)* may hold firm hope, right counsel and holy doctrine. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places the end of his stole which hangs from his left shoulder on the Catechumen and leads him into the Church saying*

*N.*, enter into the temple of God, that thou mayest have part with Christ unto life eternal. **Amen.**

## IN THE CHURCH

*When they are come into the Church, the Priest going towards the Font, says together with the Catechumen and Sponsors:*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, Begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; And the Third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures And ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets; And I believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the Resurrection of the dead, ☩ And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy Name: thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil. Amen.

*And then, with his back turned to the Baptistry, he says*

The threats of punishments and tortures are not hidden from you, Satan, the day of judgement, the day of pain, the day which is to come like a fiery furnace, in which unending destruction is prepared for you and all your angels. Therefore, accursed and damnable one, pay homage to the living and true God; pay homage to Jesus Christ, his Son, give homage to the Holy Spirit, the Consoler, in whose Name and power I command you, unclean spirit, whoever you may be, go forth and depart from this *servant (handmaid)* of God, *N.*, whom this day Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, has called to his holy grace and blessing, and to the Font of baptism. May *he (she)* become the temple of God through the water of rebirth unto remission of all *his (her)* sins. In the Name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire.

**Amen.**

*Then the Priest, with his thumb, touches the ears of the Catechumen, saying*

EPHTHATHA, that is, Be opened.

*Then he touches the nostrils saying*

For a savor of sweetness. But thou, devil, flee away; for the judgement of God draweth nigh.

*Then he questions the person to be baptized by name, saying*

*N*, do you renounce Satan? *R.* I do renounce him.

And all his works? *R.* I do renounce them.

And all his allurements? *R.* I do renounce them.

*Then the Priest dips his thumb in the Oil of Catechumens, and anoints the Catechumen on the breast, and between the shoulders in the form of a Cross, saying once*

I anoint ☩ thee with the Oil of salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord, that thou mayest have eternal life. **Amen.**

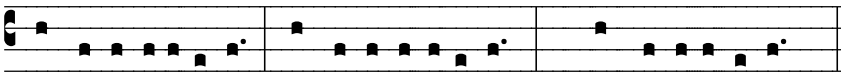
*Then he wipes his thumb and the places anointed with cotton or something similar and says*

Go forth, unclean spirit, and pay homage to the living and true God. Depart, unclean spirit, and give place to Jesus Christ, his Son. Depart, unclean spirit, and give place to the Holy Spirit, the Consoler.

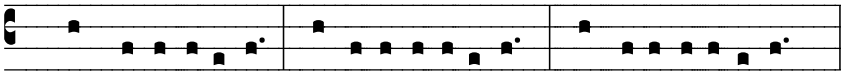
*The Priest, with acolytes and other clergy, the Cross and candles going before, and with thurible and incense, comes to the Font, and there, or before the Altar of the Baptistery, says the Litanies. Members of the congregation may light hand candles.*

## LITANY OF THE SAINTS

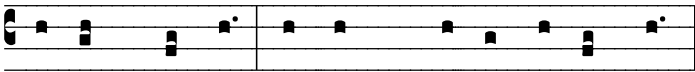
*Priest (or cantor):*      *People:*      *Priest (or cantor), etc:*



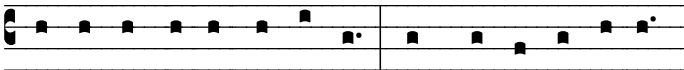
Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. **Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.** Chris-te e-le-i-son.



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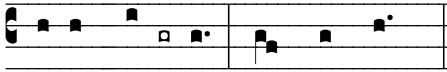
O Christ, hear us. **O Christ, gracious-ly hear us.**



O God the Father of heaven, **have mercy upon us.**  
O God the Son, Redeemer of the / world, **have mercy upon us.**

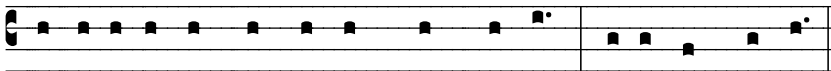


O God the Holy / Ghost, **have mercy upon us.**  
Holy Trinity, one / God, **have mercy upon us.**

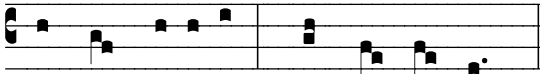


Holy / Mary, **pray for us.**

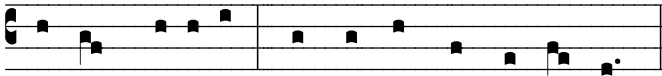
Holy Mother of / God, **pray...** Holy Virgin of / virgins, **pray...** St. / Michael, **pray...** St. / Gabriel, **pray...** St. / Raphael, **pray...** All ye holy Angels and Arch/angels, **pray...** All ye holy orders of blessed / Spirits, **pray...** St. John the / Baptist, **pray...** St. / Joseph, **pray...** All ye holy Patriarchs and / Prophets, **pray...** St. / Peter, **pray...** St. / Paul, **pray...** St. / Andrew, **pray...** St. / James, **pray...** St. / John, **pray...** St. / Thomas, **pray...** St. / James, **pray...** St. / Philip, **pray...** St. Bar/tholomew, **pray...** St. / Matthew, **pray...** St. / Simon, **pray...** St. / Jude, **pray...** St. Mat/thias, **pray...** St. / Barnabas, **pray...** St. / Luke, **pray...** St. / Mark, **pray...** All ye holy Apostles and Ev/angelists, **pray...** All ye holy Disciples of the / Lord, **pray...** All ye holy / Innocents, **pray...** St. / Stephen, **pray...** St. / Laurence, **pray...** St. / Vincent, **pray...** St. Fabian and St. Se/bastian, **pray...** St. John and St. / Paul, **pray...** St. Cosmas and St. / Damian, **pray...** St. Gervase and St. Pro/tase, **pray...** All ye holy / Martyrs, **pray...** St. Sil/vester, **pray...** St. / Gregory, **pray...** St. / Ambrose, **pray...** St. Au/gustine, **pray...** St. Je/rome, **pray...** St. / Martin, **pray...** St. / Nicholas, **pray...** All ye holy Bishops and Con/fessors, **pray...** All ye holy / Doctors, **pray...** St. / Anthony, **pray...** St. / Benedict, **pray...** All ye holy Priests and / Levites, **pray...** All ye holy Monks and / Hermits, **pray...** St. Mary / Magdalen, **pray...** St. / Agatha, **pray...** St. / Lucy, **pray...** St. / Agnes, **pray...** St. Ce/cilia, **pray...** St. / Catherine, **pray...** St. Ana/stasia, **pray...** All ye holy Virgins and / Widows, **pray...**



All ye holy men and women, Saints of God, **intercede for us.**



Be thou merciful, **spare us, O Lord.**

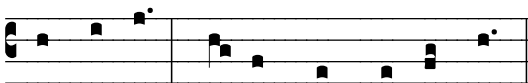


Be thou merciful, **graciously hear us, O Lord.**



From all e - vil, **de-li-ver us, O Lord.**

- / From all sin, **deliver...** - / From thy wrath, **deliver...** From sudden and un/prepared death, **deliver...** From the crafts of / the devil, **deliver...** From anger, hatred, and all unchar/itable-ness, **deliver...** From the spirit of un/cleanness, **deliver...** From light/ning and tempest, **deliver...** From the scourge / of earthquake, **deliver...** From pestilence, fa/mine, and war, **deliver...** From ev/erlasting death, **deliver...** Through the mystery of thy holy In/carnation, **deliver...** Through / thine Advent, **deliver...** Through thy / Nativity, **deliver...** Through thy Baptism and ho/ly fasting, **deliver...** Through thy Cross / and Passion, **deliver...** Through thy Death / and Burial, **deliver...** Through thy holy Re/surrection, **deliver...** Through thy wonderful / Ascension, **deliver...** Through the coming of the Holy Ghost / the Paraclete, **deliver...** In the day / of judgement, **deliver...**



We sinners, **beseech thee to hear us.**



That thou wouldest spare us, **we beseech thee to hear us.**

That thou wouldest pardon us, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to bring us to true / repentance, **we beseech...** That it may

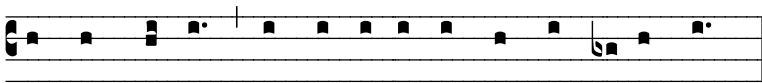
please thee to govern and preserve / thy holy Church, **we beseech...**  
 That it may please thee to preserve our Apostolic lord and all orders  
 of the Church in thy true / religion, **we beseech...** That it may please  
 thee to humble the enemies / of holy Church, **we beseech...** That it  
 may please thee to give unto Christian kings and rulers peace and /  
 true concord, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to grant to all  
 the Christian people peace / and unity, **we beseech...** That it may  
 please thee to recall such as do err into the unity of the Church, and  
 to bring all unbelievers into the light of / the Gospel, **we beseech...**  
 That it may please thee to strengthen, and preserve us in thy ho/ly  
 service, **we beseech...** That thou wouldest lift up our minds unto  
 hea/venly desires, **we beseech...** That thou wouldest reward all our  
 benefactors with everlast/ing blessings, **we beseech...** That thou  
 wouldest deliver our souls, and the souls of our brethren, kinsfolk,  
 and benefactors, from eternal / damnation, **we beseech...** That it  
 may please thee to give and preserve the fruits / of the earth, **we  
 beseech...** That it may please thee to grant unto all the faithful  
 departed ☩ rest / eternal, **we beseech...**

*The Priest shall say and repeat a second time the following verse:*

That thou wouldest vouchsafe to ☩ bless and ☩ consecrate this Font  
 for the regeneration unto thee of / new offspring, **we beseech...**

*Then he shall continue the Litanies.*

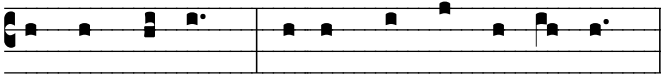
That it may please thee graciously / to hear us, **we beseech...**  
 - / Son of God, **we beseech...**



O Lamb of God, who tak-est a-way the sins of the world,



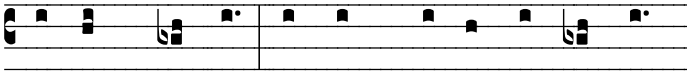
spare us, O Lord.



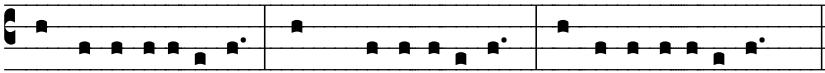
O Lamb of God... **gracious-ly hear us, O Lord.**



O Lamb of God... **have mercy up-on us.**



O Christ, hear us. **O Christ, graciously hear us.**



Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. **Chris-te e-le-i-son.** Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.

*The Our Father and the Apostles Creed may be said. Then follows:*

*V.* With thee, O Lord, is the well / of life.

*R.* **And in thy light shall we / see light.**

*V.* O Lord, hear / my prayer.

*R.* **And let my cry come un/to thee.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, be present at the mysteries, be present at the sacraments of thy great goodness: and send forth the spirit of adoption for the regeneration of the new peoples whom the Font of Baptism doth bring forth unto thee: that what is to be done by our humble ministry, may be effectually fulfilled by thy power. Through... **Amen.**

*The Priest may bless the Oil of Catechumens here, if it is not available, using the form on p. 204.*

## EXORCISM OF THE WATER

I exorcise thee, O creature of water, by the living ☩ God, by the true ☩ God, by the holy ☩ God, by God, who in the beginning through his word divided thee from the dry land: whose Spirit moved upon thee, who commanded thee to flow from paradise.

*Here he divides the water with his hand, and then scatters it, outside the rim of the Font, towards the four quarters of the world, saying:*

And commanded thee to water the whole earth with thy four rivers, Who in the desert by wood bestowed upon thee sweetness when thou wast bitter, that men might drink. Who brought thee forth from the rock, that he might refresh the people, wearied with thirst, whom he had delivered out of Egypt. I exorcise thee through Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord: who in Cana of Galilee by a wondrous miracle did change thee through his power into wine: who walked upon thee with his feet, and was baptized in thee by John in Jordan. Who brought thee forth together with blood from his side: and commanded his disciples, that they should baptize in thee them that believe, saying: Go ye, teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, that thou mayest be made holy water, blessed water, water that washeth away stains and cleanseth sins. I command thee therefore, every unclean spirit, every phantom, every lie, be rooted out, and flee away from this creature of water; that to them who shall be baptized therein, it may become a Font of water springing up unto life eternal, regenerating them unto God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, in the Name of the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. **Amen.**

Let us pray: O Lord Holy, Father almighty, everlasting God, who dost sanctify spiritual waters, we humbly entreat thee: that thou wouldest vouchsafe to look upon this ministry of our humble service, and to send forth upon these waters, made ready for the washing and purifying of men, the Angel of holiness; to the end that, the sins of their former life being washed, and their guilt cleansed,

they being regenerate may be worthy to be made a spotless habitation for the Holy Spirit. Through... in the unity of the same Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Then, he breathes thrice into the water, in three directions according to this figure ψ. Then he puts incense in the thurible, and having blessed it, censes the Font, with three simple swings. Next, pouring some of the Oil of Catechumens into the water in the form of a Cross, he says in a loud voice*

May this Font be sanctified and made fruitful by the Oil of salvation, for such as shall be born again therefrom unto life eternal, in the Name of the ☩ Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the ☩ Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

*Then in the same manner, he pours in some of the Chrism, saying:*

May this inpouring of the Chrism of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit the Paraclete, be wrought in the Name of the holy Trinity. **Amen.**

*Next he takes both phials of the said holy Oil and the Chrism, and pours in some of both together in the form of a Cross, saying:*

May this commingling of the Chrism of sanctification, and of the Oil of Unction, and of the water of Baptism be likewise wrought in the Name of the ☩ Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the ☩ Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

*Then setting down the phials, with his right hand he mingles the holy Oil and the infused Chrism with the Water, and scatters it over the whole Font. Then he wipes his hand with crumbs of bread. He then changes his vestments from purple to white. The Priest at the Font then questions the person to be baptized.*

*N., do you believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? R. I do believe.*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was born into this world, and who suffered for us? *R.* I do believe.

Do you also believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? *R.* I do believe.

*Then, naming the person to be baptized, the Priest says*

*N.*, Will you be baptized? *R.* I will.

*The Priest then baptizes the person with a three-fold immersion at the same time clearly and distinctly pronouncing the form once only, saying:*

*N.*, I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

## THE ORDER OF CHRISMATION

*When receiving converts whose Baptisms are recognized the service begins at this point. Having washed his hands, the Priest stands with his face toward the newly baptized, and says:*

May the Holy Ghost come upon you, and may the power of the Most High preserve you from sin **Amen.**

*Then, signing himself with the sign of the Cross he says:*

*V.* ✠ Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* O Lord hear / our prayer.

*R.* **And let our cry come un/to thee.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

*With his hands extended over the newly baptized, he says:*

Let us pray: Almighty everlasting God, who hast vouchsafed to regenerate this Thy *servant (handmaid)* by water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given unto *him (her)* the remission of all *his (her)* sins, send forth upon *him (her)* Thy seven-fold Spirit, the Holy Paraclete from heaven. **Amen.**

The Spirit of Wisdom and understanding. **Amen.**

The Spirit of counsel and fortitude. **Amen.**

The Spirit of knowledge and godliness. **Amen.**

Replenish *him (her)* with the Spirit of Thy fear, and sign *him (her)* with the sign of the ☩ Cross of Christ, in Thy mercy unto life eternal. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, God, world without end. **Amen.**

*The Priest, having dipped the end of his right thumb in Chrism, makes the sign of the Cross with his thumb, on the newly baptized, saying*

*N.*, I sign thee with the sign of the ☩ Cross, and I confirm thee with the Chrism of Salvation: the Seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the Name of the ☩ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.  
**Amen.**

*Then the Priest strikes the person gently on the cheek saying*  
Peace be with thee.

*The Priest wipes the forehead of the person with cotton and his own hands with bread crumb, and washes them over a basin. While he is washing his hands, the following is sung or said (the chant is found on p. 14):*



Confirm, O Lord, what Thou hast wrought in us, from Thy holy temple which is in Jerusalem.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Confirm...

*The Priest then says:*

*V.* Show us thy mercy, / O Lord.

*R.* **And grant us thy salva/tion.**

*V.* O Lord, hear / my prayer.

*R.* **And let my cry come un/to thee.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: O God, Who didst give to Thine Apostles the Holy Spirit, and didst will that by them and their successors He should be delivered to the rest of the faithful; look mercifully on the service of our humility; and grant that the heart of *him (her)* whose forehead we have annointed with the sacred Chrism, and signed with the sign of the holy Cross, may, by the same Holy Spirit descending therein, be made the temple of his glory. Who, with the Father and the same Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, God, world without end. **Amen.**

Behold, thus shall every man be blessed that feareth the Lord.

*Following a Baptism, the Priest places on the head of the person either a small white Chrisom or some white substitute and says:*

Receive this white garment, and see thou carry it without stain before the judgement-seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, that thou mayest have eternal life. **Amen.**

*He then gives to him a lighted taper, saying:*

Receive this burning light, and keep thy baptism, so as to be without blame; keep the commandments of God, that, when the Lord shall

come to the nuptials, thou mayest meet Him in the company of all the Saints in the heavenly court, and have eternal life, and live for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest says:*

*N., Abide in peace, and the Lord be with you. **Amen.***

*Making the sign of the Cross over the person, he says:*

May the Lord ☩ bless you out of Sion, that you may see the good things of Jerusalem all the days of your life, and have life everlasting. **Amen.**

*The service continues with the Mass.*

## **The Order for Holy Baptism in time of Emergency**

*If a child or adult be in danger of death, the Priest, coming to the place where the sick person is, shall baptize him, pouring water thrice or even once upon his head in the form of a Cross, saying:*

*N., I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*

*In urgent danger, if there be no Baptismal water to be had, the Priest shall use ordinary water.*

*Then, if he has the Chrism, he shall anoint him, and give the white cloth, and lighted candle as above.*

*If the person live, all rites omitted shall be supplied later in the Church.*

## The Order for Holy Matrimony

*The Priest shall ask the banns before all assembled:*

Brethren, we are gathered together here, in the sight of God, and his Angels, and all the saints, and in the face of the Church, to join together two bodies, to wit, those of this man and this woman, that henceforth they may be one body; and that they may be two souls in the faith and law of God, to the end that they may earn together eternal life; and whatsoever they have done before this, I charge you all by the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that if any of you know any cause why these persons may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, he do now confess it.

*When there is no objection, the Parish Priest questions the man and the woman in the presence of two or three witnesses concerning their consent to the Marriage. First the Priest shall ask the bridegroom, who stands on the right of the woman:*

*N., wilt thou take N. here present for thy lawful wife, according to the rite of our holy Mother, the Church?*

*The bridegroom shall answer: I will.*

*Then the Priest shall ask the bride: N., wilt thou take N. here present for thy lawful husband, according to the rite of our holy Mother, the Church?*

*The bride shall answer: I will.*

*Then the woman is given away by her father or by her friends and the man shall receive her to keep her in the faith of God and his own, and shall hold her right hand in his right hand; and, taught by the Priest, he shall pledge his faithfulness in this manner, saying:*

I, *N.* take thee *N.* to my wedded wife, to have, and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

*Then withdrawing her hand, and again joining it, the woman, taught by the Priest shall say:*

I, *N.* take thee *N.* to my wedded husband, to have, and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

*Having both thus pledged their faithfulness, and having joined their hands with his stole, the Priest shall say:*

I join you in matrimony. In the Name of the ☩ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Then he shall sprinkle them with holy Water.*

*Then the bridegroom shall put gold and silver (later to be delivered into the hand of the bride) and the rings upon the salver or book; and the Priest blesses them, saying:*

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* O Lord, hear / my prayer.

*R.* **And let my cry come un/to thee.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: ☩ Bless, O Lord, these rings, which we ☩ bless in thy Name, that they who shall wear them, keeping true faith unto one another, may abide in thy peace and according to thy will, and ever live in mutual love. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest shall sprinkle the rings with holy Water, in the form of a Cross. And the bridegroom, taking the ring from the hand of the Priest, gives the gold and silver to the bride, and says:*

With this ring I thee wed: this gold and silver I thee give: with my body I thee worship: and with all my worldly goods I thee endow.

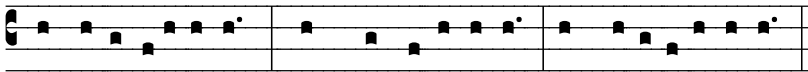
*Then the bridegroom places the ring on the left thumb of the hand of the bride, saying:*

In the Name of the Father: *then on the second finger, saying,* and of the Son: *then on the third finger, saying:* and of the Holy Ghost: *lastly on the fourth finger, saying, Amen. And there he leaves the ring. The bride now takes the ring to be given to the bridegroom and repeats the same.*

*These things being done, the Priest adds:*

*V.* Stablish the thing, O God, which thou hast wrought / in us.

*R.* **For thy temple's sake at Jeru/salem.**



Ky-ri-e e-lé-i-son. **Chris-te e-lé-i-son.** Ky-ri-e e-lé-i-son.

Our Father...

*V.* And lead us not into tempta/tion.

*R.* **But deliver us from e/vil.**

*V.* Save thy ser/vants.

*R.* **Who put their trust in thee, / my God.**

*V.* Send them help, O Lord, from the sanctuar/y.

*R.* **And strengthen them out of Si/on.**

*V.* Be unto them, O Lord, a tower / of strength.

*R.* **From the face of the e/nemy.**

*V.* O Lord, hear / my prayer.

*R.* **And let my cry come un/ to thee.**

V. The Lord be with / you.

R. **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Look, O Lord, we beseech thee, upon these thy servants: and graciously prosper this thine institution, whereby thou hast ordained the propagation of mankind: that they who are joined together by thine authority may by thy assistance be preserved. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*These things being done, the Mass for Bridegroom and Bride is celebrated. If Mass does not follow immediately, the Blessing is found on p. 51.*

*At Solemn Mass, the Introit is sung while the prayers of preparation are said.*

#### COLLECT

Graciously hear us, almighty and merciful God: that whatsoever is now done by our office and ministry, may be fulfilled with the abundance of thy benediction. Through...

#### SECRET PRAYER

O Lord, we beseech thee, to accept this gift which we present unto thee for the sacred ordinance of matrimony: that this work begun by the bounty of thy goodness may be disposed according to thy will. Through...

*Our Father being said, the Priest, before he says Deliver us, stands at the Epistle corner and, turning towards the Bridegroom and Bride kneeling before the Altar, says the following Prayers over them:*

Let us pray: Mercifully hearken, O Lord, to these our supplications, and graciously prosper this thine institution which thou hast ordained for the propagation of mankind: that what is joined

together by thine authority may be preserved by thine assistance.  
Through...

Let us pray: O God, who by thy mighty power hast made all things of nothing: who also (after the first beginnings of the world were set in order) didst create for man made after the image of God, woman to be an inseparable helpmeet, insomuch that thou didst cause the body of woman to take her origin from the flesh of man, and didst teach that it should never be lawful to put asunder what thou wast pleased at the beginning to make one:

O God, who didst consecrate the bond of matrimony to such an excellent mystery, that in the covenant of wedlock thou didst foreshadow the sacrament of Christ and his Church: Look mercifully upon these thy servants, that this man may love his wife, according to thy Word, (as Christ did love his spouse the Church, who gave himself for it, loving and cherishing it even as his own flesh;)

O God, through whom woman is joined to man, and mankind in the beginning was endowed with that blessing, which alone hath not been taken away either by the punishment of original sin or by the judgment of the flood: look mercifully upon this thine handmaid, who, coming to be joined in matrimony, seeketh thy protection and defence: may the bond of love and peace abide in her: may she be wedded faithful and chaste in Christ, and ever be a follower of holy matrons: may she be loving to her husband, as Rachel: wise, as Rebecca: may she be faithful and live long, as Sara:

Let the father of lies have no dominion over them by reason of their transgression: may they continue steadfast in the faith and the commandments: may they cleave to one marriage bed, and flee unlawful communications: may they be strengthened by the spirit of discipline: may they be grave and modest, honorable and chaste, instructed in heavenly doctrine: may they be fruitful in offspring, approved and without offence: may they attain unto the rest of the Blessed and unto the heavenly realms: and may they see their

children's children even unto the third and fourth generation, and come to the old age which they desire. Through the same...

*Then the Priest turning back to the middle of the Altar, says Deliver us and the rest as usual.*

## POSTCOMMUNION

We beseech thee, Almighty God: let thy gracious favor accompany the institution of thy providence; that those whom thou hast joined together in lawful union, thou wouldest preserve in lasting peace. Through...

*Before blessing the people, the Priest turns to the Bridegroom and Bride and says:*

The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob be with you: and may he fulfil his blessing upon you: that ye may see your children's children even unto the third and fourth generation, and thereafter may have eternal life without end: through the help of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth God, throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

*Then he sprinkles them with holy water and then blesses the people.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the ☩ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit descend upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

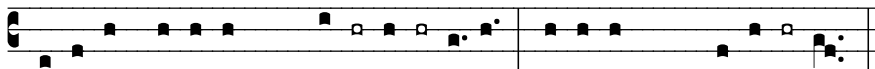


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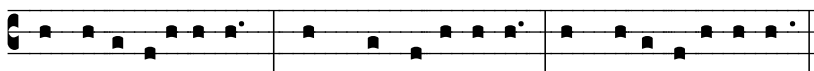
*The Priest faces the newly married persons and the Psalm is sung.*

PSALM 128 *Beati omnes*

Tone III A 5



BLESSED are all / they that fear the Lord, \* and walk / in his ways.  
2. For thou shalt eat the / labors of thine hands: \* O well is thee, and  
hap/py shalt thou be.  
3. Thy wife shall / be as the fruitful vine \* upon the walls / of thine  
house;  
4. Thy children like the / olive branches \* round about / thy table.  
5. Lo, thus shall the / man be blessed \* that fear/eth the Lord.  
6. The Lord from out of Zion / shall so bless thee, \* that thou shalt  
see Jerusalem in prosperity all / thy life long;  
7. Yea, that thou shalt see thy / children's children, \* and peace  
up/on Israel.  
Glory be to the / Father and to the Son, \* and to / the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, † is now and / ever shall be, \* world  
with/out end. Amen.



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Our Father...

*V.* And lead us not into tempta/tion.

*R.* **But deliver us from e/vil.**

*V.* O Lord, hear / our prayer.

*R.* **And let our cry come un/to thee.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: ☩ Bless, O Lord, and look from heaven upon this union: and as thou didst send thy holy Angel Raphael to bring peace to Tobias and Sarah, the daughter of Raguel, so vouch-safe, O Lord, to send thy blessing upon these two persons, that they may abide in thy benediction, continue in thy will, and live in thy love. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then raising his hands and extending them over their heads, he says:*

The Lord God almighty bless you, and fulfil his benediction upon you, and may ye see your children's children even unto the third and fourth generation, and attain unto the old age which ye desire. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Or when appropriate:* Stretch forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, the right hand of thy heavenly succor on thy faithful, that they may seek thee with their whole heart, and obtain those things which they rightly ask. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING OF AN EXPECTANT MOTHER

*V.* ✠ Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* O Lord save thy hand/maid.

*R.* **Who putteth her trust / in thee.**

*V.* Be unto her a tower / of strength.

*R.* **From the face of her e/nemy.**

*V.* Send her help from thy ho/ly place.

*R.* **And defend her out of Si/on.**

*V.* O Lord, hear / my prayer.

*R.* **And let my cry come un/to thee.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto thy servants grace by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Majesty to worship the Unity: we beseech thee; that thou wouldest keep this thine handmaid *N.*, steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend her from all adversities. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray. O Lord God, Creator of all things, strong and mighty, just and merciful, who alone art good and gracious; who didst deliver Israel from every evil, making our fathers thy chosen ones, and didst sanctify them by the hand of thy spirit; who didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mary that it might be made a worthy dwelling-place for thy Son; who didst fill John the Baptist with the Holy Ghost and didst cause him to rejoice in his mother's womb: receive the sacrifice of a contrite heart, and the fervent desire of thine handmaid *N.*, who humbly prayeth for the preservation of the offspring which thou hast given her to conceive: keep thy part, and defend her from every sorrow and injury of the malicious enemy: that, by the gentle, protecting hand of thy mercy, like the



**R. And let my cry come un/to thee.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

**R. And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray. Visit, we beseech thee O Lord, this dwelling, and drive far from it and from this thine handmaid *N.*, all the snares of the enemy: let thy holy Angels dwell herein to preserve her and her offspring in peace; and may thy ☩ blessing be upon her evermore. Save them, almighty God, and grant unto them thy perpetual light. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing of God almighty, the ☩ Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, descend upon thee and upon thine offspring, and remain with thee alway. **Amen.**

# PRAYERS FOR A MOTHER AND HER INFANT FOLLOWING CHILDBIRTH

*When the priest has entered the Mother's hospital room or other suitable place, he begins, saying:*

*V. Peace be to / this house.*

*R. And to all that dwell / in it.*

*The Priest sprinkles the Mother and the room with Holy Water, and says:*

Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

PSALM 113 *Laudate, pueri*

Tone V 2



PRAISE THE Lord, ye / servants; \* O praise the / Name of the Lord.

2. Blessed be the Name of the / Lord \* from this time / forth for ever more.

3. The Lord's Name is / praised \* from the rising up of the sun unto the going / down of the same.

4. The Lord is high above all / nations, \* and his glory a/bove the heavens.

5. Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so / high, \* and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in / heaven and earth!

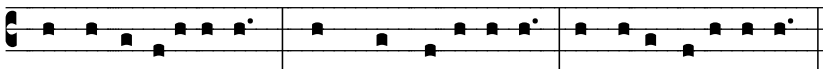
6. He taketh up the simple out of the / dust, \* and lifteth the / poor out of the mire;

7. That he may set him with the / princes, \* even with the princes / of his people.

8. He maketh the barren woman to keep / house, \* and to be a joyful / mother of children.

Glory be to the Father, and to the / Son, \* and / to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever / shall be, \* - / world without end. Amen.

*Then he says:*



Ky-ri-e e-lé-i-son. **Chris-te e-lé-i-son.** Ky-ri-e e-lé-i-son.

Our Father...

*V.* And lead us not into tempta/tion.

*R.* **But deliver us from e/vil.**

*V.* Save thine hand/maid.

*R.* **My God, who trusteth /in thee.**

*V.* Send her help, O Lord, from the sanctua/ry.

*R.* **And strengthen her out of Si/on.**

*V.* Let the enemy have no advantage ov/er her.

*R.* **Nor the son of wickedness have power to hurt / her.**

*V.* Be unto her, O Lord, a tower / of strength.

*R.* **From the face of the e/nemy.**

*V.* The Lord com/fort her.

*R.* **When she lieth sick upon / her bed.**

*V.* O Lord, hear / my prayer.

*R.* **And let my cry come un/to thee.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

*V.* Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who didst appoint unto our first mother, Eve, after her transgression, that in sorrow she should bring forth children, but didst promise redemption through her seed, even Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord; favorably regard this thine handmaid whom thou hast preserved through the pains and perils of childbirth (and hast made her the mother of a

child, filling her heart with joy and gladness). Stretch forth thine hand to heal and restore her; endue her with renewed strength both in body and soul; sanctify her by thy Holy Spirit, and bring her again in peace unto thy holy Church, that she may praise thy Name in the midst of thy congregation. Hide her under the shadow of thy wings from this day forward. Grant her the increase of faith, charity, and holiness with sobriety; guarding her from all evil, bring her home at length unto thine everlasting salvation. Through the same...

*He then reads the following verse of Scripture:*

A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world (*St. John xvi. 21*).

*The priest then blesses the child saying:*

*V.* The Lord be with you.

*R.* **And with thy spirit.**

*V.* Let us pray. O God, who for our salvation didst vouchsafe to send down from heaven thine only-begotten Son, to be born of blessed Mary ever Virgin, and to be laid, as an infant, in the manger; and hast further said by the same thy well-beloved Son, that in heaven the Angels of little children do always behold thy face; we humbly beseech thee to embrace in the everlasting arms of thy loving-kindness this infant on whom we now set the ✠ sign of our redemption, in token of thy good will towards *him* through the Cross and Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Vouchsafe unto *him* the gift of thy heavenly blessing. Defend *him* from the power and assaults of the devil. Protect *him* by thy good Providence from all harm of body and soul. Grant that *he* may be born again unto thee in holy Baptism, be made partaker of thy heavenly grace, abide thy faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end, and finally may be admitted to thine eternal glory. Through...



*The priest then blesses all those present.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the ☩ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit descend upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

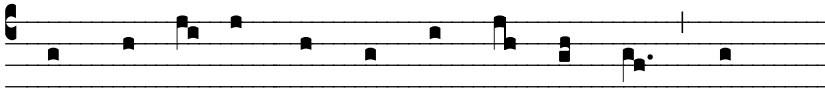
## BLESSING OF A WOMAN AFTER CHILDBIRTH

*If a woman after childbirth, according to pious and laudable custom, desires to come to the church to render thanks to God for her safety, and ask a blessing from the Priest, he shall come, vested in surplice and white stole, with a Clerk bearing the holy water vessel, to the door of the church, where he shall sprinkle her with holy water, as she kneels at the threshold, holding a lighted candle; then shall he say:*

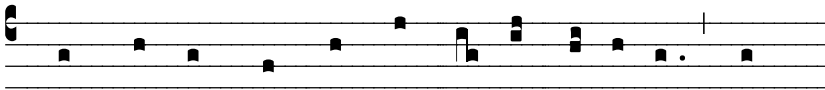
*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

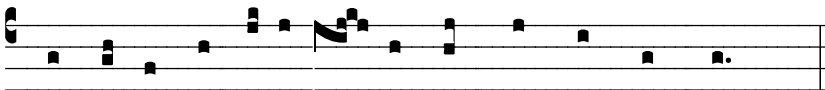
### ANTIPHON



She shall re-ceive the bless-ing from the Lord, and



right-eous-ness from the God of her sal-va-tion: for



this is the gen-er-a-tion of them that seek the Lord.

### PSALM 24 *Domini est terra*

Tone III A 1



THE EARTH is the Lord's, and / all that therein is; \* the compass of the world, and / they that dwell therein.

2. For he hath founded / it upon the seas, \* and stablished / it upon the floods.
3. Who shall ascend into the / hill of the Lord? \* or who shall rise up / in his holy place?
4. Even he that hath clean / hands, and a pure heart; \* and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to de/ceive his neighbor.
5. He shall receive the / blessing from the Lord, \* and righteousness from the God of / his salvation.
6. This is the generation of / them that seek him; \* even of them that seek thy face, O / God of Jacob.
7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye / everlasting doors; \* and the King of / glory shall come in.
8. Who is this / King of glory? \* It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord migh/ty in battle.
9. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye / everlasting doors; \* and the King of / glory shall come in.
10. Who is this / King of glory? \* Even the Lord of hosts, he is the / King of glory.

Glory be to the / Father, and to the Son, \* and / to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, † is now and / ever shall be, \* world / without end. Amen.

*The antiphon is repeated.* She shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of her salvation: for this is the generation of them that seek the Lord.

*Then placing in the hand of the woman the end of his stole, which hangs from his left shoulder, he leads her into the Church, saying:*

Enter into the temple of God, adore the son of the blessed Virgin Mary, who hath given thee fruitfulness of offspring.

*And she, having entered, kneels before the Altar and prays, giving thanks to God for the blessings bestowed upon her; then the Priest says:*



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V. O Lord, hear / my prayer.

R. **And let my cry come un/to thee.**

V. The Lord be with / you.

R. **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, who through the childbearing of the blessed Virgin Mary hast turned the pains of the faithful who are with child into joy: look mercifully upon this thy handmaid, who cometh with gladness to thy holy temple to render thanks, and grant; that after this life, by the intercession of the same blessed Mary, she may be worthy to attain with her child unto the joys of everlasting blessedness. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then he sprinkles her again with holy Water, saying:*

The peace and blessing of God almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, descend upon thee, and remain with thee always.

**Amen.**

## Blessing for the Gift of Children

*V.* Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven and earth.**

*V.* The Lord be with you.

*R.* **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray: Almighty and merciful God, who created all things from nothing, fashioned man in thine own image, and sanctified the union of marriage commanding mankind to be fruitful and multiply: look graciously upon this blessed union of husband and wife as they seek refuge and help in thee. Grant that there be such mercy, peace and joy in their midst that there be no work of Satan found in them. According to thy gracious will, ☩ let them be fruitful, and see their children's children even unto the third and fourth generation, and come to the old age which they desire. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord... **Amen.**

*And the Priest sprinkles the couple with Holy Water.*

## Visitation of the Sick

*All the following prayers may be said or omitted at the discretion of the Priest, as time and the condition of the sick person may demand.*

*Upon entering the sick person's room the Priest says:*

*V.* Peace be to this house.

*R.* **And to all that dwell in it.**

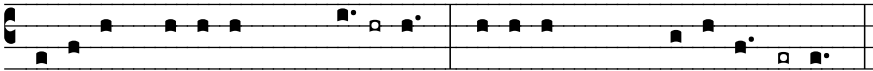
*In the sick room the Priest sprinkles the sick person, the bed and the room, and says:*

Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

*Then he ministers to the sick person in this or other like manner. And he may say the following Psalm over the sick person.*

PSALM 91 *Qui habitat*

Tone VIII 1



WHOSO dwelleth under the defense of the Most / High, \* shall  
abide under the shadow of / the Almighty.

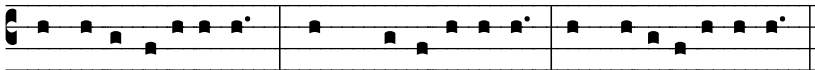
2. I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my / stronghold; \*  
my God, in / him will I trust.

3. For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the / hunter, \* and from  
the / noisome pestilence.

4. He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under  
his / feathers; \* his faithfulness and truth shall be thy / shield and  
buckler.

5. Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by / night, \* nor for the  
arrow that / flieth by day;

6. For the pestilence that walketh in / darkness, \* nor for the sickness that destroyeth / in the noon-day.
7. A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right / hand; \* but it shall / not come nigh thee.
8. Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou be/hold \* and see the reward of / the ungodly.
9. For thou, Lord, art my / hope; \* thou hast set thine house of de/fense very high.
10. There shall no evil happen unto / thee, \* neither shall any plague come / nigh thy dwelling.
11. For he shall give his Angels charge / over thee, \* to keep / thee in all thy ways.
12. They shall bear thee in their / hands, \* that thou hurt not thy / foot against a stone.
13. Thou shalt go upon the lion and / adder: \* the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread / under thy feet.
14. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I de/liver him; \* I will set him up, because / he hath known my Name.
15. He shall call upon me, and I will / hear him; \* yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring / him to honor.
16. With long life will I satis/fy him, \* and show him / my salvation. Glory be to the Father, and to the / Son, \* and / to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, † is now and ever / shall be, \* world / without end. Amen.



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*V.* Save thy *ser/vant* (*hand/maid*).

*R.* **My God, who trusteth / in thee.**

*V.* Send *him* (*her*) help, O Lord, from the sanctua/ry.

*R.* **And strengthen *him* (*her*) out of Si/on.**

*V.* Let the enemy have no advantage ov/er *him* (*her*).

**R. Nor the son of wickedness have power to hurt / him (her).**

*V.* Be unto *him (her)* O Lord, a tower / of strength.

**R. From the face of the enemy.**

*V.* The Lord comfort *him (her)*.

**R. When he (she) lieth sick upon / his (her) bed.**

*V.* O Lord, hear / my prayer.

**R. And let my cry come unto thee.**

*V.* The Lord be with /you.

**R. And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray: O God, whose property is ever to have mercy and to forgive: receive our supplication; that we and this thy *servant (handmaid)*, who are tied and bound by the chains of our sins, may by the pitifulness of thy great mercy be loosed from the same.

O God, the only support of the frailty of men, shew forth the might of thy succour on this thy *servant (handmaid)* who is sick: that by the help of thine availing mercy *he (she)* may be worthy to be restored in health to thy holy church.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord God, that this thy *servant (handmaid)* may enjoy perpetual health of body and soul: and, at the glorious intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin, be delivered from present sadness, and rejoice in everlasting gladness. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The blessing of God almighty, the ☩ Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, descend upon thee, and abide with thee alway. **Amen.**

*Then he sprinkles him (her) with holy Water.*

*Any of the following Psalms and Gospels may be read at the discretion of the Priest or the desire of the sick person; and before any Gospel the Priest shall say:*

*V.* The Lord be with you.

**R. And with thy spirit.**



*And signing himself and, if he be a male, likewise the sick person, if he cannot sign himself.*

*V.* The Continuation of the holy Gospel according to *N.*

**R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Psalm 6. Mat. 8: 5-13

Psalm 16. Mark 16:14-18

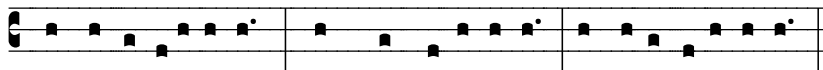
Psalm 20. Luke 4:38-40

Psalm 86. John 5:1-14

Psalm 91. John 1:1-14



*Then he says:*



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Our Father...

*V.* And lead us not into tempta/tion.

*R.* **But deliver us from e/vil.**

*V.* Our God is mer/ciful.

*R.* **The Lord who preserveth the child/ren.**

*V.* Suffer the little children to come un/to me.

*R.* **For of such is the kingdom of hea/ven.**

*V.* O Lord hear / my prayer.

*R.* **And let my cry come un/to thee.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: O God in whom all things grow, and by whom all that which is come to full stature is made strong: stretch forth thy right hand upon this thy *servant (handmaid)* who, at this tender age, is stricken with sickness; and grant that, being restored to health and strength, *he (she)* may attain to fulness of years and may serve thee faithfully and thankfully all the days of *his (her)* life. Through...

**Amen.**

Let us pray: O Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, who dost care for thy creation with manifold loving-kindness, and dost pour forth the grace of healing not only on the soul but also on the body; vouchsafe to raise up this sick child from *his (her)* bed of suffering, and restore *him (her)* whole in mind and body to thy holy Church and to *his (her)* parents; that, growing in wisdom and in favour with thee and with men, *he (she)* may serve thee, all the days that thou shalt add unto *his (her)* life, in holiness and righteousness, and may render thanks, as is most justly due, for these thy mercies. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray: O everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order; mercifully grant, that as thy holy Angels always do thee service in heaven, so by thy appointment they may succour and defend the life of this *boy (girl)* on earth. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*And laying his right hand upon the head of the sick child, he adds:*

They shall lay their hands upon the sick and they shall recover.

May Jesus the Son of Mary, the salvation and Lord of the world, by the intercession of his holy Apostles Peter and Paul and all the Saints, be unto thee merciful and gracious. **Amen.**

*Then, if time allow, may be read the following Gospel (while the Priest says The Beginning of the, etc., he makes the sign of the Cross as usual upon himself on forehead, mouth and breast; likewise on the sick Child, if he cannot sign himself):*

*V.* The Lord be with you.

*R.* **And with thy spirit.**

*V.* ✠ The Beginning of the holy Gospel according to John.

*R.* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made; in him was life, and the life was the light of men; and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that

believe on his Name; which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us; and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. *R.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*And finally he shall bless the child, saying:*

The blessing of God Almighty, the ☩ Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, descend upon thee, and remain with thee always. **Amen.**

*Then he sprinkles him with holy Water.*

## The Sacrament of Penance

*The penitent, on kneeling before the Priest, at once says: **Bless me, Father, for I have sinned;** and the Priest forthwith gives the blessing:*

The Lord be in thy heart and upon thy lips, that thou mayest meetly and rightly confess thy sins, in the Name of the ☩ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

*The penitent then enumerates his sins, and, if desired, the Priest will give him counsel and advice, and before pronouncing absolution he may impose a penance. When the Priest wishes to absolve a penitent, after a penance enjoined and accepted, he shall say:*

Almighty God have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life. **Amen.**

*Then raising his right hand toward the penitent, he says:* The almighty and merciful Lord grant unto thee pardon, absolution, and remission of thy sins. **Amen.** Our Lord Jesus Christ absolve thee; and I by his authority absolve thee from every bond of excommunication and interdict, so far as I have power, and thou hast need. Furthermore I absolve thee from thy sins, in the Name of the ☩ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.** Our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath left power to his Church to absolve all sinners who truly repent and believe in him, of his great mercy forgive thee thine offences; And by his authority committed to me, I absolve thee from all thy sins; in the Name of the ☩ Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

*Or the following form may be used:*

*The Penitent begins:* **Bless me, Father, for I have sinned.**

*The Priest responds:* The Lord be in thy heart and upon thy lips, that so thou mayest worthily confess all thy sins; In the Name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

*The Penitent then makes his Confession, using the following or a similar formula:* **I confess to Almighty God, to all the Saints, and to thee, Father, that I have sinned very much, in thought, word, deed, and omission, by my own great fault. Since my last confession which was \_\_\_\_\_, I have committed these sins:**

*He confesses his sins and continues:* **For these and all other sins which I cannot now remember, I am very sorry. I will try to do better, and I humbly ask pardon of God; and of you Father, I ask for penance, advice and absolution. Amen.**

*After the Confession is ended, the Priest may address a few words of counsel to the penitent, and may assign a suitable penance. When the Priest wishes to absolve a penitent, after a penance enjoined and accepted, he shall say:*

Almighty God have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life. **Amen.** The Almighty and merciful Lord grant thee pardon, ☩ absolution, and remission of thy sins. **Amen.** Our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath left power to his Church to absolve all sinners who truly repent and believe in him, of his great mercy forgive thee thine offenses: And by his authority committed unto me, absolve thee from all thy sins, In the Name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.** May the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, the prayers of his holy Mother the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of all the Saints, together with whatsoever good thou hast done, or evil thou hast endured, be unto thee for the forgiveness of sins, the increase of grace, and the reward of eternal life: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon thee and remain with thee always. **Amen.**

Go in peace, the Lord hath put away all thy sins. And pray for me, a sinner.

*When grave necessity presses in danger of death, in place of all the above, the Priest may say briefly:*

I absolve thee from all censures and sins, in the Name of the ☩ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**



## Communion of the Sick

*Upon entering the room the Priest makes preparation and says*

*V.* Peace be to / this house.

*R.* **And to all that dwell / in it.**

*The Priest then takes Holy Water and sprinkles the sick person and the room while saying*

Thou shalt purge me, \* O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. *Ps.51:1.* Have mercy upon me, O God: after thy great goodness. *V.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son; and to the Holy Ghost; *R.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Thou shalt purge me...

*V.* O Lord, show thy mercy up/on us;

*R.* **And grant us thy salva/tion.**

*V.* O Lord, hear / my prayer;

*R.* **And let my cry come un/to thee.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you;

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Graciously hear us, O Lord Holy, Father Almighty, Everlasting God: and vouchsafe to send thy holy Angel from heaven; to guard and cherish, to protect and visit, and to defend all who dwell in this place. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The following general confession is then said, unless a private confession is made*

I confess to God Almighty, to Blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to thee, father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed, by my fault, by

my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Wherefore I beg blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and thee, father, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

*V.* God Almighty have mercy upon *you*, forgive *you your* sins, and bring *you* to everlasting life. **Amen.**

*V.* The Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto us pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of our sins. **Amen.**

*The Priest then takes the Sacrament from the Pyx and raises it saying*

✠ Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

*The Priest and People respond three times,*

**Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

*The people then say this prayer of preparation before receiving the Sacrament:*

**I believe, O Lord, and I confess that thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who didst come into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. And I believe that this is truly thine own immaculate Body, and that this is truly thine own precious Blood. Wherefore I pray thee, have mercy upon me and forgive my transgressions both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, of knowledge and of ignorance; and make me worthy to partake without condemnation of thine immaculate Mysteries, unto remission of my sins and unto life everlasting. Amen. Of thy Mystic Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant: for I will not speak of thy Mystery to thine enemies, neither will I give thee a kiss as did Judas; but like the**

**thief will I confess thee: Remember me, O Lord, in thy Kingdom. Not unto judgment nor unto condemnation be my partaking of thy Holy Mysteries, O Lord, but unto the healing of soul and body.**

*The Priest administers the Sacrament to the sick person saying*

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy soul unto everlasting life.

*The Priest cleanses his fingers and then says*

*V.* The Lord be with you.

*R.* **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray: O Lord holy, Father almighty, everlasting God, we faithfully beseech thee that the most Sacred Body of our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, which our *brother (sister)* hath received, may avail for the healing both of body and soul: who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Blessing of God almighty, the ☩ Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, descend upon *you* and remain with *you* always. **Amen.**

## The Order of Administering the Sacrament of Unction

*In case of necessity, it suffices to anoint one sense only, or more fittingly the forehead, with this shorter form:*

Through this holy ✠ Unction the Lord pardon thee whatsoever thou hast done amiss. Amen.

*But the obligation remains, when the danger ceases, of supplying each of the anointings and all the prayers. If there be doubt whether the sick person yet lives, the Priest shall anoint conditionally saying:*

If thou livest, through this holy ✠ Unction, etc.

*The Priest, who is to administer the Sacrament of Extreme Unction, shall take care that there be made ready, as far as possible, in the sick person's house, a table covered with a white cloth, and a vessel, wherein is cotton-wool or the like, divided into six small pellets, for wiping the places anointed; bread crumbs for cleansing the fingers; water for washing the Priest's hands, and a wax candle, to give him light as he anoints.*

*Then with the Clergy or at least with one Clerk, who carries a Cross, the holy Water with sprinkler, and the Ritual, the Parish Priest himself takes the vessel of sacred Oil, enclosed in a bag of violet silk, and carries it with care; for greater safety he may hang it around his neck. No bell is rung.*

*When he comes to the place where the sick person lies, the Priest entering the room, says:*

*V. Peace be to this house.*

*R. And to all that dwell in it.*

*Having placed the Oil upon the table and (if not already vested) having put on surplice and violet stole, the Priest gives the sick person a Cross to kiss. Then he shall sprinkle him, the bystanders, and the room, in the form of a Cross, saying:*

Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

*If the sick person wishes to confess, he shall hear him and absolve him. Then he shall comfort him, and, if time permit, briefly admonish him concerning the power and efficacy of this Sacrament.*

*Then he says:*

*V.* Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven and earth.**

*V.* The Lord be with you.

*R.* **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray: Let there enter into this house, O Lord, Jesu Christ, with the coming of us unworthy, everlasting happiness, divine prosperity, serene gladness, fruitful charity and everlasting health: let no evil spirits approach this place: may Angels of peace be present, and all evil discord far removed from this house: magnify upon us thy holy Name, O Lord, and ☩ bless our conversation; sanctify our unworthy coming, who art holy and gracious, and abidest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. **Amen.**

Let us pray and beseech our Lord Jesus Christ, that in blessing he may ☩ bless this dwelling-place, and all that inhabit it, and give to them a good Angel guardian, and make them so to serve him, that they may consider the wondrous things of his law: may he turn from them all adverse powers: deliver them from all fear, and from every disquiet, and vouchsafe to preserve them in safety in this dwelling-place: Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, world without end. **Amen.**

Let us pray: Graciously hear us, O Lord holy, Father almighty, everlasting God: and vouchsafe to send from heaven thy holy Angel to guard and cherish, protect, visit and defend all who dwell in this place. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*These prayers, if time does not allow, may be omitted in whole or in part. Then the general Confession is made in the accustomed manner (see p. 75), and the Priest says in the singular number:*

Almighty God, have mercy upon thee (*or if there be several you*), etc. The almighty... grant unto thee.

*The Priest, extending his right hand over the head of the sick person, says:*

In the Name of the ☩ Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the ☩ Holy Ghost, may there be extinguished in thee all power of the devil, through the imposition of our hands, and through the invocation of the glorious and holy Virgin Mary Mother of God, and of her illustrious Spouse Joseph, and of all the holy Angels, Archangels, Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors and Virgins, and of all the Saints. **Amen.**

*Then, dipping his thumb in the holy Oil, he anoints the sick person in the form of a Cross on the parts mentioned below, adapting the words of the form to the appropriate place in this manner:*

*At the eyes.*

Through this holy ☩ Unction, and his most tender mercy, the Lord pardon thee whatsoever thou hast done amiss by seeing. Amen.

*The Clerk, if he be in Holy Orders, or the Priest himself, after each anointing shall wipe the place anointed with a fresh pellet of cotton-wool, and place it in a clean vessel, and afterwards carry it to the Church, burn it, and cast the ashes into the sacrarium.*

*At the ears.*

Through this holy ✠ Unction, and his most tender mercy, the Lord pardon thee whatsoever thou hast done amiss by hearing. Amen.

*At the nostrils.*

Through this holy ✠ Unction, and his most tender mercy, the Lord pardon thee whatsoever thou hast done amiss by smelling. Amen.

*At the mouth, the lips being closed.*

Through this holy ✠ Unction, and his most tender mercy, the Lord pardon thee whatsoever thou hast done amiss by tasting and speaking. Amen.

*At the hands.*

Through this holy ✠ Unction, and his most tender mercy, the Lord pardon thee whatsoever thou hast done amiss by touching. Amen.

*And note, that the hands of Priests are not anointed on the inside, but on the outside.*

*At the feet.*

Through this holy ✠ Unction, and his most tender mercy, the Lord pardon thee whatsoever thou hast done amiss by walking. Amen.

*This unction of the feet may be omitted for any reasonable cause.*

*All these things being done, the Priest rubs his thumb with bread crumbs, washes his hands, and wipes them with the towel. The water and bread shall in due course be cast into the sacrarium or the fire. Then he says:*

Kyrie eleison, **Christe eleison**, Kyrie eleison.

Our Father...

*V.* And lead us not into temptation.

*R.* **But deliver us from evil.**

*V.* O Lord, save thy *servant (handmaid)*.

*R.* **Who putteth his (her) trust in thee.**

V. Send *him (her)* help from thy holy place.

R. **And evermore mightily defend *him (her)*.**

V. Be unto *him (her)*, O Lord, a tower of strength.

R. **From the face of the enemy.**

V. Let the enemy have no advantage over *him (her)*.

R. **Nor the wicked approach to hurt *him (her)*.**

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. **And let my cry come unto thee.**

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray: O Lord God, who through thine Apostle James hast said: Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up: and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him; cure, we beseech thee, O our Redeemer, by the grace of the Holy Ghost, the weakness of this sick person; heal *his (her)* wounds and put away *his (her)* sins; cast out from *him (her)* all pain of mind and body and mercifully give back to *him (her)* full health, both inwardly and outwardly, that, being restored by the help of thy mercy, *he (she)* may return to *his (her)* duties as of old: Who with the Father and the same Holy Ghost livest and reignest God, world without end. **Amen.**

Let us pray: Look, O Lord, we beseech thee, upon this thy *servant (handmaid)* N., languishing in weakness of body, and comfort again the soul which thou hast created: that, being amended by thy chastisement, *he (she)* may feel *himself (herself)* to be saved by thy healing. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray: O Lord holy, Father almighty, everlasting God, who in pouring the grace of thy blessing upon sick bodies dost preserve by thy manifold goodness thy handy-work: graciously assist us who call upon thy Name; deliver thy *servant (handmaid)* from *his (her)* sickness, and give *him (her)* health; raise *him (her)* up by thy right hand; strengthen *him (her)* by thy might; protect *him (her)* by thy



power; and with all the prosperity which *he (she)* desires restore *him (her)* to thy holy Church. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*During the anointings the bystanders should say suitable prayers for the sick person, e.g., one or more of the Penitential Psalms (6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143) or the Litany of the Saints (p. 84).*

*At the end he may give brief and salutary exhortations to enable the sick person to die in the Lord, and to strengthen him (her) to put to flight the temptations of evil spirits.*

*Finally he should leave with him (her) holy water and a Cross, that he may frequently look up on it, and according to his (her) devotion kiss it and embrace it.*

*He should also warn the relatives and servants of the sick man (woman) to send at once for the Parish Priest, if the disease grows worse, that he may help the dying man (woman), and commend his (her) soul to God; but if death is at hand, the Priest, before he departs, shall duly commend the soul to God.*

*When this Sacrament is administered to several sick persons at the same time, the Priest shall present the Cross to each to be devoutly kissed, and shall say all the prayers which precede and follow the anointing once for all in the plural number; but he shall perform the anointings with their respective forms separately on each sick person.*

## The Litany of the Saints

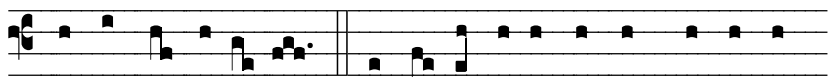
*When the Litanies are sung in procession, the following antiphon is recited:*



O Lord, a-rise, help us and de-li-ver us for thy Name's sake.



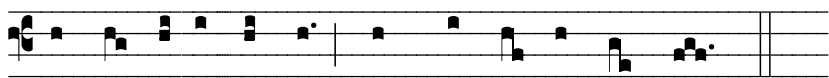
*Ps.* O God, we have heard with our ears: our Fa-ters have



de-clar-ed un-to us. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the



Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost. As it was in the be-gin-ning, is



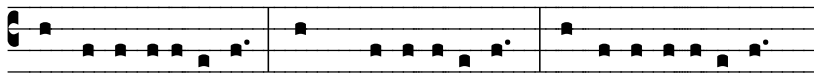
now and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men.



O Lord, a-rise, help us and de-li-ver us for thy Name's sake.

*All kneel. If there is to be a procession, it begins at the singing of Holy Mary...*

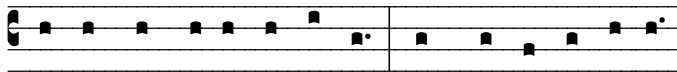
*Priest or Cantor:*



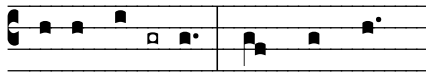
Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. **Chris-te e-le-i-son.** Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.



O Christ, hear us. **O Christ, graciously hear us.**



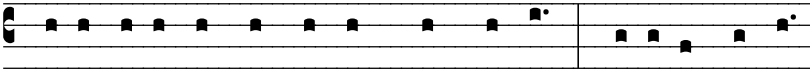
O God the Father of heaven, **have mercy upon us.**  
O God the Son, Redeemer of the / world, **have mercy upon us.**  
O God the Holy / Ghost, **have mercy upon us.**  
Holy Trinity, one / God, **have mercy upon us.**



Holy Ma/ry, **pray for us.**

Holy Mother of / God, **pray...** Holy Virgin of / virgins, **pray...** St. / Michael, **pray...** St. / Gabriel, **pray...** St. / Raphael, **pray...** All ye holy Angels and Arch/angels, **pray...** All ye holy orders of blessed / Spirits, **pray...** St. John the / Baptist, **pray...** St. / Joseph, **pray...** All ye holy Patriarchs and / Prophets, **pray...** St. / Peter, **pray...** St. / Paul, **pray...** St. / Andrew, **pray...** St. / James, **pray...** St. / John, **pray...** St. / Thomas, **pray...** St. / James, **pray...** St. / Philip, **pray...** St. Bar/tholomew, **pray...** St. / Matthew, **pray...** St. / Simon, **pray...** St. / Jude, **pray...** St. Mat/thias, **pray...** St. / Barnabas, **pray...** St. / Luke, **pray...** St. / Mark, **pray...** All ye holy Apostles and Ev/angelists, **pray...** All ye holy Disciples of the / Lord, **pray...** All ye holy / Innocents, **pray...** St. / Stephen, **pray...** St. / Laurence, **pray...** St. / Vincent, **pray...** St. Fabian and St. Se/bastian, **pray...** St. John and St. / Paul, **pray...** St. Cosmas and St. / Damian, **pray...** St. Gervase and St. Pro/tase, **pray...** All ye holy / Martyrs, **pray...** St. Sil/vester, **pray...** St. / Gregory, **pray...** St. / Ambrose, **pray...** St. Au/gustine, **pray...** St. Je/rome, **pray...**

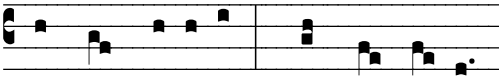
St. / Martin, **pray...** St. / Nicholas, **pray...** All ye holy Bishops and Con/fessors, **pray...** All ye holy / Doctors, **pray...** St. / Anthony, **pray...** St. / Benedict, **pray...** All ye holy Priests and / Levites, **pray...** All ye holy Monks and / Hermits, **pray...** [St. / Herman, **pray...** St. / Innocent, **pray...** St. / Tikhon, **pray...** St. Juven/aly, **pray...** St. Peter the A/leut, **pray...** St. A/lexis, **pray...** St. Raphael of / Brooklyn, **pray...** All ye holy Enlighteners of North A/merica, **pray...**] St. Mary / Magdalen, **pray...** St. / Agatha, **pray...** St. / Lucy, **pray...** St. / Agnes, **pray...** St. Ce/cilia, **pray...** St. / Catherine, **pray...** St. Ana/stasia, **pray...** All ye holy Virgins and / Widows, **pray...**



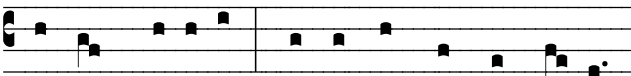
All ye holy men and women, Saints of God, **intercede for us.**

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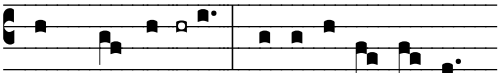
*At the Paschal Vigil, the liturgy proceeds with the Blessing of the Water, p. 157 in The Orthodox Missal. After the Blessing of the Water and at other times follows:*



Be thou merciful, **spare us, O Lord.**



Be thou merciful, **graciously hear us, O Lord.**



From all e - vil, **deliver us, O Lord.**

- / From all sin, **deliver...** - / From thy wrath, **deliver...** From ev/erlasting death, **deliver...** Through the mystery of thy holy In/carnation, **deliver...** Through / thine Advent, **deliver...** Through

thy / Nativity, **deliver...** Through thy Baptism and ho/ly Fasting,  
**deliver...** Through thy Cross / and Passion, **deliver...** Through thy  
 death / and burial, **deliver...** Through thy holy Re/surrection,  
**deliver...** Through thy wonderful / Ascension, **deliver...** Through  
 the coming of the Holy Ghost / the Paraclete, **deliver...** In the day /  
 of judgment, **deliver...**

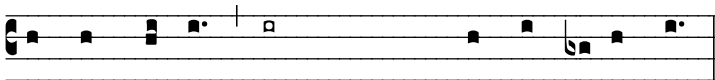


We sinners, **beseech thee to hear us.**



That thou wouldest spare us, **we beseech thee to hear us.**

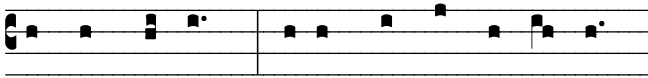
That it may please thee to govern and preserve / thy holy Church,  
**we beseech...** That it may please thee to preserve our apostolic lord  
 and all orders of the Church in thy true / religion, **we beseech...** That  
 it may please thee to humble the enemies / of holy Church, **we**  
**beseech...** That it may please thee to give unto Christian kings and  
 rulers peace and / true concord, **we beseech ...** That it may please  
 thee to strengthen, and preserve us in thy ho/ly service, **we**  
**beseech...** That thou wouldest reward all our benefactors with  
 everlast/ing blessings, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to give  
 and preserve the fruits / of the earth, **we beseech...** That it may  
 please thee to grant unto all the faithful departed rest / eternal, **we**  
**beseech...** That it may please thee graciously / to hear us, **we**  
**beseech...** - / Son of God, **we beseech...**



O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,



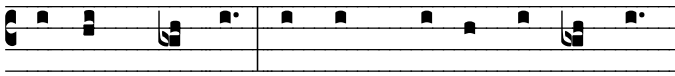
spare us, O Lord.



O Lamb of God... **graciously hear us, O Lord.**



O Lamb of God... **have mercy up-on us.**

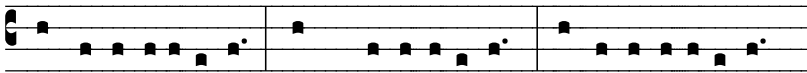


O Christ, hear us. **O Christ, graciously hear us.**

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*At the Paschal Vigil the service continues with the Kyrie. At Rogation and other times the Litany continues as follows:*

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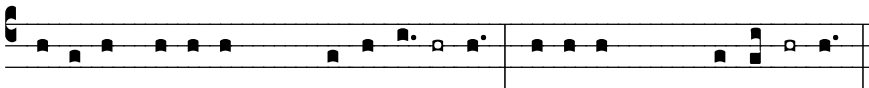
Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. **Chris-te e-le-i-son.** Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.

Our Father: Who art in heaven...

*Then follows the Psalm.*

PSALM 70 *Deus, in adjutorium*

Tone IV 8



HASTE THEE, O God, / to deliver me; \* make haste to help / me, O Lord.

2. Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek af/ter my soul;\*  
let them be turned backward and put to confusion that wish / me evil.

3. Let them for their reward be soon / brought to shame, \* that cry  
over / me, There! there!
4. But let all those that seek thee be joy/ful and glad in thee; \* and  
let all such as delight in thy salvation say alway, The Lord / be  
praised.
5. As for me, I am poor / and in misery; \* haste thee unto / me, O  
God.
6. Thou art my helper, and / my redeemer; \* O Lord, make no / long  
tarrying.
- Glory be to the Father and / to the Son, \* and to / the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, † is now and / ever shall be, \* world  
with/out end. Amen.

*V.* Save thy ser/vants.

*R.* **My God, who put their trust /in thee.**

*V.* Be unto us, O Lord, a strong to/wer.

*R.* **From the face of the en/emy.**

*V.* Let the enemy have no advantage o/ver us.

*R.* **Nor the son of wickedness approach to hurt / us.**

*V.* O Lord, deal not with us after / our sins.

*R.* **Neither reward us after our ini/quities.**

*V.* Let us pray for our Metropolitan, *N.*

*R.* **The Lord preserve him and keep him alive, and make him  
blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of  
his en/emies.**

*V.* Let us pray for our Bishop *N.*

*R.* **The Lord preserve him and keep him alive, and make him  
blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of  
his en/emies.**

*V.* Let us pray for our benefac/tors.

*R.* **Vouchsafe, O Lord, for thy Name's sake, to reward with  
eternal life all those who do us good. / Amen.**

*V.* Let us pray for the depart/ed.

*R.* **Rest eternal grant unto the, O Lord, and let light perpetual  
shine upon / them.**

V. May they rest / in peace.

R. **Amen.**

V. For our absent bre/thren.

R. **My God, save thy servants who put their trust / in thee.**

V. Send them help, O Lord, from the sanctua/ry.

R. **And strengthen them out of Si/on.**

V. O Lord, hear / my prayer.

R. **And let my cry come un/to thee.**

V. The Lord be with / you.

R. **And with thy spi/rit.**

V. Let us pray...

*The priest sings the appropriate collects with the conclusion following the final collect.*

O God to whom only it belongs ever to have mercy and to forgive: receive our humble petitions; that we and all thy servants, who are bound by the chains of sin, through thy merciful loving-kindness may graciously be absolved. (Through...)

We beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to hear the prayers of thy humble servants, and to forgive the sins of them that confess the same unto thee: that they may obtain of thy loving-kindness, pardon and peace. (Through...)

Graciously show forth upon us, O Lord, thy unspeakable mercy: that thou wouldest both loose us from all our sins, and likewise deliver us from the punishment which for the same we deserve. (Through...)

O God, who art wroth with them that sin against thee, and sparest them that are penitent: mercifully look upon the prayers of thy people who call upon thee; and turn away the scourges of thy wrath, which for our sins we justly deserve. (Through...)

Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon thy servant N., our Chief Bishop, and, according to thy great goodness, direct him into the way of everlasting salvation: that, by thy grace, he may desire



that which is well pleasing unto thee, and with all his strength perform the same. (Through...)

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness. (Through...)

Kindle, O Lord, with the fire of the Holy Spirit our reins and our hearts: that we may serve thee with a chaste body, and please thee with a clean heart. (Through...)

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant unto the souls of thy servants and handmaidens the remission of all their sins: that through devout supplications they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. (Through...)

Strengthen, O Lord, we beseech thee, in our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help: that all our prayer and work may be begun, continued and ended in thee. (Through...)

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast dominion both of the living and of the dead, and hast mercy upon all whom thou knowest will be thine in faith and works: we humbly beseech thee; that all those for whom we are minded to pour forth our prayers, whether in this present world they still be held in the flesh, or being delivered from the body have passed into that which is to come, may at the intercession of all the Saints obtain of thy bountiful goodness the remission of all their sins. (Through...)

O God, merciful and compassionate, who art ever ready to hear the prayers of those who put their trust in thee; graciously hearken to us who call upon thee, and grant us thine assistance in this our time of need. Give wisdom to our rulers; strengthen and protect the President of these United States, all in civil authority, and our armed

forces everywhere. Bless our land and preserve us from all violence and danger. Save us from prejudice, pride, impatience and every evil way. (And these things we pray through thy Son Jesus Christ....)

*Prayers for use at the Rogation procession are found on p. 248.*

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

*V.* May the almighty and merciful Lord gra/ciously hear us.

*R.* **Amen.**

*V.* ☩ And may the souls of the faithful through the mercy of God rest  
in peace.

*R.* **Amen.**

## Order of the Commendation of a Soul

*The Parish Priest, vested in surplice and violet stole, with one Clerk, if he may be had, carrying a vessel of holy Water, enters the place and says:*

*V.* Peace be to this house.

*R.* **And to all that dwell in it.**

*In the sick room the Priest, when aspersing, says:*

Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

*Then he gives the image of our Savior crucified to the sick person to kiss, and by effectual words lifts him up to hope of eternal salvation, and sets the image before him, that, looking upon it, he may receive hope of salvation.*

*Then, a candle being lighted, he kneels and with all present he prays:*

Lord, have mercy on *him (her)*.

**Christ, have mercy on *him (her)*.**

Lord, have mercy on *him (her)*.

Holy Mary, **pray for *him (her)*.**

All holy Angels, and Archangels, **pray for *him (her)*.**

Holy Abel, **pray for *him (her)*.**

All ye choirs of the Just, **pray for *him (her)*.**

Holy Abraham, **pray for *him (her)*.**

Holy John Baptist, **pray for *him (her)*.**

Holy Joseph, **pray for *him (her)*.**

All holy Patriarchs and prophets, **pray for *him (her)*.**

Holy Peter, **pray for *him (her)*.**

Holy Paul, **pray for *him (her)*.**

Holy Andrew, **pray for him (her).**

Holy John, **pray for him (her).**

All holy Apostles and Evangelists, **pray for him (her).**

All holy Disciples of the Lord, **pray for him (her).**

All holy Innocents, **pray for him (her).**

Holy Stephen, **pray for him (her).**

Holy Laurence, **pray for him (her).**

All holy Martyrs, **pray for him (her).**

Holy Silvester, **pray for him (her).**

Holy Gregory, **pray for him (her).**

Holy Augustine, **pray for him (her).**

All holy bishops and Confessors, **pray for him (her).**

Holy Benedict, **pray for him (her).**

All ye holy Monks and Hermits, **pray for him (her).**

Holy Mary Magdalen, **pray for him (her).**

Holy Lucy, **pray for him (her).**

All holy Virgins and widows, **pray for him (her).**

All ye Saints of God, both men and women, **Intercede for him (her).**

Be thou merciful, **Spare him (her), O Lord.**

Be thou merciful, **Deliver him (her), O Lord.**

Be merciful, **Deliver him (her), O Lord.**

From thy wrath, **Deliver him (her), O Lord.**

From the peril of death, **Deliver him (her), O Lord.**

From an evil death, **Deliver him (her), O Lord.**

From the pains of hell, **Deliver him (her), O Lord.**

From all evil, **Deliver him (her), O Lord.**

From the power of the devil, **Deliver him (her), O Lord.**

By thy Nativity, **Deliver him (her), O Lord.**

By thy Cross and Passion, **Deliver him (her), O Lord.**

By thy Death and burial, **Deliver him (her), O Lord.**

By thy glorious Resurrection, **Deliver him (her), O Lord.**

By thy wondrous Ascension, **Deliver him (her), O Lord.**

By the grace of the Holy Ghost the Paraclete, **Deliver him (her), O Lord.**

In the day of Judgement, **Deliver him (her), O Lord.**

We sinners, **beseech thee, hear us.**

That thou wouldest spare *him (her)*, **we beseech thee, hear us.**  
Lord have mercy on *him (her)*.

**Christ have mercy on *him (her)*.**

Lord have mercy on *him (her)*.

*Then, while the soul is troubled in the agony of its passing, the following Prayers are said:*

Go forth, Christian soul, from this world, in the Name of God the omnipotent Father, who created thee: in the Name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who suffered for thee: in the Name of the Holy Spirit, who hath been poured out on thee: in the name of the glorious and holy Virgin Mary, Mother of God: in the name of blessed Joseph, illustrious spouse of the same Virgin: in the name of Angels and Archangels: in the name of Thrones and Dominations: in the name of Princedoms and of Powers: in the name of Virtues, Cherubim and Seraphim: in the name of Patriarchs and Prophets: in the name of holy Apostles and Evangelists: in the name of holy Martyrs and Confessors: in the name of holy Monks and Hermits: in the name of holy Virgins, and all Saints of God, both men and women. May thy place today be found in peace, and thy dwelling in holy Sion. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O merciful God, O gracious God, O God, who according to the multitude of thy mercies dost blot out the sins of them that repent, and by pardon and remission dost do away the guilt of their former offences: look mercifully on this thy *servant (handmaid) N.*, and graciously hearken unto *him (her)*, who by sincere confession doth seek remission of all *his (her)* sins. Renew in *him (her)*, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been corrupted by earthly frailty, or decayed by the fraud of the devil: and join this member, which thou hast redeemed, to the unity of the body of the Church. Have mercy, O Lord, upon *his (her)* groaning, have mercy on *his (her)* tears: and forasmuch as *he (she)* putteth *his (her)* whole trust in thy mercy admit *him (her)* to the Sacrament of thy reconciliation. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Note that any or all of the following forms of devotion may be used, as time may permit.*

I commend thee, dearest *brother (sister)*, to almighty God, and commit thee to his care, whose creature thou art; that when thou shalt have paid the debt of all mankind by death, thou mayest return to thy Maker, who formed thee out of the dust of the earth.

When, therefore, thy soul shall depart from the body, may the shining company of the Angels meet thee: may the council of the Apostles draw near to thee: may the triumphant army of white-robed Martyrs come to meet thee: may the glorious band of Confessors, crowned with lilies, encompass thee: may the choir of joyful Virgins receive thee: and may an embrace of blessed repose enfold thee in the bosom of the Patriarchs: may Saint Joseph, the most loving Patron of the dying, lift thee up to great hope: may the holy Virgin Mary, Mother of God, graciously turn her eyes toward thee: may the face of Jesus Christ appear to thee gentle and joyful, and may He give thee a place among those who stand before him for ever.

Mayest thou never know the horror of darkness, nor the flames of hell, nor the bitter pains of eternal death. May the most wicked Satan, with his followers give way before thee: may he tremble at thy coming in the company of Angels, and flee away into the confusion of everlasting night. Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away: and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God: but let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God. May all the legions of hell be confounded and put to shame, and may the ministers of Satan not dare to stop thee in thy way.

May Christ, who was crucified for thee, deliver thee from torment. May Christ, who vouchsafed to die for thee, deliver thee from eternal death. May Christ, the Son of the living God, place thee in the ever-verdant pastures of his paradise: and may he, the true Shepherd number thee among his sheep. May he absolve thee from

all thy sins, and place thee at his right hand, in the portion of his elect. Mayest thou behold thy Redeemer face to face, and standing alway in his presence, gaze with happy eyes on the open vision of truth. And thus placed amongst the ranks of the Blessed, mayest thou enjoy the sweetness of the contemplation of God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Receive, O Lord, thy *servant (handmaid)*, into the place of salvation for which *he (she)* hopeth through thy mercy. **Amen.**

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy *servant (handmaid)*, from all the dangers of hell, and from the bonds of punishment, and from all tribulations. **Amen.**

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy *servant (handmaid)*, as thou didst deliver Enoch and Elias from the common death of the world. **Amen.**

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy *servant (handmaid)*, as thou didst deliver Noah from the flood. **Amen.**

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy *servant (handmaid)*, as thou didst deliver Abraham from Ur of the Chaldees. **Amen.**

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy *servant (handmaid)*, as thou didst deliver Job from his afflictions. **Amen.**

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy *servant (handmaid)*, as thou didst deliver Isaac from the sacrifice, and from the hand of his father Abraham. **Amen.**

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy *servant (handmaid)*, as thou didst deliver Lot from Sodom and from the flame of fire. **Amen.**

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy *servant (handmaid)*, as thou didst deliver Moses from the hand of Pharaoh, king of the Egyptians. **Amen.**

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy *servant (handmaid)*, as thou didst deliver Daniel from the den of lions. **Amen.**

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy *servant (handmaid)*, as thou didst deliver the three children from the burning fiery furnace, and from the hand of the unjust king. **Amen.**

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy *servant (handmaid)*, as thou didst deliver Susanna from false accusation. **Amen.**

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy *servant (handmaid)*, as thou didst deliver David from the hand of King Saul, and from the hand of Goliath. **Amen.**

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy *servant (handmaid)*, as thou didst deliver Peter and Paul from prison. **Amen.**

And as thou didst deliver the most blessed Thecla, thy Virgin and Martyr, from three most cruel torments, so vouchsafe to deliver the soul of this thy *servant (handmaid)*, and make *him (her)* to rejoice with thee in heavenly felicity. **Amen.**

We commend to thee, O Lord, the soul of thy *servant (handmaid) N.*, and we beseech thee, O Lord Jesu Christ, Savior of the world, that thou, who for *him (her)* sake didst of thy mercy come down to earth, wouldest not refuse *him (her)* a place in the bosom of thy Patriarchs. Acknowledge, O Lord, thy creature not made by strange gods, but by thee the only living and true God: for there is none other God beside thee, nor any works like unto thy works.

Make *his (her)* soul, O Lord, to rejoice in thy presence, and remember not *his (her)* old sins and excesses which have been provoked by the violence of evil desire. For though *he (she)* hath sinned, yet hath *he (she)* not denied the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, but hath believed, and hath had a zeal for God within *him (her)* and hath faithfully adored God, who made all things.

Remember not, O Lord, we beseech thee, the sins of *his (her)* youth and *his (her)* ignorances: but, according to thy great mercy, be mindful of *him (her)* in the brightness of thy glory. Let the heavens be opened to *him (her)*, let the Angels rejoice with *him (her)*. Receive thy *servant (handmaid)*, O Lord, into thy kingdom.

Let Saint Michael, the Archangel of God, who merited the principedom of the heavenly host, receive *him (her)*. Let the holy Angels of God come forth to meet *him (her)* and lead *him (her)* to the heavenly city Jerusalem. Let blessed Peter the Apostle, to whom by God were given the keys of the kingdom of heaven, receive *him (her)*. Let Saint Paul the Apostle, who was counted worthy to be a



vessel of election, assist *him (her)*. Let Saint John the chosen Apostle of God, to whom were revealed the secrets of heaven, intercede for *him (her)*. Let all the holy Apostles, to whom was given by the Lord the power of binding and loosing, pray for *him (her)*.

Let all the Saints and Elect of God, who in this world have suffered torments for the Name of Christ, intercede for *him (her)*, that, loosed from the bonds of the flesh, *he (she)* may be worthy to attain unto the glory of the heavenly kingdom, through the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. **Amen.**

May the most merciful Virgin Mary, Mother of God who is a most kind comforter of the afflicted, commend the spirit of *N.*, the *servant (handmaid)* of God, to her Son, that by her motherly intercession *he (she)* may not fear the terrors of death; but may enter rejoicing in her company into the mansion of that heavenly country which *his (her)* soul desireth. **Amen.**

To thee, I flee, holy Joseph, Patron of the dying; to thee, at whose blessed passing Jesus and Mary stood by, keeping watch; by this two-fold and most dear pledge, I earnestly commend the soul of this *servant (handmaid) N.*, now laboring in its last agony; that through thy protection it may be delivered from the snares of the devil and from eternal death, and may be worthy to attain unto everlasting joys. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*If the soul still lingers, there may be read this Gospel: John 17:1-26, and The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 18 and 19).*

## A PLEADING OF THE PASSION IN THE NAME OF THE SICK PERSON

*V.* We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee.

*R.* Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

O God, who, for the redemption of the world didst deign to be born, to be circumcised, to be rejected by the Jews, and betrayed by the traitor Judas with a kiss, to be bound with chains, and led like an innocent lamb to the slaughter; to be ignominiously brought before Annas, Caiaphas, Pilate, and Herod; to be accused by false witnesses; to be vexed with scourges and reproaches; to be spit upon, to be crowned with thorns, to be buffeted, to be smitten with a reed, to be blindfolded, to be stripped of thy garments, to be nailed to a Cross, to be lifted up thereon, to be numbered among thieves; to be made to drink of gall and vinegar, and to be pierced with a spear:

Do thou, O Lord, by these thy most holy sufferings, which I unworthy contemplate, and by thy holy Cross and death, deliver thy *servant (handmaid)* from the pains of hell, and vouchsafe to lead *him (her)* whither thou didst lead the thief who was crucified with thee: Who livest and reignest with the father and the Holy Spirit, world without end. **Amen.**

*Then may be said Psalms 118 Confitemini Domino, and 119:1-32, Beati immaculati.*

### THREE DEVOUT AND PROFITABLE PLEADINGS

*The first time:*

Kyrie eleison.

**Christe eleison.**

Kyrie eleison.

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

O Lord Jesu Christ, I beseech thee, by thy most holy agony, and the prayer which thou didst offer for us on the Mount of Olives, when thy sweat was, as it were, drops of blood falling upon the earth: that thou wouldest vouchsafe to offer to God the Father almighty, for all the sins of this thy *servant (handmaid)*, *N.*, the bloody sweat, which

in thine exceeding sorrow even unto death, thou didst abundantly shed for us. And deliver *him (her)* in this hour of *his (her)* death, from all anguish and punishment which for *his (her)* sins *he (she)* fears *he (she)* has deserved. Who livest and reignest with the same Father and the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. **Amen.**

*The second time:*

Kyrie eleison  
**Christe eleison.**  
Kyrie eleison.  
Our Father...  
Hail Mary...

O Lord Jesu Christ, who for us didst vouchsafe to die upon the Cross, I beseech thee that thou wouldest vouchsafe to offer and present to God the Father almighty, for the soul of this thy *servant (handmaid), N.* All the bitterness of thy Passion and of thy sufferings, which thou didst endure on the Cross for us miserable sinners, especially in that hour when thy most holy soul went forth from thy most holy body. And deliver *him (her)* in this hour of *his (her)* death, from all sins *he (she)* fears *he (she)* has deserved: Who livest and reignest with the same Father and the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. **Amen.**

*The third time:*

Kyrie eleison.  
**Christe eleison.**  
Kyrie eleison.  
Our Father...  
Hail Mary...

O Lord Jesu Christ, who by the mouth of the Prophet hast said: I have loved thee with an everlasting love, and therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee: I beseech thee, by that same love which drew thee down from heaven to earth to endure all thy bitter

sufferings, to offer and present them before God the Father almighty, for the soul of this thy *servant (handmaid) N.*, and deliver *him (her)* from all the suffering and punishment which for *his (her)* sins *he (she)* fears *he (she)* has deserved. And save *his (her)* soul in this hour of *his (her)* departure. Open to *him (her)* the gate of life, and make *him (her)* to rejoiced with thy Saints in everlasting glory.

And do thou also, O most loving Lord Jesu Christ, who hast redeemed us by thy most precious blood, have mercy upon the soul of this thy *servant (handmaid)*, and vouchsafe to lead it to the ever-verdant and pleasant land of Paradise that *he (she)*, who can nevermore be separated from thee and thine elect, may live to thee in perfect love: Who livest and reignest with the same Father and the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. **Amen.**

## WHEN THE SOUL IS ABOUT TO DEPART

*Ejaculations that may be oft repeated:*

JESUS. JESUS. JESUS.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

O Lord Jesu Christ, receive my spirit.

Holy Mary, pray for me.

Mary, mother of grace, mother of mercy, do thou protect me from the enemy, and receive me in the hour of death.

Holy Joseph, pray for me.

Holy Joseph, with the blessed Virgin thy Spouse, open unto me the bosom of divine mercy.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, be with me in the last agony.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, in peace may I sleep and take my rest with you.

*When the soul has gone forth from the body the following  
Responsory shall be said straightway:*

Come to *his (her)* aid, ye Saints of God; come to meet *him (her)* ye Angels of the Lord, \* Receiving *his (her)* soul, \* Offering it in the sight of the Most High.

May Christ receive thee, who hath called thee, and may the Angels lead thee to Abraham's bosom.

Receiving *his (her)* soul \* Offering it in sight of the Most high.

Rest eternal grant unto *him (her)*, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon *him (her)* \* Offering it in the sight of the Most High.

Kyrie eleison. **Christe eleison.** Kyrie eleison.

Our Father...

V. Rest eternal grant unto *him (her)* O Lord.

R. **And let light perpetual shine upon *him (her)*.**

V. From the gate of hell.

R. **Deliver *his (her)* soul, O Lord.**

V. May *he (she)* rest in peace.

R. **Amen.**

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. **And let my cry come unto thee.**

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray: Unto thee, O Lord, we commend the soul of thy *servant (handmaid) N.*, that being dead to the world *he (she)* may live to thee: and whatsoever sins through the frailty of *his (her)* earthly conversation *he (she)* hath committed, do thou by the pardon of thy most merciful goodness cleanse away. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*If the Departed be a Priest or Bishop, after his name shall be added the words: the Priest (or Bishop).*

## The Order for Funerals

*The typical order for funerals consists of:*

*The Reception of the Body, p. 106.*

*The Office of the Dead, Vespers, p. 110 or Lauds, p. 118  
according to the time of day.*

*The Requiem Mass according to the form found in the Orthodox  
Missal.*

*The Absolution of the Departed, p. 127.*

*Then at the grave:*

*The Blessing of the Grave (if not already blessed), p. 141.*

*The Committal, p. 142.*

*Note that if the body remains in the Church through the night,  
psalms may be sung continually.*

## The Reception of the Body

*At the appointed time the clergy and others assemble in the church, and candles are distributed to the clergy and lighted. The priest and acolytes go to the doors of the church to meet the body. As the priest sprinkles the body with Holy Water, he sings the antiphon and Psalm on one note:*

*Antiphon:* If thou, \* Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?

PSALM 130 *De profundis*

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; \* Lord, hear my voice.

2. O let thine ears consider well \* the voice of my complaint.

3. If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, \* O Lord, who may abide it?

4. For there is mercy with thee; \* therefore shalt thou be feared.

5. I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him; \* in his word is my trust.

6. My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; \* I say, before the morning watch.

7. O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, \* and with him is plenteous redemption.

8. And he shall redeem Israel \* from all his sins.

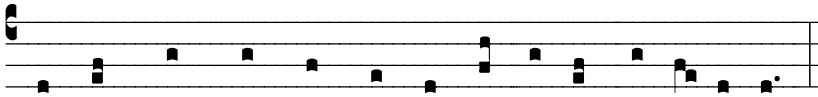
Rest eternal \* grant unto them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual \* shine upon them.

*Antiphon:* If thou, \* Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?

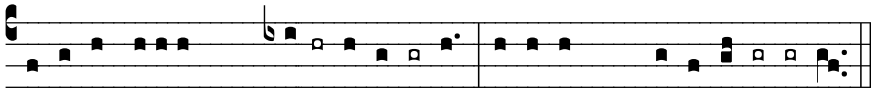
*Then, as the body is brought into the church, the antiphon is intoned:*





The bones which have been broken shall re-joice un-to the Lord.

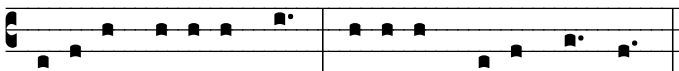
PSALM 51 *Miserere mei, Deus*



HAVE MERcy upon me, O God, after / thy great goodness; \*  
according to the multitude of thy mercies do away / mine  
offenses.

2. Wash me throughly / from my wickedness, \* and / cleanse me  
from my sin.
3. For I ac/knowledge my faults, \* and my sin is ev/er before me.
4. Against thee only have I sinned, and done this / evil in thy sight; \*  
that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and / clear when  
thou shalt judge.
5. Behold, I was / shapen in wickedness, \* and in sin hath my  
mo/ther conceived me.
6. But lo, thou requirest truth / in the inward parts, \* and shalt make  
me to understand / wisdom secretly.
7. Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and / I shall be clean; \* thou  
shalt wash me, and I shall be / whiter than snow.
8. Thou shalt make me hear of / joy and gladness, \* that the bones  
which thou hast / broken may rejoice.
9. Turn thy / face from my sins, \* and put / out all my misdeeds.
10. Make me a / clean heart, O God, \* and renew a right spi/rit  
within me.
11. Cast me not a/way from thy presence, \* and take not thy holy /  
Spirit from me.
12. O give me the comfort / of thy help again, \* and stablish me  
with / thy free Spirit.
13. Then shall I teach thy ways / unto the wicked, \* and sinners shall  
be con/verted unto thee.



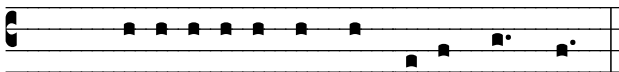


*Choir:* Receiving *his (her)* / soul: \*

*Clergy:* Offering it in the sight / of the Most high.

*The Cantor then sings on one note:*

Rest eternal grant unto *him (her)*, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon *him (her)*.



*Clergy:* Offering it in the sight of the Most High.

*The bier is set down in the midst of the Church, so that the feet of the departed, unless he be a Priest, are toward the High Altar; but if he be a Priest, his head is towards the Altar; then candles being lighted about the body straightway follows the Office of the Dead.*

*If neither the Office nor the Mass is to be offered straightway, then, the Responsary Come to his aid having been sung, there shall follow:*

*V.* Kyrie eleison.

*R.* **Christe eleison.**

*V.* Kyrie eleison.

*Then shall be said:* Our Fa/ther...

*And the prayer continues in silence as far as:*

*V.* And lead us not into tempta/tion.

*R.* **But deliver us from e/vil.**

*V.* From the gate / of hell.

*R.* **Deliver his soul, / O Lord.**

V. May *he* rest / in peace.

R. **Amen.**

V. O Lord, hear / my prayer.

R. **And let my cry come un/to thee.**

V. The Lord be with / you.

R. **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Absolve, O Lord, we beseech thee, the soul of thy *servant (handmaid), N.*, from every bond of sin: that in the glory of the resurrection *he (she)* may be raised up amid thy Saints and elect unto newness of life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

V. Rest eternal grant unto *him (her)*, O Lord.

R. **And let light perpetual shine upon *him (her)*.**

V. May *he* rest / in peace.

R. **Amen.**

## Vespers of the Departed

*The Office begins with the antiphon.*



I will walk be -fore the Lord in the land of the liv-ing.

*The congregation sings the even numbered verses of the Psalms.*

PSALM 116 *Dilexi, quoniam*



MY DELight / is in the Lord; \* because he hath heard the voice / of my prayer;

2. Because he hath inclined his / ear unto me; \* therefore will I call upon him as long / as I live.

3. The snares of death / compassed me round about, \* and the pains of hell gat hold / upon me.
4. I found trouble and heaviness; then called I upon the / Name of the Lord; \* O Lord, I beseech thee, deliv/er my soul.
5. Gracious is the / Lord, and righteous; \* yea, our God / is merciful.
6. The Lord pre/serveth the simple: \* I was in misery, and / he helped me.
7. Turn again then unto thy / rest, O my soul; \* for the Lord hath / rewarded thee.
8. And why? thou hast de/livered my soul from death, \* mine eyes from tears, and my feet / from falling.
9. I will / walk before the Lord \* in the land of / the living.  
- / Rest eternal \* grant un/to them, O Lord.  
And let / light perpetual \* shine / upon them.

*The Antiphon is repeated:* I will walk before the Lord \* in the land of the living.

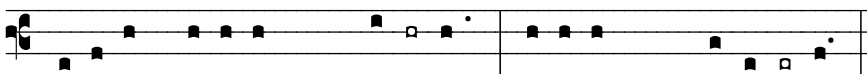
*Antiphon:*



Woe is me, for my so-journ-ing is pro-long-ed.

PSALM 120 *Ad Dominum*

Tone II 1



- WHEN I was in trouble, I called upon the / Lord, \* and / he heard me.
2. Deliver my soul, O Lord, from / lying lips, \* and from a de/ceitful tongue.
  3. What reward shall be given or done unto thee, thou false / tongue? \* even mighty and sharp arrows, with / hot burning coals.



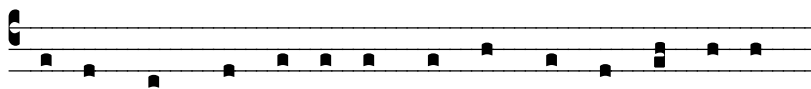
6. So that the sun shall not burn thee by / day, \* nei/ther the moon by night.
7. The Lord shall preserve thee from all / evil; \* yea, it is even he / that shall keep thy soul.
8. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming / in, \* from this time / forth forevermore.

Rest e/ternal \* grant / unto them, O Lord.

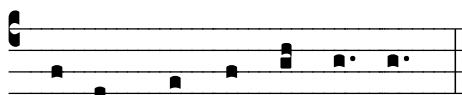
And let light per/petual \* - / shine upon them.

*The Antiphon is repeated:* The Lord shall preserve thee \* from all evil: yea it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

*Antiphon:*



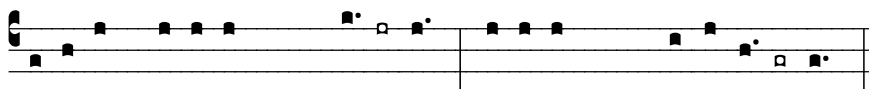
If thou, Lord, wilt be ex-treme to mark what is done a-miss:



O Lord, who may a - bide it?

PSALM 130 *De profundis*

Tone VIII 1



OUT OF the deep have I called unto / thee, O Lord; \* - / Lord, hear my voice.

2. O let thine ears con/sider well \* the / voice of my complaint.
3. If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is / done amiss, \* O Lord, who / may abide it?
4. For there is mercy with / thee; \* therefore shalt / thou be feared.
5. I look for the Lord; my soul doth / wait for him; \* in his / word is my trust.
6. My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the / morning watch; \* I say, be/fore the morning watch.

7. O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is / mercy, \*  
and with him is plen/teous redemption.
8. And he shall redeem / Israel \* - / from all his sins.  
Rest e/ternal \* grant / unto them, O Lord.  
And let light per/petual \* - / shine upon them.

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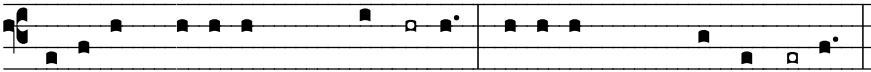
*Antiphon:*



De-spise not, O Lord, the works of thine own hands.

PSALM 138 *Confitebor tibi*

Tone II 1



- I WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my / whole heart; \* even  
before the gods will I sing praise / unto thee.
2. I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name,  
because of thy loving-kindness and / truth; \* for thou hast  
magnified thy Name, and thy word, / above all things.
3. When I called upon thee, thou / heardest me; \* and enduedst my  
soul / with much strength.
4. All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O / Lord; \* for they  
have heard the words / of thy mouth.
5. Yea, they shall sing of the ways of the / Lord, \* that great is the  
glory / of the Lord.
6. For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the /  
lowly; \* as for the proud he beholdeth them / afar off.
7. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou re/fresh  
me; \* thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of  
mine enemies, and thy right hand / shall save me.

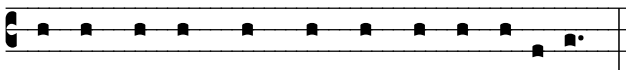


8. The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness / toward me; \*  
yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; despise not then the  
works / of thine own hands.

Rest e/ternal \* grant unto / them, O Lord.

And let light per/petual \* shine / upon them.

*The Antiphon is repeated:* Despise not, \* O Lord, the works of thine  
own hands.



*V.* I heard a voice from heaven saying un/to me.

*R.* **Blessed are the dead which die in / the Lord.**

*Antiphon:*



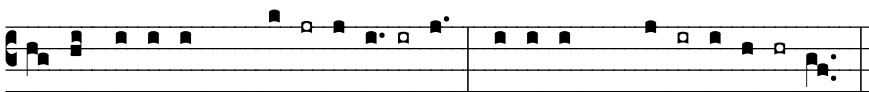
All that the Fa - ther giv-eth me shall come to me



and him that com-eth to me I will in no wise cast out.

MAGNIFICAT

Tone VII 1



MY SOUL doth / magnify the Lord, \* and my spirit hath rejoiced  
in / God my Savior.

FOR HE / hath regarded \* the lowliness of / his handmaiden.

FOR BE/hold from henceforth \* all generations shall / call me  
blessed.

FOR HE that is mighty hath / magnified me; \* and / holy is his  
Name.

AND HIS mercy is on / them that fear him \* throughout all /  
generations.

HE HATH showed / strength with his arm; \* he hath scattered the  
proud in the imagi/nation of their hearts.

HE HATH put down the / mighty from their seat, \* and hath exalted  
the / humble and meek.

HE HATH filled the / hungry with good things; \* and the rich he  
hath sent / empty away.

HE REMembering his mercy † hath holpen his / servant Israel; \* as  
he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his / seed for ever.  
- / Rest eternal \* grant / unto them, O Lord.

And let / light perpetual \* - / shine upon them.

*Antiphon:* All that the Father giveth me shall come to me: and him  
that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

*Then shall be said:* Our Fa/ther...

*And the prayer continues in silence as far as:*

*V.* And lead us not into tempta/tion.

*R.* **But deliver us from e/vil.**

*V.* From the gate / of hell.

*R.* **Deliver *his* soul, / O Lord.**

*V.* May *he* rest / in peace.

*R.* **Amen.**

*V.* O Lord, hear / my prayer.

*R.* **And let my cry come un/to thee.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

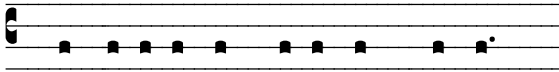
*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Absolve, O Lord, we beseech thee, the soul of thy  
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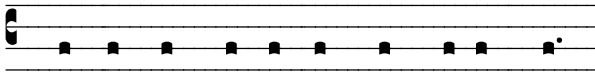
of thy most merciful goodness cleanse away. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Absolve, we beseech thee, O Lord, the soul of thy *servant* (*handmaid*) *N.*, from every bond of sin: that in the glory of the resurrection *he* (*she*) may be raised up amid thy Saints and elect unto newness of life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, the giver of pardon and lover of man's salvation: we beseech thee of thy mercy to grant; that the brethren, kinsfolk, and benefactors of our congregation who have passed out of this world, may at the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin and of all thy Saints attain unto the fellowship of eternal blessedness. Through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**



*V.* Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.



*R.* And let light perpetual shine upon them.



*V.* May they rest in peace. *R.* **A-men.**

## Cauds of the Dead

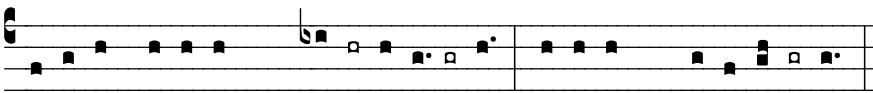
*The Office begins with the antiphon.*



The bones which thou hast broken shall rejoice in the Lord.

PSALM 51 *Miserere mei, Deus*

Tone I B 2



HAVE MERCY upon me, O God, after / thy great goodness; \*  
according to the multitude of thy mercies do away / mine  
offenses.

2. Wash me thoroughly / from my wickedness, \* and / cleanse me  
from my sin.
3. For I ac/knowledge my faults, \* and my sin is ev/er before me.
4. Against thee only have I sinned, and done this / evil in thy sight; \*  
that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and / clear when  
thou shalt judge.
5. Behold, I was / shapen in wickedness, \* and in sin hath my  
moth/er conceived me.
6. But lo, thou requirest truth / in the inward parts, \* and shalt make  
me to understand / wisdom secretly.
7. Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and / I shall be clean; \* thou  
shalt wash me, and I shall be / whiter than snow.
8. Thou shalt make me hear of / joy and gladness, \* that the bones  
which thou hast / broken may rejoice.
9. Turn thy / face from my sins, \* and put / out all my misdeeds.
10. Make me a / clean heart, O God, \* and renew a right spi/rit  
within me.
11. Cast me not a/ way from thy presence, \* and take not thy holy /  
Spirit from me.

12. O give me the comfort / of thy help again, \* and stablish me  
with / thy free Spirit.
13. Then shall I teach thy ways / unto the wicked, \* and sinners shall  
be con/verted unto thee.
14. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, † thou that art the /  
God of my health; \* and my tongue shall sing / of thy  
righteousness.
15. Thou shalt / open my lips, O Lord, \* and my / mouth shall show  
thy praise.
16. For thou desirest no sacrifice, / else would I give it thee; \* but  
thou delightest not / in burnt-offerings.
17. The sacrifice of God is a / troubled spirit: \* a broken and contrite  
heart, O God, / shalt thou not despise.
18. O be favorable and gracious / unto Zion; \* build thou the walls /  
of Jerusalem.
19. Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, †  
with the burnt-offerings / and oblations; \* then shall they offer  
young bullocks up/on thine Altar.
- / Rest eternal \* grant / unto them, O Lord.  
And let / light perpetual \* - / shine upon them.

*The Antiphon is repeated:* The bones which thou hast broken shall  
rejoice in the Lord.

*Antiphon:*



Thou, O Lord, that hear-est the prayer, un-to thee shall all

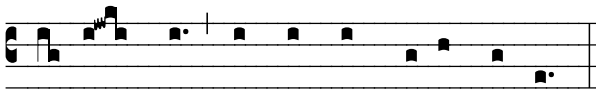


flesh come.



*The antiphon is repeated:* Thou, O Lord, that hearest the prayer,  
unto thee shall all flesh come.

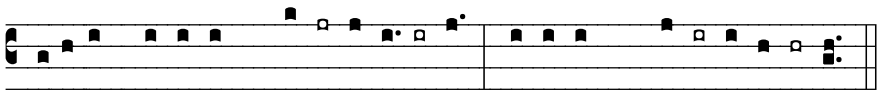
*Antiphon:*



Thy right hand hath up-hold-en me, O Lord.

PSALM 63 *Deus, Deus meus*

Tone VII 2



O GOD, -- / thou art my God; \* early / will I seek thee.

2. My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also / longeth after thee, \* in a barren and dry land / where no water is.
3. Thus have I looked for thee in the / sanctuary, \* that I might behold thy / power and glory.
4. For thy loving-kindness is better / than the life itself: \* my / lips shall praise thee.
5. As long as I live will I magnify thee / in this manner, \* and lift up my / hands in thy Name.
6. My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with / marrow and fatness, \* when my mouth praiseth / thee with joyful lips.
7. Have I not remembered / thee in my bed, \* and thought upon thee when / I was waking?
8. Because thou hast / been my helper; \* therefore under the shadow of thy / wings will I rejoice.
9. My soul / hangeth upon thee; \* thy right hand / hath up-holden me.
10. These also that seek the / hurt of my soul, \* they shall go / under the earth.
11. Let them fall upon the / edge of the sword, \* that they may be a / portion for foxes.

12. But the King shall rejoice in God; all they also that swear by him shall / be commended; \* for the mouth of them that / speak lies shall be stopped.

- / Rest eternal \* grant / unto them, O Lord.

And let / light perpetual \* - / shine upon them.

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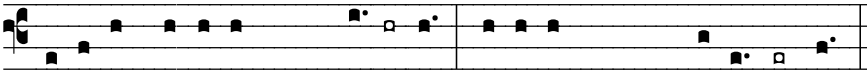
*Antiphon:*



From the gate of hell, de-liv-er my soul, O Lord.

SONG OF HEZEKIAH (Isaiah 38:10-20) *Ego dixi*

Tone II 1



I SAID in the cutting off / of my days, \* I shall go to the gates / of the grave:

2. I am deprived of the residue of my / years: \* I said, I shall not see the LORD, even the LORD, in the land of / the living:

3. I shall behold man no / more \* with the inhabitants / of the world.

4. Mine age is de/parted, \* and is removed from me as / a shepherd's tent:

5. I have cut off like a weaver my / life: \* he will cut me off with pin/ing sickness:

6. From day even to / night \* wilt thou make / an end of me.

7. I reckoned till morning, † that, as a lion, so will he break all my / bones: \* from day even to night wilt thou make / an end of me.

8. Like a crane or a swallow, † so did I / chatter: \* I did mourn / as a dove:

9. Mine eyes fail with looking / upward: \* O LORD, I am oppressed; un/dertake for me.



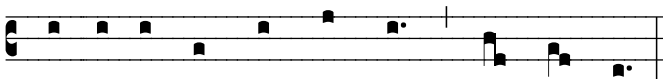
10. What shall I say? he hath both spoken unto me, and himself hath / done it: \* I shall go softly all my years in the bitter/ness of my soul.
11. O Lord, by these things men live, and in all these things is the life of my / spirit: \* so wilt thou recover me, and make / me to live.
12. Behold, for peace I had great / bitterness: \* but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins / behind thy back.
13. For the grave cannot praise thee, death cannot cele/brate thee: \* they that go down into the pit cannot hope / for thy truth.
14. The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this / day: \* the father to the children shall make / known thy truth.
15. The LORD was ready to / save me: \* therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house / of the LORD.

Rest e/ternal \* grant un/to them, O Lord.

And let light per/petual \* shine / upon them.

*The antiphon is repeated:* From the gate of hell, deliver my soul, O Lord.

*Antiphon:*



Let ev-ery-thing that hath breath praise the Lord.

PSALM 150 *Laudate Dominum*

Tone VII 2



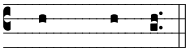
O PRAISE God in his / sanctuary: \* praise him in the / firmament of his power.

2. Praise him / in his noble acts: \* praise him according to his / excellent greatness.

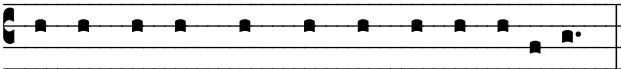
3. Praise him in the / sound of the trumpet: \* praise him up/on the lute and harp.
4. Praise him in the / timbrels and dances: \* praise him up/on the strings and pipe.
5. Praise him upon the / well-tuned cymbals: \* praise him up/on the loud cymbals.
6. Let every/thing that hath breath \* - / praise the Lord<sup>1</sup>.  
- / Rest eternal \* grant / unto them, O Lord.  
And let / light perpetual \* - / shine upon them.

*The antiphon is repeated:* Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

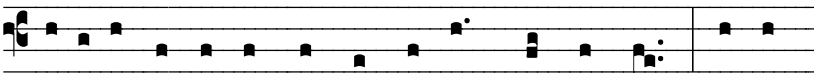
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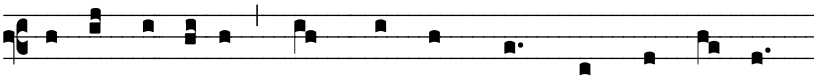
\* praise the Lord.



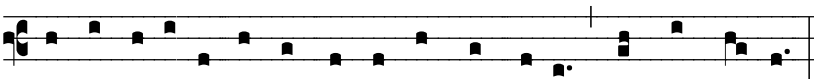
V. I heard a voice from heaven saying un/to me.  
R. **Blessed are the dead which die in / the Lord.**



I am the re-sur-rec-tion and the life, saith the Lord: he that



be-liev-eth in me, though he were dead, yet, shall he live:



and whosoever liv-eth and be-liev-eth in me shall nev-er die.

## BENEDICTUS DOMINUS

Tone II 1



✕ BLESSED be the Lord God of / Israel, \* for he hath visited and  
 redeemed / his people;  
 AND HATH raised up a mighty salvation / for us \* in the house of  
 his ser/vant David,  
 AS HE spake by the mouth of his holy / prophets, \* which have been  
 since / the world began:  
 THAT WE should be saved from our / enemies, \* and from the hand  
 of all / that hate us;  
 TO PERform the mercy promised to our / forefathers, \* and to  
 remember his ho/ly covenant;  
 TO PERform the oath which he sware to our forefather / Abraham, \*  
 that he / would give us,  
 THAT WE being delivered out of the hand of our / enemies \* might  
 serve him / without fear,  
 IN HOliness and righteousness be/fore him, \* all the days / of  
 our life.  
 AND THOU, child, shalt be called the prophet of the / Highest, \* for  
 thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to / prepare his ways;  
 TO GIVE knowledge of salvation unto his / people \* for the  
 remis/sion of their sins,  
 THROUGH THE tender mercy of our / God, \* whereby the  
 dayspring from on high hath vis/ited us;  
 TO GIVE light to them that sit in darkness † and in the shadow of /  
 death, \* and to guide our feet into / the way of peace.  
 Rest e/ternal \* grant un/to them, O Lord.  
 And let light per/petual \* shine / upon them.

*The antiphon is repeated:* I am the resurrection and the life, saith the  
 Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet, shall he  
 live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

*Then shall be said: Our Fa/ther...*

*And the prayer continues in silence as far as:*

*V.* And lead us not into tempta/tion.

**R. But deliver us from e/vil.**

*When Lauds is said at a time other than the day of death or burial, Psalm 130 (p. 106) is sung here without the Gloria Patri. It may be sung on one note. Then, at all times, follows:*

*V.* From the gate / of hell.

**R. Deliver his (her) soul, / O Lord.**

*V.* May he (she) rest / in peace.

**R. Amen.**

*V.* O Lord, hear / my prayer.

**R. And let my cry come un/to thee.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

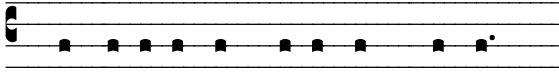
**R. And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Absolve, O Lord, we beseech thee, the soul of thy *servant (handmaid)*, *N.*, that being dead to the world, *he (she)* may live to thee; and whatsoever through carnal frailness *he (she)* hath committed in *his (her)* earthly conversation, do thou by the pardon of thy most merciful goodness cleanse away. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

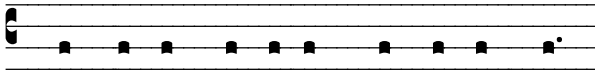
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O God, the giver of pardon and lover of man's salvation: we beseech thee of thy mercy to grant; that the brethren, kinsfolk, and benefactors of our congregation who have passed out of this world,

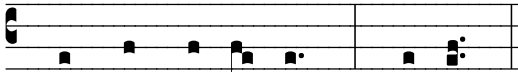
may at the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin and of all thy Saints attain unto the fellowship of eternal blessedness. Through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**



*V.* Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.



*R.* And let light perpetual shine upon them.



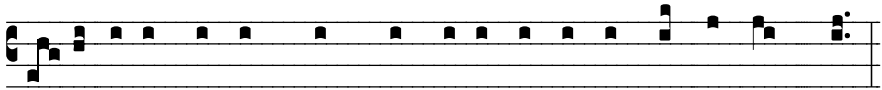
*V.* May they rest in peace. *R.* **A-men.**

## The Absolution of the Departed

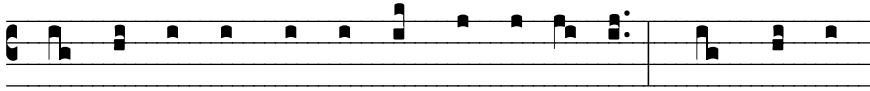
*After Mass, the Priest, vested in black cope, and other ministers take their places at the bier. The Priest stands at the foot of the bier; the crucifer stands at the head of the bier, between two acolytes bearing lighted candles. The Priest says the following prayer, which is not altered when said for a woman:*

Enter not into judgment with thy servant, O Lord, for in thy sight shall no man living be justified, except thou grant him remission of all his sins. Therefore, we beseech thee, let not the sentence of thy judgment fall upon him, whom the faithful prayer of Christian people commendeth unto thee: but, by the succor of thy grace, let him who, while he lived, was sealed with the sign of the Holy Trinity, may be found worthy to escape the avenging judgment. Who livest and reignest, world without end. **Amen.**

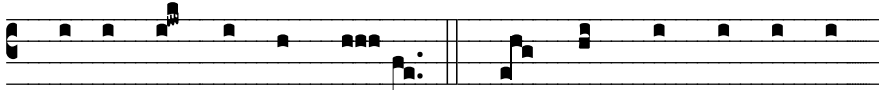
*This Responsory is then said or sung by the cantor(s).*



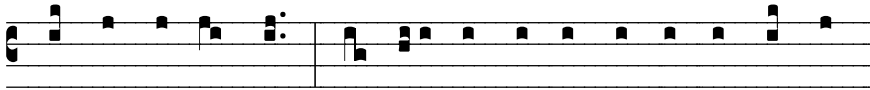
De-liv-er me, O Lord, from death e-ter-nal in that day tre-men-dous:



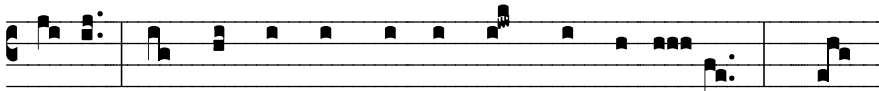
when the hea-vens and the earth shall be sha-ken: when thou shalt



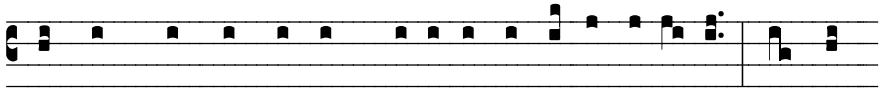
come to judge the world by fire. *V.* Trem-bling hath laid hold on



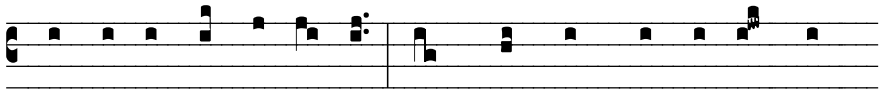
me, and fear-ful-ness, while I a-wait the sift-ing and the com-ing



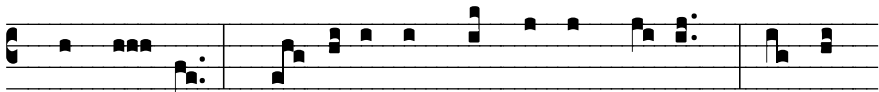
ang-er: when the hea-vens and the earth shall be sha-ken. *R.* Day



of mourn-ing, day of wrath, of ca-la-mi-ty and mi-se-ry; that great



day and ex-ceed-ing bit-ter! When thou shalt come to judge the

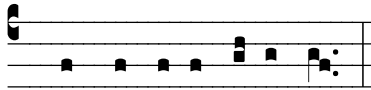


world by fire. *V.* Rest e-ter-nal grant to them, O Lord: and may

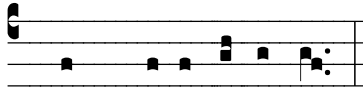


light per-pe-tu-al shine up-on them. De-li-ver me, O Lord...

*Then follows:*



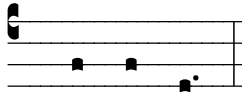
*V.* Ky-ri- e e - le- i - son.



*R.* Chris-te e - le- i - son.

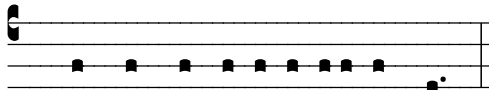


*All* Ky-ri- e e - le- i - son.

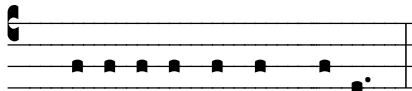


*V.* Our Fath-er....

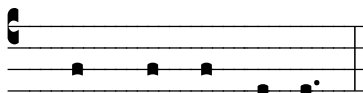
*And the remainder of the prayer is said silently as the priest censes the pall and sprinkles it with holy water, until*



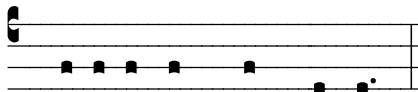
*V.* And lead us not into tempta-tion.



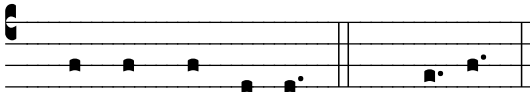
*R.* But deliver us from e-vil.



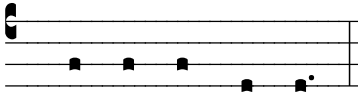
*V.* From the gates of hell.



*R.* Deliver their souls, O Lord.



V. May they rest in peace. R. **A-men.**



V. O Lord hear my prayer.



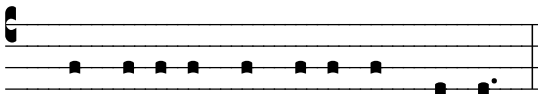
R. **And let my cry come un-to thee.**



V. The Lord be with you. R. **And with thy spi-rit.**

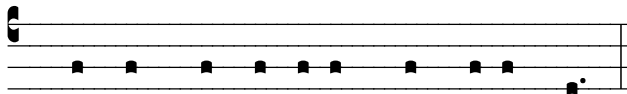
Let us pray: O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive: Receive our humble petitions, for the soul of thy *servant (handmaid) N.*, whom thou hast bidden to depart out of this world: deliver *him (her)* not into the hand of the enemy, neither forget *him (her)* forever; but command thy holy Angels to receive *him (her)* and bring *him (her)* into the country of paradise; that forasmuch as *he (she)* hoped and believed in thee, *he (she)* may not suffer the pains of hell, but possess the joys of eternal life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*If the body is not present, in place of the preceding Collect, the Celebrant may say the prayer Absolve, O Lord, on page 110 or any other suitable Collect. After either Collect there follows:*

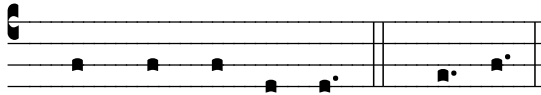


V. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.



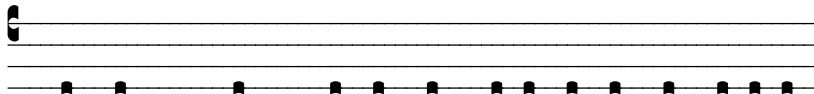


**R. And may light perpetual shine upon them.**



**V. May they rest in peace. R. A - men.**

*Again making the sign of the cross over the bier, the Priest sings*

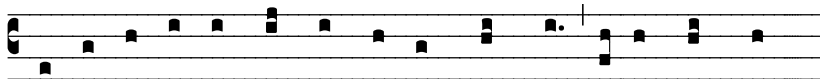


May *his (her)* soul, ☩ and the souls of all the faithful departed,



through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **R. Amen.**

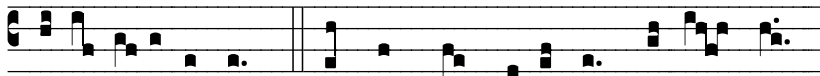
*While the body is being borne from the church, the following anthem is sung.*



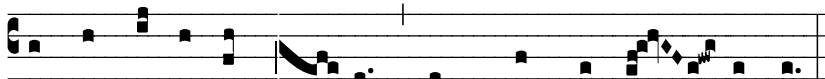
In-to par-a-dise may the An-gels lead thee: at thy com-ing



may the Mar-tyrs re-ceive thee, and bring thee in-to the ho-ly



ci-ty Je-ru-sa-lem. May the choirs of An-gels re-ceive thee,



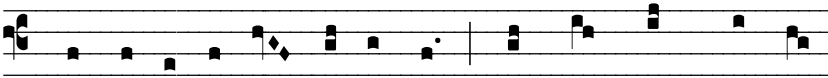
and with La-za-rus, once poor, may'st thou have e - ter-nal rest.

# The Burial of Children

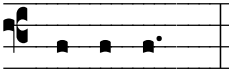
*The following service is to be used at the burial of children who die before they come to years of discretion (that is, normally, under eight years of age). At the funeral of such children the church bells should be rung joyfully, not tolled as for adults. When a Child who has been baptized, but has not reached the years of discretion, dies, he should be clothed suitably according to age; and a crown of flowers or aromatic and sweet-scented herbs - signifying the integrity and virginity of his body - should be placed upon the head.*

*The Parish Priest, vested in surplice and white stole, accompanied by a Clerk bearing holy Water, and with others of the Clergy, if any be present, preceded by a Cross borne without its staff, shall come to the place where the dead Child is, and sprinkling the body with holy Water, shall say:*

*Antiphon:*



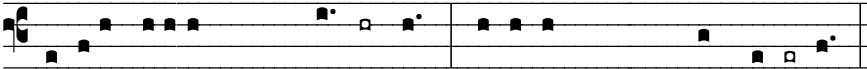
Bless-ed be the Name of the Lord: from this time forth for



ev-er-more.

PSALM 113 *Laudate, pueri*

Tone II 1



PRAISE THE Lord, ye / servants; \* O praise the Name / of the Lord.  
2. Blessed be the Name of the / Lord \* from this time forth / for  
ever more.



and right-eous-ness from the God of *his (her)* sal-va-tion:

for this is the gen-er-a-tion of them that seek the Lord.

PSALM 24 *Domini est terra*

Tone VI C

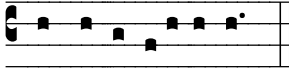
THE EARTH is the Lord's, and all / that therein is; \* the compass of  
the world, and / they that dwell therein.

2. For he hath founded it / upon the seas, \* and stablished / it upon  
the floods.
3. Who shall ascend into the hill of / the Lord? \* or who shall rise  
up / in his holy place?
4. Even he that hath clean hands, and a / pure heart; \* and that hath  
not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to de/ceive his  
neighbor.
5. He shall receive the bless/ing from the Lord, \* and righteousness  
from the God of / his salvation.
6. This is the generation of them / that seek him; \* even of them that  
seek thy face, O / God of Jacob.
7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlast/ing  
doors; \* and the King of / glory shall come in.
8. Who is this King of / glory? \* It is the Lord strong and migh/ty,  
even the Lord mighty in battle.
9. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlast/ing  
doors; \* and the King of / glory shall come in.
10. Who is this King of / glory? \* Even the Lord of hosts, he is the /  
King of glory.

Glory be to the Father, and / to the Son, \* and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, † is now and ever / shall be, \* - / world  
without end. Amen.

*The antiphon is repeated: He (she) shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his (her) salvation: for this is the generation of them that seek the Lord.*

*The Priest then says:*



Ky-ri-e e-lé-i-son.

*And the Choir continues:*



**Chris-te e-lé-i-son. Ky-ri-e e-lé-i-son.**

*Priest: Our Fa/ther...*

*Meanwhile he sprinkles the body.*

*V. And lead us not into tempta/tion.*

*R. **But deliver us from e/vil.***

*V. For mine innocency's sake thou hast received / me.*

*R. **And hast set me before thy face for ev/er.***

*V. The Lord be with / you.*

*R. **And with thy spi/rit.***

Let us pray: Almighty and most merciful God, who dost grant everlasting life unto all infants who have been regenerated in the Font of baptism, as they pass from the world, and that without any merit of their own, as we believe that thou hast done this day unto the soul of this child: grant, we beseech thee, O Lord, through the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin and of all thy Saints, that we may serve thee here with clean hearts, and be forever numbered with the little ones who rejoice in Paradise. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Whilst the body is being borne to the grave, or in the same place, if it be not then borne, the following antiphon shall be said or sung:*



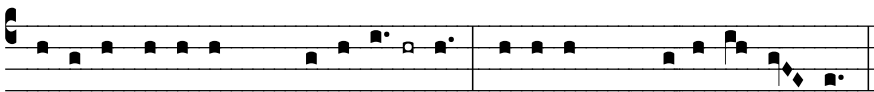
Young men and maid-ens, old men and child-ren,



praise the Name of the Lord.

PSALM 148 *Laudate Dominum*

Tone IV 1



O PRAISE the Lord / from the heavens: \* - / praise him in the heights.

2. Praise him, all ye an/gels of his: \* - / praise him, all his host.

3. Praise him, / sun and moon: \* praise him, / all ye stars and light.

4. Praise him, / all ye heavens, \* and ye waters / that are above the heavens.

5. Let them praise the Name / of the Lord: \* for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, / and they were created.

6. He hath made them fast for ev/er and ever: \* he hath given them a law / which shall not be broken.

7. Praise the Lord / from the earth, \* ye / dragons and all deeps;

8. Fire and hail, / snow and vapors, \* wind and / storm, fulfilling his word;

9. Mountains / and all hills; \* fruitful / trees and all cedars;

10. Beasts / and all cattle; \* creeping / things and flying fowls;

11. Kings of the earth, / and all peoples; \* princes, and all / judges of the world;

12. Young men and maidens, old men and children, † praise the Name / of the Lord: \* for his Name only is excellent, and his praise / above heaven and earth.

13. He shall exalt the horn of his people: † all his / saints shall praise him; \* even the children of Israel, even the peo/ple that serveth him.

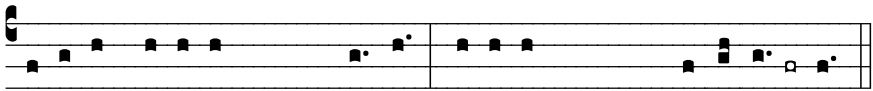
Glory be to the Father, and / to the Son, \* and / to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, † is now and / ever shall be, \* world / without end. Amen.

*The antiphon is repeated:* Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord.

*At the grave, the following Psalm and Scripture reading may be read, if desired.*

PSALM 23 *Dominus regit me*

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THE LORD is my / shepherd; \* therefore can / I lack nothing.

2. He shall feed me in a green / pasture, \* and lead me forth beside the wa/ters of comfort.

3. He shall convert / my soul, \* and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness / for his Name's sake.

4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no / evil; \* for thou art with me; thy rod and / thy staff comfort me.

5. Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trou/ble me; \* thou hast anointed my head with oil, and / my cup shall be full.

6. Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of / my life; \* and I will dwell in the house of the / Lord for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to / the Son, \* and / to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, † is now and ever / shall be, \* world with/out end. Amen.

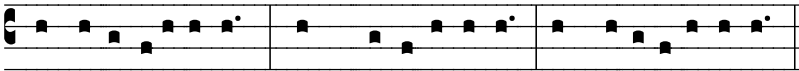
*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

V. ✠ The Continuation of the Holy Gospel ac/cording to Mark.  
R. **Glory be / to thee, O Lord.**

At that time: They brought young children to Christ, that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them (10:13-16). R. **Praise be / to thee, O Christ.**

*Then follows:*



Ky-ri-e e-lé-i-son. **Chris-te e-lé-i-son.** Ky-ri-e e-lé-i-son.

V. Our Father...

V. And lead us not into tempta/tion.

R. **But deliver us from e/vil.**

V. Suffer the little children to come un/to me.

R. **For of such is the kingdom of hea/ven.**

V. The Lord be with /you.

R. **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, the lover of holy purity, who hast this day mercifully deigned to call the soul of this child into the kingdom of heaven: vouchsafe likewise, O Lord, so to deal with us in thy mercy; that, by the merits of thy most holy Passion and the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin and of all thy Saints, thou wouldest make us evermore to rejoice in the same kingdom with all thy Saints and elect. Who livest and reignest, world without end. **Amen.**

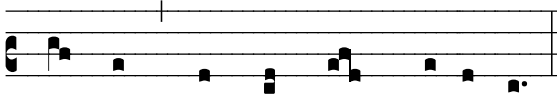
*Then the Priest shall sprinkle the body with holy Water, and cense it, and likewise the grave: afterwards the body shall be buried.*



*When they return from the grave to the Church, or approach the Altar, the following antiphon is said:*



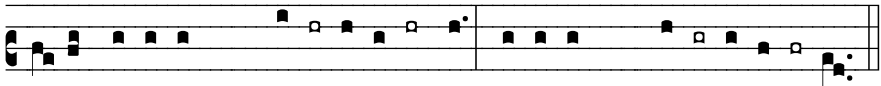
Bless ye the Lord, all ye his el - ect, keep a day of



glad-ness, and give thanks un-to him.

BENEDICITE  
Daniel 3:57-88 and 56.

Tone VII 1  
*Song of the Three Children*



O ALL ye works of the Lord, / bless ye the Lord: \* praise him and magnify / him for ever.

Ye Angels of the Lord, / bless ye the Lord: \* O ye heavens, / bless ye the Lord.

O ye waters that be above the firmament, / bless ye the Lord: \* O all ye Powers of the Lord, / bless ye the Lord.

O ye sun and moon, / bless ye the Lord: \* O ye stars of heaven, / bless ye the Lord.

O ye showers and dew, / bless ye the Lord: \* O ye winds of God, / bless ye the Lord.

O ye fire and heat, / bless ye the Lord: \* O ye winter and summer, / bless ye the Lord.

O ye dews and frosts, / bless ye the Lord: \* O ye frost and cold, / bless ye the Lord.

O ye ice and snow, / bless ye the Lord: \* O ye nights and days, / bless ye the Lord.

O ye light and darkness, / bless ye the Lord: \* O ye lightnings and clouds, / bless ye the Lord.

O let the earth / bless the Lord: \* yea, let it praise him and magnify / him for ever.

O ye mountains and hills, / bless ye the Lord: \* O all ye green things upon the earth, / bless ye the Lord.

O ye wells, / bless ye the Lord: \* O ye seas and floods, / bless ye the Lord.

O ye whales, and all that move in the waters, / bless ye the Lord: \* O ye fowls of the air, / bless ye the Lord.

O ye beasts and cattle, / bless ye the Lord: \* praise him and magnify / him for ever.

O ye children of men, / bless ye the Lord: \* O Israel, / bless ye the Lord.

O ye priests of the Lord, / bless ye the Lord: \* O ye servants of the Lord, / bless ye the Lord.

O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, / bless ye the Lord: \* O ye holy and humble men of heart, / bless ye the Lord.

O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, / bless ye the Lord: \* praise him and magnify / him for ever.

Let us bless the Father and the Son / with the Holy Ghost: \* let us praise him and magnify / him for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firma/ment of heaven: \* and worthy to be praised and glorious, and magnified above / all for ever.

*The Gloria Patri is not said.*

*The antiphon is repeated:* Bless ye the Lord, all ye his elect, keep a day of gladness, and give thanks unto him.

*Then before the Altar the Priest says:*

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: O God, who dost ordain the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order: mercifully grant; that they who alway stand before thee and do thee service in heaven, may by thy appointment defend our life on earth. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Blessing of a Grave

*Note that these prayers are omitted when if the grave has previously been blessed or if the cemetery has been consecrated.*

*The following antiphon may be sung or said (the chant is found on p. 131).*

Into paradise may the Angels lead thee: at thy coming may the Martyrs receive thee, and bring thee into the holy city Jerusalem. May the choirs of Angels receive thee, and with Lazarus, once poor, mayest thou have eternal rest.

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: O God, by whose mercy the souls of the faithful are at rest, vouchsafe to ☩ bless this grave, and appoint thy holy Angel to guard it: and absolve from every bond of sin the soul of *him (her)* whose body is buried herein: that in thee and with thy saints *he (she)* may rejoice everlastingly. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then shall the priest sprinkle with Holy Water and then incense the body of the departed and the grave.*

## The Committal

*The burial may continue with the Benedictus and antiphon, or with the following prayers.*

*V.* The Lord be with you.

*R.* **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray: Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of all comfort: deal graciously, we pray thee, with all those who mourn, that casting every care on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then, if a scripture reading and brief homily are desired they may be given here.*

*The Burial Sentences may be said, as follows:*

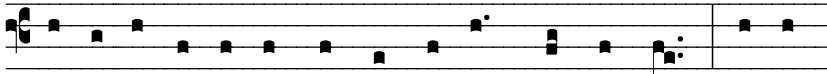
All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. He that raised up Jesus from the dead will also quicken our mortal bodies, by His Spirit that dwelleth in us. Where my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth; my flesh also shall rest in hope. Thou shalt show me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness of joy, and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

*Then, while earth is cast upon the coffin in the form of a cross, the Priest may say these words.*

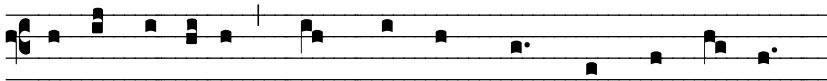
Unto almighty God, we commend the soul of *N.* our *brother (sister)* departed, we commit *his (her)* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection unto eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord; at whose coming in glorious majesty to judge the world, the earth and the sea shall give up their dead; and the corruptible bodies of those

who sleep in Him shall be changed, and made like unto His own glorious Body; according to the mighty working whereby He is able to subdue all things unto Himself.

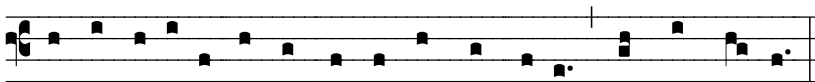
*Then follows the antiphon and Benedictus.*



I am the re-sur-rec-tion and the life, saith the Lord: he that



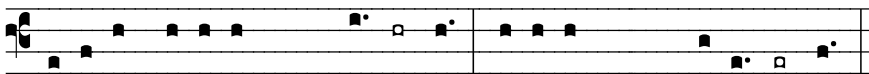
be-liev-eth in me, though he were dead, yet, shall he live:



and whosoever liv-eth and be-liev-eth in me shall nev-er die.

## BENEDICTUS DOMINUS

Tone II 1

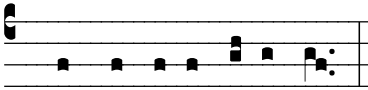


✠ BLESSED be the Lord God of / Israel, \* for he hath visited and  
redeemed / his people;  
AND HATH raised up a mighty salvation / for us \* in the house of  
his ser/vant David,  
AS HE spake by the mouth of his holy / prophets, \* which have been  
since / the world began:  
THAT WE should be saved from our / enemies, \* and from the hand  
of all / that hate us;  
TO PERform the mercy promised to our / forefathers, \* and to  
remember his ho/ly covenant;  
TO PERform the oath which he sware to our forefather / Abraham, \*  
that he / would give us,  
THAT WE being delivered out of the hand of our / enemies \* might  
serve him / without fear,

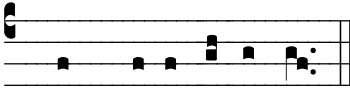
IN HOliness and righteousness be/fore him, \* all the days / of  
 our life.  
 AND THOU, child, shalt be called the prophet of the / Highest, \* for  
 thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to / prepare his ways;  
 TO GIVE knowledge of salvation unto his / people \* for the  
 remis/sion of their sins,  
 THROUGH THE tender mercy of our / God, \* whereby the  
 dayspring from on high hath vis/ited us;  
 TO GIVE light to them that sit in darkness † and in the shadow of /  
 death, \* and to guide our feet into / the way of peace.  
 Rest e/ternal \* grant un/to them, O Lord.  
 And let light per/petual \* - / shine upon them.

*The antiphon is repeated:* I am the resurrection and the life: he that  
 believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and  
 whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

*The Priest then says:*



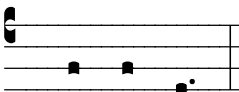
V. Ky-ri- e e - le- i - son.



R. Chris-te e - le- i - son.

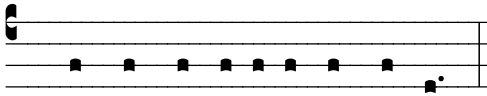


All Ky-ri- e e - le- i - son.

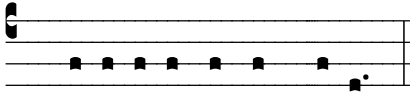


V. Our Fath-er....

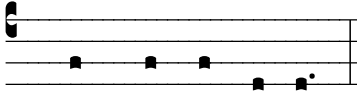
*And the remainder of the prayer is said silently as the priest censes,  
 then sprinkles the body with holy water, until*



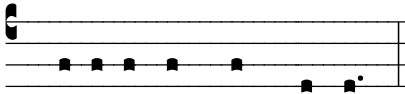
*V.* And lead us not into tempta-tion.



*R.* But deliver us from e-vil.



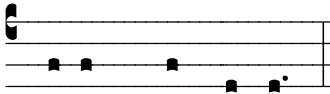
*V.* From the gates of hell.



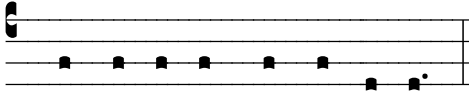
*R.* Deliver their souls, O Lord.



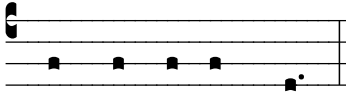
*V.* May they rest in peace. *R.* A-men.



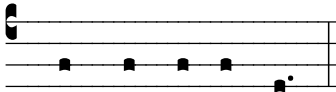
*V.* O Lord, hear my prayer.



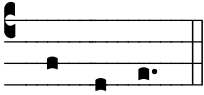
*R.* And let my cry come un-to thee.



*V.* The Lord be with you.



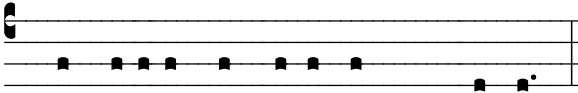
*R.* And with thy spi-rit.



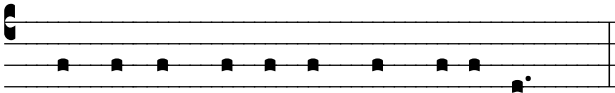
V. Let us pray...

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord, this mercy to thy *servant* (*handmaid*) departed; that, forasmuch as *he* (*she*) desired to do thy will, *he* (*she*) may not suffer the punishment of *his* (*her*) misdeeds: that, as true faith joined *him* (*her*) to the company of the faithful here below, so in heaven thy mercy may number *him* (*her*) among the angelic choirs. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest, making a Cross with his right hand over the bier, says:*



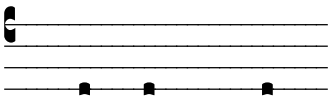
V. Rest eternal grant unto *him* (*her*), O Lord.



R. And let light perpetual shine upon *him* (*her*).



V. May *he* (*she*) rest in peace. R. **A-men.**



V. ✠ May *his* (*her*) soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

*According to the custom the Priest may remain and say extra-liturgical prayers.*

*On returning to the sacristy he may say Psalm 130 with the antiphon If thou, Lord and suitable prayers.*



## The Blessings

*The reserved blessings marked (R) in the table of contents may only be given lawfully by the following:*

- A. All bishops.*
- B. Deans within their deaneries.*
- C. Parish Priests for churches in their Parish, and Rectors of churches for their churches.*
- D. Priests delegated by the Ordinary of the place.*
- E. Religious Superiors and Priests delegated by them for their own Churches and for Churches of nuns subject to them.*

*Other blessings not marked (R) may be given by any Priest. In all blessings outside Mass the Priest should wear at least a surplice and a stole of the color of the Season, unless otherwise noted.*

*He must always bless standing and with head uncovered. At the beginning of each blessing, unless otherwise noted, he shall say:*

*V. Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.*

*R. **Who hath made heaven / and earth.***

*V. The Lord be with / you.*

*R. **And with thy spi/rit.***

*Then he shall say the appropriate Prayer or Prayers. Afterwards he shall sprinkle with blessed Water (and, if so noted, cense) the object, saying nothing. When the Priest is to bless anything, he shall have a server with a vessel of blessed Water, and this book of the Ritual.*

*He shall take care not to place anything unseemly, such as eatables, on the Altar for blessing; but anything of that kind should be placed on a table, made ready in a suitable place.*

## The Order for the Blessing of Water

*Salt and the water to be blessed are made ready in the Sacristy. On Sundays the Priest who is to celebrate the Mass, if he himself bless the water, wears alb with stole of the color of the day. At other times the Priest vests in surplice with violet stole.*

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*Then he straightway begins the exorcism of the salt. Note that previously blessed salt may be used.*

I adjure thee, O creature of salt, by the living ☩ God, by the true ☩ God, by the holy ☩ God: by God who commanded thee to be cast by the prophet Elisha into the water to heal the barrenness thereof: that thou become salt exorcised for the health of them that believe: be thou to all them that take thee effectual for healing of soul and body, let all vain imaginations, wickedness, and subtlety of the wiles of the devil, let every unclean spirit flee and depart from the place where thou shalt be sprinkled, being adjured by him who shall come to judge the quick and the dead, and the world by fire. **Amen.**

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly beseech thine infinite mercy: that thou wouldest vouchsafe of thy loving-kindness to ☩ bless and ☩ sanctify this creature of salt, which thou hast given for the use of mankind; that it may avail unto all that take of it for health of body and soul: and let all such things as shall be touched or sprinkled therewith be free from all uncleanness, and from all assaults of spiritual wickedness. Through... **Amen.**

*He continues with the exorcism of the water:*

I adjure thee, O creature of water, in the Name of God the ☩ Father almighty, in the Name of ☩ Jesus Christ his Son, our Lord, and by

the power of the ☩ Holy Ghost: that thou become water exorcised for the putting to flight of all the power of the enemy, and that thou be enabled to root out and expel the enemy himself with his apostate angels by the power of the same Jesus Christ our Lord: who shall come to judge the quick and the dead, and the world by fire. **Amen.**

Let us pray: O God, who for the salvation of mankind hast ordained in thy chiefest sacraments the use of the substance of water: mercifully assist us who call upon thee, and pour the power of thy ☩ benediction upon this element, made ready by divers cleansings: that this thy creature, in the service of thy mysteries, may effectually receive thy divine grace for the casting forth of devils and the healing of diseases, that whatsoever in the dwellings or abodes of thy faithful people shall be sprinkled with this water may be free from all uncleanness and delivered from all evil: let not the spirit of pestilence abide therein, nor the breath of corruption; let all the snares of the unseen enemy depart from thence: and let all such things as are contrary to the health and peace of them that dwell therein be put to flight by the sprinkling of this water; that, as through the invocation of thy holy Name we entreat for them thy saving health, so they may be defended against all assaults. Through... **Amen.**

*Here he shall thrice put salt into the water in the form of a cross, saying once:*

Let this commingling of salt and water be wrought in the Name of the ☩ Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the ☩ Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: O God, who art the author of strength invincible, the King of the empire that none may overcome, who art ever glorious in thy triumphs: who dost quell the might of the dominion that is against thee, who rulest the raging of the fierce enemy, who dost overthrow by thy power the wickedness of thy foes; we entreat thee,

O Lord, and beseech thee in fear and lowliness: that thou wouldest graciously behold this creature of salt and water, and mercifully enlighten and sanctify it with the dew of thy loving-kindness; that, wheresoever it shall be sprinkled, all the snares of the unclean spirit may through the invocation of thy holy Name be driven away, and the dread of the poisonous serpent be cast forth: and in all places let the presence of the Holy Ghost be vouchsafed unto us who call upon thy mercy. Through...in the unity of the same Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

*After the blessing of the water, the Priest on Sundays, before he begins the Mass, sprinkles the Altar, then himself, the Ministers and the people, as is prescribed in the Missal, and given below.*

## The Blessing of the People with Blessed Water

*Before the Sunday Liturgy, unless a Procession is ordered, the following Memento of Baptism is sung, while the people are sprinkled with Holy Water. The Priest wears the cope held back by the deacon and subdeacon (or by acolytes).*

### THE ASPERGES

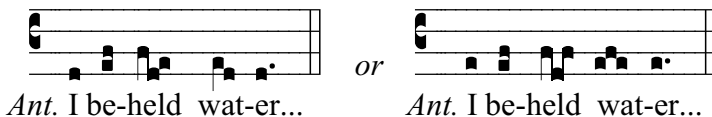
*(St. Ambrose Hymnal, #351)*



*Ant.* Thou shalt purge me, \* O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. *Ps. 51.* Have mercy upon me, O God: after thy great goodness. *V.* Glory be to the Father... Thou shalt purge me...

## THE VIDI AQUAM

*(Sung during the Paschal season. St. Ambrose Hymnal, #352)*



which proceeded from the temple, on the right side thereof, alleluia: and all they to whom that water came were healed every one; and they say, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. 118.* O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever. Glory be to the Father...

*At the conclusion of the Asperges or the Vidi Aquam is sung:*

*V.* O Lord, show thy mercy up/on us; (Allelu/ia)

*R.* **And grant us thy salva/tion. (Allelu/ia)**

*V.* Lord, hear / my prayer.

*R.* **And let my cry come un/to thee.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Graciously hear us, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God: and vouchsafe to send thy holy Angel from heaven; to guard and cherish, protect and visit, and to defend all who dwell in this thy holy habitation. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Blessing of Sacerdotal Vestments

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, who by thy servant Moses didst decree that high-priestly and priestly and levitical

vestments should be made for the fulfilment of their ministry in thy presence, to the honor and glory of thy Name: graciously assist our supplications: and vouchsafe to pour out the showers of thy grace, and by thy mighty benediction through us thy unworthy servants to ✠ purify, ✠ bless, and ✠ consecrate these priestly vestments: that they may be rendered fit for thy divine service and thy holy mysteries, and blessed: and also may thy Bishops, Priests and Levites, clothed in these holy garments, be counted worthy to be strengthened and defended against all assaults or temptations of malignant spirits: and make them worthily and meetly to serve and cleave unto thy mysteries, and therein to persevere devoutly and acceptably unto thee. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray: O God, the creator and sanctifier of all things, who dost triumph in might invincible: graciously give heed to our prayers, and vouchsafe with thine own mouth to ✠ bless, ✠ sanctify, and ✠ consecrate these garments of the levitical, priestly and pontifical dignity, for the use of thy ministers: and vouchsafe to render all who use them meet for thy mysteries, that they doing thee devout and laudable service may be found acceptable unto thee. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray: O Lord God almighty, who didst bid thy servant Moses make for the High-priests, Priests and Levites vestments needful for the service of the tabernacle of the covenant, and didst replenish him with the spirit of wisdom for the accomplishment of the same: vouchsafe to ✠ bless, ✠ sanctify, and ✠ consecrate these vestments for the service and worship of thy mysteries: and vouchsafe that the ministers of thine Altar who shall be clothed in them may be meetly filled with the grace of thy sevenfold Spirit, with the garment of chastity and with the fruit of good works in their ministry, which may win for them the bliss of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*And let them be sprinkled with holy Water.*

## Blessing of Altar Cloths and Altar Linen

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: O Lord, graciously hear our prayers, and vouchsafe to ☩ bless, ☩ sanctify and ☩ consecrate this linen prepared for the service of thy holy Altar. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray: O Lord God almighty, who for forty days didst teach thy servant Moses to make ornaments and linen: the which also Miriam wove and made for the service of the tabernacle of the covenant vouchsafe to ☩ bless, ☩ sanctify and ☩ consecrate these linen cloths for the covering and enveloping of the Altar of thy most gracious Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: Who with thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God: world without end. **Amen.**

*And let them be sprinkled with holy Water.*

## Blessing of Corporals

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Most gracious Lord, whose power is unspeakable, and whose mysteries are celebrated with hidden wonders: grant we beseech thee, that this linen cloth may be ☩ sanctified by thy merciful ☩ benediction, that thereon may be consecrated the Body and Blood of our Lord and God Jesus Christ, thy Son: Who with thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God: world without end. **Amen.**

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, vouchsafe to ✠ bless, ✠ sanctify and ✠ consecrate this linen cloth, that it may cover and envelop the Body and Blood of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ: Who with thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God: world without end. **Amen.**

Let us pray: Almighty God, shed upon our hands the help of thy blessing: that through our ✠ benediction this linen cloth may be sanctified, and may be made by the grace of thy Holy Spirit a new winding-sheet for the Body and Blood of our Redeemer. Through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord: who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit,...world without end. **Amen.**

*And let them be sprinkled with holy Water.*

## **Blessing of a Tabernacle or Vessel for Reserving the Most Holy Eucharist**

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly beseech thy majesty: that thou wouldest vouchsafe to hallow with the grace of thy ✠ benediction this tabernacle (*or* vessel) fashioned to contain the Body of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the same... **Amen.**

*And let it be sprinkled with holy Water.*



## Blessing of a Cross or Crucifix

*If the Crosses are solemnly blessed and exposed for the veneration of the faithful, this blessing is reserved to the Ordinary, who may, however, delegate the hallowing to another priest. But if the blessing is used privately, any priest may perform it.*

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: We beseech thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God: that thou wouldest vouchsafe to ☩ bless this sign of the Cross that it may be a saving remedy for mankind; that it may stablish thy servants in faith, incite them to good works, and redeem their souls: and that it may be a solace, protection and defence against the fiery darts of their enemies. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray: Bless, O Lord Jesu Christ, this Cross, whereby thou didst deliver the world from the power of devils, and didst by thy Passion overcome the tempter to sin, who rejoiced in the transgression of the first man through taking of the forbidden tree. (*Here it is sprinkled with holy Water*). Let this sign of the Cross be hallowed in the Name of the ☩ Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the ☩ Holy Ghost: and may all, who for the Lord's sake pray and bow themselves before this Cross, find health of body and soul. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then shall the Priest and people, devoutly kneeling, venerate and kiss the Cross.*

## Blessing of a Monstrance for Exposing the Most Holy Sacrament to the Veneration of the faithful

V. Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

R. **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

V. The Lord be with / you.

R. **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, vouchsafe to ☩ bless and ☩ sanctify this vessel made for the exposing to the veneration of the faithful of the Body of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: that all who worship the same thine only-begotten Son in this world with godly affection may in the world to come receive the everlasting reward of their devotion. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*And let it be sprinkled with holy Water.*

## Blessing of a Reliquary

V. Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

R. **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

V. The Lord be with / you.

R. **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: ☩ Bless, O Lord, this vessel made ready to contain the Relics of thy Saints: and grant; that whosoever shall venerate them with the affection of their hearts may, at the intercession of the same thy Saints, obtain pardon of all their sins and ever be defended against all adversities. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*And let it be sprinkled with holy Water.*

## Solemn Blessing of an Image of Our Lord Jesus Christ or the Blessed Virgin Mary or Some Other Saint

*If the images, being exposed to public veneration, are solemnly blessed, this blessing is reserved to the Ordinary, who may however delegate it to any Priest. But this blessing may be performed privately by any Priest without leave from the Ordinary.*

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, who dost not forbid the painting or carving of the likenesses of thy Saints: to the end that as oft as we look upon them with the eyes of the body, so often, contemplating with the eyes of memory their deeds and sanctity, we may imitate the same: vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to ☩ bless and ☩ sanctify this image, fashioned to the honor and memory of *thine only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ (or the most blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, or blessed N., thine Apostle, or Martyr, or Bishop, or Confessor, or blessed N. Thy Virgin, or Martyr)*: and grant; that whosoever before it shall study humbly to venerate and honor *thine only-begotten Son (or the most blessed Virgin, or the glorious Apostles, or Martyr, or Bishop, or Confessor, or the glorious Virgin, or Martyr)* may by *his (her or their)* intercession obtain in this world grace from thee, and in the world to come glory everlasting. Through *(the same)* Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*And let it be sprinkled with holy Water.*

## The Blessing of a Banner of Any Society

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: O Lord Jesus Christ, whose Church is as an army set in array with banners: ✠ bless this banner; that all who fight beneath it for thee, the Lord God of hosts, may, by the intercession of blessed *N....*, be made worthy to conquer their enemies, both visible and invisible, in this world, and after victory to triumph in the heavens. Through thee, Jesu Christ: Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God, world without end. **Amen.**

*And let it be sprinkled with holy Water.*

## The Blessing of Rosaries

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

To the praise and glory of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, in memory of the mysteries of the life, death and Resurrection of the same our Lord Jesus Christ, may this chaplet of the most sacred Rosary be ✠ blessed, and ✠ sanctified: in the Name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

*And let it be sprinkled with holy Water.*

## Blessing of Vessels to Contain the Holy Oils

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Hearken unto our prayers, O Lord, most merciful Father: and vouchsafe to ✠ bless and ✠ sanctify these vessels now to be purified and made ready for use in the sacred ministry of thy Church. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, by whom all unclean things are purified, and in whom all things which have been purified are enlightened: we humbly call upon thine almighty power, that every unclean spirit may be confounded and depart far from these vessels which thy servants offer unto thee; that by thy ✠ benediction they may abide holy for the use and ministry of thy Church. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*And let them be sprinkled with holy Water.*

## Blessing of Candles

*The candles for the upcoming year should be blessed at Candlemas (2 February) using the form provided on p. 189. This form should be used if additional candles are needed at other times. All Candles used in the church should be blessed before use.*

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, ☩ bless these candles at our supplication: pour upon them, O Lord, through the virtue of the holy ☩ Cross, thy heavenly benediction, who hast given them to drive away darkness from mankind: and let them receive such blessing by the sign of the holy ☩ Cross, that in whatsoever places they be kindled or set, the princes of darkness with all their ministers may depart, tremble and flee in terror from those habitations; neither presume any more to disquiet or molest those who serve thee, the almighty God: Who livest and reignest, world without end. **Amen.**

*And let them be sprinkled with holy Water.*

## The Blessing of a foundation Stone

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: O God, from whom every good work takes its beginning, and going forward ever receiveth an increase of perfection: grant our petitions, we beseech thee; that the undertaking which we begin to the praise of thy Name may, by the everlasting bounty of thy fatherly wisdom, be brought to fulfilment. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*And let it be sprinkled with holy Water.*

## House Blessing

*Upon entering the principal room of the house the Priest makes preparation and says*

*V.* Peace be to / this house.

*R.* **And to all that dwell / in it.**

Dearly beloved, let us pray our Lord God favorably to shine upon this dwelling, to fill this house with godly inhabitants, and ever to defend them with the protection of His divine majesty.

*The Blessing of Water, p. 148 may follow, if previously blessed water is not to be used. Then follows:*

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: We humbly beseech thee, O God the Father Almighty, on behalf of this house, of them that dwell herein, and of all things belonging to them; that it may please thee to ☩ bless and ☩ sanctify it and to replenish it with all good things; grant unto them, O Lord, abundance of the dew of heaven and of the fatness of the earth for their sustenance and so direct the desires of their hearts that they may effectually obtain thy mercy. At our coming in therefore, vouchsafe to ☩ bless and ☩ sanctify this house, even as thou didst vouchsafe to bless the house of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: and grant that within the walls of this house the Angels of thy light may dwell, and guard it and them that dwell therein. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, ever One God, world without end. **Amen.**





Let this house be hallowed; let every unclean spirit fly hence, by the power of our Lord Jesus Christ: may health, joy and cheerfulness be given to all who dwell herein, and may thy Majesty ever protect and preserve them, O Almighty God, who livest and reignest, throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**


The blessing of God almighty, the ☩ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon this house and all who dwell herein, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

## The Blessing of Homes at Epiphany


*V.* Peace be to / this house.

*R.* **And to all that dwell / in it.**


*The antiphon and the Magnificat are sung as the priest is led through the house.*



From the East there came Wise Men to Beth-le-hem, to wor-ship



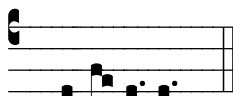
the Lord; and when they had op-ened their trea-sures, they



pre-sent-ed un-to Him pre-cious gifts: Gold as to a migh-ty king,



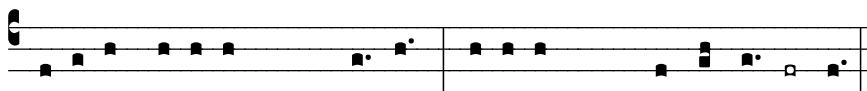
in-cense as to a true God, \* and myrrh to fore-shew His bur-i-al,



al-le-lu-ia.

MAGNIFICAT

Tone VI A



✕ MY SOUL doth magnify / the Lord, \* and my spirit hath rejoiced  
in / God my Savior.

FOR HE hath re/garded \* the lowliness of / his handmaiden.

FOR BEhold from / henceforth \* all generations shall / call me  
blessed.

FOR HE that is mighty hath magni/fied me, \* and / holy is  
his Name.

AND HIS mercy is on them that / fear him \* throughout all /  
generations.

HE HATH showed strength with / his arm; \* he hath scattered the  
proud in the imagina/tion of their hearts.

HE HATH put down the mighty from / their seat, \* and hath exalted  
the / humble and meek.

HE HATH filled the hungry with / good things, \* and the rich he  
hath / sent empty away.

HE REMembering his mercy † hath holpen his servant Is/rael, \* as  
he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his / seed forever.

GLORY be to the Father, and to / the Son, \* and / to the Holy Ghost:

AS IT was in the beginning, † is now, and ever / shall be, \* world  
with/out end. Amen.

*The antiphon is repeated:* From the East there came Wise Men to  
Bethlehem, to worship the Lord; and when they had opened their  
treasures, they presented unto Him precious gifts: Gold as to a  
mighty king, incense as to a true God, and myrrh to foreshew His  
burial, alleluia.

*Then all say together:* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. A/men.**

*V.* All they from Sheba / shall come.

*R.* **They shall bring gold / and incense.**

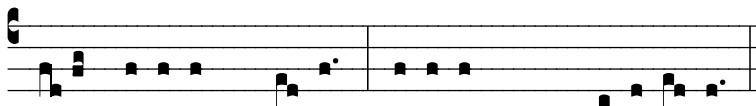
*V.* O Lord, hear / our prayer.

*R.* **And let our cry come un/to thee.**

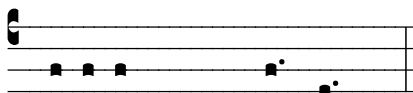
*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; Mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead. Through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth God, world without end. **Amen.**



*Responsory.* **ARISE, shine, O Jerusalem, for thy light / is come: \***  
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee, Jesus Christ, the son of  
the / Virgin Mary.



*V.* The gentiles shall come to thy light: and kings to the brightness of  
thy ri/sing.

*R.* **And the glory of the Lord is risen upon / thee.**

Let us pray: O Lord God almighty, ✠ bless this place that here may abide health, purity, victory, strength, humility, goodness, meekness, fulfilment of the Law, and giving of thanks to God the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and let thy blessing remain on this place and on all who dwell here, now and evermore. **Amen.**

*And going to the principal entryway, the priest marks the door with blessed chalk saying*

2           The three Wise Men: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar  
0           followed the star of God's Son who became a man for  
✠           our salvation - two thousand (and ----) years ago. May  
C           the blessing of Christ our Lord come upon this home  
✠           and those who dwell here throughout the new year.

M

✠           *V.* Holy Mary,                   *R.* **Pray for us.**

B           *V.* Holy Caspar,                *R.* **Pray for us.**

✠           *V.* Holy Melchior,            *R.* **Pray for us.**

--          *V.* Holy Balthasar,            *R.* **Pray for us.**

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✠ The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all evermore. **Amen.**

*Note that some sources declare that 'CMB' also signifies "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" or "May Christ bless this dwelling."*

## Blessing of Houses at Pascha

*The Parish Priest, or another Priest by his leave, vested in surplice and white stole, with a server, bearing a vessel of blessed water at a convenient time visits the houses of his parish, sprinkling them with the same blessed water.*

*On entering a house he says:*

*V.* Peace be to / this house.

*R.* **And to all that dwell / in it.**

*Then sprinkling the principal rooms and those who live in the house, he says the Vidi Aquam (St. Ambrose Hymnal, #352):*



## The Blessing of a Domestic Oratory

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: O God, who dost hallow places which are to be dedicated to thy Name: pour thy ✠ grace upon this house of prayer: that all who herein call upon thy Name may know the succour of thy mercy. **Amen.**

*And let it be sprinkled with holy Water.*

## The Blessing of a School House

*The Priest on entering shall sprinkle the rooms with holy Water, saying:*

*V.* Peace be to / this house.

*R.* **And to all that dwell / in it.**

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: O Lord Jesu Christ, who didst command thine Apostles, that into whatsoever house they entered they should pray for peace upon it; ✠ sanctify, we beseech thee, by our ministry this house destined for the education of children; pour thy ✠ benediction upon it, and abundance of peace; let salvation come to it, even as it came to the house of Zacchaeus, at thy entering; command thine Angels to keep it and to drive far from it all the power of the enemy; fill with

the spirit of knowledge, wisdom and thy fear them that teach therein; nourish with thy heavenly grace them that learn; and grant that they may understand those things which for their salvation they are taught, may keep in their hearts and practice them in their works; and may all that dwell therein please thee by works of every virtue, that they may be worthy to be received hereafter to their everlasting home in heaven. Through thee, O Jesu Christ, Savior of the world, who livest and reignest God, world without end. **Amen.**

## The Blessing of an Organ in the Church

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

PSALM 150. *Ladate Dominum.*

Tonus Peregrinus



0 PRAISE God in his / sanctuary: \* praise him in the firma/ment of his power.

2. Praise him / in his noble acts: \* praise him according to his excell/ent greatness.

3. Praise him in the sound / of the trumpet: \* praise him upon / the lute and harp.

4. Praise him in the timb/rels and dances: \* praise him upon / the strings and pipe.

5. Praise him upon the / well-tuned cymbals: \* praise him upon the / loud cymbals.

6. Let every/thing that hath breath \* - / praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Fa/ther, and to the Son, \* and to / the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now and / ever shall be, \* world with/out end. Amen.

*V.* Praise the Lord in the cymbals and dan/ces.

*R.* **Praise him upon the strings / and pipe.**

V. The Lord be with / you.

R. **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: O God, who through thy servant Moses didst command that trumpets should be made to sound over the sacrifices to be offered to thy Name; and who through the children of Israel didst will that the praise of thy Name should be proclaimed in the trumpets and cymbals: ✠ bless, we beseech thee, this instrument of the organ now dedicated to thy worship; and grant that thy faithful, who praise thee on earth with spiritual songs, may be made worthy to attain unto everlasting joys in heaven. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord: Who liveth ... **Amen.**

*And let it be sprinkled with holy Water.*

## Blessing of a Church Bell

*Note that this blessing in its longer form is typically reserved for a Bishop, but should a shorter form be required for use by a priest this prayer may be used.*

V. Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

R. **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

V. The Lord be with / you.

R. **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Almighty God, who by thy servant Moses didst command to make two silver trumpets for the convocation of solemn assemblies: be pleased to accept our offering of this bell; ✠ bless, hallow, and sanctify it with thy heavenly benediction, and grant that through this generation, and those that are to come, it may continue to call together thy faithful people to praise and worship thy holy Name. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*And let it be sprinkled with holy Water.*



## Blessing of Crops or Harvest

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: O Lord God almighty, who ceasest not to bestow on men abundance of the dew of heaven and the substance of the fatness of the earth: we render thanks to thy most gracious majesty for the fruits that have been gathered, beseeching thy mercy; that thou wouldest vouchsafe to ☩ bless, preserve and defend from all harm these crops, which of thy goodness we have received: and grant therewith; that they, whose desire thou hast fulfilled with good things, may glory in thy protection, may continually praise thy mercies, and may so pass through good things temporal, that they lose not the things eternal. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*And let them be sprinkled with holy Water.*

## Blessing of an Automobile

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications, and ☩ bless this automobile with thy holy right hand: join unto it thy holy Angels, that they may always deliver and defend all who ride therein from every peril; and as thou didst give faith and grace by thy Levite Philip unto the man of Ethiopia as he sat upon his chariot and read thy sacred words; so unto thy servants show the way of

salvation, that they who by the help of thy grace are ever intent upon good works, may, after all the changes and chances of the journey of this life, be worthy to obtain eternal joys. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*And let it be sprinkled with holy Water.*

## **Blessing of a Ship or Boat**

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Be favorable, O Lord, unto our supplications, and with thy holy right hand ☩ bless this ship and all them that shall journey therein; even as thou didst vouchsafe to bless the ark of Noah; stretch forth unto them, O Lord, thy right hand, as thou didst stretch it forth unto blessed Peter when he walked upon the sea; and send thy holy Angel from heaven to keep and deliver it always from every peril, together with all that shall be therein: and, all adversities being driven away, preserve thy servants in the haven where they would be, giving them peaceful voyaging: and, their business ended and rightly fulfilled, vouchsafe in due time to bring them again with all gladness to their homes: who livest and reignest world without end.

**Amen.**

*And let it be sprinkled with holy Water.*

## Order for the Consecration of a Paten and Chalice

*A Bishop, wishing to proceed to the consecration of a Chalice, or any vestment or ecclesiastical ornament, should always have a stole about his neck, and may wear a mitre, when it is fitting. This Blessing may be done in any place or at any time that the Bishop may appoint. In the consecration of a Paten, for which the holy Chrism must be made ready, and a vessel of holy water with the sprinkler, the bishop, standing and wearing the mitre, says:*

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

Let us pray: Dearly beloved brethren, that the blessing of divine grace may consecrate and sanctify this Paten (*these Patens*), for the breaking thereon of the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, who endured the suffering of the Cross for the salvation of us all.

*Then, laying aside the mitre, he says:*

*V.* The Lord be with you.

*R.* **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, who didst institute the sacrifices of the law, and who didst command the finest wheat flour, scattered among them, to be borne to thy Altar on patens of gold and silver: vouchsafe to ☩ bless, ☩ sanctify and ☩ consecrate this Paten (*these Patens*) for the ministration of the Eucharist of Jesus Christ thy Son, who for our salvation and for that of all willed himself to be sacrificed unto thee, O God the Father, on the gibbet of the Cross, and liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost...

**Amen.**

*Then the Bishop, receiving the mitre, dipping the thumb of his right hand in the Chrism, makes therewith a Cross over the Paten (each Paten) from rim to rim, and then anoints all the surface with his thumb, saying:*

Vouchsafe, O Lord God, to ✠ consecrate and ✠ sanctify this Paten through this anointing, and our ✠ benediction in Christ Jesu our Lord: Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost... **Amen.**

*Then, still standing with the mitre, he proceeds to the blessing of the Chalice, saying:*

Let us pray, dearly beloved brethren, that our God and Lord may sanctify by the inspiration of his heavenly grace this Chalice (*these Chalices*) to be consecrated to the use of his service: and that he may join the fulness of divine favor to this consecration by man. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then laying aside the mitre, he says:*

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray: Vouchsafe, O Lord our God, to ✠ bless this Chalice (*these Chalices*), fashioned by the godly devotion of thy servants to the use of thy ministry, and to fill it (*them*) with that ✠ sanctification, wherewith thou didst fill the hallowed chalice of Melchisedech thy servant: and let that which by art or the nature of metal cannot be worthy of thine Altars be sanctified by thy ✠ benediction. Through... **Amen.**

*Then, receiving the mitre, he makes a cross with the thumb of his right hand from the Chrism within the Chalice itself (each Chalice) from lip to lip and then anoints the whole of the interior saying:*

Vouchsafe, O Lord God, to ✠ consecrate and ✠ sanctify this chalice through this anointing, and our ✠ benediction in Christ Jesu our

Lord: who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost.... **Amen.**

*Then, laying aside the mitre, he says over the Chalices and Patens:*

*V.* The Lord be with you.

*R.* **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, pour forth, we beseech thee, the power of thy benediction on our hands: that through our ✠ benediction this Vessel and Paten (*these Vessels and Patens*) may be sanctified and be made by the grace of the Holy Ghost a new sepulchre for the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the same....in the unity of the same Holy Ghost.... **Amen.**

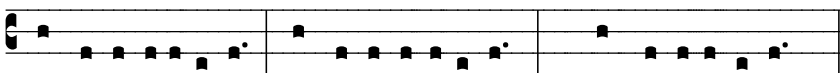
*Lastly he sprinkles the Chalice and Paten (Chalices and Patens) with holy Water, which should be done after all blessings of any kind. Whch done, he causes the Patens and Chalices to be wiped by some Priest with bread crumbs, and well cleansed; then the wipings are thrown into the fire or the sacrarium.*

## The Great Blessing of Water at Epiphany

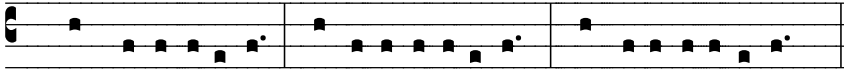
*A bowl of water and a container of salt are made ready in the midst of the Church. The Priest vests in surplice, white cope and stole.*

### LITANY OF THE SAINTS

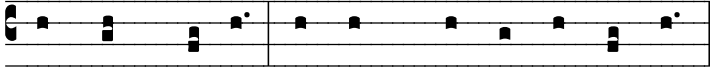
*Priest (or cantor):*      *People:*      *Priest (or cantor), etc:*



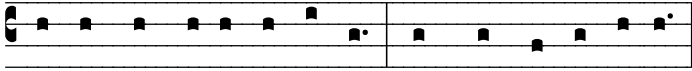
Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. **Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.** Chris-te e-le-i-son.



Chris-te e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.



O Christ, hear us. O Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us.

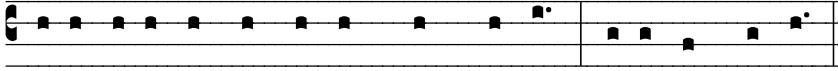


O God the Father of heaven, **have mer-cy up-on us.**  
O God the Son, Redeemer of the / world, **have mercy upon us.**  
O God the Holy / Ghost, **have mercy upon us.**  
Holy Trinity, one / God, **have mercy upon us.**

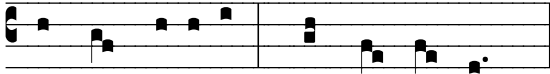


Holy Ma/ry, **pray for us.**  
Holy Mother of / God, **pray...** Holy Virgin of / virgins, **pray...** St. /  
Michael, **pray...** St. / Gabriel, **pray...** St. / Raphael, **pray...** All ye  
holy Angels and Arch/angels, **pray...** All ye holy orders of blessed /  
Spirits, **pray...** St. John the / Baptist, **pray...** St. / Joseph, **pray...** All  
ye holy Patriarchs and / Prophets, **pray...** St. / Peter, pray... St. /  
Paul, **pray...** St. / Andrew, **pray...** St. / James, **pray...** St. / John,  
**pray...** St. / Thomas, **pray...** St. / James, **pray...** St. / Philip,  
**pray...** St. Bar/tholomew, **pray...** St. / Matthew, **pray...** St. /  
Simon, **pray...** St. / Jude, **pray...** St. Mat/thias, **pray...** St. /  
Barnabas, **pray...** St. / Luke, **pray...** St. / Mark, **pray...** All ye holy  
Apostles and Ev/angelists, **pray...** All ye holy Disciples of the /  
Lord, **pray...** All ye holy / Innocents, **pray...** St. / Stephen, **pray...**  
St. / Laurence, **pray...** St. / Vincent, **pray...** St. Fabian and St.  
Se/bastian, **pray...** St. John and St. / Paul, **pray...** St. Cosmas and  
St. / Damian, **pray...** St. Gervase and St. Pro/tase, **pray...** All ye  
holy / Martyrs, **pray...** St. Sil/vester, **pray...** St. / Gregory, **pray...**  
St. / Ambrose, **pray...** St. Au/gustine, **pray...** St. Je/rome, **pray...**  
St. / Martin, **pray...** St. / Nicholas, **pray...** All ye holy Bishops and

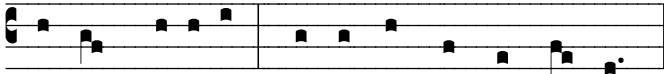
Con/fessors, **pray...** All ye holy / Doctors, **pray...** St. / Anthony, **pray...** St. / Benedict, **pray...** All ye holy Priests and / Levites, **pray...** All ye holy Monks and / Hermits, **pray...** St. Mary / Magdalen, **pray...** St. / Agatha, **pray...** St. / Lucy, **pray...** St. / Agnes, **pray...** St. Ce/cilia, **pray...** St. / Catherine, **pray...** St. Ana/stasia, **pray...** All ye holy Virgins and / Widows, **pray...**



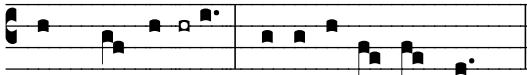
All ye holy men and women, Saints of God, **intercede for us.**



Be thou merciful, **spare us, O Lord.**

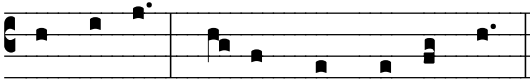


Be thou merciful, **graciously hear us, O Lord.**



From all e - vil, **deliver us, O Lord.**

- / From all sin, **deliver...** - / From thy wrath, **deliver...** From sudden and un/prepared death, **deliver...** From the crafts of / the devil, **deliver...** From anger, hatred, and all unchar/itableness, **deliver...** From the spirit of / uncleanness, **deliver...** From lightning / and tempest, **deliver...** From the scourge / of earthquake, **deliver...** From pestilence, fam/ine, and war, **deliver...** From ev/erlasting death, **deliver...** Through the mystery of thy holy In/carnation, **deliver...** Through / thine Advent, **deliver...** Through thy / Nativity, **deliver...** Through thy Baptism and ho/ly fasting, **deliver...** Through thy Cross / and Passion, **deliver...** Through thy Death / and Burial, **deliver...** Through thy holy Re/surrection, **deliver...** Through thy wonderful / Ascension, **deliver...** Through the coming of the Holy Ghost / the Paraclete, **deliver...** In the day / of judgement, **deliver...**



We sinners, **beseech thee to hear us.**



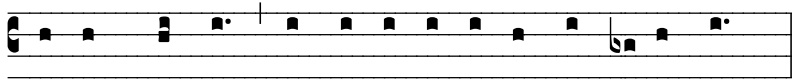
That thou wouldest spare us, **we beseech thee to hear us.**

That thou would/est pardon us, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to bring us to true / repentance, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to govern and preserve / thy holy Church, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to preserve our Apostolic lord and all orders of the Church thy true / religion, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to humble the enemies / of holy Church, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to give unto Christian kings and rulers peace and / true concord, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to grant to all the Christian people peace / and unity, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to recall such as do err into the unity of the Church, and to bring all unbelievers into the light of / the Gospel, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to strengthen, and preserve us in thy ho/ly service, **we beseech...** That thou wouldest lift up our minds unto heaven/ly desires, **we beseech...** That thou wouldest reward all our benefactors with everlast/ing blessings, **we beseech...** That thou wouldest deliver our souls, and the souls of our brethren, kinsfolk, and benefactors, from eternal / damnation, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to give and preserve the fruits / of the earth, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to grant unto all the faithful departed ✠ rest / eternal, **we beseech...**

*The Priest makes the sign of the Cross over the water saying:*

That it may please thee to ✠ bless / this water, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to ✠ bless and ✠ sanctify / this water, **we beseech...** That it may please thee graciously / to hear us, **we beseech...**  
- / Son of God, **we beseech...**





O Lamb of God, who tak-est a-way the sins of the world,



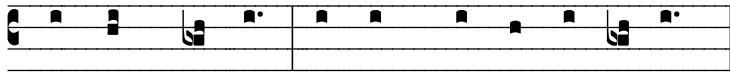
spare us, O Lord.



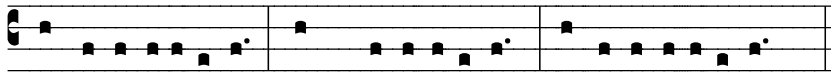
O Lamb of God... gra-cious-ly hear us, O Lord.



O Lamb of God... have mer-cy up-on us.



O Christ, hear us. O Christ, graciously hear us.



Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. **Chris-te e-le-i-son.** Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.

*V.* Our Father...

*and the remainder is said silently until...*

*V.* And lead us not into tempta/tion.

*R.* **But deliver us from e/vil.**

*The following psalms are sung:*



- ASCRIBE unto the Lord, O ye / mighty, \* ascribe unto the Lord /  
 worship and strength.
2. Ascribe unto the Lord the honor due unto his / Name; \* worship  
 the Lord with / holy worship.
  3. The voice of the Lord is upon the / waters; \* it is the glorious  
 God that mak/eth the thunder.
  4. It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in  
 ope/ration; \* the voice of the Lord / is a glorious voice.
  5. The voice of the Lord breaketh the / cedar-trees; \* yea, the Lord  
 breaketh the ce/dars of Lebanon.
  6. He maketh them also to skip like a / calf; \* Lebanon also, and  
 Sirion, like / a young unicorn.
  7. The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the  
 Lord shaketh the / wilderness; \* yea, the Lord shaketh the  
 wilder/ness of Kadesh.
  8. The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and  
 strippeth bare the / forests: \* in his temple doth every thing  
 speak / of his honor.
  9. The Lord sitteth above the / water-flood, \* and the Lord  
 remaineth a / King for ever.
  10. The Lord shall give strength unto his / people; \* the Lord shall  
 give his people the / blessing of peace.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the / Son, \* and / to the Holy Ghost.  
 As it was in the beginning, † is now and ever / shall be, \* world /  
 without end. Amen.



GOD IS our hope / and strength, \* a very present / help in trouble.

2. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth / be moved, \* and though the hills be carried into / the midst of the sea;
3. Though the waters thereof rage / and swell, \* and though the mountains shake at the / tempest of the same.
4. There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city / of God; \* the holy place of the tabernacle of / the Most Highest.
5. God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be / removed; \* God shall help her, and / that right early.
6. The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms / are moved; \* but God hath showed his voice, and the / earth shall melt away.
7. The Lord of hosts is / with us; \* the God of Jacob / is our refuge.
8. O come hither, and behold the works of / the Lord, \* what destruction he hath / brought upon the earth.
9. He maketh wars to cease in all / the world; \* he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the / chariots in the fire.
10. Be still then, and know that I / am God: \* I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be ex/alted in the earth.
11. The Lord of hosts is / with us; \* the God of Jacob / is our refuge.

Glory be to the Father, and to / the Son, \* and / to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, † is now and ever / shall be, \* world / without end. Amen.

PSALM 147 *Laudate Dominum*

Tone VIII 1



- O PRAISE the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our / God; \* yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is / to be thankful.
2. The Lord doth build up Je/rusalem, \* and gather together the out/casts of Israel.
  3. He healeth those that are broken in / heart, \* and giveth medicine to / heal their sickness.
  4. He telleth the number of the / stars, \* and calleth them / all by their names.

5. Great is our Lord, and great is his / power; \* yea, and his wis/dom is infinite.
  6. The Lord setteth up the / meek, \* and bringeth the ungodly / down to the ground.
  7. O sing unto the Lord with thanks/giving; \* sing praises upon the / harp unto our God:
  8. Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the / earth; \* and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb / for the use of men;
  9. Who giveth fodder unto the / cattle, \* and feedeth the young ravens that / call upon him.
  10. He hath no pleasure in the strength of an / horse; \* neither delighteth he in / any man's legs.
  11. But the Lord's delight is in them that / fear him, \* and put their trust / in his mercy.
  12. Praise the Lord, O Je/rusalem; \* praise thy / God, O Zion.
  13. For he hath made fast the bars of thy / gates, \* and hath blessed thy child/ren within thee.
  14. He maketh peace in thy / borders, \* and filleth thee / with the flour of wheat.
  15. He sendeth forth his commandment upon / earth, \* and his word runneth / very swiftly.
  16. He giveth snow like / wool, \* and scattereth the hoar-/frost like ashes.
  17. He casteth forth his ice like / morsels; \* who is able / to abide his frost?
  18. He sendeth out his word, and / melteth them: \* he bloweth with his wind, / and the waters flow.
  19. He showeth his word unto / Jacob, \* his statutes and ordinances / unto Israel.
  20. He hath not dealt so with any / nation; \* neither have the heathen / knowledge of his laws.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the / Son, \* and / to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, † is now and ever / shall be, \* world / without end. Amen.

*Then follows the Exorcism against Satan and the apostate angels*

In the Name of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and by His power, we cast you out, every unclean spirit, every devilish power, every assault of the infernal adversary, every legion, every diabolical group and sect; begone and stay far from the Church of God, from all who are made in the image of God and redeemed by the precious blood of the divine ✠ Lamb. Never again dare, you cunning serpent, to deceive the human race, to persecute the Church of God, nor to strike the chosen of God and to sift them as ✠ wheat. For it is the Most High God who ✠ commands you, He to whom you heretofore in your great pride considered yourself equal; He who desires that all men might be saved and come to the knowledge of Truth.

God the Father ✠ commands you.

God the Son ✠ commands you.

God the Holy ✠ Spirit commands you.

The majesty of Christ, the eternal Word of God made flesh ✠ commands you; He who for the salvation of our race, the race that was lost through your envy, humbled Himself and became obedient even unto death; He who built His Church upon a solid rock, and proclaimed that the gates of hell should never prevail against her, and that He would remain with her all days, even to the end of the world.

The sacred mystery of the Cross ✠ commands you, as well as the power of all the mysteries of Christian faith.

The exalted Virgin Mary, Mother of God ✠ commands you, who in her lowliness crushed your proud head.

The faith of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul and the other Apostles ✠ commands you.

The blood of the martyrs and the devout intercession of all holy men and women commands you.

Therefore, accursed dragon and every diabolical legion, we adjure you by the living ✠ God, by the true ✠ God, by the holy ✠ God, by

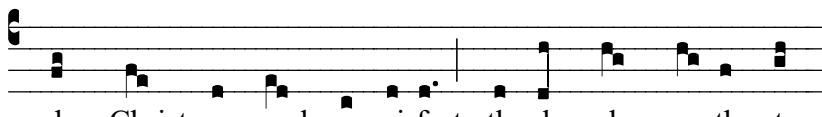
the God who so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but shall have life everlasting; cease your deception of the human race and your giving them to drink of the poison of everlasting damnation; desist from harming the Church and fettering her freedom. Begone Satan, you father and teacher of lies and enemy of mankind. Give place to Christ in whom you found none of your works; give place to the one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church, which Christ Himself purchased with His blood. May you be brought low under God's mighty hand. May you tremble and flee as we call upon the holy and awesome Name of Jesus, before whom hell quakes, and to whom the virtues, powers, and dominations are subject; whom the cherubim and seraphim praise with unwearied voices, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts!

*Then the antiphon and Magnificat.*

*Antiphon:*



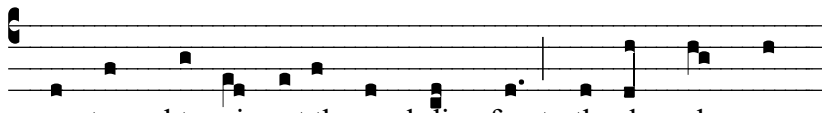
Now do we cel-e-brate a fes-ti-val in hon-or of three days



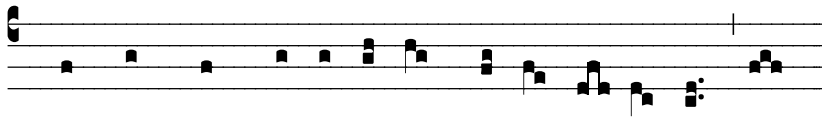
when Christ was made man-i-fest: the day where-on the star



led the Wise Men to the man-ger, the day where-on wat-er



was turned to wine at the wed-ding feast; the day where-on



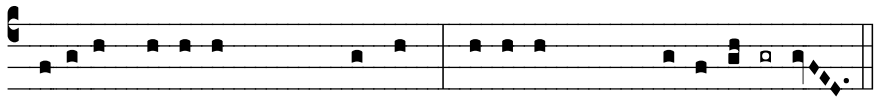
Christ was pleased to be bap-tized of John in Jor-dan that



He might save us. Al- le- lu- ia.

MAGNIFICAT

Tone I A 5



✕ MY SOUL doth magnify / the Lord, \* and my spirit hath rejoiced  
in / God my Savior.

FOR HE hath re/garded \* the lowliness of / his handmaiden.

FOR BEhold from / henceforth \* all generations shall / call me  
blessed.

FOR HE that is mighty hath magni/fied me; \* and ho/ly is his Name.

AND HIS mercy is on them that / fear him \* throughout all /  
generations.

HE HATH showed strength with / his arm; \* he hath scattered the  
proud in the imagina/tion of their hearts.

HE HATH put down the mighty from / their seat, \* and hath exalted  
the / humble and meek.

HE HATH filled the hungry with / good things; \* and the rich he  
hath sent / empty away.

HE Remembering his mercy † hath holpen his servant Is/rael; \* as  
he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his / seed for ever.

GLORY be to the Father and to / the Son, \* and / to the Holy Ghost.

AS IT was in the beginning, † is now and ever / shall be, \* world /  
without end. Amen.

*The antiphon is repeated.* Now do we celebrate a festival in honor  
of three days when Christ was made manifest: the day whereon the

star led the Wise Men to the manger, the day whereon water was turned to wine at the wedding feast; the day whereon Christ was pleased to be baptized of John in Jordan that He might save us. Alleluia.

*Then is sung the Collect for Epiphany.*

O God, who on this day didst by the leading of a star manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: mercifully grant that we, which know thee now by faith, may finally attain unto the contemplation of the beauty of thy majesty. Through the same...

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

**R. Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*If there be no exorcised and blessed salt, the Priest begins*

I adjure thee, O creature of salt, by the living ✠ God, by the true ✠ God, by the holy God: by God who commanded thee to be cast by the Prophet Elisha into the water to heal the barrenness thereof: that thou become salt exorcised for the health of them that believe: be thou to all them that take of thee effectual for healing of soul and body, let all vain imaginations, wickedness, and subtlety of the wiles of the devil, let every unclean spirit flee and depart from the place where thou art to be sprinkled, being adjured by him who shall come to judge the quick and the dead, and the world by fire. **Amen.**

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly beseech thine infinite mercy: that thou wouldest vouchsafe of thy loving-kindness to ✠ bless and ✠ sanctify this creature of salt, which thou hast given for the use of mankind; that it may avail unto all that take of it health of body and soul: let all such things as shall be touched or sprinkled therewith be free from all uncleanness, and from all assaults of spiritual wickedness. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

*The exorcism of the water is said straightway.*



I adjure thee, O creature of water, in the Name of God the ☩ Father almighty, in the Name of ☩ Jesus Christ his Son, our Lord, and by the power of the ☩ Holy Ghost: that thou become water exorcised for the putting to flight of all the power of the enemy, and that thou be enabled to root out and to expel the enemy himself with his apostate angels by the power of the same Jesus Christ our Lord: Who shall come to judge the quick and the dead, and the world by fire. **Amen.**

Let us pray. O God, who for the salvation of mankind hast ordained in thy chiefest sacraments the use of the substance of water: mercifully assist us who call upon thee, and pour the power of thy ☩ benediction upon this element, made ready by diverse cleansings: that this thy creature, in the service of thy mysteries, may effectually receive thy divine grace for casting forth of devils and the healing of diseases, that whatsoever of the dwellings or abodes of thy faithful people shall be sprinkled with this water may be free from all uncleanness and delivered from all evil: let not the spirit of pestilence abide therein, nor the breath of corruption; let all the snares of the unseen enemy depart from thence: and let all such things as are contrary to the health and peace of them that dwell therein be put to flight by the sprinkling of this water; that, as through the invocation of thy holy Name we entreat for them thy saving health, so they may be defended against all assaults. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

*Here he shall thrice put salt into the water in the form of a cross, saying once:*

Let this commingling of salt and water be wrought in the Name of the ☩ Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the ☩ Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

*V.* The Lord be with you  
**R. And with thy spirit**

Let us pray: O God, who art the Author of strength invisible, the King of the empire that none can overcome, Who art ever-glorious

in thy triumphs; Who dost quell the might of the dominion that is against thee, Who rulest the raging of the fierce enemy, Who dost overthrow by thy power the wickedness of thy foes; we entreat thee, O Lord, and beseech thee in fear and lowliness: that thou wouldest graciously behold this creature of salt and water, and mercifully enlighten and sanctify it with the dew of thy loving-kindness; that, wheresoever it shall be sprinkled, all the snare of the unclean spirit may through the invocation of thy holy Name be driven away, and the dread of the poisonous serpent be cast forth: and in all places let the presence of the Holy Ghost be vouchsafed unto us who call upon thy mercy. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, Who livest and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

*The people are sprinkled with the Blessed Water as the Te Deum (p. 239) or the opening hymn of the Mass is Sung. If the Te Deum is sung, the service concludes with the following collect*

*V.* The Lord be with you.

*R.* **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray: O God, of whose mercies there is no number, and of whose goodness the treasure is infinite: we render thanks to thy most gracious Majesty for the gifts thou hast bestowed upon us; always beseeching thy clemency, that as thou dost grant the petitions of them that ask thee, thou wilt never forsake them, but wilt prepare them for the greater rewards that still await them. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Blessing of Chalk on the feast of the Epiphany

*V.* Our help is in the Name / of the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

V. The Lord be with / you.

R. **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: O Lord God, among the many gifts of creation, thou hast given chalk to be of benefit to thy people. We call upon thy Holy Name to ✠ bless these pieces of chalk that those who dwell in the places marked thereby with the names of thy holy Magi, Caspar, Melchior and Belthasar, may be aided by their intercession, their bodies be healthy and their souls saved. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, One God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*The Epiphany announcement of Easter is found on p. 237.*

## **The Blessing of Candles on the feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple**

*Before Mass, the Priest, vested in a purple cope, or without the chasuble, proceeds to bless candles to be used throughout the year at, or near, the Epistle corner of the Altar.*

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And with thy spirit.**

V. Let us pray: O Lord holy, Father almighty, everlasting God, who hast created all things out of nothing, and by thy command hast made this liquid through the labors of bees to come to the perfection of wax: who didst likewise on this day fulfil the petition of the just man Simeon: we humbly pray thee: that through the invocation of thy most holy name, and the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin, whose festival we this day devoutly celebrate, and through the prayers of all thy Saints, thou wouldest vouchsafe to bless and sanctify these candles for the use of men, and for their protection in body and soul, on land or on water: and that from thy holy heaven, and from the throne of thy majesty, thou wouldest hearken to the voice of this thy people, that seeketh to bear them forth in their

hands to thine honor and to sing thy praises: and we beseech thee to have mercy on all that call upon thee, whom thou hast redeemed with the precious Blood of thy Son: Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God: throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

℣. Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, who on this day didst present thine only-begotten Son in thy holy temple, to be received in the arms of Saint Simeon: we humbly implore thy mercy; that thou wouldest vouchsafe to bless, sanctify, and kindle with the light of thy heavenly benediction these candles, which we thy servants, receiving to the glory of thy name, desire to kindle and bear forth: to the intent that we, being made worthy by offering them unto thee, our Lord and God, and being enkindled with the holy fire of thy most gracious charity, may be found meet to be presented in the holy temple of thy glory. Through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord: Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God: throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

℣. Let us pray: O Lord Jesu Christ, the true light, that lightenest every man that cometh into this world: pour forth thy blessing upon these candles, and sanctify them with the light of thy grace, and mercifully grant: that even as these lights, kindled with visible fire, do scatter the darkness of night; so our hearts, illumined by invisible fire, that is, by the brightness of the Holy Spirit, may be delivered from all blindness of iniquity: that, the eyes of our understanding being enlightened, we may discern such things as are pleasing unto thee and profitable for our salvation: so that finally after the darkness and dangers of this world, we may be found meet to attain unto the light everlasting. Through thee, Christ Jesu, Savior of the world, who in perfect Trinity livest and reignest, God, throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

℣. Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, who through thy servant Moses didst command the purest liquid of oil to be prepared for the lamps to burn continually before thy face: mercifully pour upon these candles the grace of thy benediction: that as they shed forth their outward light, so, by thy grace, the light of thy Spirit may

continually shine within our souls. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord: Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, God: throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

℟. Let us pray: O Lord Jesu Christ, who on this day, appearing among men in substance of our flesh, wast presented by thy parents in the temple: whom the old man, Simeon, the venerable, illumined by the light of thy Spirit, acknowledged, received and blessed: mercifully grant; that we, being enlightened and instructed by the grace of the same Holy Spirit, may truly know thee and faithfully love thee: who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

*Here the Priest sprinkles the candles thrice with Holy Water, saying the antiphon "Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop...", without chant or psalm. He then censes the candles three times. He then takes candles and distributes them to the clergy and to the laity, who kiss first the candle, then the priest's hand.*

#### AT THE DISTRIBUTION OF CANDLES

*Antiphon. Luke 2:32.* A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

*Canticle. Luke 2:29-31.*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. *The antiphon is repeated after each verse.*

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation. *Antiphon.*

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people. *Antiphon.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

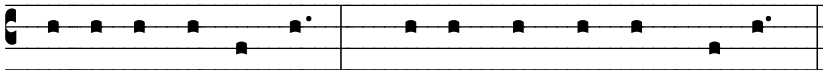
*Antiphon.*

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. *Antiphon.*

*Antiphon. Ps. 44:26.* O Lord, arise, help us: and deliver us for thy name's sake. *Ps. 44.* O God, we have heard with our ears: our fathers have declared unto us. ℟. Glory be... *The antiphon is repeated.*

℣. Let us pray: We beseech thee, O Lord, hearken unto thy people: and vouchsafe: that this observance, wherein thou sufferest us to do thee outward honor year by year, may by the light of thy grace bring forth fruit in our souls. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### AT THE PROCESSION



℣. Let us go forth in peace. **R. In the Name of Christ. A-men.**

*Antiphon.* O Sion, adorn thy bride-chamber, and receive Christ the King: greet Mary, who is the gate of heaven: for she beareth the King of the glory of the new light: she remaineth a Virgin, yet beareth in her hands a Son begotten before the morning star: whom Simeon took into his arms, declaring to the nations that he is the Lord of life and death, and Savior of the world.

*Antiphon. Luke 2:26-29.* It was revealed unto Simeon by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ: and when they brought the Child into the temple, then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said: Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace. ℣. When his parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, then took he him up in his arms.

#### UPON ENTERING THE CHURCH

℣. When the days of Mary's purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, as it is written in the law of the Lord. ℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it is written in the law of the Lord.

*The Liturgy continues with the Mass.*

## The Blessing of Throats on St. Blaise Day

*Note that this blessing may be administered at the conclusion of the Candlemas service, or on St. Blaise's Day, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The blessing is given with two unlit candles held crossed beneath each person's throat, blessed according to the following form.*

*V.* Our help is in the Name / of the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* O Lord, hear / my prayer.

*R.* **And let my cry come un/to thee.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Almighty and most merciful God, who hast created all things by the power of thy Word, and who, for the salvation of mankind, hast willed that the same Word, by whom all things were made should become incarnate: thou who art great and doest wondrous things, awesome and worthy of praise: for the confession of whose faith the glorious Martyr and Bishop Blaise, spurning diverse torments, was counted worthy to receive the martyr's palm: to whom, among other gifts thou didst grant the virtue of healing infirmities of the throat through thine almighty power; we humbly beseech thy majesty that, regarding not our sins, thou wouldest deign to ☩ bless, through his prayers, this creature of wax, sanctifying and hallowing it through thy grace: that all who with a lively faith receive its impress upon their throats, may be free from all ailments of the same, and being restored to health, may show forth in thy holy Church their thankfulness for thy benefits, by praising thy glorious Name, which is worthy of eternal benediction, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*And let the candles be sprinkled with holy Water. The people come forward for the blessing as the priest says for each person:*

By the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may almighty God keep you from all sickness of the throat and all other illness. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## The Blessing and Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday

*Before Mass, ashes prepared from the branches of Palm or other trees blessed on the previous Palm Sunday are blessed, as follows. The Priest, vested in a purple cope, or without the chasuble, proceeds to bless the ashes at, or near, the Epistle corner of the Altar. The choir first sings the following antiphon:*

*Antiphon. Ps. 69:17. Hear us, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is comfortable: turn thee unto us, O Lord, according to the multitude of thy mercies. Ps. 69:1. Save me, O God: for the waters are come in even unto my soul. V. Glory...*

*V. The Lord be with you.*

**R. And with thy spirit.**

*V. Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, spare them that are penitent, be favorable to them that call upon thee; and vouchsafe to send thy holy Angel from heaven, to bless, and sanctify these ashes, that they may be a wholesome medicine to all who humbly call upon thy holy name, who in their consciences by sin are accused, who in the sight of thy divine compassion bewail their faults, and earnestly and meekly implore thy most gracious loving-kindness: and grant to all them that call upon thy most holy name; that they, being sprinkled therewith for the redemption of their transgressions, may be preserved evermore both in body and soul. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

*V. Let us pray: O God, who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should repent: mercifully look upon the frailty of our mortal nature; and of thy goodness vouchsafe to bless these ashes which we purpose to have set upon our heads for the increase of*



humility, and the meriting of pardon; that we, acknowledging that we are but ashes, and that by reason of our vileness unto dust we shall return; may through thy mercy be found meet to receive forgiveness of all our sins, and the rewards which thou hast promised to them that are penitent. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*V.* Let us pray: O God, who dost turn unto them that abase themselves, and art favorable unto them that make satisfaction: incline thy gracious ear to our prayers; and mercifully pour forth upon the heads of thy servants now to be sprinkled with these ashes the grace of thy benediction: that they being filled with the spirit of true penitence may effectually obtain those things that they have asked according to thy will. And we beseech thee to ordain that we, being established in these thy blessings, may cleave to the same unto life everlasting. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*V.* Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, who upon the people of Nineveh, repenting in sackcloth and ashes, didst bestow the healing of thy loving-kindness: mercifully grant; that we may so imitate them in outward fashion that we may be made like unto them in the obtaining of thy pardon. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*The Priest sprinkles the ashes with holy water thrice, saying “Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be clean, thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.” He then censures them thrice. The people come forward as directed for the imposition of ashes, the priest saying, Remember, O man, that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return.*

#### ANTIPHONS DURING THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*Joel 2:13. Immutemur.* Let us change our raiment for sackcloth and ashes: let us fast and mourn before the Lord; for our God is exceeding merciful to forgive us our sins.

*Joel 2:17.* Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say: spare, O Lord, spare thy people: and shut not up, O Lord, the mouths of them that praise thee.

*Responsory. Esther 13; Joel 2.* Let us amend the sins that in our ignorance we have committed: lest the day of death come suddenly upon us, and we find no place for repentance, though we seek it. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy: for we have sinned against thee. *V.* *Ps. 79:9.* Help us, O God of our salvation: and for the glory of thy name deliver us, O Lord. Hear, O Lord... *V.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. Hear, O Lord...

*After all have received ashes the priest cleanses his fingers.*

*V.* The Lord be with you.

*R. And with thy spirit.*

*V.* Let us pray: Grant to us, O Lord, to put on the armor of our Christian warfare with prayer and fasting; that we, who are to fight against all spiritual wickedness, may be defended by the power of abstinence. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Liturgy continues with the Mass.*

## The Blessing of Palms on Palm Sunday

*Preparations are made at the place where the palms are to be blessed. The sacred ministers vest in purple vestments, the priest in cope. The acolytes and clergy process to the place at the appointed time as the choir sings the antiphon.*

### AT THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

*Antiphon. Matt. 21:9.* Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. O King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And with thy spirit.**

V. Let us pray. ✠ Bless, O Lord, we beseech thee, these branches of palm (*or olive, or other*): and grant; that as thy people on this day perform this outward observance to thine honor, so they, inwardly fulfilling the same with reverence and purity of heart, may win the victory over the enemy, and continually abound in all good works. Through...

*The Palms are sprinkled with Holy Water, then censed. The priest distributes the palms. The people kiss the palm and the priest's hand as they receive their palm. The choir sings the antiphons and psalms as needed.*

#### AT THE DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS

*Antiphon 1.* The children of the Hebrews, bearing branches of olive, went out to meet the Lord, crying out and saying: Hosanna in the highest.

*Ps. 24:1-2, 7-10. Domini est terra.*

The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is, \* the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, \* and prepared it upon the floods. *The antiphon is repeated.* Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, \* and the King of glory shall come in! Who is the King of glory? \* it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle. *The antiphon is repeated.* Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, \* and the King of glory shall come in. Who is the King of glory? \* even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. *The antiphon is repeated.* Glory be... As it was... *The antiphon is repeated.*

*Antiphon 2.* The children of the Hebrews spread their garments in the way, and cried out, saying: Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

*Ps. 47. Plaudite manibus.*

O clap your hands together, all ye people, \* sing unto God with the voice of melody. For the Lord is high, and to be feared, \* he is the great King upon all the earth. *The antiphon is repeated.* He shall subdue the people unto us \* and the nations under our feet. He shall choose out an heritage for us, \* even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved. *The antiphon is repeated.* God is gone up with a merry noise, \* and the Lord with the sound of the trump. O sing praises, sing praises unto our God, \* O sing praises, sing praises unto our King. *The antiphon is repeated.* For God is the King of all the earth, \* sing ye praises with understanding. God reigneth over the heathen, \* God sitteth upon his holy seat. *The antiphon is repeated.* The princes of the people \* are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham. For God, which is very high exalted, \* doth defend the earth as it were with a shield. *The antiphon is repeated.* Glory be.. As it was... *The antiphon is repeated.*

*After the prayer* Cleanse my heart, *the Gospel book is censed and the gospel is sung.*

V. The Lord be with you.

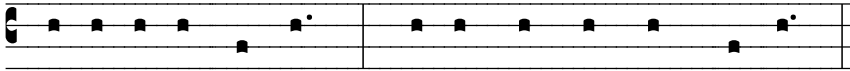
R. **And with thy spirit.**

✠ The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

AT that time: when Jesus drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the

trees, and strowed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. (21:1-9)

### AT THE PROCESSION WITH BLESSED PALMS



*V.* Let us go forth in peace. *R.* **In the Name of Christ. A-men.**

*The antiphons are sung as needed. The hymn, Gloria, laus et honor (All glory, laud and honor), is always sung.*

*Antiphon 1.* The multitudes with flowers and palms go forth to meet the Redeemer; and render worthy homage to the triumphant conqueror: the Gentiles with their lips proclaim the Son of God: and in the praise of Christ their voices thunder through the skies: Hosanna!

*Antiphon 2.* With the Angels and the children may we be found faithful, crying unto the vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest!

*Antiphon 3.* A great multitude, that were come together to the feast, cried unto the Lord: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest!

*Antiphon 4. Luke 19:37-38.* The whole multitude of them that went down began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice, for all the mighty works which they had seen, saying: Blessed is the King that cometh in the name of the Lord; peace on earth, and glory in the highest.

*The hymn, Gloria, laus et honor, is sung (SAH #97).*

*Antiphon 5.* All men praise thy name, and say: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

*Ps. 147. Lauda, Jerusalem.*

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem: \* praise thy God, O Sion. For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates: \* and hath blessed thy children within thee. He maketh peace in thy borders: \* and filleth thee with the flour of wheat. He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: \* and his word runneth very swiftly. He giveth snow like wool:\* and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes. He casteth forth his ice like morsels: \* who is able to abide his frost? He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: \* he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow. He sheweth his word unto Jacob: \* his statutes and ordinances unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any nation: \* neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws. Glory be... As it was... *Antiphon 5 is repeated.*

*Antiphon 6.* With palms bright shining we fall low before the Lord: let us all go forth to meet him with hymns and song, glorifying him and saying: Blessed be the Lord.

*Antiphon 7.* Hail, our King, Son of David, Redeemer of the world, whom the Prophets foretold should come to be the Savior of the house of Israel. For the Father hath sent thee into the world to be the saving victim, whom all the Saints awaited from the foundation of the world, and now: Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

*The hymn, Christus vincit, or some other hymn in honor of Christ the King may be sung. On entering the church is sung:*

*Antiphon 8.* When the Lord entered the holy city, the children of the Hebrews, foretelling the resurrection of Life, With branches of palm: Hosanna, they cried, in the highest. When the people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they went forth to meet him. With branches of palm: hosanna, they cried, in the highest.

*After the procession the priest sings:*

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us pray. O Lord Jesu Christ, our King and Redeemer, to whose honor we, bearing these branches, have sung our solemn praises: mercifully grant; that whithersoever these branches may be carried, there the grace of thy benediction may descend, and, all the wickedness and craft of the devil being put to nought, thy right hand may protect those whom thou hast redeemed: Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

## The Service for the Blessing of Oils in Holy Week

*This service may be offered on Maundy Thursday Eve or at another convenient time. Preparations are made for Mass. The vestments are white. Cruets or other containers of oil are prepared in the sacristy or near the credence table. A small table is placed near the epistle side of the Altar.*

INTROIT *Exod. 30,25,31.* Thou shalt make an oil of holy ointment: and thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, This shall be an holy anointing oil unto me throughout your generation. *Ps. 89.* My song shall be of the loving kindness of the Lord: with my mouth will I be shewing of thy truth from one generation to another. Thou shalt make...

*The Introit and Kyrie Eleison having been sung in the usual manner, the Celebrant solemnly intones Glory be to God on high.*

### COLLECT

O Lord God. Who for the regeneration of the nations that thou hast made dost make use of the ministry of priests: grant us so faithfully to follow thy plan of salvation by the gift of thy grace, that in our days thy holy people may increase in number and advance in virtue. Though...

EPISTLE *James V. 13-18*

The Lesson from the Epistle of blessed James the Apostle. Brethren: Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? Let him call for the priests of the Church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

GRADUAL *Ps. 28.* The Lord is my strength and my shield: my heart hath trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart danceth for joy, and in my song will I praise him. *V.* The Lord is my strength: and he is the wholesome defense of his anointed.

✠The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Mark

At that time: Jesus called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth two by two; and he gave them power over unclean spirits; And commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no money in their purse; but be shod with sandals; and not put on two coats. And he said unto them, In what place soever ye enter into an house, there abide until ye depart from that place. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. And they went out, and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them. (*Mark 6: 7f*)

*The Creed is not said.*

OFFERTORY *Ps. 45. 7.* Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity: wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.



## SECRET

May the effectual power of this sacrifice, we beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully cleanse away the old man in us, that new life and salvation may grow in us. Through...

## PREFACE

It is very meet, right, just and availing to salvation, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God, and to call upon thee with humble supplication, that thou mayest make these oils thy creature, effective signs of life and healing for those who are to become new creatures in the sacred Font of baptism or to receive deliverance from all infirmities of souls and body; through Christ our Lord, by whom the Angels praise thy Majesty, the Dominions adore Thee, the Powers tremble, the Heavens and the heavenly Host and the blessed Seraphim join with one glad voice in extolling thee. To their voices we pray Thee, let ours be added, while we say with humble praise:

*The Mass proceeds with no changes or alteration in the Canon until the final prayer To us sinners also, which is interrupted between our offences and through Christ our Lord. The Celebrant purifies his fingers and goes to the table prepared in the sanctuary and faces the Altar with acolytes standing on either side.*

*Meanwhile a cantor, the choir or the people sing the first three verses of the hymn O Redemptor (St. Ambrose Hymnal, #99), while the oils are brought from the sacristy.*

## BLESSING OF THE OIL OF THE SICK

*The vessel is brought from the sacristy to the pastor by the bearer and given to him with the words:*

The Oil of the Sick.

*The Celebrant continues:*

Let us pray: I exorcise thee, O unclean spirit, and every assault of Satan, and every illusion in the Name of the ☩ Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the ☩ Holy Ghost; that thou depart from this oil, that it may be made a spiritual unction to fortify the temple of the living God; that in it the Holy Ghost may dwell, through the Name of God the Father almighty, and through the Name of his most dearly beloved Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. **Amen.**

*V.* The Lord be with you.,

*R.* **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray: Send forth we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Holy Ghost the Paraclete from heaven upon this rich olive oil, which thou has vouchsafed to bring forth out of a green tree, for the refreshment of soul and body: that by thy holy benediction whosoever is anointed with this ointment of heavenly healing, wherewith thou didst anoint Priests, Kings, Prophets, and martyrs, may receive protection of soul and body, for the deliverance from all pains, all infirmities, and all sickness of soul and body; may it be that perfect Chrism, O Lord, blessed by thee for us, abiding in our hearts: in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*The celebrant washes his hands and goes with his attendants to the step of the Altar; he genuflects, ascends to the Altar, and proceeds with the Mass, until after the Communion.*

## THE BLESSING OF THE OIL OF THE CATECHUMENS

*The Vessel of Oil for the Catechumens is brought to the pastor from the sacristy.*

*The assistant says:*

The Oil of the Catechumens.

*The celebrant breathes three times over the Oil of the Catechumens in the form of the cross, saying,*

Let us pray: I exorcise thee, O creature of Oil, in the Name of God the Father ☩ Almighty, and in the Name of ☩ Jesus Christ, and of the ☩ Holy Ghost, that by this invocation of the undivided Trinity and by the power of the one Godhead, all the most wicked powers of the enemy, all the inveterate malice of the devil, every violent assault, and every disorderly and dark illusion may be rooted out, and chased away, and dispelled from thee: that hallowed by divine mysteries, thou mayest be for the adoption both of the flesh and the spirit of those who shall be anointed with thee, for the forgiveness of all sins: that their bodies may be sanctified for receiving all spiritual grace. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Who shall come to judge the living and dead, and the world by fire. **Amen.**

*V.* The Lord be with you.

**R. And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray: O God the rewarder of all spiritual growth and progress, Who by the power of the Holy Ghost dost strengthen the first beginning of feeble minds, deign, O Lord, we beseech Thee, to send down Thy blessing upon this Oil, and grant that all who approach the laver of regeneration may, though the unction of this Thy creature, be cleansed in mind and body; that if any pollution of their spiritual enemies have adhered to them, it may depart at the touch of this hallowed Oil; let there be no place for the wickedness of spirits, no occasion for the apostate angels, no power of concealment left to the snares of sin; but to Thy servants, who come to the Faith and are to be cleansed by the operation of Thy Holy Spirit, let the preparation of this unction be serviceable for that salvation, which they are to gain when born by heavenly generation in the sacrament of Baptism. Through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. **Amen.**

*The celebrant and other clergy salute the Oil of the Catechumens saying thrice, each time on a higher note*



Through this Holy ✠ Unction may the Lord pardon thee whatsoever thou hast done amiss. **Amen.**

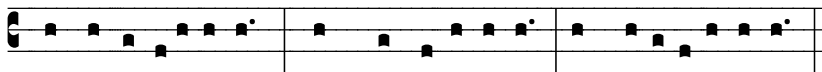
*Or,*

I anoint thee with Oil, and lay my hands upon thee, in the Name of the ✠ Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; beseeching the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all thy pain and sickness of body, mind, or spirit being put to flight, the blessing of health may be restored to thee.

*This being completed, the Priest rubs his thumb with bread crumbs, washes his hands and wipes them with the towel. The water and bread shall in due course be cast into the sacrarium. He may add,*

O Blessed Redeemer, relieve, we beseech thee, by Thy indwelling power, the distress of these thy servants; release them from sin, and drive away all pain of soul and body, that being restored to soundness of health, that may offer Thee praise and thanksgiving, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

*Then he says,*



e-lé-i-son. **Chris-te e-lé-i-son.** Ky-ri-e e-lé-i-son.

Our Fa/ther, *secretly as far as,*

*V.* And lead us not into tempta/tion.

**R. But deliver us from e/vil.**

*V.* O Lord, save thy servants and hand/maidens.

**R. Who putteth their trust / in thee.**

*V.* Send them help from thy ho/ly place.

**R. And evermore mightily defend / them.**

*V.* Be unto them, O Lord, a tower / of strength.

**R. From the face of the e/nemy.**

*V.* Let the enemy have no advantage / over them.

**R. Nor the wicked approach to hurt / them.**

V. O Lord, hear / my prayer.

R. **And let my cry come un/to thee.**

V. The Lord be with / you.

R. **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: O Lord God, Who through thine Apostle James hast said: Is any sick among you? Let him call for the priests of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with Oil in the Name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up: and if he hath committed sins, they shall be forgiven him; cure, we beseech thee, O our Redeemer, by the grace of the Holy Ghost, the weakness of the sick, heal their wounds and put away their sins; cast out from them all pain of mind and body and mercifully give back to them full health, both inwardly and outwardly, that being restored by the help of thy mercy, they may return to their duties as of old: Who with the Father and the same Holy Ghost livest and reignest God, world without end. **Amen.**

Let us pray: Look O Lord, we beseech thee, upon these thy servants and handmaidens, and comfort again the souls which thou hast created: that being amended by chastisement, they may feel themselves to be saved by thy healing. **Amen.**

Let us pray: O Lord holy, Father Almighty, everlasting God, who in pouring the grace of thy blessing upon sick bodies dost preserve by thy manifold goodness thy handiwork: graciously assist us who call upon thy Name; deliver thy servants and handmaidens from all sickness and give them health; raise them up by thy right hand; and strengthen them by thy might; protect them by thy power; and with all the prosperity which they desire restore them to thy holy Church. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then shall the people kiss the Cross presented to them by the Priest.*

## The Blessing of the Paschal Fire and Paschal Candle on Holy Saturday

*The service begins in darkness. Fire is struck from flint and from it coals are kindled. The ministers stand with the cross, blessed water and incense before the door, in the entry of the church, or within it. The Priest blesses the new fire, saying:*

*V.* The Lord be with you.

*R.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray: O God, who through thy Son, the true cornerstone, hast bestowed upon the faithful the fire of thy brightness: sanctify this new fire, now struck from the flint-stone, to be profitable to our service: and grant unto us that by this paschal feast we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires; that we may with pure hearts attain unto the feast of thy eternal brightness. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*He sprinkles the fire thrice, an acolyte places blessed coals in the thurible, and the Priest puts incense into the thurible, blessing it in the usual manner. He then censes the fire thrice. The paschal candle is carried into the midst before the priest who cuts it in the following manner, saying:*

Christ yesterday and today (*he cuts a vertical line*)

The Beginning and the End (*he cuts a transverse line, forming a cross*)

Alpha (*he cuts above the vertical line the Greek letter alpha*)

And Omega (*he cuts beneath the vertical line the letter omega*)

His are the times (*he cuts the first number of the current year in the left upper angle of the cross*)

And ages (*he cuts the second number of the current year in the right upper angle of the cross*)

To him be glory and dominion (*he cuts the third number of the current year in the left lower angle of the cross*)

Through all the ages of eternity. Amen. (*he cuts the fourth number of the current year in the right lower angle of the cross*).

*Five grains of incense are then placed into the candle, the priest saying:*

- (1) Through his holy and glorious
- (2) Wounds
- (3) May Christ the Lord
- (4) Guard
- (5) And preserve us. Amen.

*Then the Deacon hands to the Priest a small candle, kindled with the new fire, with which he lights the paschal candle saying:*

May the light of Christ gloriously rising scatter the darkness of heart and mind.

*The Priest then blesses the lighted candle saying:*

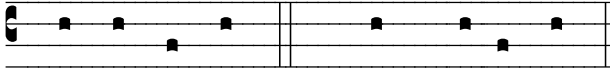
*V.* The Lord be with you.

***R.* And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray: We beseech thee, almighty God, that the abundance of thy blessing may come down upon this lighted candle: and as thou, thyself unseen, art the regenerator of all things, so kindle a light to lighten our darkness; that not only may our sacrifice, which is offered on this night, be illumined by the inward presence of thy light; but that in all places wheresoever the same shall be carried from this mystery here sanctified, the wickedness of the crafts of the devil may be driven forth, and the power of thy majesty ever be present. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



*Then the sacred ministers begin the procession; the deacon, carrying the paschal candle, sings three times, each time on a higher tone:*



*V.* The light of Christ. *R.* **Thanks be to God.**

*All the candles, except those at the altar are lit and the Exultet is sung.*

## **Blessing of Meat, Eggs and Bread at Pascha**

*This blessing may be administered at the meal following the Paschal Vigil.*

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* The Lord be with /you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: O God, who by thy servant Moses, when thou didst set free thy people from Egypt, didst command a lamb to be slain as a type of our Lord Jesus Christ, and didst command both the doorposts of the houses to be sprinkled with its blood: vouchsafe likewise to ☩ bless and ☩ hallow this flesh which we thy servants desire to receive to thy praise. Through the Resurrection of the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, world without end. **Amen.**

We beseech thee, O Lord, that the grace of thy ☩ blessing may come down upon these eggs created by thee: that thy faithful people who thankfully partake of them may find them healthful food in honor of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ: who with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, ever One God, world without end. **Amen.**

O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God, vouchsafe to ☩ bless this bread with thy spiritual benediction: that it may be to all who partake of it, health of mind and body, a defense against all diseases and every snare of the enemy. Through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, the living bread, who came down from heaven and giveth life and salvation to the world; who with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, ever One God, world without end. **Amen.**

*And let the food be sprinkled with holy Water.*

## The Blessing of Pain Benit or Antidoron

*When it is the custom, the Pain Benit may be blessed at the Offertory.*

*V.* Blessed be the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **From this time forth for ev/ermore.**

*V.* Let us bless the Lord.

*R.* **Thanks be to God.**

*V.* The Lord be with /you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: ☩ Bless, O Lord, this creature of bread, as Thou didst bless five loaves in the wilderness, that all who partake thereof may receive health both of body and soul. In the Name of the ☩ Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the ☩ Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

*And let it be sprinkled with holy Water.*

## The Blessing of Children and Teachers at the beginning of the School Year

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* The Lord be with /you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who hast committed to thy holy Church the care and nurture of thy children: Enlighten those who teach and those who learn with the spirit of wisdom and understanding; that rejoicing in the knowledge of thy Truth, they may worship thee and serve thee all the days of their life; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we beseech thee with thy gracious favor to behold our Universities, Colleges and Schools, that knowledge may be increased among us, and all good learning flourish and abound. ✠ Bless all who teach and all who learn; and grant that in humility of heart they may ever look unto thee, who art the fountain of all wisdom; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*And let them be sprinkled with holy Water.*

## Blessing of Travelers

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* The Lord be with /you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

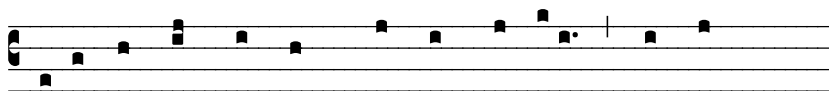
Let us pray: O God, who didst make the children of Israel to pass through the midst of the sea as on dry land, and who by the leading of a star didst to the three Magi make plain the way to thee: grant to *these thy servants*, we beseech thee, a prosperous journey, and peaceful times; that, with thy holy Angel for *their* companion, *they* may happily come to the place whereto *they* journey, and finally attain unto the haven of everlasting salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May St. Mary, the Holy Mother of God, pray for you. May the Holy Angels watch over and protect you. And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

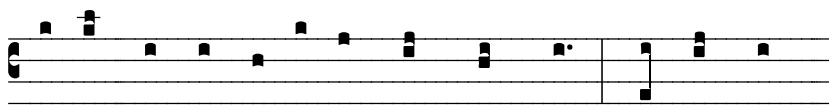
## Blessing of Pilgrims Going to Holy Places

*Pilgrims about to set out for holy places, according to the ancient custom of the Church, should take care to obtain letters of commendation from their Ordinary or Parish Priest. Having obtained these, and settled their affairs, and made confession of their sins, they hear Mass, in which the Prayer for those making a pilgrimage is said, as a Collect pro re gravi imperata, and they devoutly receive the Holy Eucharist. Mass being ended, the Priest says the following prayers over them kneeling:*

*Antiphon:*



In-to the way of peace and pros-per-i-ty may the



al-migh-ty and mer-ci-ful God guide you: and may the



Ang-el Ra-pha-el go with you on the way, that with



safe-ty, peace and joy ye may re-turn to your homes.

## BENEDICTUS DOMINUS

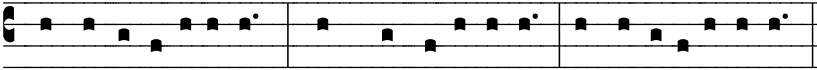
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✕ BLESSED BE the Lord God of / Israel, \* for he hath visited and  
 re/deemed his people;  
 AND HATH RAISED up a mighty salvation / for us \* in the house  
 of his / servant David,  
 AS HE SPAKE by the mouth of his holy / prophets, \* which have  
 been / since the world began:  
 THAT WE SHOULD be saved from our / enemies, \* and from the  
 hand of / all that hate us;  
 TO PERFORM the mercy promised to our / forefathers, \* and to  
 remember his / holy covenant;  
 TO PERFORM the oath which he sware to our forefather /  
 Abraham, \* that / he would give us,  
 THAT WE BEING delivered out of the hand of our / enemies \*  
 might / serve him without fear,  
 IN HOLIness and righteousness be/fore him, \* all the / days of  
 our life.  
 AND THOU, CHILD, shalt be called the prophet of the /  
 Highest, \* for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord / to  
 prepare his ways;  
 TO GIVE KNOWledge of salvation unto his / people \* for the  
 re/mission of their sins,  
 THROUGH THE TENDER mercy of our / God, \* whereby the  
 dayspring from on high hath / visited us;  
 TO GIVE LIGHT to them that sit in darkness † and in the shadow  
 of / death, \* and to guide our feet in/to the way of peace.  
 GLORY BE to the Father, and to the / Son, \* and / to the  
 Holy Ghost:  
 AS IT WAS in the beginning, † is now, and ever / shall be, \* world /  
 without end. Amen.

*The antiphon is repeated:* Into the way of peace and prosperity may  
 the almighty and merciful God guide you: and may the Angel  
 Raphael go with you on the way, that with peace, safety and joy ye  
 may return to your homes.

*Then he says:*



Ky-ri-e e-lé-i-son. **Chris-te e-lé-i-son.** Ky-ri-e e-lé-i-son.

*V.* Our Father...

*V.* And lead us not into tempta/tion.

**R. But deliver us from e/vil.**

*V.* Save thy ser/vants.

**R. My God, that put their trust / in thee.**

*V.* Send them help, O Lord, from the sanctuar/y.

**R. And defend them out of Si/on.**

*V.* Be unto them, O Lord, a strong tow/er.

**R. From the face of the en/emy.**

*V.* Let the enemy have no advantage ov/er them.

**R. Nor the son of wickedness draw near to hurt / them.**

*V.* Blessed be the Lord dai/ly.

**R. The God of our salvation prosper our jour/ney.**

*V.* Shew us thy ways, / O Lord.

**R. And teach us / thy paths.**

*V.* O that our ways were made so / direct.

**R. That we might keep thy command/ments.**

*V.* The crooked shall be / made straight.

**R. And the rough pla/ces plain.**

*V.* God hath given his Angels charge concern/ing thee.

**R. To keep thee in all / thy ways.**

*V.* Lord, hear / our prayer.

**R. And let our cry come un/to thee.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

**R. And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: O God, who didst make the children of Israel to pass through the midst of the sea as on dry land, and who by the leading of a star didst to the three Magi make plain the way to thee: grant to *these thy servants*, we beseech thee, a prosperous journey, and peaceful times; that, with thy holy Angel for *their* companion, *they* may happily come to the place whereto *they* journey, and finally attain unto the haven of everlasting salvation.

O God, who didst lead thy servant Abraham out from Ur of the Chaldees, and didst keep him unharmed through all the paths of his pilgrimage: we beseech thee, that thou wouldest vouchsafe to keep *these thy servants*; be to *them*, O Lord, a present help as *they* set forth, a solace on the way, a shadow in the heat, a covering in rain and cold, a support in weariness, a defense in adversity, a staff in slippery places, a harbor in shipwreck; that, thou being *their* leader and guide, *they* may come with gladness to the place where *they* would be, and finally return in safety to *their* homes.

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications: and dispose the way of *thy servants* in prosperity and safety; that amid all the changes of this earthly pilgrimage *they* may ever be defended by thy gracious help.

Grant, we beseech thee, almighty God: that this thy family may walk in the way of salvation; and, following the teaching of blessed John the Forerunner, may attain in safety to Him whom he proclaimed, Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord.

Hearken, O Lord, unto our prayers and in thy mercy go with thy *servants* on *their* journey, and, as thou thyself art in all places, so in all places bestow thy mercy; to the end that *they*, being defended by thy bountiful goodness from all adversities, may render thanks to thee. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The peace and blessing of God almighty, the ☩ Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, descend upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*And let them be sprinkled with holy Water.*

*If there be but one person about to make pilgrimage, the Prayers shall be said in the singular number; and if the Priest himself, who blesses, take part in the pilgrimage, he shall say them in the first person of the plural number, as shall seem appropriate.*

# Blessing of Pilgrims upon their Return

V. Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

R. **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

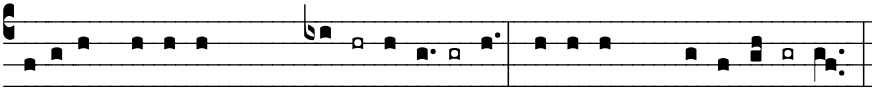
*The Antiphon is sung:*



Lo, thus shall the man be blessed, that fear-eth the Lord.

PSALM 128 *Beati omnes*

Tone I B 2



BLESSED are all / they that fear the Lord, \* and / walk in his ways.

2. For thou shalt eat the / labors of thine hands: \* O well is thee,  
and / happy shalt thou be.

3. Thy wife shall / be as the fruitful vine \* upon the / walls of thine  
house;

4. Thy children like the / olive branches \* round a/bout thy table.

5. Lo, thus / shall the man be blessed \* that / feareth the Lord.

6. The Lord from out of Zion / shall so bless thee, \* that thou shalt  
see Jerusalem in prosperity / all thy life long;

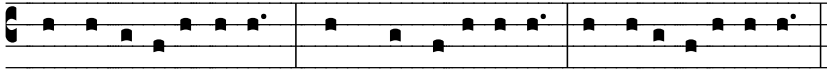
7. Yea, that thou shalt see thy / children's children, \* and peace /  
upon Israel.

Glory be to the / Father and to the Son, \* and / to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, † is now and / ever shall be, \* world /  
without end. Amen.

*The antiphon is repeated:* Lo, thus shall the man be blessed, that  
feareth the Lord.





Ky-ri-e e-lé-i-son. **Chris-te e-lé-i-son.** Ky-ri-e e-lé-i-son.

*V.* Our Father...

*V.* And lead us not into tempta/tion.

*R.* **But deliver us from e/vil.**

*V.* Blessed are they that come in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Ye are the blessed of the Lord, who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* Look, O Lord, upon thy servants and thy han/diwork.

*R.* **And guide them in the way of thy command/ments.**

*V.* O Lord, hear / my prayer.

*R.* **And let my cry come un/to thee.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace: that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind.

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost order our life and all our days, grant unto thy servants the blessings of peace and quietness:

that those whom thou hast brought again in safety to their work and labor, may ever be defended by thy protection.

O God, who dost visit the humble, and dost comfort us with brotherly love: pour forth thy grace upon our company; that through them, in whom thou dost make thine abode we may know that thou art indeed come among us. Through... **Amen.**

The peace and blessing of God almighty, the ☩ Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, descend upon you, and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

*And let them be sprinkled with holy Water.*

# Blessing of Husband and Wife after the Completion of 25 or 50 Years in Matrimony

*If husband and wife, after the completion of twenty-five or fifty years in Matrimony, wish to celebrate their thanksgiving in the Church, the Parish Priest or another Priest, clad in the sacred vestments, addresses them in a brief discourse. Then he shall celebrate a Mass for them, which enjoys the same privileges as the Mass for bridegroom and bride. This may be a votive of the Holy Trinity or of the Blessed Virgin Mary, but not the votive for bridegroom and bride, the Collect for thanksgiving being added under one ending with the first. After the last Gospel the Celebrant, having laid aside the maniple, turning to the man and wife shall recite the following prayers over them:*

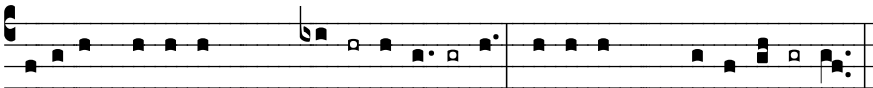
## ANTIPHON



Lo, thus shall the man be blessed, that fear-eth the Lord.

## PSALM 128 *Beati omnes*

Tone I B 2



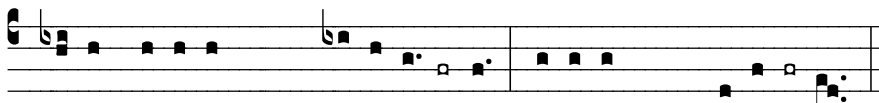
- BLESSED are all / they that fear the Lord, \* and / walk in his ways.
2. For thou shalt eat the / labors of thine hands: \* O well is thee, and / happy shalt thou be.
  3. Thy wife shall / be as the fruitful vine \* upon the / walls of thine house;
  4. Thy children like the / olive branches \* round a/bout thy table.
  5. Lo, thus / shall the man be blessed \* that / feareth the Lord.
  6. The Lord from out of Zion / shall so bless thee, \* that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity / all thy life long;

7. Yea, that thou shalt see thy / children's children, \* and peace / upon Israel.

Glory be to the / Father and to the Son, \* and / to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, † is now and / ever shall be, \* world / without end. Amen.

*In place of this Psalm may be substituted:*

PSALM 117 *Laudate Dominum*



O praise the Lord, / all ye nations; \* praise him, all / ye peoples.  
2. For his merciful kindness is ever more / and more toward us; \*  
and the truth of the Lord endureth for ev/er. Praise the Lord.  
Glory be to the Fa/ther, and to the Son, \* and to / the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, † is now and / ever shall be, \* world  
with/out end. Amen.

*The antiphon is repeated:* Lo, thus shall the man be blessed, that feareth the Lord.

*V.* Send them help, O Lord, from the sanctua/ry.

*R.* **And strengthen them out of Si/on.**

*V.* O Lord, hear / my prayer.

*R.* **And let my cry come un/to thee.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Stretch forth upon thy faithful, O Lord, the right hand of thy heavenly succor: that they may seek thee with their whole heart, and be worthy to obtain those things which they rightly ask.

Almighty and everlasting God, look mercifully upon these thy servants, who come with gladness to thy holy temple to render thanks to thee: and grant; that they, trusting in thee alone, may receive the gifts of thy grace, may abide in unity and love, and after

this life ended may (together with their children) be worthy to attain to the joys of everlasting bliss. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then is sung or recited the Hymn Te Deum laudamus, p. 239, which the Celebrant intones, and at the end of which he adds:*

*V.* Let us bless the Father, and the Son, with the Ho/ly Ghost.

*R.* **Let us praise and magnify him for ev/er.**

*V.* O Lord, hear / my prayer.

*R.* **And let my cry come un/to thee.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: O God, of whose mercies there is no number, and of whose goodness the treasure is infinite: we render thanks to thy most gracious majesty for the gifts thou hast bestowed upon us: always beseeching thy clemency, that as thou grantest the petitions of them that ask thee, thou wilt never forsake them, but wilt prepare them for the greater rewards that still await them.

God, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things; and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort.

O God, who allowest no one that puts his trust in thee to be stricken beyond endurance, but givest a gracious hearing to his prayers: we thank thee for having granted our petitions; and we pray that we may be delivered henceforth from all harms. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then he sprinkles them with blessed water, saying:*

The blessing of God almighty, the ☩ Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost descend upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Lastly he says:* Go in peace, and the Lord be always with you. **Amen.**

## Blessing of Anything for Which a Special Form Is Not Provided

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* The Lord be with /you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: O God, by whose word all things are sanctified: pour thy ☩ benediction upon this creature (*these creatures*); and grant that whosoever shall use it (*them*) with thanksgiving according to thy law and will, may, by the invocation of thy most holy Name, receive from thee, who art its (*their*) maker, health of body and protection of soul, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*And let it (or them) be sprinkled with holy Water.*

## Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

*All Kneel. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the Altar in the Monstrance and the following hymns are sung while the Sacrament is censed.*

O Saving Victim opening wide  
The Gate of Heaven to man below,  
Our foes press on from every side,  
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to Thee ascend  
For evermore, blest One in Three;  
O grant us life that shall not end,  
In our true native land with Thee. Amen.  
*(St. Ambrose Hymnal, #164)*

Therefore we, before Him bending,  
This great Sacrament revere;  
Types and shadows have their ending,  
For the newer rite is here;  
Faith, our outward sense befriending,  
Makes the inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing  
To the Father and the Son,  
Honor, might, and praise addressing,  
While unending ages run;  
Ever too His love confessing  
Who from One with both is one. Amen.  
*(St. Ambrose Hymnal, #168)*

*V.* Thou gavest them Bread from hea/ven.

***R.* Containing in itself all sweet/ness.**

Let us pray: O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament has left us a perpetual Memorial of Thy Passion: Grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the Sacred Mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of Thy redemption; who livest and reignest, world without end. **Amen.**

*The priest blesses the people with the Sacrament.*

*The priest says the Divine Praises and they are repeated by the people.*

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be God the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

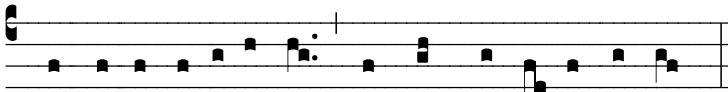
Blessed be the Great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

*The Blessed Sacrament is replaced in the Tabernacle, the People stand, and Psalm 117, with this antiphon, is sung.*



Let us for-ev-er a-dore the Most Ho-ly Sac-ra-ment.

PSALM 117

Tone VI A



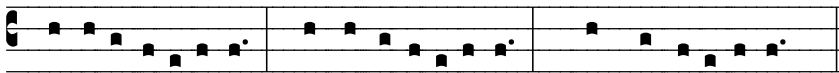
O PRAISE the Lord, all ye / nations; \* praise him, / all ye peoples.  
For His merciful kindness is ever more and more / toward us; \* and  
the truth of the Lord endureth for / ever. Praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to / the Son, \* and / to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever / shall be, \* world /  
without end. Amen.

*The Antiphon is repeated:* Let us forever adore the Most Holy  
Sacrament.

## The Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus

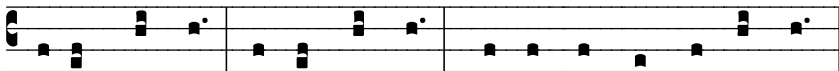
*Priest (or cantor):*      *People:*      *Priest (or cantor), etc:*



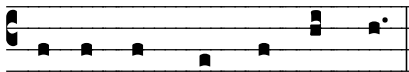
Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. **Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.** Chris-te e-le-i-son.



Chris-te e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. **Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.**



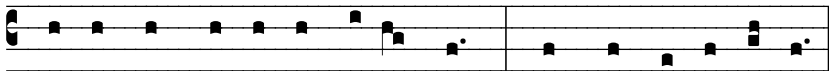
Je-sus, hear us, **Je-sus, hear us,** Je-sus, gra-cious-ly hear us,



**Je-sus, gra-cious-ly hear us,**



God the Father of hea-ven, **have mer-cy up-on us.**



God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **have mer-cy up-on us.**

God the / Holy Ghost, **have mercy upon us.**

Holy Trini/ty, one God, **have mercy upon us.**

Jesus, Son of the / living God, **have mercy upon us.**



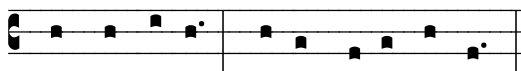
Jesus, splendor of / the Father, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, brightness of the e/ternal light, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, King / of glory, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, sun / of justice, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, Son of the Vir/gin Mary, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, most / lovable, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, most / admirable, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, / mighty God, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, father of the / world to come, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, angel of / great counsel, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, most / powerful, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, / most patient, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, most o/bedient, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, meek and hum/ble of heart, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, lover of / chastity, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, lover / of us all, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, / God of peace, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, au/thor of life, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, example / of virtues, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, zealous lo/ver of souls, **have mercy upon us.**  
Je/sus, our God, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, / our refuge, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, father / of the poor, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, treasure of / the faithful, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, / Good Shepherd, **have mercy upon us.**  
Je/sus, true light, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, eter/nal wisdom, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, infin/ite goodness, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, our way / and our life, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, joy / of Angels, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, king of / Patriarchs, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, master of the / Apostles, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, teacher of Ev/angelists, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, strength / of Martyrs, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, light of / Confessors, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, purity / of Virgins, **have mercy upon us.**  
Jesus, crown / of all Saints, **have mercy upon us.**



Be mer-ci-ful un-to us, **spare us, O Je-sus.**



Be mer-ci-ful un-to us, **gra-cious-ly hear us, Je-sus.**



From all e-vil, **Je-sus, de-li-ver us.**



From all sin, **Je-sus, de-liv-er us.**

From / thy wrath, **Jesus, deliver us.**

From the snares of the / devil, **Jesus, deliver us.**

From the spirit of un/cleanness, **Jesus, deliver us.**

From ever/lasting death, **Jesus, deliver us.**

From neglect of thy inspir/ations, **Jesus, deliver us.**

Through the mystery of thy holy Incar/nation, **Jesus, deliver us.**

Through thy Na/tivity, **Jesus, deliver us.**

Through thy / infancy, **Jesus, deliver us.**

Through thy most di/vine life, **Jesus, deliver us.**

Through thy / labors, **Jesus, deliver us.**

Through thy agony and / passion, **Jesus, deliver us.**

Through thy / Holy Cross, **Jesus, deliver us.**

Through thy death and / burial, **Jesus, deliver us.**

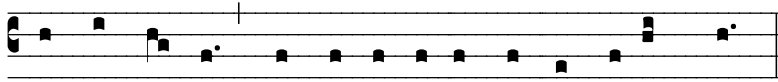
Through thy Resur/rection, **Jesus, deliver us.**

Through thy As/cension, **Jesus, deliver us.**

Through thine Institution of the most Holy / Eucharist,  
**Jesus, deliver us.**

- / Through thy joys, **Jesus, deliver us.**

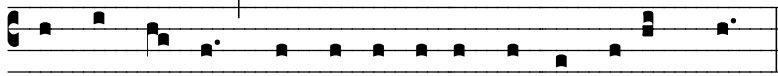
Through thy / glory, **Jesus, deliver us.**



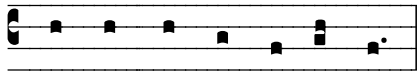
O Lamb of God, who ta-kest a-way the sins of the world,



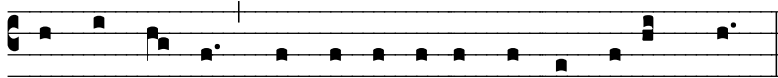
spare us, O Lord.



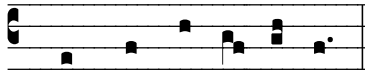
O Lamb of God, who ta-kest a-way the sins of the world,



gra-cious-ly hear us, O Lord.



O Lamb of God, who ta-kest a-way the sins of the world,



have mer-cy up-on us.



Je-sus, hear us. **Je-sus, gra-cious-ly hear us.**

Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, who hast said: Ask, and you shall receive; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; grant, we beseech thee, to us who ask, the gift of thy most divine love, that with all our heart, words, and deeds, we may love thee, and never cease to praise thee. Make us, O Lord, to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name, for thou never failest to govern those whom thou dost bring up in thy steadfast love. Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

# THE LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*Priest (or cantor):*

*People:*

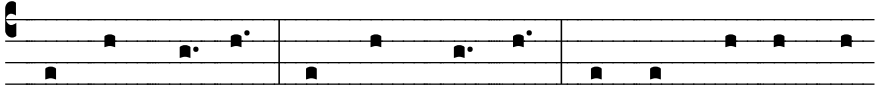
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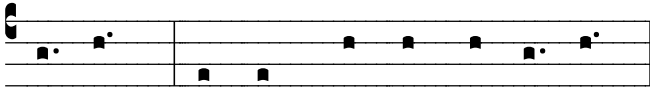
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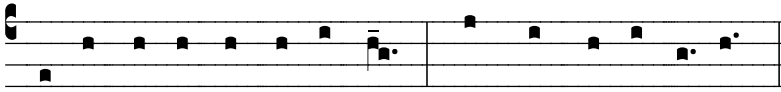
Chris-te e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.



O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us. O Christ, gra-cious-ly



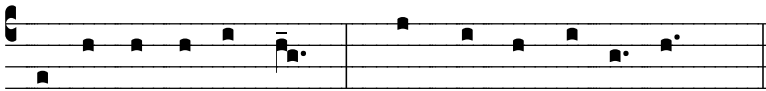
hear us. O Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us.



O God the Fa-ther of hea-ven, have mer-cy up-on us.



O God the Son, Re-deem-er of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.



O God the Ho-ly Ghost, have mer-cy up-on us.



Ho-ly Tri-ni-ty one God, have mer-cy up-on us.



Ho-ly Ma - ry, **pray for us.**

Holy Mother / of God, pray for us.

Holy Virgin of / virgins, pray for us.

Mother / of Christ, pray for us.

Mother of di/vine grace, pray for us.

Mother / most pure, pray...

Mother / most chaste, pray...

Mother, yet / Virgin, **pray...**

Mother un/spotted, **pray...**

Mother most / amiable, **pray...**

Mother most / admirable, **pray...**

Mother of good / counsel, **pray...**

Mother of our Cre/ator, **pray...**

Mother of our / Savior, **pray...**

Virgin most / prudent, **pray...**

Virgin most / venerable, **pray...**

Virgin / most renowned, **pray...**

Virgin most / powerful, **pray...**

Virgin most / merciful, **pray...**

Virgin most / faithful, **pray...**

Mirror of / justice, **pray...**

Seat of / wisdom, **pray...**

Cause of / our joy, **pray...**

Spiritual / vessel, **pray...**

Vessel of / honor, **pray...**

Singular vessel of de/votion, **pray...**

Mysti/cal rose, **pray...**

Tower of / David, **pray...**

Tower of / ivory, **pray...**

- House / of gold, **pray...**

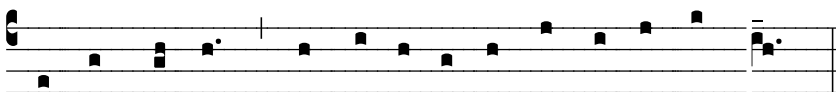
Ark of the / covenant, **pray...**

Gate of / heaven, **pray...**

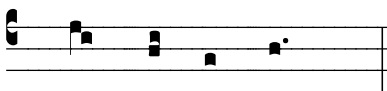
- Morn/ing star, **pray...**

Health of / the sick, **pray...**

Refuge of / sinners, **pray...**  
 Comfort of the af/flicted, **pray...**  
 Help of / Christians, **pray...**  
 Queen of / angels, **pray...**  
 Queen of / Patriarchs, **pray...**  
 Queen of / Prophets, **pray...**  
 Queen of A/postles, **pray...**  
 Queen of / Martyrs, **pray...**  
 Queen of Con/fessors, **pray...**  
 Queen of / Virgins, **pray...**  
 Queen of / all Saints, **pray...**



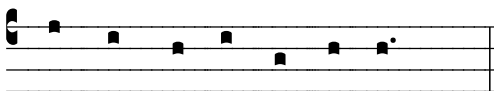
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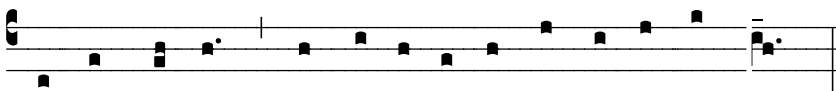
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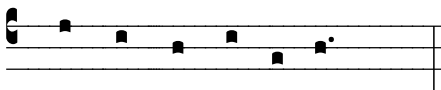
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gra-cious-ly hear us, O Lord.



O Lamb of God, who tak-est a-way the sins of the world,



have mer-cy up-on us.

*V.* Pray for us, O holy Mother / of God:

***R.* That we may be made worthy of the promises / of Christ.**

Let us pray: Grant that we thy servants, O Lord, may enjoy unfailling health of mind and body: and through the prayers of the ever blessed Virgin Mary in her glory, free us from our sorrows in this world and give us eternal happiness in the next. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Or, in place of the above, the Versicles and Prayers may be changed according to the season.*

*From Advent to the Nativity of the Lord:*

*V.* The Angel of the Lord declared unto Ma/ry.

***R.* And she conceived of the Ho/ly Ghost.**

Let us pray: O Lord, whose Angel brought tidings to Mary of the Word made flesh in her womb: grant that we may be helped by her prayers who is truly the Mother of God. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*From the Nativity of the Lord to the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary:*

*V.* When thy child was born, thou didst remain a spotless Vir/gin.

***R.* O Mother of God, pray to thy Son / for us.**

Let us pray: O God, who through Mary's virginal motherhood held out to us new hope of life: grant us to feel the power of her prayers, who brought forth among us the author of our life, our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son. Who with thee liveth and reigneth, world without end. **Amen.**

*From the Purification to Easter and from Eastertide to Advent:*

*V.* Pray for us, O holy Mother / of God.

***R.* That we may be made worthy of the promises / of Christ.**

Let us pray: Grant that we thy servants, O Lord, may enjoy unfailling health of mind and body: and through the prayers of the ever blessed

Virgin Mary in her glory, free us from our sorrows in this world, and give us eternal happiness in the next. Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*In Eastertide:*

*V.* Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, allelu/ia.  
*R.* **For the Lord has risen indeed, allelu/ia.**

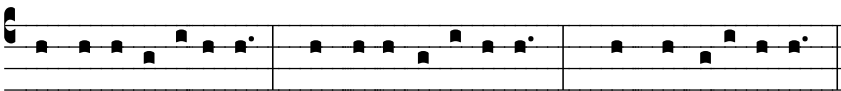
Let us pray: O God, who gavest joy to the whole world through the Resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ: grant that we may obtain through his Virgin Mother, Mary, the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## MEMORARE

Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary, that it is a thing unheard of that any one ever had recourse to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, and was left forsaken. Filled, therefore, with confidence in thy goodness, I fly to thee, O Mother, Virgin of virgins; to thee I come, before thee I stand a sorrowful sinner. Despise not my poor words, O Mother of the Word of God, but graciously hear and grant my prayer. **Amen.**

## The Litany of Saint Joseph

*Priest (or cantor):*      *People:*      *Priest (or cantor), etc:*



Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. 

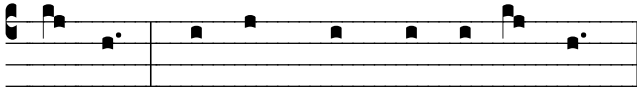


Chris-te e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.





O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us. O Christ, gra-cious-ly



hear us. O Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us.

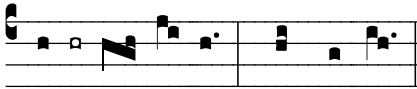


O God the Father of hea - ven, **have mer-cy up-on us.**

O God the Son, Redeemer / of the world, **have mercy on us,**

O God the / Holy Ghost, **have mer-cy up-on us.**

Holy Trini/ty, One God, **have mercy on us,**



Ho / ly Ma-ry, **pray for us.**

Ho/ly Joseph, **pray for us.**

Illustrious son / of David, **pray for us.**

Splendor of / Patriarchs, **pray for us.**

Spouse of the Mo/ther of God, **pray for us.**

Chaste guardian of / the Virgin, **pray...**

Foster-father of the / Son of God, **pray...**

Watchful defend/er of Christ, **pray...**

Head of the Holy / Family, **pray...**

Jo/seph most just, **pray...**

Jo/seph most pure, **pray...**

Joseph / most prudent, **pray...**

Joseph most / courageous, **pray...**

Joseph most o/bedient, **pray...**

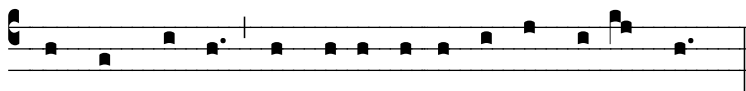
Joseph / most faithful, **pray...**

Mirror / of patience, **pray...**

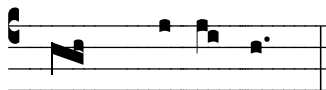
Lover of / poverty, **pray...**

Model of all / who labor, **pray...**

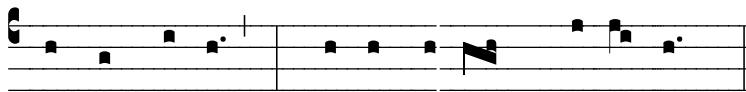
Glory of fam/ily life, **pray...**  
 Safeguard / of virgins, **pray...**  
 Mainstay of / families, **pray...**  
 Solace of the / afflicted, **pray...**  
 Hope / of the sick, **pray...**  
 Patron of / the dying, **pray...**  
 Terror / of demons, **pray...**  
 Protector of / Holy Church, **pray...**



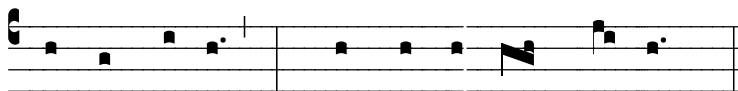
O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,



spare us, O Lord.



O Lamb of God... **graciously hear us, O Lord.**



O Lamb of God... **have mer-cy up - on us.**

*V.* He made him Lord of / his house.

*R.* **And ruler of all his sub/stance.**

Let us pray: O God, who in thy unfathomable providence wast pleased to choose blessed Joseph for the spouse of thy most holy Mother: grant that we may deserve to have as our advocate in heaven him whom we revere as our protector on earth. Who livest and reignest world without end. **Amen.**

## The form for the Epiphany Announcement of Pascha

*This announcement may be given following the Gospel at Mass on the Feast of the Epiphany.*

Know, dearly beloved Brethren, that by the mercy of God, as we have been rejoicing in the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so also do we announce unto you the joy of the Resurrection of the same our Savior.

Septuagesima Sunday will be on the \_\_\_*th* day of \_\_\_\_\_;

Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the fast of most holy Lent will be on the \_\_\_*th* day of \_\_\_\_\_.

On the \_\_\_*th* day of \_\_\_\_\_ we shall celebrate with joy the holy Pasch of our Lord Jesus Christ.

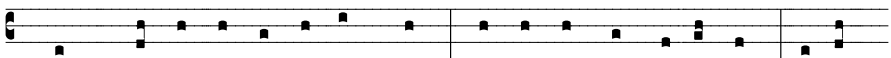
The Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ will be on the \_\_\_*th* day of \_\_\_\_\_;

the Feast of Pentecost on the \_\_\_*th* day of \_\_\_\_\_;

the Feast of Corpus Christi on the \_\_\_*th* day of \_\_\_\_\_.

On the \_\_\_*th* day of \_\_\_\_\_ will occur the first Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom are due all honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

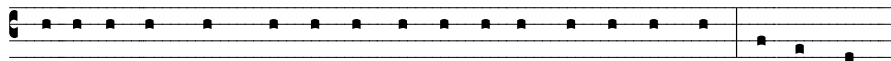
*This announcement may also be sung in the following manner.*



Know, dear-ly be-lov-ed Bre-thren, that by the mer-cy of God, as we



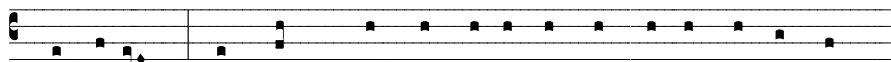
have been re-joic-ing in the Na-ti-vi-ty of our Lord Je-sus Christ, so al-



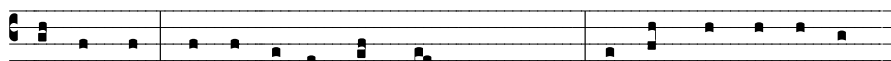
so do we an-nounce un-to you the joy of the Re-sur-rec-tion, of the same



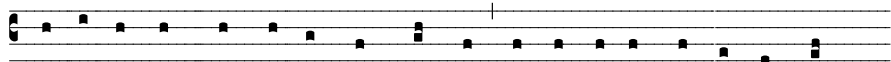
our Sa-rior. Sept-u-a-ges-i-ma Sun-day will be on the *Six-teenth day of*



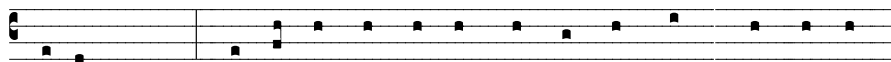
*Feb-ru-ar-y*; Ash Wednes-day and the be-gin-ning of the fast of most



ho-ly Lent will be on the *Fifth day of March*. On the *Twen-ti-eth day*



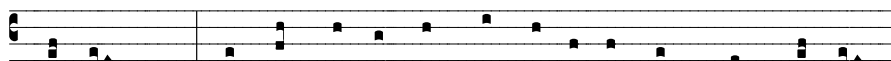
*of A-pril* we shall cel-e-brate with joy the ho-ly Pas-cha of our Lord



Je-sus Christ. The As-cen-sion of our Lord Je - sus Christ will be on



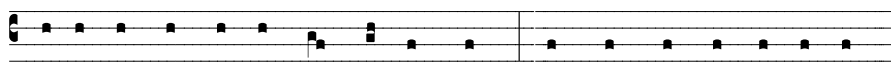
the *Twen-ty-ninth day of May*; the Feast of Pent-e-cost on the *Eighth*



*day of June*; the Feast of Cor-pus Chris-ti on the *Nine-teenth day of*



*June*. On the *Thir-ti-eth day of No-vem-ber* will oc-cur the first Sun-day



of the Ad-vent of our Lord Je-sus Christ, to whom are due all hon-or



and glo-ry for ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

## for Thanksgiving

*The Te Deum is sung on occasions of special thanksgiving after Mass, or as a separate function, or during Benediction, as may be appointed. It is sung during Benediction on New Year's Eve, December 31<sup>st</sup>, or on the last Sunday evening of the year, and on the evenings of the Sunday after Corpus Christi, before the Tantum ergo.*

*At Benediction while the Priest intones We praise thee, O God, he himself and all others kneel: then all stand, and the Choir continues: on other occasions all stand from the beginning.*

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS



WE PRAISE thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the / Lord.\*

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father / everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the / Powers

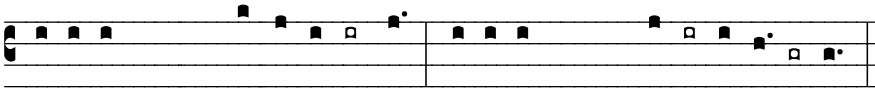
therein. \* To thee Cherubim and Seraphim con/tinually do cry:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of / Sabaoth; \* Heaven and earth are full  
of the majesty / of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles / praise thee: \* the goodly  
fellowship of the / prophets praise thee.

The noble army of martyrs / praise thee: \* the holy Church  
throughout all the world / doth acknowledge thee,

The Father of an infinite majesty, † thine adorable, true, and only /  
Son, \* also the Holy / Ghost the Comforter.



Thou art the King of / glory, O Christ: \* thou art the everlasting /  
Son of the Father.

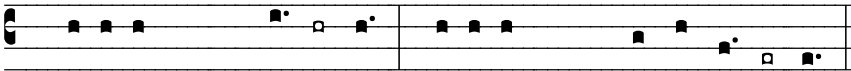
When thou tookest upon thee / to deliver man, \* thou didst humble  
thyself to be / born of a Virgin.

When thou hadst overcome the / sharpness of death, \* thou didst  
open the kingdom of heaven to / all believers.

Thou sittest at the / right hand of God, \* in the glory / of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt / come to be our judge: \* we therefore  
pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed / with thy  
precious blood.

Make them to be / numbered with thy saints, \* in glory / everlasting.



O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine / heritage; \* Govern them  
and lift them / up for ever.

Day by day we magnify / thee; \* And we worship thy Name ever /  
world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without / sin; \* O Lord, have  
mercy upon us, have mer/cy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us; as our trust is in / thee. \* O Lord,  
in thee have I trusted; Let me never / be confounded.

*Note that on more solemn occasions the Priest may intone the  
following and the choir continues:*



We praise thee, O God...

*At Benediction all kneel, the Priest included: on other occasions all  
stand till the end of the Collect.*

V. Blessed art thou, O Lord, the God of our fa/thers.

R. **And to be praised and glorified for ev/er.**

V. Let us bless the Father and the Son with the Ho/ly Ghost.

R. **Let us praise and magnify him for ev/er.**

V. Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of hea/ven.

R. **And to be praised and glorified and exalted for ev/er.**

V. Bless the Lord, O / my soul.

R. **And forget not all his be/nefits.**

V. O Lord, hear / my prayer.

R. **And let my cry come un/to thee.**

*At Benediction the Priest alone now stands.*

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray: O God, of whose mercies there is no number, and of whose goodness the treasure is infinite: we render thanks to thy most gracious Majesty for the gifts thou hast bestowed upon us; always beseeching thy clemency, that as thou dost grant the petitions of them that ask thee, thou wilt never forsake them, but wilt prepare them for the greater rewards that still await them.

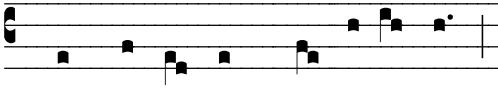
O God, who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit; grant that, by the gift of the same Spirit, we may be always truly wise; and ever rejoice in his consolation.

O God, who allowest no one that puts his trust in thee to be stricken beyond endurance, but givest a gracious hearing to his prayer: we thank thee for having granted our petitions: and we pray that we may be delivered henceforth from all harm. Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## To Invoke the Holy Spirit

*The first verse of this hymn is sung kneeling; all stand for the remaining verses. The hymn is found at #136 in the St. Ambrose Hymnal.*

VENI, CREATOR SPIRITUS



Come, Ho-ly Ghost, Cre-a-tor blest...

*And then is sung:*

*V.* Send forth thy Spirit and they shall / be made.

*R.* **And thou shalt renew the face of / the earth.**

Let us pray: God, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: grant us by the same spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort. Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*Or*

O God, who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit: grant that, by the gift of the same Spirit, we may be always truly wise, and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



# Prayers

*To be recited according to the direction of the Bishop or particular need.*

## FOR THE HARVEST

Let us pray for the harvest and the industries of our country:

O Almighty God, we beseech thy mercy that thou wouldest ripen with thy blessing the fruits of the earth which thou hast created. Grant that thy people may be ever grateful for thy gifts, and fill with all good things the souls of them that hunger; that rich and poor may praise thy glorious Name. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to give and preserve the fruits of / the earth.*

*R. We beseech thee, hear / us.*

*V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to bless the industries of the coun/try.*

*R. We beseech thee, hear / us.*

Our Father... Hail Mary...

## IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE HARVEST

Let us return thanks to God for all the mercies he has shown to us, especially the harvest.

O God, of whose mercies there is no number, and of whose goodness the treasure is infinite: we render thanks to thy most gracious Majesty for the gifts thou hast bestowed upon us, always beseeching thy clemency; that as thou grantest the petitions of them that ask thee, thou wilt never forsake them, but wilt prepare them for the greater rewards that still await them. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Our Father... Hail Mary....

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

Give peace in our time, O Lord; because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

*V.* Peace be within / thy walls.

*R.* **And plenteousness within thy pa/laces.**

Let us pray: O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, from whom are holy desires, right counsels and just deeds, give to thy servants that peace which the world cannot give: that we may serve thee with our whole hearts, and live quiet lives under thy protection, free from the fear of our enemies. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## FOR THE SICK

Let us offer up our prayers in behalf of those who are sick, and of those especially who are members of this congregation.

*V.* Heal thy servants, O Lord, that are sick, and put their trust / in thee.

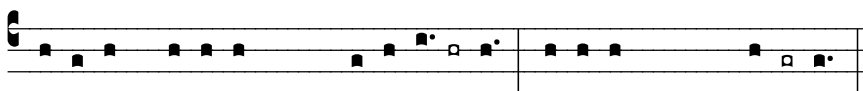
*R.* **Send them help, O Lord, and comfort from thy ho/ly place.**

Let us pray: O Almighty and everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in thee, hear us in behalf of thy servants that are sick, for whom we humbly crave the help of thy mercy; that their health may be restored if thou seest that it is good for them, and they may render thanks to thee in thy Church. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayers for the Departed

PSALM 130 *De profundis*

Tone IV 6



OUT OF the deep have I called unto / thee, O Lord; \* Lord, hear  
my / voice.

2. O let thine ears con/sider well \* the voice of my com/plaint.

3. If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is / done amiss, \* O  
Lord, who may abide / it?

4. For there is mer/cy with thee; \* therefore shalt thou be / feared.

5. I look for the Lord; my soul doth / wait for him; \* in his word is  
my / trust.

6. My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the / morning watch; \* I say,  
before the morning / watch.

7. O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord / there is mercy, \* and  
with him is plenteous redemp/tion.

8. And he shall / redeem Israel \* from all his / sins.

- / Rest eternal: \* grant unto them, / O Lord.

And let / light perpetual: \* shine upon / them.

Our Fa/ther...

*V.* And lead us not into tempta/tion.

*R.* **But deliver us from e/vil.**

*V.* From the gate / of hell.

*R.* **Deliver their souls, / O Lord.**

*V.* May they rest / in peace.

*R.* **Amen.**

*V.* O Lord, hear / my prayer.

*R.* **And let my cry come un/to thee.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful: grant unto the souls of thy servants and handmaids the remission of all their sins: that through devout supplications they may obtain the pardon which they have alway desired: who livest and reignest, world without end. **Amen.**

*Additional prayers may be added, as desired.*

*Collect on the Day of Death or Burial (which may also be said on the yearly anniversary).*

O God, whose property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, we humbly entreat thee for the soul of thy *servant (handmaid) N.*, which thou hast (*this day*) commanded to depart from this world: deliver it not into the hands of the enemy, neither forget it at the last, but command that it be received by thy holy Angels, and brought unto the fatherland of paradise; that forasmuch as *he (she)* hoped and believed in thee, *he (she)* may not undergo the pains of hell, but may obtain everlasting felicity. Through...

*Collect on the 3rd, 7th and 30th Day.*

We beseech thee, O Lord, that thou wouldest vouchsafe to grant unto the soul of thy *servant (handmaid) N.*, whose burial three (*or seven or thirty*) days since we now commemorate, the fellowship of thy Saints and elect: and that thou wouldest pour upon it the continual dew of thy mercy. Through...

*Collect for all the faithful departed.*

O God, the light of the souls that put their trust in thee, mercifully assist our prayers: and grant unto thy servants and handmaids that (*here and*) in all places do rest in Christ, to find a place of refreshment and the blessedness of thy rest, and to enjoy the glory of everlasting light. Through...

## Prayers for Members of the Armed Forces

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: O God, who makest wars to cease, and by thine eternal might dost scatter the foes of them that put their trust in thee: assist, we pray thee, us thy servants who humbly call upon thy mercy; that we, being delivered from our enemies, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church.

O Lord God of hosts, stretch forth, we pray thee, thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect the soldiers of our country. Support them in the day of battle, and in the time of peace keep them safe from all evil; endue them with courage and loyalty; and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The following prayer may be added for those being deployed.*

O eternal God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; we commend to thy almighty protection, thy *servant (handmaid) N.*, for whose preservation as *he (she)* travels our prayers are desired. Guard *him (her)*, we beseech thee, from all dangers, from sickness, from the violence of enemies, and from every evil. Conduct *him (her)* in safety in *his (her)* work and return *him (her)* to the haven of home and family. These things we pray through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth ever One God, world without end. **Amen.**

May St. Michael and the Holy Angels defend *you*. May the Holy Mother of God pray for *you*. May St. George, St. Alban and St. Martin pray for *you*. And may the blessing of God Almighty, ☩ Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon *you* now and always. **Amen.**

*And let them be sprinkled with holy water.*

## Rogation Prayers

*Which may be said at the end of the Litany.*

May God, even our own God give us His blessing, and the earth bring forth her increase abundantly: that the sower may sow in joy, and the reapers gather their sheaves in gladness, and ever bless His Name.

Almighty God, we beseech thy mercy that thou wouldest vouchsafe to bless the lands and multiply the harvests of thy servants, as thou didst bless those of the Patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: that thy servants may have plenty, and that the poor and needy may bless thy glorious Name.

Almighty God, we humbly beseech thy mercy that thou wouldest vouchsafe to ☩ bless, sanctify, and water the fields and crops of thy servants, and to defend them from all assaults of the enemy: that thou mayest satisfy their need with the abundance of thy blessing, and that they may ever offer praise unto thee, who givest food to all thy creatures. Through...

## The Order for the Admission of Catechumens

AT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH

*The Priest, having ascertained the name(s), questions those coming to him.*

*Priest: N. What do you ask of the Church of God? R. Faith.*

*Priest: What does Faith bring you to? R. Life Everlasting.*

*Priest:* If then you desire to enter into life, keep the commandments. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.

*Then he blows three times gently into the face of the person, and says once (separately to each):* Go out of him (her) thou unclean spirit, and give place unto the Holy Spirit the Paraclete.

*Then, with the Oil of Catechumens, he makes with his thumb the sign of the cross on the forehead and on the breast of the person, saying separately to each:* Receive the Sign of the Cross both upon thy ☩ forehead and also on the ☩ heart; take unto thee the faith of the heavenly teachings; and be thou such in thy manner of living, that thou mayest now be the temple of God.

Let us pray: We beseech thee, O Lord, graciously hear our prayers, and keep with thy perpetual power this thy *servant (handmaid) N.*, who hath been signed with the sign of the Cross of the Lord: that *he (she)*, remaining true to the first lessons *he (she)* has learned concerning the greatness of thy glory, may by keeping of thy commandments be worthy to attain unto the glory of new life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then he places his hand upon the head of each person, and afterwards holding his hand extended, he says.*

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, vouchsafe to look upon this thy *servant (handmaid) N.*, whom thou hast been pleased to call to take *his (her)* first steps in the faith: drive far from *him (her)* all blindness of heart: break all the snares of Satan, wherewith *he (she)* hath been bound: open to *him (her)*, O Lord, the gate of thy mercy, that, being filled with the sign of thy wisdom, *he (she)* may be free from all evil desires, and in the sweet savor of thy commandments may joyfully serve thee in thy Church and prosper from day to day. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*V.* Abide in peace, and may the Lord be with you. *R.* **Amen.**

## Note concerning the conclusion of Collects

*In the Mass and Divine Office the longer ending is always used, viz., Through (the same) Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord: Who liveth and reigneth with thee and the (same) Holy Ghost, ever one God (or God, throughout all ages), world without end.*

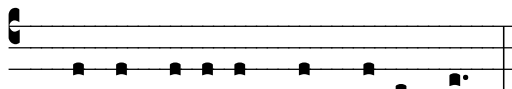
*If the Collect be addressed to God the Son, it concludes: Who livest and reignest with God the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God (or God, throughout all ages), world without end.*

*Outside the Mass and Divine Office, the shorter ending is used, viz., Through Christ our Lord; or (if the Collect be addressed to God the Son): Who livest and reignest, world without end (or for ever and ever).*

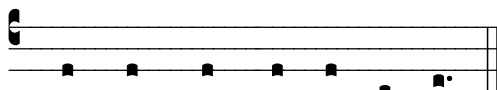


## Note concerning Versicles and Responses

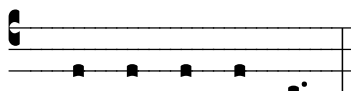
*Versicles and Responses, typically marked as V. and R. are marked with a “/” at the flex and sung as follows.*



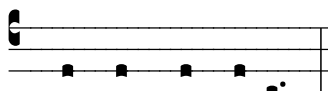
**V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.**



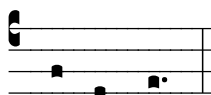
**R. Who hath made heaven and earth.**



**V. The Lord be with you.**



**R. And with thy spi-rit.**



Let us pray...

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## Short formulas for use in Emergencies

### BAPTISM

*N.*, I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

### CHRISMATION

*N.*, I sign thee with the sign ✠ of the Cross, and I confirm thee with the Chrism of Salvation: the Seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the Name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

### ABSOLUTION

*When grave necessity presses in danger of death, the Priest may say briefly:*

I absolve thee from all censures and sins, in the Name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

### HOLY VIATICUM

*Then the Priest gives the Eucharist to the sick person by way of Viaticum with these words*

Receive brother (sister) the Viaticum of the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and may He preserve thee from the malicious enemy and bring thee to everlasting life. **Amen.**

## HOLY ANOINTING

*In case of necessity, it suffices to anoint one sense only, or more fittingly the forehead, with this shorter form:*

Through this holy ✠ Unction the Lord pardon thee whatsoever thou hast done amiss. **Amen.**

*If there be doubt whether the sick person yet lives, the Priest shall anoint conditionally saying:*

If thou livest, through this holy ✠ Unction the Lord pardon thee whatsoever thou hast done amiss. **Amen.**