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“Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his Mother, Behold this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”
St. Luke ii. 34, 35.

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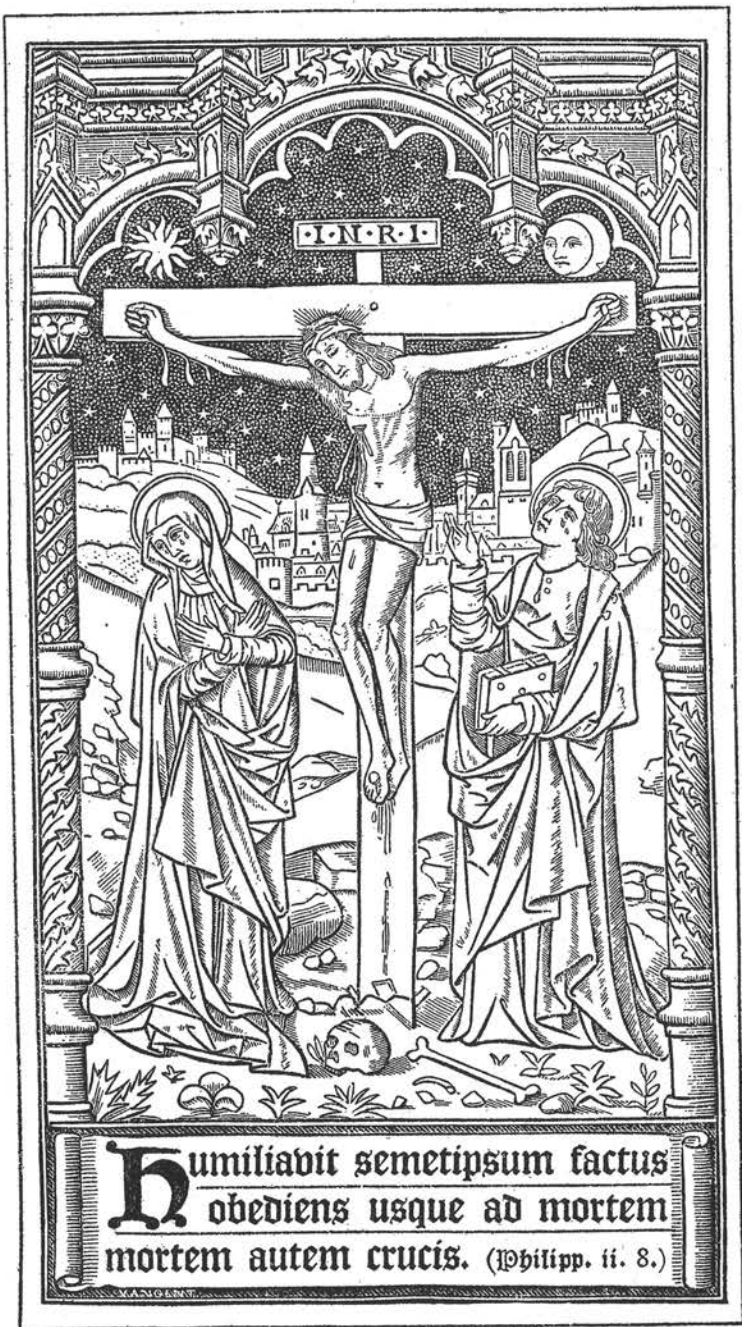
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The Cereimonial



PART FOURTH.

The Cereimonial

CONTAINING OFFICES AND PRAYERS OF
THE COMMUNITY.

THE ORDER FOR THE Admission of a Postulant.

THE service following shall take place immediately before one of the choir offices, and shall be said without musical note. The Chaplain shall have upon him a surplice and a stole of the colour of the day. The woman seeking to be received as a Postulant shall be in the usual dress of a Postulant, and shall kneel before the altar; the Mother Superior shall stand at her right hand. The Sisters shall stand in their places within the choir. Then the Chaplain shall say:

MY daughter, what dost thou desire?
Answer. I desire to find favour in the eyes of the Lord, that he may take knowledge of me and make me one of his handmaids in this Community of Saint Mary.

Then the Chaplain shall say to the Mother:
Wilt thou receive this woman as a Postulant for the habit of Religion in this Community?

Answer. I will.

Then he shall say to the Postulant:

I ADMIT thee, *N.* (mentioning her Christian name), as a Postulant for the habit of Religion in this Community, in the Name of the Father, and of ✠ the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. And now day by day wash thy soul by penitence, and anoint thee with the grace which the Lord will give thee, and put on the raiment of humility, and take the lowest place; perchance the Lord may call thee, and take thee to be of the number of his handmaids.

Then the Postulant shall say:

All that thou sayest unto me I will do.

Then all still standing except the Postulant, the Chaplain turning to the altar shall say:

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.* Let thy handmaid, O Lord, find favour in thy sight. *R.* For thou art her near Kinsman and her Redeemer. *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, who didst call Ruth out of the land of Moab that from her might be raised up the house of David, from whence sprang the Mother of thine only-begotten Son; graciously behold this thine handmaid, and let thy voice be heard within her; and grant that she, hearing thy word and being holpen by the prayers of Saint Mary, may forthwith give up herself obediently to fulfil thy holy will; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who dost call to thy life of poverty, chastity and obedience those whom thou dost choose, and hast promised that if thy words abide in them they shall ask what they will and it shall be done unto them; grant unto those to whom thou hast given a desire to serve thee in the Religious Life that they may ever remember that thy gifts and calling are without repentance; close their ears to every voice which would drown thy divine utterance within them; and in thy good time give them their hearts' desire and fulfil all their mind; who with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then the Chaplain turning to the Postulant shall bless her, saying:

MAY the Lord speak comfortably unto thee; may he tell thee what thou shalt do; may he do to thee all that thou requirest. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the  Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with thee and remain with thee always. *R.* Amen.

Then the Mother shall assign the Postulant to the place which she shall occupy in the choir during the time of postulancy.

THE ORDER FOR THE Clothing of a Novice.

The Novice-elect shall receive the Blessed Sacrament on the morning of the day on which she is to be admitted to the habit. The Clothing may take place at any time after the Mass.

The vestments of the Officiant shall be of the colour proper to the office of the day whatever it may happen to be.

The cross to be given the Novice shall be laid upon the altar at the epistle side, and the tunic (having the

collar, coif, cap, and belt folded within) shall be placed on a table at the same side.

At the time appointed, the Community having assembled in some convenient place in the Convent, the Mother shall give to the Novice-elect the name which she is to bear in Religion. Then all shall proceed to the choir in the following order: first the crossbearer and the candlebearers; then the Postulants, Novices and Professed Sisters; and, last of all, the Novice-elect (in the dress of a Postulant), the Mother walking at her right hand and the Mistress of Novices at her left hand. During the procession there shall be sung the following hymn:

Quem terra, pontus, sidera.



HE God, whom earth, and sea, and sky
Adore, and laud, and magnify;
Who o'er their threefold fabric reigns,
The Virgin's spotless womb contains.

The God, whose will by moon and sun
And all things in due course is done,
Is borne upon a Maiden's breast,
By fullest heavenly grace possess'd.

How blest that Mother in whose shrine
The great Artificer divine,
Whose hand contains the earth and sky,
Vouchsafed, as in his ark, to lie!

Blest in the message Gabriel brought;
Blest, by the work the spirit wrought:
From whom the Great Desire of earth
Took human flesh and human birth.

All honour, laud and glory be,
O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee;
All glory, as is ever meet,
To Father, and to Paraclete. *Amen.*

The Bishop, having on his mitre and holding the pastoral staff in his hand, shall enter the sanctuary during the singing of the hymn; with head uncovered he shall kneel down before the altar for a space in silent prayer. If the Bishop be not the Ordinary of

the diocese, he shall not use the pastoral staff, either here or at other times.

The Novice-elect shall kneel at the entrance of the sanctuary, the Mother and the Mistress of Novices standing on either side of her.

The Bishop standing before the altar shall say the following versicle and prayer at the end of the hymn; all present also standing except the Novice-elect.

℣. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. ℞. Be it unto me according to thy word.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who didst choose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the Mother of thine incarnate Son; grant to these thy servants who bear her name, and especially to this thine handmaid who desireth to be of their company, so to yield themselves to the operation of the Holy Ghost, that they may be acceptable in thy sight, and may bring forth to thee the fruit of good works; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *℞. Amen.*

If a Sermon is to be preached it shall here follow, the Novice-elect sitting in some convenient place nigh to the sanctuary. Which being done, the Bishop seated before the altar and having on his mitre (the pastoral staff being held by the Chaplain), shall say to the Novice-elect kneeling before him, all others standing:

MY daughter, what dost thou desire?
Novice-elect. I desire the mercy of God, and admission to the Religious Life and Habit in the Community of Saint Mary.

Bishop. Dost thou trust that thou art inwardly called by God to the Religious life in this Community?

Novice-elect. I trust so.

Bishop to the Mother. Dost thou think that this woman is meet to be admitted to the Religious habit in this Community?

Mother. I think so.

Bishop to the Novice-elect. Dost thou promise to submit thyself faithfully to the Rule of the Community during the time of thy probation?

Novice-elect. I do so promise.

Bishop. Is it thy will to persevere unto the end in this thy vocation?

Novice-elect. It is my will to persevere, the Lord being my helper.

Then the Bishop, with head uncovered, standing turned towards the Novice-elect, shall say:

MAY he who hath begun a good work in thee, perform the same until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *℞. Amen.*

MAY the Lord put off from thee the old man with all his deeds. *℞. Amen.*

If there be others to receive the habit, they shall severally be presented to the Bishop and by him be examined.

Then all kneeling, the Bishop shall bless the habit, standing with head uncovered at the epistle side of the altar.

℣. The Lord be with you. ℞. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who dost most faithfully promise, and never failest to bestow, the blessings of eternal life upon those that seek them, and hereafter wilt array them in the garments of salvation and the robe of eternal joy; we humbly beseech thy mercy to **✠** bless this habit, the outward token of poverty, lowliness of heart and contempt of the world, that thine handmaid being clothed therewith may be kept in mind of her holy resolution; and grant that through thy protection she may be preserved in that purity of heart and mind which she by thy grace hath received; and as thou dost now clothe her with the garments of promise, do thou array her hereafter in the wedding garment of the heavenly kingdom, and deck her with the ornaments of a blessed immortality; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth

with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then the Bishop shall sprinkle the habit with holy water. And afterward, all standing up, he shall resume the mitre, and deliver the habit into the hands of the Novice-elect, kneeling before him, saying :

RECEIVE, my daughter, this habit, and mayest thou wear it unspotted until thou stand before the judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom boweth every knee of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth, and who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

The Novice shall kiss the habit as she receiveth it.

Then the Mother and the Mistress of Novices shall lead the Novice out to put on the habit. The Bishop in the meanwhile shall go to his chair on the gospel side of the sanctuary, and the choir shall sing one or more of the Gradual Psalms, omitting Psalms cxx and cxxx.

The Novice having returned shall kneel before the altar, the Mother and the Mistress of Novices standing on either side of her.

Then the Bishop having on his mitre shall stand up, and making the sign of the cross over the Novice, shall say :

MAY the Lord clothe thee with the new man which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness; in the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *R.* Amen.

Then all kneeling down, the Bishop, standing at the altar with head uncovered, shall bless the cross.

℣. The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

BLESS ✠ O Lord Jesus Christ, this sign of thy Cross whereby thou didst deliver the world from the power of the devil; and grant that she who shall wear it may be defended against the fiery darts of the enemy as she followeth the foot-

steps of thy most holy life, who livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then the Bishop shall sprinkle the cross with holy water. Afterward, all standing up, the Bishop, having on his mitre, shall deliver the cross into the hands of the Novice kneeling before him, saying :

RECEIVE, my daughter, this sign of the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; and let it remind thee of the love wherewith he hath loved thee, and that he calleth thee to take up thy cross daily and to follow him; in the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *R.* Amen.

The Novice shall kiss the cross as she receiveth it.

Then the Mother, taking the cross, shall place it around the neck of the Novice.

Then, all still standing up, except the Novice who shall continue kneeling, the Bishop, turned towards her, shall say :

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *℣.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *℣.* Send forth thy strength, O God. *R.* And stablish the purpose that thou hast wrought in this thy servant. *℣.* O Lord, save thine handmaid. *R.* Which putteth her trust in thee. *℣.* Send her help from thy holy place. *R.* And evermore mightily defend her. *℣.* Let the enemy have no advantage of her. *R.* Nor the wicked approach to hurt her. *℣.* Be unto her, O Lord, a strong tower. *R.* From the face of her enemy. *℣.* O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee. *℣.* The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O HOLY GHOST, who hast revealed thyself to us as God and Lord; we humbly beseech thy great goodness, that as thou breathest life where thou listest, thou wouldest inspire this thine handmaid with such fervent devotion in thy serv-

ice that she may be delivered from the vanities of this world and enkindled with zeal for the accomplishment of that which she hath purposed; and grant that she, living in obedience of mind and heart, in purity of body and soul, and in poverty of spirit, and being holpen by the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may shed forth the good savour of thy love, and fulfilling her course with joy, may attain the crown of righteousness; who with the Father and the Son liveth and reignest, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then the Mother shall deliver the Novice over to the care of the Mistress of Novices, placing her right hand in the hand of the Mistress, who shall straightway lead the Novice to her place in the choir among the other Novices. Then shall be sung the hymn following:

O Deus, ego amo te.

I LOVE, I love thee, Lord most high,
Because thou first hast loved me;
I seek no other liberty
But that of being bound to thee.

May memory no thought suggest,
But shall to thy pure glory tend;
My understanding find no rest,
Except in thee, its only end.

My God, I here protest to thee,
No other will have I than thine;
Whatever thou hast given me
I here again to thee resign.

All mine is thine,—say but the word,
Whate'er thou willest shall be done.
I know thy love, all-gracious Lord;
I know it seeks my good alone.

Apart from thee all things are naught;
Then grant, O my supremest bliss,
Grant me to love thee as I ought;
Thou givest all in giving this. *Amen.*

Then the Bishop, standing at his chair on the Gospel side of the sanctuary (all others also standing), shall say:

V. I am content to do thy will, O God. *R.* Yea, thy law is within my heart.

Let us pray.

O GOD who hast created us for thy glory alone, and hast ordained that in the fulfilling of thy purpose we should find our salvation; grant that every high thought and lofty imagination being brought under thy obedience, we may ever be ready to fulfil thy holy will, even to the suffering of disappointment, humiliation and death, if thereby thy Name may be glorified and thy kingdom enlarged; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then all kneeling down, the Bishop shall give the blessing.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy ✠ Ghost be amongst you, and remain with you always. *R.* Amen.

Then all shall rise and leave the choir in the same order in which they came, except that the newly-received Novice shall walk in her place with the other Novices.

When two or more Postulants are received to the habit at the same time, the plural number shall be used instead of the singular wherever necessary, and the habits shall all be blessed together, and likewise the crosses.

In the absence of the Bishop, the Chaplain shall officiate. He shall be vested in surplice, and with a stole and cope of the colour proper to the office of the day, and the service shall be as prescribed above, except that in giving the blessing he shall make the sign of the cross but once.

THE ORDER FOR THE
Profession and Consecration
 OF A SISTER

Before the service there shall be placed upon the altar at the epistle side, the girdle, the veil, the ring, and the cross, which are to be delivered to the Sister who is to be professed. The altar shall be vested in white.

At the time appointed, the crossbearer and the candlebearers, then the Postulants, the Novices and the Sisters, shall go to the choir in procession, the Novice who is to be admitted to profession walking last between the Mother and the Mistress of Novices. During the procession there shall be sung :

O Gloriosa virginum.



GLORIOUS Virgin, throned in rest,

Amidst the starry host above,

Who gavest nurture from thy breast

To God, with pure maternal love ;

What we had lost through sinful Eve,

The Blossom sprung from thee restores ;

And granting bliss to souls that grieve,

Unbars the everlasting doors.

O Gate, through which hath passed the King :

O Hall, whence Light shone through the gloom ;

The ransomed nations praise and sing

Life given from the Virgin womb.

All honour, laud and glory be,

O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee ;

All glory, as is ever meet,

To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

While the hymn is being sung, the Bishop, arrayed for Mass after the accustomed manner, and having on his mitre, and with the pastoral staff in his hand, shall come to the altar and kneel down for a short space. But if he be not to say the Mass, he shall have upon him a rochet, stole and cope, with the mitre on his head and the pastoral staff in his hand.

At the conclusion of the hymn, he shall say the versicle and prayer following, standing with his head uncovered, all others also standing.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. R. Be it unto me according to thy word.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY GOD who didst choose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the Mother of thine incarnate Son ; grant to these thy servants who bear her name, and especially to this thine handmaid who cometh to be espoused to thy Son, so to yield themselves to the operation of the Holy Ghost, that they may be acceptable in thy sight, and may bring forth to thee the fruit of good works ; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R. Amen.*

Then, if the Bishop be not the Celebrant of the Mass, he shall immediately go to his chair on the Gospel side of the sanctuary.

Then the Sister to be professed, kneeling before the altar, and all the members of the Community being in their places in the choir, the Celebrant shall begin the Mass, the choir singing,

THE INTROIT. *Dilectus meus.*

MY beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Hearken, O daughter, and consider, incline thine ear : forget also thine own people, and thy father's house, so shall the King have pleasure in thy beauty.

V. 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. My beloved spake, etc.

After the Celebrant hath read the Summary of the Law, there shall be sung :

Kyrie, eleison.

LORD, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ,

have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECTS.

Let us pray.

O LORD who hast manifested thy love to this thine handmaid by creating her, by sanctifying her, and by calling her to leave all things and to follow thee; enkindle within her such love towards thee as may burn up every sinful desire and every earthly affection, that she loving thee above all things, may serve thee with perfect chastity of body and soul; who livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that as thy only-begotten Son was presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

O GOD, by whose Passion the sword of sorrow pierced through the soul of the glorious Virgin Mary according to the prophecy of Simeon; mercifully grant that we, who keep in reverent memory thy Mother's griefs and tears, may hereafter be partakers with her in the joys which thy Passion hath won; who with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

If it be a feast day, here shall follow the Collect of the day.

THE EPISTLE.

The portion of Scripture appointed for the Epistle is written in the second chapter of Hosea the Prophet, beginning at the nineteenth verse.

Hosea 2:19.

IN those days, I will betroth thee unto me forever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving-kindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the Lord. And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, saith the Lord, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth.

Here endeth the Epistle.

THE GRAIL.

BECAUSE of the savour of thy good ointments, thy Name is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee. *V.* Draw me, we will run after thee; we will be glad and rejoice in thee. Alleluia, Alleluia. *V.* Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: make haste, my beloved, for love is strong as death. Alleluia.

THE SEQUENCE.

Jesu, Corona virginum.

JESU, the virgins' Crown, do thou Accept us as in prayer we bow;
Born of that Virgin whom alone
The Mother and the Maid we own.
Amongst the lilies thou dost feed
With virgin choirs accompanied;
With glory decked, the spotless Brides
Whose bridal gifts thy love provides.
They, wheresoe'er thy footsteps bend,
With hymns and praises still attend;
In blessed troops they follow thee,
With dance, and song, and melody.
We pray thee therefore to bestow
Upon our senses here below,
Thy grace, that so we may endure
From taint of all corruption pure.
All laud to God the Father be,
All laud, eternal Son, to thee;
All laud, as is forever meet,
To God the Holy Paraclete. Amen.

THE GOSPEL.

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the twenty-fifth chapter of Saint Matthew, beginning at the first verse. *R.* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

St. Matt. 25: 1.

AT that time, Jesus spake unto his disciples this parable: Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the Bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them; but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the Bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the Bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily, I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore; for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Then shall be sung:

Credo in unum Deum.

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 and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the life of the world to come. Amen.

After the Creed may follow a Sermon. Then shall be sung this anthem,

Prudentes virgines.

O YE wise virgins, arise and trim your lamps, for behold the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

While this anthem is being sung, the Bishop having on his mitre shall seat himself before the altar, the pastoral staff being held for him; and the Novice to be professed shall kneel before him, the Mother and the Mistress of Novices standing on either side of her. Then the Chaplain, having upon him a surplice and white cope, shall say,

RIGHT Reverend Father in God, this Community, especially the Mother Superior thereof, prayeth you to bless and consecrate this woman and to espouse her to our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Most High God.

Bishop. Dost thou know her to be meet to enter this holy estate?

Chaplain. As far as human frailty permitteth me to know, I believe and bear witness that she is meet,

Then the Bishop shall say,

OUR Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ being our helper, we are ready to bless and consecrate this woman, and to espouse her to our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Most High God.

Then the Bishop shall say to the Novice,

HEARKEN, O daughter, and consider, incline thine ear; forget also thine own people and thy father's house.

If there be others to be professed, they shall each in turn be presented to the Bishop in like manner.

*After all have been presented, there shall be sung,
Et nunc sequimur.*

WE will now follow thee, O Lord, with our whole heart, and although we fear thee, yet we seek to see thy face. O Lord, confound us not; but deal with us according to thy goodness, and according to the multitude of thy mercies.

Then the Bishop shall ask each Novice in turn,

DOST thou desire to be blessed, consecrated and espoused to our Lord Jesus Christ the Son of the Most High God?

Answer. Such is my will and desire.

Then the Bishop, with head uncovered, shall kneel down before the altar (all others also kneeling) and say,

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil.

Then still kneeling he shall begin the hymn. Veni Creator Spiritus. After the first verse he shall stand up, and hold his hands extended over the Novice during the rest of the hymn; all others, except the Novice, also standing up.

Veni Creator Spiritus.

COME, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
Vouchsafe within our souls to rest;
Come with thy grace and heav'nly aid,
And fill the hearts which thou hast made.

To thee, the Comforter, we cry;
Thou heavenly gift of God most high:
Thou fount of life, and fire of love,
And sweet anointing from above.

The sevenfold gifts of grace are thine,
O Finger of the Hand divine;
The promise of the Father thou,
Who dost the tongue with speech endow.

Thy light to every sense impart,
And shed thy love in every heart;
The weakness of our flesh supply
With strength and courage from on high.

Drive far away our ghostly foe,
And peace for evermore bestow;
If thou be our preventing Guide,
No evil can our steps betide.

Make thou to us the Father known;
Teach us th' Eternal Son to own,
Be this our never-changing creed,
That thou dost from them Both proceed.

To thee, who dead, again dost live,
All glory, Lord, thy people give:
All glory, as is ever meet,
To Father, and to Paraclete. Amen.

After the hymn, all still standing, the Bishop shall resume the mitre, and seat himself in the chair before the altar. Then the Novice kneeling before him, shall make her profession, reading it with a clear voice after this manner:

IN the Name of God. Amen. I, Sister . . . , known in the world as (*Christian and surname*) desiring to consecrate myself more fully and entirely than I have hitherto done, in body, soul, and spirit, unto the service of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, do hereby make unto Almighty God, before the whole company of heaven, and in the presence of you, my spiritual Father, and you, my Sisters, the threefold vow of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience, according to the Rule

of the Community of Saint Mary, steadfastly purposing to keep and observe the same unto my life's end, the Lord being my helper. And herein I humbly pray for the grace and heavenly assistance of the Holy Ghost, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Sister still kneeling shall subscribe her name to the act of profession which she hath made, and deliver it to the Bishop.

As the Bishop receiveth it, he shall say,

ALMIGHTY God who hath given thee this will to do these things, grant also unto thee strength and power to perform the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Then the writing so signed and delivered, the Bishop shall forthwith present and lay upon the altar of God.

Afterward he shall place it in the hands of the Mother, saying,

KEEP this in perpetual testimony of the Religious Profession now made to God by Sister . . . , and received by us his Minister though unworthy.

After the Bishop hath given the act of profession into the hands of the Mother, there shall be sung the anthem following, the newly-professed Sister still kneeling.

Suscipe me.

STABLISH me, O Lord, according to thy word, that I may live: and let me not be disappointed of my hope.

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Glory be to the Father, etc.

Then all kneeling down, the Bishop standing turned towards the Sister and with his head uncovered, shall say,

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). V. And lead us not into temptation. R. But deliver us from evil. V. O Lord, save thine handmaid. R. Which putteth her trust in thee. V. Send her help from thy holy place. R. And strengthen her out of Sion. V. Be unto her, O Lord, a strong tower. R. From the face of her enemy. 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.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, to bless this thy servant evermore with thy heavenly grace, and preserve her unblameable unto everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. R. Amen.

Then the Bishop shall proceed to bless the girdle: standing at the epistle side of the altar with his head uncovered, he shall say,

V. The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who to set the bondservant free didst will that thy Son should be bound by the hands of wicked men; bless **✠** we beseech thee this girdle, and grant that thy servant who is to be girded therewith may ever be mindful of the bands of our Lord Jesus Christ, and may persevere in the Community into which she is now received, acknowledging herself to be forever bound to thy Son and to his service; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. R. Amen.

Then the Bishop shall sprinkle the girdle with holy water. Afterward, all standing up, the Bishop having on his mitre, shall deliver the girdle into the hands of the Sister professed, saying,

RECEIVE, my daughter, this girdle, in token that the Lord hath received thy vows and hath bound thee to himself with the bands of love, that thou mayest be to him for his Bride, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory forever: In the Name of the Father, and of ✠ the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *R.* Amen.

The Sister shall kiss the girdle as she receiveth it.

Then the Mother and the Mistress of Novices shall gird the Sister with the girdle; after which shall be sung,

Regnum mundi.

MHE kingdom of this world and all its glory I have counted but as loss for the love of our Lord Jesus Christ; whom by faith I have seen, whom seeing I have loved, in whom I have put my trust, and to whom also I have given my whole heart.

Then, all kneeling, the Bishop, with head uncovered, shall bless the veil.

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who art the head of all the faithful and the Saviour of thy body the Church; sanctify with thy right hand this garment wherewith the head of thine handmaid is to be covered in token of thy love and of her admission into the company of those who bear the name of thy Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary; and grant that she, abiding under thy protection, may be spotless in body and soul, and may shew forth in her life the holiness which is now mystically signified; so that in the day when thou shalt recompense thy Saints, she may be amongst the wise virgins who shall be led by thee to the marriage of everlasting felicity, who livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then the Bishop shall sprinkle the veil with holy water. Afterward, all standing up, he shall resume

the mitre, and shall then present the veil to the Sister to be kissed; and then immediately he shall place it upon her head, saying,

RECEIVE, my daughter, this veil, in token that the heavenly Bridegroom hath set his love upon thee; may the Holy Ghost come upon thee, and may the power of the Highest ever overshadow thee to be thy covering in the time of temptation: In the Name of the Father, and of ✠ the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *R.* Amen.

Then, while the Mother arrangeth the veil upon the head of the Sister, there shall be sung,

'Induit me.

MHE Lord hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, and adorned me as his Bride with the jewels of his love.

Then, all kneeling, the Bishop, with head uncovered, shall bless the ring.

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O CREATOR and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the author of everlasting life; send thy blessing upon this ring, that she who is to wear it, being strengthened with heavenly virtues, may keep faith, pure and undefiled, with her heavenly Bridegroom, and, persevering in the love of thy Son to whom she hath now given her troth, may at length inherit thine everlasting kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then the Bishop shall sprinkle the ring with holy water. Afterward, all standing up, the Bishop, having on his mitre, shall place the ring on the fourth finger of the Sister's right hand, saying,

RECEIVE, my daughter, this ring, the token of faith pledged by thee and sealed by the Holy Ghost, that thou mayest be called the Bride

of God and so abide unto thy life's end; and as such thou shalt be acknowledged by the Lamb thy Bridegroom, Christ Jesus, if in this life thou keep thy plighted* troth: In the Name of the Father, and of ✠ the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *R.* Amen.

The Sister shall kiss the ring placed on her finger. Then shall be sung,

Annulo suo.

WITH his ring hath my Lord Jesus Christ betrothed me, and as his Bride hath he crowned me.

Then, all kneeling, the Bishop, with head uncovered, shall bless the cross.

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, whose blessed Son was obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross; we beseech thee to ✠ bless this cross, and grant that she who is to receive it may ever bear about in her body the dying of the Lord Jesus, and may bring every thought into captivity to his obedience; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then the Bishop shall sprinkle the cross with holy water.

Afterward, all standing up, the Bishop, having on his mitre, shall deliver the cross to the Sister (who shall kiss it), saying,

RECEIVE, my daughter, this cross, the symbol of obedience; and ever remember that thou hast not come to do thine own will, but the will of him who calleth thee; and if thou continue with him in suffering, thou shalt also reign with him in glory: In the Name of the Father, and of ✠ the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *R.* Amen.

Then, while the Mother fasteneth the cross about the neck of the Sister, there shall be sung,

Ecce, quod concupivi.

BEHOLD, that which I have desired, now I see; that for which I have hoped, I now have attained; I am now joined unto him who dwelleth in the heavens, whom I have loved here on earth with my whole heart.

Then, all standing; the Bishop, with head uncovered, standing turned towards the Sister kneeling before him, shall say this prayer, consecrating her to the Religious Life.

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit. *V.* Lift up your hearts. *R.* We lift them up unto the Lord. *V.* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. *R.* It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God, who dwellest in pure bodies and lovest uncorrupt souls; who by thy Word, through whom all things were made, dost so renew the substance of man injured by the fraud and malice of the devil, that not only thou restorest it to its original purity, but makest it even to bear the likeness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; look down, O Lord, upon this thy servant, who in earnest love and devotion offereth herself and all that she hath to thee. Grant unto her, through the gift of thy Spirit, prudence and modesty, wisdom and kindness, gravity and gentleness, purity and freedom of heart. May she be fervent in charity and love nothing apart from thee. May she live worthy of praise and yet never seek therefor. May she glorify thee in holiness of body and purity of soul. May she fear thee in love and serve thee in chastity. Be thou her honour, her joy and delight, her comfort in tribulation, her counsellor in doubt, her defence in danger, her patience in suffering, her abundance in poverty, her food in fasting, and her physician and medicine in sickness. As she loveth thee above all, grant that she may find her all in thee. May she fulfil

that which she hath professed, pleasing thee, the Searcher of hearts, not only outwardly in the body, but also inwardly in mind and heart. And at the last, may she be numbered with those wise virgins who, undismayed by the sudden coming of the King their Bridegroom, shall joyfully go forth to meet him with lamps burning with the oil of a prepared and ready heart. May she then be counted worthy to enter through the door unto the wedding feast and to follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then the Bishop shall add,

MAY God, the ✠ Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy ✠ Ghost, bless thee with all spiritual benediction, that thou mayest continue uncorrupt, inviolate, and spotless under the patronage of Saint Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. *R.* Amen.

When thou standest at the judgment seat, mayest thou be counted worthy to enter the palace of the King, and to have thy portion with them that follow the Lamb and who cease not to sing the new song, that there thou mayest have thy reward after the toil of this life and ever abide in the land of the living; and may he himself now bless ✠ thee from heaven who by his Cross and Passion vouchsafed to redeem thee and all mankind, even Jesus Christ our Lord, who with the Father everlasting and the Holy Ghost, in perfect unity, liveth and reigneth God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then the Mother and the Mistress of Novices shall return to their places in the choir; but the Sister professed shall remain kneeling before the altar until after she hath received the Holy Communion and the Mass is ended.

The Celebrant shall return to the altar, and proceed with the Mass, saying the Offertory following, which the choir shall afterward sing.

THE OFFERTORY.

THE King's daughter is all glorious within, her clothing is of wrought gold. She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needlework; the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company, and shall be brought unto thee. With joy and gladness shall they be brought, and shall enter into the King's palace.

Afterward may be sung the following hymn,

Jesu dulcis memoria.

JESU! the very thought is sweet!
In that dear Name all heart-joys meet;
But sweeter than the honey far
The glimpses of his presence are.

No word is sung more sweet than this:
No name is heard more full of bliss:
No thought brings sweeter comfort nigh,
Than Jesus, Son of God most high.

Jesu! the hope of souls forlorn!
How good to them for sin that mourn!
To them that seek thee, O how kind!
But what art thou to them that find!

Jesu, thou sweetness, pure and blest,
Life's fountain, light of souls distress'd,
Surpassing all that heart requires,
Exceeding all that soul desires!

No tongue of mortal can express,
No letters write its blessedness:
Alone who hath thee in his heart
Knows, love of Jesus! what thou art.

I seek for Jesus in repose
When round my heart its chambers close:
Abroad, and when I shut the door,
I long for Jesus evermore.


When once he cometh to the heart,
How soon do earthly things depart!
Eternal truth begins to shine,
The Spirit kindles love divine.

All honour, laud, and glory be,
O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee;
All glory, as is ever meet,
To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

The Mass shall proceed according to the prescribed order. After the Prayers for the Church and the Short Exhortation shall be said, all kneeling,

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Bishop, having on his mitre and holding the pastoral staff in his left hand, shall say,

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who, with hearty repentance and true faith, turn unto him; have mercy upon you; pardon  and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

After the Comfortable Words shall follow:

THE PREFACE.

V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up unto the Lord. V. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. R. It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Especially are we bound to praise and magnify thee for the blessed and ever-Virgin Mary, who by the over-shadowing of the Holy Ghost conceived thine only-begotten Son, and keeping securely the glory of her virginity, shed forth upon this world the Everlasting Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels, etc.

The Preface shall be concluded by the choir singing, Sanctus.

HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory; glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

After the prayer, We do not presume, etc., shall be sung,

Benedictus qui venit.

BLESSED is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Immediately after the Canon shall be sung,

Agnus Dei.

O LAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

After the Agnus Dei and while the Sister is being communicated there shall be sung the anthem called

THE COMMUNION.

MY beloved is mine, and I am his who feedeth among the lilies, until the day break and the shadows flee away.

After the Lord's Prayer and the Thanksgiving all shall stand up, and then shall be sung,

Gloria in excelsis.

GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we

give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Then, all kneeling down, the Celebrant shall say,

THE POST COMMUNIONS.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who makest thy habitation in the pure heart; graciously behold this thine handmaid, and grant that she, persevering in thy service, may feel the consolations of thy presence, and hereafter be counted worthy to enter with the King of glory into the everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray.

O LORD, who didst fulfil the expectation of thy righteous servant Simeon, so that he saw not death until he had seen thy Christ; grant, we beseech thee, that thy love may be so perfected in us, that when the time of our departure is at hand, we may be found in thy Son Jesus Christ and with him pass from death unto life; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *R.* Amen.

O LORD our God, we beseech thee to be ever with these thine handmaids, who after the example of thy Mother have dedicated themselves wholly unto thee; and as they like her have chosen thy Cross as their portion, grant that they may ever abide under its protecting shadow; who with

the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then, if it be a feast day, shall be said the Post Communion of the day.

Then the Bishop, holding the pastoral staff in his hand (but without his mitre, as the Blessed Sacrament is exposed), shall give the Pontifical Blessing, making the sign of the cross thrice.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy ✠ Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *R.* Amen.

The Bishop having given the blessing, all shall stand, and there shall be sung,

Jam quod quaesivi.

I NOW have gain'd my long desire,
For Christ hath set my heart on fire;
Henceforth shall he alone be mine,
And I am his in love divine.

Thine own dear love, O Jesu, this
Is very rapture, very bliss;
A thousand, thousand times more sweet
Than heart can think or words repeat.

For they who taste thee hunger sore,
And they who drink thee thirst the more,
Desiring naught below, above,
Save Jesus whom their spirits love.

O Jesu, most desired and dear,
The hope of longing spirits here;
To thee my earnest tears shall turn,
For thee my inmost heart shall yearn.

I follow Jesus now, and raise
The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise,
That he at last may make me meet
With him to gain the heav'nly seat.

All honour, laud, and glory be,
O Jesu, Virgin-born to thee;
All glory, as is ever meet,
To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

Then all still standing, the Mother shall lead the Sister professed to the stall which she is to occupy.

Then the Celebrant standing, with head uncovered, in the midst of the altar, shall begin the hymn Te Deum, which the choir shall continue, all kneeling at the words, We therefore pray thee help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious Blood.

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: continually 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 honourable, 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 not abhor the Virgin's womb.

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 mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

Then the Celebrant shall say,

V. Stablish the thing, O God, that thou hast wrought in us. R. For thy temple's sake at Jerusalem.

Let us pray.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Then all shall kneel down for a short space, and afterward rise and leave the choir in the order in which they entered, except that the newly-professed Sister shall walk in her place with the other Professed Sisters.

When two or more Sisters are to be professed, they shall severally be presented to the Bishop and by

him be examined; and they shall severally make their profession and receive the tokens thereof; but the girdles shall be blessed together, and likewise the veils, rings and crosses, the plural number being used in these and in all the prayers, and also in the special Blessing pronounced over the Sisters professed.

If the Bishop so appoint, the Mass may be said by a Priest. In which case the Bishop shall bless the incense, the book shall be brought to him to be kissed at the end of the Gospel, and he shall give the Absolution and the Blessing.

After the service the Bishop and the Mother shall set their names to the written vow, in attestation of the profession.

If the Bishop be unable to be present to receive the profession, he may appoint the Chaplain to act in his stead. In which case the Chaplain shall have upon him a surplice (or an alb, if he be the Celebrant of the Mass), a white stole and a cope. The Mother shall present the Novice to be professed, saying,

REVEREND Father, this Community, especially the Mother Superior thereof, prayeth you to bless and consecrate this woman, and to espouse her to our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Most High God.

Chaplain. Dost thou know her to be meet to enter this holy estate?

Mother. As far as human frailty permitteth me to know, I believe and bear witness that she is meet.

Then the Chaplain shall say,

OUR Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ being my helper, I am ready, in the name and behalf of the Right Reverend, the Visitor of this Convent, to bless and consecrate this woman, and to espouse her to our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Most High God.

Then the Chaplain shall proceed with the order of profession; and after the service he shall set his name to the written act of profession.

If at any time it be not convenient to sing the above service, the anthems in the order of profession may be monotoned or read without note, the hymns alone being sung.

THE ORDER FOR THE Renewal of the Vows.

At the end of each semi-annual Retreat, the Retreatants shall renew their vows. This act of devotion is made by the Sisters in order to remind themselves of their first love, wherewith on the day of profession they bound themselves forever unto Jesus Christ in the Religious state. It is also made as an expression of renewed love and loyalty to Him whose Brides they are.

In the last Mass of the Retreat, as the Celebrant standeth turned towards the Sisters with the Sacrament in his hands; they kneeling in their places in the choir, shall say together:

RENDER most hearty thanks to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, for the special grace whereby thou didst in thy love call me into the Religious Life. I am heartily sorry that I have so often been unworthy of thy love, and of the vocation wherewith thou hast called me. But do thou, O Lord, be merciful to me, and accept this renewal of my vows, which I now make in thy presence.

I hereby renew the threefold vow of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience, according to the Rule of the Community of Saint Mary, steadfastly purposing to keep and observe the same unto my life's end, the Lord being my helper. And herein I humbly pray for the grace and heavenly assistance of the Holy Ghost, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Sisters shall also say together this prayer,

QOME, O Lord Jesus Christ, and live within thine handmaid, in the fulness of thy power, in the perfection of thy ways, and in the holiness of thy Spirit; and by that Spirit, subdue everything which is contrary to thy will, that thou alone mayest live and reign within me, to the glory of the Father, both now and forever. Amen.

Then they shall approach the altar to receive the Sacrament.

At the end of this last Mass of the Retreat, the Celebrant shall assume a white cope; and standing before the altar, he shall begin the Te Deum. This hymn shall be said or sung as directed on page 168.

At the end of the hymn, the Celebrant shall say or sing,

℟. Stablish the thing, O God, that thou hast wrought in us. ℞. For thy temple's sake at Jerusalem.

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 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 the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. ℞. Amen.

THE ORDER FOR THE Installation of a Chaplain.

The Chaplain General, and each Provincial Chaplain, shall be installed by the Bishop of the diocese or by one of the other Visitors.

The Bishop seated before the altar, shall say to the Chaplain-elect kneeling before him, all others standing,

IT hath been certified to us that thou hast been duly elected as the Chaplain General of the Community of Saint Mary (or the Chaplain of this Province of the Community of

Saint Mary), dost thou accept this pastoral office and charge?

Chaplain-elect. I do.

Bishop. Wilt thou maintain the laws and customs of the Community as set forth in the Book of the Rule?

Chaplain-elect. I will.

Bishop. Wilt thou do all that in thee lieth to bring the Sisters committed to thy charge unto the perfection to which they are called?

Chaplain-elect. I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop. Wilt thou be diligent in maintaining quietness, peace, and unity in the Community?

Chaplain-elect. I will.

Bishop. Wilt thou render to the Bishops, within whose dioceses thou shalt exercise thine office, all due canonical obedience and reverence?

Chaplain-elect. I will.

Then the Bishop shall say,

MAY the Almighty God be thy helper in the performance of all that thou hast promised, and in every good word and work. ℞. Amen.

Then the Bishop standing up, shall say over the Chaplain,

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). ℟. And lead us not into temptation. ℞. But deliver us from evil. ℟. O Lord, save thy servant. ℞. Which putteth his trust in thee. ℟. Send him help from thy holy place. ℞. And strengthen him out of Sion. ℟. May he receive the blessing from the Lord. ℞. And righteousness from the God of his salvation. ℟. May the Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in. ℞. From this time forth for evermore. ℟. May the Lord preserve thee from all evil. ℞. May the Lord keep thy soul. ℟. Turn us again, O Lord God of Hosts. ℞. Shew the light of thy countenance and we shall be whole. ℟. 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 ALMIGHTY God, who hast ordained the ministry of priesthood for the perfection of thy people; pour thy \times grace upon this thy servant to whom we commit the office of Chaplain General (or the office of Provincial Chaplain) in this Community; enlighten his heart and mind with such wisdom and understanding that he may be able to guide thy flock in the way of holiness; and make him ever zealous for the maintenance of all spiritual order and discipline amongst these thine handmaids who await the coming of thy Son; so that as a wise and faithful servant, giving to thy family their portion in due season, he may at last be received into everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then the Bishop shall add,

THE blessing of God Almighty, the \times Father, the \times Son, and the Holy \times Ghost, be upon thee, and remain with thee always; and may thy life and work be to the praise and glory of his holy Name. *R.* Amen.

Then the Bishop shall lead the Chaplain to a stall on the south side of the sanctuary; and the Chaplain seating himself therein, the Bishop shall say,

KEEP in the way of justice and holiness; and exercise the office committed unto thee, looking unto Almighty God for the increase of his grace, and being mindful of the account thou must give to him at the last.

Then shall be sung this anthem.

Sacerdotes tui.

LET thy Priests be clothed with righteousness: and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.

I will deck her Priests with health: and her saints shall rejoice and sing.

Glory be, etc. Let thy Priests, etc.

THE ORDER FOR THE

Installation of the Mother General.

The Sister elected to the office of Mother Superior General shall not occupy the stall pertaining to the office until she hath been installed by Episcopal authority; but prior to her installation she shall occupy the stall of the Mother Provincial. On the morning of her installation she shall receive the Blessed Sacrament.

If the Visitor of the Mother House of the Community be not able to be present, one of the other Visitors may install the Mother-elect; or if no one of them be able to be present, the Chaplain General may be authorized to officiate in the name of the Visitors.

At the time appointed the Sisters shall go in procession to the choir, singing the hymn, O Gloriosa virginum, as directed on page 148. The Mother-elect shall walk last in the procession, accompanied by two of the senior Sisters, and shall proceed to the entrance of the sanctuary.

At the end of the hymn, the Bishop standing before the altar with his head uncovered, shall say,

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. *R.* Be it unto me according to thy word.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY God, who didst choose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the Mother of thine incarnate Son; grant to these thy servants, who bear her name, so to yield themselves to the operation of the Holy Ghost, that they may be acceptable in thy sight, and may bring forth to thee the fruit of good works; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then the Bishop having on his mitre, and with the pastoral staff in his left hand or holden by his Chaplain, shall seat himself before the altar. The

Mother-elect shall kneel down before him; all others shall stand. Then the Chaplain General shall say,

RIGHT Reverend Father in God, this Community of Saint Mary hath duly elected Sister N. as Mother Superior General, and they pray that you will now install her with your benediction.

Then the Bishop shall say,

DEARLY beloved, ye have presented unto us for our benediction Sister N., who hath been chosen as Mother Superior General of this Community. Therefore being taught by the holy Fathers, we will first examine her touching those things which pertain to the right government of a Religious Community.

Then the Bishop shall say to the Mother-elect,

MY daughter, the grace of God hath called thee to the office of Mother Superior General of the Community of Saint Mary; we would know therefore whether thou art minded, so far as God shall give thee grace, to be an example of the Religious Life as professed in thy Community.

Mother-elect. I am so minded.

Bishop. Wilt thou do all that in thee lieth to further all good works within the Community, especially the education of the young, and the care of the sick, the needy, the orphan, and the wayward?

Mother-elect. I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop. Wilt thou observe the laws and customs of thy Community as set forth in the Book of the Rule?

Mother-elect. I will.

Bishop. Wilt thou render all due canonical obedience and reverence to the Bishops within whose dioceses thou shalt exercise thine office?

Mother-elect. I will.

Then the Bishop shall say,

MAY the Almighty God be thy helper in the performance of all that thou hast promised, and in every good word and work. *R.* Amen.

Then the Bishop standing up, with head uncovered (all others also standing), shall say over the Mother-elect kneeling before him,

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.* O Lord, save thine handmaid. *R.* Which putteth her trust in thee. *V.* Send her help from thy holy place. *R.* And strengthen her out of Sion. *V.* May she receive the blessing from the Lord. *R.* And righteousness from the God of her salvation. *V.* O think upon thy congregation. *R.* Which thou hast purchased and redeemed of old. *V.* May the Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in. *R.* From this time forth for evermore. *V.* May the Lord preserve thee from all evil. *R.* May the Lord keep thy soul. *V.* Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts. *R.* Shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole. *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.

GRANT, we beseech, O Almighty God, that this thine handmaid who is to be set over this Community, being holpen by the prayers of Saint Mary, may be strengthened by thy continual grace, and may in all things be well-pleasing unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God,

WORLD without end. *R.* Amen. *V.* The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit. *V.* Lift up your hearts. *R.* We lift them up unto the Lord. *V.* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. *R.* It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. And now we also

beseech thee to pour upon this thine handmaid the spirit of all bene ✠ diction (*Here he shall place his hands upon the head of the Mother-elect*), that she, who is this day set as Mother Superior General of this Community, may ever remain worthy of the favour bestowed upon her by thy choice of her for this holy office. (*Then removing his hands, he continueth.*) Of thy goodness, O Lord, give unto her perseverance in good works, constancy in adversity, patience in tribulation, wisdom in counsel, discretion in judgment, and strength with gentleness in ruling. And so illuminate her with the light of thy bene ✠ diction that she may count the things of this present world as nothing worth, and may ever desire things heavenly and those which endure unto everlasting life. And grant that she, walking blameless in all thy commandments and counsels, may at length attain the prize of her high calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R. Amen.*

Then the Bishop, sitting down and having on his mitre, and with the pastoral staff in his left hand (or holden by his Chaplain), shall deliver the Book of the Rule into the hands of the Mother Superior General kneeling before him, all others still standing; and as he delivereth it he shall say,

RECEIVE this Book of the Rule wherein are contained the precepts of the Religious Life delivered by the holy Fathers, and let it be thy guide in ruling and guarding the flock now committed unto thee by God. Remember that thy Sisters are the Brides of Christ; be therefore to them a Mother not only in name, but in truth and love. By the example of godly living lead them in the observances of holy Religion as professed by thy Community, that so thou and they may come to everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *R. Amen.*

Then the Bishop shall place the ring of office upon the third finger of the right hand, saying,

RECEIVE this ring whereby faithfulness is signified, and when the Lord cometh mayest thou be found among the faithful and wise stewards whom he shall make rulers over all that he hath.

Then the Bishop standing up and having on his mitre, shall say this prayer over the Mother; all others still standing.

Let us pray.

O LORD God Almighty, who didst raise up Miriam, the sister of Moses, to be a leader among the women of Israel, and to bring them through the Red Sea with songs of rejoicing; we make our humble supplications for this thy servant to whom the governance of this Community is now committed; grant that she, ever giving a ready obedience to thy word, may so guide thine handmaids through the waves of this troublesome world that they may attain unto the heavenly country, and with the whole company of the redeemed may sing the song of Moses and of the Lamb forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *R. Amen.*

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, to ✠ bless this thine handmaid with thy continual grace, enlighten her with thy wisdom, and preserve her unblameable unto everlasting life; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R. Amen.*

Then the Bishop shall pronounce upon her this blessing,

THE blessing of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy ✠ Ghost, be upon thee and remain with thee always; and may thy life and work be to the praise and glory of his holy Name. *R. Amen.*

Then the Bishop shall lead the Mother Superior General to her stall, the two Sisters accompanying her. Then the Mother seating herself in the stall, the Bishop shall say,

RECEIVE full authority from us, the Episcopal Visitors, to rule this Community of Saint Mary, and to direct all things which pertain to its order and welfare, in accordance with the laws and customs of the Community; in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

*Then the choir shall sing this anthem,
Benefac, Domine*

DO well, O Lord: unto those that are good and true of heart.

They that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the Mount Sion: which may not be removed, but standeth fast forever.

Glory be to the Father, etc. Do well, etc.

Then shall follow the Mass. After the Collect for the day shall be said the Collect following,

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, to grant unto this thine handmaid, whom thou hast vouchsafed to call into the Religious estate and hast now set her in authority in this Community, that she may exercise her office for the profit of those committed to her care and for the advancement of thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

After the Post Communion of the day shall be said this Post Communion,

Let us pray.

GRACIOUSLY behold, O Lord, this thine handmaid, and strengthen her by thy presence and power; and grant, as she putteth her whole trust in thy love and protection, that she may never be overcome by any sorrow or adversity; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

After the Mass shall be sung the Te Deum as directed on page 168. At the end of the hymn, the Bishop standing before the altar, with his head uncovered, shall say,

STABLISH the thing, O God, that thou hast wrought in us. *R.* For thy temple's sake at Jerusalem. *V.* O Lord, save thine handmaid. *R.* Which putteth her trust in thee. *V.* Be unto her, O Lord, a strong tower. *R.* From the face of her enemy. *V.* Let the enemy have no advantage of her. *R.* Nor the wicked approach to hurt 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.

LET the breastplate of faith and love, O Lord, protect in the heart of thine handmaid the vocation wherewith she is called, that thy word abiding in her, she may attain unto the end of her calling, even the vision of thine unveiled beauty; through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then the Bishop holding the pastoral staff in his left hand, shall bless the whole Community, saying,

WHE blessing of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy ✠ Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *R.* Amen.

Then all shall rise and depart in peace.

THE ORDER FOR THE Installation of a Mother Provincial.

Between her election and installation the Mother-elect shall occupy the stall immediately below the one assigned to the Mother Provincial. On the morning of her installation she shall receive the Blessed Sacrament.

If the Visitor of the Mother House of the Province be not able to be present, one of the other Visitors of the Province may install the Mother-elect; or, if no

one of them be able to be present, the Visitor of the Convent may direct the Provincial Chaplain to officiate in the name of the Visitors.

At the time appointed the Sisters shall go in procession to the choir singing the hymn, O Gloriosa virginum, as on page 148. The Mother-elect shall walk last, the Mother General being at her right hand. At the end of the hymn, the Bishop standing before the altar, with his head uncovered, shall say,

℟. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. ℞. Be it unto me according to thy Word.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY God, who didst choose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the Mother of thine incarnate Son; grant to these thy servants, who bear her name, so to yield themselves to the operation of the Holy Ghost, that they may be acceptable in thy sight, and may bring forth to thee the fruit of good works; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *℟. Amen.*

The Bishop, having on his mitre and with the pastoral staff in his left hand or else holden by his Chaplain, shall seat himself before the altar; all others standing.

Then the Mother Superior General shall present to the Bishop the Sister chosen to be the Mother Superior of the Province, saying,

RIGHT Reverend Father in God (or Reverend Father), I present to you our Sister *N.*, and pray that you will install her with your benediction as the Mother Superior of this Province of the Community of Saint Mary.

Then the Mother-elect kneeling down, the Bishop shall say,

MY daughter, the grace of God hath called thee to the office of Mother Superior of this Province of the Community of Saint Mary; we would know therefore whether thou art minded, so

far as God shall give thee grace, to be an example of the Religious Life as professed in thy Community?

Mother-elect. I am so minded.

Bishop. Wilt thou do all that in thee lieth to further all good works within thy Province, especially the education of the young, and the care of the sick, the needy, the orphan, and the wayward?

Mother-elect. I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop. Wilt thou observe the laws and customs of thy Community as set forth in the Book of the Rule?

Mother-elect. I will.

Bishop. Wilt thou render all due canonical obedience and reverence to the Bishops within whose dioceses thou shalt exercise thine office?

Mother-elect. I will.

Then the Bishop shall say,

MAY the Almighty God be thy helper in the performance of all that thou hast promised, and in every good word and work. *℟. Amen.*

Then the Bishop standing up, with head uncovered, all others also standing, he shall say over the Mother-elect kneeling before him,



LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *℟.* And lead us not into temptation. *℟.* But deliver us from evil. *℟.* O Lord, save thine handmaid. *℟.* Which putteth her trust in thee. *℟.* Send her help from thy holy place. *℟.* And strengthen her out of Sion. *℟.* May she receive the blessing from the Lord. *℟.* And righteousness from the God of her salvation. *℟.* O think upon thy congregation. *℟.* Which thou hast purchased and redeemed of old. *℟.* May the Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in. *℟.* From this time forth for evermore. *℟.* May the Lord preserve thee from all evil. *℟.* May the Lord keep thy soul. *℟.* Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts. *℟.* Shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole. *℟.* 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.

GRANT, we beseech, O Almighty God, that this thine handmaid, who is to be set over this Province of her Community, being holpen by the prayers of Saint Mary, may be strengthened by thy continual grace, and may in all things be well-pleasing unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God,

WORLD without end. *R.* Amen. *V.* The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit. *V.* Lift up your hearts. *R.* We lift them up unto the Lord. *V.* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. *R.* It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. And now we also beseech thee to pour upon this thine handmaid the spirit of all bene  diction (*Here he shall place his hands upon the head of the Mother-elect*), that she, who is this day set as Mother Superior of this Province, may ever remain worthy of the favour bestowed upon her by thy choice of her for this holy office. (*Then removing his hands, he shall continue.*) Of thy goodness, O Lord, give unto her perseverance in good works, constancy in adversity, patience in tribulation, wisdom in counsel, discretion in judgment, and strength with gentleness in ruling. And so illuminate her with the light of thy bene  diction that she may count the things of this present world as nothing worth, and may ever desire things heavenly and those which endure unto everlasting life. And grant that she walking blameless in all thy commandments and counsels, may at length attain the prize of her high calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who


liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then the Bishop having on his mitre, shall seat himself in his chair before the altar; then delivering the Book of the Rule into the hands of the Mother Superior, kneeling before him, he shall say,

RECEIVE this Book of the Rule wherein are contained the precepts of the Religious Life delivered by the holy Fathers, and let it be thy guide in ruling and guarding the flock now committed unto thee by God. Remember that thy Sisters are the Brides of Christ; be therefore to them a Mother not only in name, but in truth and love. By the example of godly living lead them in the observances of holy Religion as professed in thy Community, that so thou and they may come to everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then the Bishop standing up, and having on his mitre, shall say this prayer over the Mother Superior, all others still standing,

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, to  bless this thine handmaid with thy continual grace, enlighten her with thy wisdom, and preserve her unblameable unto everlasting life; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then the Bishop having on his mitre and with the pastoral staff in his hand, shall lead the Mother Superior to her stall, the Mother Superior General and one of the senior Sisters accompanying her. Then the Mother Superior seating herself in the stall, the Bishop shall say, in the name of the Episcopal Visitors,

RECEIVE full authority from the Episcopal Visitors (or Visitor) to rule this Province of the Community of Saint Mary, and to direct all things which pertain to its order and welfare, in accordance with the laws and customs of the Com-

munity, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then shall follow the anthem, Benefac, Domine, and afterward the Mass, and the Te Deum, and all else as is directed on pages 180 and 181.

THE ORDER FOR THE Benediction of the Assistant Superior OF A PROVINCE.

The Chaplain having on him a surplice and stole and standing before the altar, the Mother Superior shall present to him the Sister whom she hath appointed Assistant Superior of the Province, saying,

REVEREND Father, I present to you our Sister N., that she may receive your blessing as the Assistant Superior of this Province.

Then the Chaplain shall say to the Assistant Superior-elect kneeling before him,

MY daughter, wilt thou in the discharge of thy office of Assistant Superior of this Province yield a ready obedience to the Mother Superior, and wilt thou observe the laws and customs of the Community as set forth in the Book of the Rule?

Answer. I will, the Lord being my helper.

Then the Chaplain shall say,

MAY the Almighty God be thy helper in the performance of thy promise, and in every good word and work. *R.* Amen.

Then the Chaplain shall say over the Assistant Superior-elect, all others standing,

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.* O

Lord, save thine handmaid. *R.* Which putteth her trust in thee. *V.* Send her help from thy holy place. *R.* And strengthen her out of Sion. *V.* Be unto her, O Lord, a strong tower. *R.* From the face of her enemy. *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, who hast ordained the services of thine elect, dividing to every one severally as thou wilt; we beseech thee, mercifully to bestow the gifts of thy grace upon thine handmaid now appointed Assistant Superior of this Province; endow her with all wisdom and love that she may both obey and also bear rule after the example of her Lord, and so may be a pattern in all good works and hereafter receive the eternal reward; through the same thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then the Chaplain shall bless the Assistant Superior kneeling before him, all others standing,

THE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon thee, and remain with thee always; and may thy life and work be the praise and glory of his holy Name. *R.* Amen.

Then the Mother Superior shall lead the Assistant Superior to her stall, after which there shall be sung this anthem,

Benefac, Domine.

DO well, O Lord: unto those that are good and true of heart.

They that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the Mount Sion: which may not be removed, but standeth fast forever.

Glory be to the Father, etc. Do well, etc.

THE ORDER FOR THE

Benediction of the Mistress of Novices.

The Chaplain having on him a surplice and stole, and standing before the altar, the Mother Superior shall present to him the Sister who hath been appointed Mistress of the Novices, saying,

REVEREND Father, I present to you our Sister N., that she may receive your blessing as the Mistress of the Novices.

Then the Chaplain shall say to the Mistress-elect kneeling before him,

MY daughter, art thou minded to be an example of the Religious Life to the Novices now committed to thy care?

Mistress-elect. I am so minded, the Lord being my helper.

Chaplain. Wilt thou give all faithful diligence that they be rightly instructed in all the laws and customs of thy Community, as set forth in the Book of the Rule, and that they obediently observe the same?

Mistress-elect. I will.

Chaplain. Art thou resolved to shew to all the same firmness, patience, and gentleness, doing nothing by partiality?

Mistress-elect. I am so resolved.

Chaplain. Wilt thou do all that in thee lieth, by prayer and watchful care, that Christ may be manifested in the lives of the Novices?

Mistress-elect. I will.

Chaplain. Wilt thou, without respect of persons and with a single eye to God's glory, give thy judgment of the vocation of each Novice, remembering how great is thy responsibility?

Mistress-elect. I will.

Then the Chaplain shall say,

MAY the Almighty God be thy helper in the performance of all that thou hast promised, and in every good word and work. *R.* Amen.

Then the Chaplain standing, shall say over the Mistress-elect, all others standing,

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.* O Lord, save thine handmaid. *R.* Which putteth her trust in thee. *V.* Send her help from thy holy place. *R.* And strengthen her out of Sion. *V.* Be unto her, O Lord, a strong tower. *R.* From the face of her enemy. *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 Jesus Christ, thou Master of souls, who didst lead thine Apostles in the way of perfection, with such prudence and long-suffering patience, that at length they attained unto the fulness of thy stature; regard, we beseech thee, this thine handmaid to whom the office of Mistress of Novices is now committed; and that she may be to them an example of the Religious Life, let thy life be manifested in her mortal flesh; and grant unto her such discretion in judgment that she may guide them aright in the way of holiness; and so inflame her with thy love, that all under her care may be enkindled with the desire of perfection and with zeal for thy glory; who livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then the Chaplain shall bless the Mistress of the Novices kneeling before him, all others standing.

THE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the \times Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon thee and remain with thee always; and may thy life and work be to the praise and glory of his holy Name. *R.* Amen.

Then the Mother Superior shall lead the Mistress

of Novices to her stall. After which the choir shall sing this anthem,

Qui ad justitiam.

THEY that turn many to righteousness: shall shine as the stars forever and ever.

My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salvation: for I know no end thereof.

Glory be, etc. They that turn, etc.

THE ORDER FOR THE Benediction of a Sister Superior.

The Chaplain, being vested in a surplice and stole and standing before the altar, the Mother Superior shall present to him the Sister whom she hath appointed Sister Superior, saying,

REVEREND Father, I present to you our Sister N., that she may receive your blessing as the Sister Superior of . . .

The Chaplain shall say to the Superior-elect kneeling before him,

MY daughter, wilt thou observe the laws and customs of thy Community as set forth in the Book of the Rule, and wilt thou also take heed that they be duly observed by all who shall be under thine authority?

Answer. I will endeavour so to do, by the help of God.

Then the Chaplain shall say,

MAY the Almighty God be thy helper in the performance of thy promise, and in every good word and work. *R.* Amen.

Then the Chaplain standing, shall say over the Superior-elect, all others standing,

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*secretly*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.* O Lord, save thine handmaid. *R.* Which putteth her

trust in thee. *V.* Send her help from thy holy place. *R.* And strengthen her out of Sion. *V.* Be unto her, O Lord, a strong tower. *R.* From the face of her enemy. *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.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that this thine handmaid may so exercise the authority given her that she may be well-pleasing unto thee in all things; and daily increasing in thy grace, may, by the example of her life, be a faithful guide in the way of holiness; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then the Chaplain shall bless the Sister Superior kneeling before him, all others standing.

THE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon thee and remain with thee always, and may thy life and work be to the praise and glory of his holy Name. *R.* Amen.

Then the Mother Superior shall lead the Sister Superior to her stall. After which shall be sung this anthem,

Benefac, Domine.

DO well, O Lord: unto those that are good and true of heart.


They that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the Mount Sion: which may not be removed, but standeth fast forever.

Glory be, etc. Do well, etc.



THE ORDER OF THE Daily Chapter.

All the Sisters standing and making the sign of the cross, the Superior shall say,

IN the name of the Father, and of the  Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *R.* Amen.

Then each Sister shall in turn be given the opportunity of acknowledging her breaches of the rules as directed in Chapter XXIV of the Rule.

The Sister making such acknowledgment shall say,

I ACKNOWLEDGE to you, Reverend Mother, and to you, my Sisters, these breaches of the rules of our Community. I have

If the Mother be not present, the words, Reverend Mother, and to you shall be omitted.

Afterward the Superior shall say,

Let us pray.

O GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

If it be the anniversary of the death of a Sister, the Superior shall say,

ON this day our Sister [and our Sister] entered into rest.

And then she shall add,

Let us pray.

MAY the soul of our Sister [or souls of our Sisters] and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *R.* Amen.


After which the Superior shall give notice of any matters of which the Sisters ought to be informed, assign the duties of the day, and answer any necessary inquiries.

Then all making the sign of the Cross, the Superior shall say,

MAY the Lord Almighty order our days and all our doings in his peace. *R.* Amen.

THE ORDER OF THE General and Provincial Chapters.

All standing, the Mother shall say before each day's session of the Chapter,

IN the Name of the Father, and of the  Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *R.* Amen. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.* O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by 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 the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

The order of proceedings in the General Chapter shall be as followeth:—(1) The calling of the roll; (2) The reading of the Acta of the last General Chapter; (3) The report of the official acts of the Mother General. In this report she will submit an account of any money entrusted to her by the General Chapter; (4) The report of the official acts of the General Council; (5) The report of each Mother Provincial on the spiritual and financial condition of her Province. This may be made by the reading of the report previously sent to the Mother General; (6) The report of any Sister Superior whom the Mother General may call upon to give an account of the work of her House; (7) Unfinished business; (8) The con-

sideration in order of the subjects on the list of the Agenda; (9) The reading of any communications to the General Chapter; (10) Miscellaneous business; (11) Elections, if any.

The order of proceedings in a Provincial Chapter shall be as followeth:—(1) The calling of the roll; (2) The reading of the Acta of the last Provincial Chapter; (3) The report of the official acts of the Mother Provincial; (4) The report of the official acts of the Provincial Council; (5) The reading of the report of the Trustees with regard to all receipts and expenditures of the Permanent and Invested Fund, and of the Current Expense Fund; (6) The auditing of all the accounts of the Trustees by two of the Sisters; (7) The presentation of evidence of the existence of all securities belonging to the Province; (8) The report to the Chapter of any resolutions passed by the General Chapter, which resolutions shall be recorded among the Acta of the Provincial Chapter; (9) The consideration in order of the subjects on the list of the Agenda; (10) Communications; (11) Miscellaneous business; (12) Elections, if any.

At the end of each day's session, all standing, the Mother shall say,

Let us pray.

ALmighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; we humbly beseech thee that, as by thy special grace preventing us, thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

On the last day, before the Chapter adjourneth sine die, shall be added,

V. Stablish the thing, O God, that thou hast wrought in us. *R.* For thy temple's sake at Jerusalem. *V.* Sisters, let us depart in peace. *R.* In the ✠ Name of the Lord. Amen.

AN ORDER OF Preparation for Mass.

The office following may be said privately before Mass. There may first be said Psalms 84, 85, 86, 116, and 130, under this antiphon.

REMEMBER not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers: neither take thou vengeance of our sins.

The antiphon shall be doubled on Double Festivals, and in Easter-tide shall be added, Alleluia.

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father. *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.* I said, Lord, be merciful unto me. *R.* Heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee. *V.* Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last. *R.* And be gracious unto thy servants. *V.* Let thy mercy, O Lord, be showed upon us. *R.* As we do put our trust in thee. *V.* Let thy Priests be clothed with righteousness. *R.* And thy Saints sing with joyfulness. *V.* Cleanse me, O Lord, from my secret faults. *R.* And keep thy servant from presumptuous sins. *V.* O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

MOST gracious God, incline thy merciful ears to our prayers, and enlighten our hearts by the grace of the Holy Ghost; that we may worthily approach thy holy Mysteries, and love thee with an everlasting love.

INFLAME, O Lord, our minds and our hearts with the fire of the Holy Ghost; that we may serve thee with a chaste body, and please thee with a clean heart.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, that the Comforter, who proceedeth from thee, may enlighten our hearts; and lead us, as thy Son hath promised, into all truth.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, let the power of the Holy Ghost come upon us: that it may mercifully cleanse our hearts, and defend us from all adversities.

PURIFY our consciences, we beseech thee, O Lord, by thy visitation: that our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, when he cometh, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

DIRECTION OF INTENTION.

I INTEND to assist at this celebration of the Holy Sacrifice [and to offer this Communion] for the praise of Almighty God, and of the whole Church triumphant; for my own benefit; for the benefit of the whole Church militant and expectant; for all in general who have commended themselves to my prayers; and in particular for . . . And I pray that God may grant all those things which I now purpose for his glory, and which are according to his holy will.

In preparation for Communion may be said the prayers following,

A PRAYER OF SAINT AMBROSE.

WO the Table of thy most sweet Feast, O loving Lord, Jesus Christ, I, a sinner, presuming nothing on my own merits, but trusting in thy mercy and goodness, approach with fear and trembling. For my heart and my body are stained with many and grievous sins, my thoughts and my lips have not been carefully kept. Wherefore, O gracious God, O awful Majesty, I, in my misery, being brought into a great strait, turn to thee, the Fountain of mercy, to thee I hasten to be healed, and flee under thy protection: and thee, before whom as my Judge, I cannot stand, I long to have as my Saviour. To thee, O Lord, I show my wounds, to thee I discover my shame. I know my sins, for which I am afraid, are many and great. My trust is in thy mercies, of which there is no

end. Look therefore upon me with the eyes of thy mercy, O Lord Jesus Christ, eternal King, God and Man, crucified for man. Hearken unto me whose trust is in thee: have mercy upon me who am full of misery and sin, thou Fountain of mercy that will never cease to flow. Hail, Victim of Salvation, offered for me and all mankind upon the Altar of the Cross. Hail, noble and precious Blood, flowing from the wounds of my Crucified Lord Jesus Christ, and washing away the sins of the whole world. Remember, O Lord, thy creature, whom thou hast redeemed with thine own Blood. It repents me that I have sinned, and I desire to amend what I have done. Take away therefore from me, O most merciful Father, all my sins and iniquities; that being purified both in soul and body, I may be made meet worthily to taste the Holy of Holies; and grant that this holy foretaste of thy Body and Blood, which I, unworthy, purpose to take, may be for the remission of my sins; the perfect cleansing of my faults; the driving away of shameful thoughts, and the renewal of good desires; the healthful performance of works well-pleasing unto thee; and the most sure protection of soul and body against the wiles of my enemies. Amen.

A PRAYER OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS.

ALMIGHTY, everlasting God, lo, I draw near to the Sacrament of thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I draw nigh as one sick to the Physician of life; unclean to the Fountain of mercy; blind to the light of eternal brightness; poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth. I implore, therefore, the abundance of thine exceeding bounty, that thou wouldest vouchsafe to heal my sickness, to wash my defilements, to enlighten my blindness, to enrich my poverty, and to clothe my nakedness; and that I may receive the Bread of Angels, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, with such reverence and humility, such contrition and devotion, such purity and faith, and with such purpose and intention, as shall be

expedient for the health of my soul. Grant me, I beseech thee, that I may receive not only the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord, but may also be a partaker of the substance and virtue of the Sacrament. O most merciful God, grant me so to receive the body of thine only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, which he took of the Virgin Mary; that I may be worthy to be incorporated with his mystical Body and accounted among his members. O most loving Father, grant me, that thy beloved Son, whom I now purpose to receive veiled from sight, I may at length behold for ever face to face; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF BLESSING.

WHE almighty and merciful Lord grant unto me joy with peace, amendment of life, time for true repentance, the grace \times and comfort of the Holy Ghost, and perseverance in good works. Amen.

THE ORDER OF THE Thanksgiving after Mass.

The office following shall be said each day in choir immediately after Mass, as required by the Custumal; all standing.

Ant. Let us sing the song.

Benedicite omnia opera.

CALL ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O let Israel bless the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Spirits and Souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

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 and exalt him above all for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven: and to be praised, and glorified, and exalted above all for ever.

Here shall not be said, Glory be, but immediately shall be added,

PSALM 150. *Laudate Dominum.*

OPRAISE God in his holiness: praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp.

Praise him in the cymbals and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath: praise the Lord. Glory be, etc.

During the Triduum the Gloria shall everywhere be omitted.

Ant. Let us sing the song of the Three Children, which they sang as they blessed the Lord in the furnace of fire.

In Easter-tide shall be added, Alleluia. Then, all kneeling, shall be said,

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). ∇ . And lead us not into temptation. \mathcal{R} . But deliver us from evil. ∇ . All thy works praise thee, O Lord. \mathcal{R} . And thy Saints give thanks unto thee. ∇ . Let the Saints

be joyful in glory. *R.* Let them rejoice in their beds. *V.* Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us. *R.* But unto thy Name give the praise. *V.* O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who didst to the Three Children soothe the flames of fire; mercifully grant that the flames of sin may not kindle upon us thy servants.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help: that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

A PRAYER OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS.

WE render thee thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, who hast vouchsafed, not for any deserts of ours, but only out of the condescension of thy mercy, to feed us sinners, thine unworthy servants, with the precious Body and Blood of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray thee that this Holy Communion may not bring guilt upon us to condemnation, but may intercede for us to our pardon and salvation. Let it be to us an armour of faith, and a shield of good purpose; a riddance of all vices; an extermination of evil desires and longings; an increase of love and patience, of humility and obedience, and of all virtues; a firm defence against the wiles of our enemies, visible and invisible; a perfect quieting of all our impulses, fleshly and spiritual; a firm adherence to thee, the one true God; and a blessed consummation of our end. And we also pray thee, that thou wouldest vouchsafe to bring us sinners to that ineffable feast where thou, with thy Son, and the Holy Spirit, art to thy holy ones, true light, full satiety, everlasting joy, pleasure consummated, and perfect happiness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

In place of the above prayer may be said this that followeth:

A PRAYER OF SAINT BONAVENTURE.

O MOST dear Lord Jesus Christ, transfix the affections of our inmost souls with that most sweet and healthful wound of thy love, with true, serene, most holy, apostolic charity; that our souls may ever languish and melt with entire love and longing for thee. Let us ever desire thee, and faint for thy courts, and long to be dissolved and to be with thee. Grant that our souls may hunger after thee, the Bread of Angels, the Refreshment of holy souls, our daily and supersubstantial Bread, who hast all sweetness, and every pleasurable delight. Thee, whom the angels desire to look into, may our hearts ever hunger after and feed upon; and may our souls be filled with thy sweetness. May we ever thirst for thee, the Fountain of life, the Fountain of wisdom and knowledge, the Fountain of eternal light, the Torrent of pleasure, the Richness of the House of God. Let us ever compass thee, seek thee, find thee, stretch towards thee, arrive at thee, meditate upon thee, speak of thee, and do all things to the praise and glory of thy holy Name, with humility and discretion, with love and delight, with readiness and affection, with perseverance unto the end. And be thou ever our hope and our whole confidence; our riches, our delight, our pleasure, and our joy; our rest and tranquillity; our peace; our sweetness; our food and refreshment; our refuge and help; our wisdom, our portion, our possession, and our treasure; in whom our minds and hearts may firmly and unchangeably be fixed and rooted, henceforth and for evermore. *R.* Amen.

The office of thanksgiving shall be concluded by the following,

PRAYER OF SAINT IGNATIUS.

Anima Christi.

SOUL of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ,

strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within thy wounds hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from thee. From the malicious enemy defend me. In the hour of my death call me. And bid me come to thee. That with thy Saints I may praise thee for ever and ever. Amen.

THE
Act of Adoration of our Lord
IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

The following shall be said daily in choir after Vespers, except during the Triduum, as directed by the Custumal. All kneeling, there shall first be said or sung one or more of the anthems following. But on occasions of thanksgiving there may be sung Te Deum, all standing, except at the words, We therefore pray, etc.

O Sacrum Convivium.

Q SACRED Banquet wherein Christ is received, the memory of his Passion is renewed: the soul with grace is filled, and a pledge of future glory is bestowed. [Alleluia.]

O Salutaris Hostia.

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.
To God, the Three in One, ascend
All thanks and praise for evermore;
He grant us life that shall not end,
Upon the heavenly country's shore. Amen.

Ave verum.

HAIL! true Body, born of Mary,
Spotless Virgin's virgin-birth,
Thou who truly hangedst weary,
On the Cross for sons of earth;
Thou whose side was deeply riven
Whence the water flowed, and Blood:

Mayest thou, dear Lord; be given
In death's hour to be my food.
O sweetest Jesu! O gracious Jesu!
O Jesu, holy Mary's Son! Amen.

Bone Pastor.

VERY Bread, good Shepherd tend us,
Jesu, of thy love befriend us,
Thou refresh us, thou defend us,
Thine eternal goodness send us
In the land of life to see.

Thou, who all things canst and knowest,
Who on earth such food bestowest,
Grant us, with thy Saints, though lowest,
Where the heavenly feast thou showest,
Fellow-heirs and guests to be. Amen.

Tantum ergo.

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 our inward vision clear.
Glory let us give, and blessing,
To the Father, and the Son,
Honour, might, and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever, too, his love confessing,
Who from Both with Both is One. Amen.

Then shall be said or sung,

V. Thou gavest them Bread from heaven.
[Alleluia.] *R.* Containing within itself all sweetness. [Alleluia.]

If the Priest be present, he now riseth from kneeling before the altar; and standing in the midst before the lowest step of the altar, he saith,

Let us pray.

O GOD, who in this wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy Passion; grant unto us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred Mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may

always perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then, after silence for a short space, there may be sung one of these anthems, all standing,

Ego sum panis.

I AM the living Bread, which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this Bread, he shall live for ever. [Alleluia.]

O praise the Lord, all ye heathen: praise him, all ye nations.

For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.

Glory be, etc. I am the living Bread, etc.

Vincenti dabo.

MO him that overcometh will I give the hidden Manna, and a new name. [Alleluia.] *Then the Psalm, and To him, etc.*

THE ORDER OF THE

Blessing of the Table.

Before the Morning or Mid-day Meal.

All standing, the Superior shall begin,

BLESS ye. *The rest shall repeat, Bless ye. Then she shall say, V. The eyes of all (The rest shall continue), Wait upon thee, O Lord, and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness. Glory be, etc. As it was, etc. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (silently). V. And lead us not into temptation. R. But deliver us from evil.*

Then the Superior, making the sign of the Cross over the table, shall say, Let us pray.

BLESS us, O Lord, and ✠ these thy gifts, of which through thy bounty we are about to partake. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then the Lectrix shall say:

BE pleased, Reverend Mother (or My Sister, or Sister) to pray for a blessing.

THE BLESSING.

MHE King of eternal glory ✠ make us partakers of his heavenly table. *R.* Amen.

Then shall be read the Lesson of Scripture. At the end of the Lesson the Lectrix, standing, shall say,

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. *R.* Thanks be to God.

After the Morning and Mid-day Meals.

Thanksgiving shall be made in this manner, all standing,

V. All thy works praise thee, O Lord. R. And thy Saints give thanks unto thee. V. Glory be, etc. R. As it was, etc.

WE give thanks to thee, O Almighty God, for all thy benefits; who livest and reignest, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then shall be said all together,

PSALM 117. *Laudate Dominum.*

OPRAISE the Lord, all ye heathen: praise him, all ye nations.

For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.

Glory be, etc. As it was, etc.

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (silently). *V. And lead us not into temptation. R. But deliver us from evil. V. He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor. R. And his righteousness remaineth for ever. V. I will bless the Lord at all times. R. His praise shall ever be in my mouth. V. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord. R. The humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. V. O praise the Lord with me. R. And let us magnify his Name together. V. Blessed be the Name of the Lord. R. From this time forth for evermore.*

Then, without Let us pray, shall be said,

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

V. Let us bless the Lord. *R.* Thanks be to God. *V.* May the souls of the faithful through the mercy of God rest in peace. *R.* Amen. Our Father (*silently*). Which ended, shall be said, God give us his \times peace. *R.* Amen.

Before Supper.

Before the evening meal the Superior shall say, Bless ye; the others shall repeat, Bless ye. Then the Superior shall begin the versicle following, and the others shall continue,

MHE poor shall eat, and be satisfied, they that seek after the Lord shall praise him: your heart shall live for ever. Glory be to the Father, and the rest as above at the morning meal. Then the Lectrix shall say, Be pleased, Reverend Mother, or My Sister, or Sister, etc.

THE BLESSING.

MHE King of eternal glory \times bring us to the supper of eternal life. *R.* Amen.

After Supper.

At the end of the meal shall be said,

V. The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works, that they ought to be had in remembrance. *R.* He hath given meat unto them that fear him. *V.* Glory be, etc. *R.* As it was, etc.

BLESSED be the Lord in his gifts, and holy in all his works; who liveth and reigneth, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then shall be said all together Psalm 117, Laudate, and the rest that followeth as above.

When only one meal is taken in the day, all shall be said as at supper.

The aforesaid manner of blessing the table, and of the thanksgiving, shall be observed at all times and

seasons except on the days mentioned below, when the \times and the Psalm are changed.

On Christmas.

On Christmas Day and until the last meal on the Vigil of the Epiphany exclusive, there shall be said before all the meals,

V. The Word was made Flesh, alleluia: And dwelt among us, alleluia. Glory be. As it was.

At the end of each meal shall be said,

V. The Lord hath made known, alleluia. *R.* His Salvation, alleluia. *V.* Glory be, etc. *R.* As it was, etc.

The rest shall be said as appointed above. The Psalm shall be as followeth:

PSALM 98. Cantate Domino.

OSING unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things.

With his own right hand, and with his holy arm: hath he gotten himself the victory.

The Lord declared his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel: and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands: sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

Praise the Lord upon the harp: sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

With trumpets also, and shawms: O show yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.

Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is: the round world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord: for he is come to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall he judge the world: and the people with equity.

Glory be, etc. As it was, etc.

Instead of this Psalm, may be said Psalm 117, Laudate, as on page 205. This latter Psalm may

always be said at discretion, at other times, in place of the proper psalm.

On the Epiphany.

On the Epiphany, and throughout the whole Octave, there shall be said before all the meals,

V. The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents, alleluia: The kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts, alleluia. Glory be. As it was.

At the end of each meal shall be said,

V. All they from Sheba shall come, alleluia.

R. They shall bring gold and incense, alleluia.

V. Glory be, etc. *R.* As it was, etc.

PSALM 72. *Deus, judicium.*

GIVE the King thy judgments, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's Son.

Then shall he judge thy people according unto right: and defend the poor.

The mountains also shall bring peace: and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

He shall keep the simple folk by their right: defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.

They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth: from one generation to another.

He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool: even as the drops that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish: yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other: and from the flood unto the world's end.

They that dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him: his enemies shall lick the dust.

The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents: the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.

All kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth: the needy also, and him that hath no helper.

He shall be favourable to the simple and needy: and shall preserve the souls of the poor.

He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong: and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the gold of Arabia: prayer shall be made ever unto him, and daily shall he be praised.

There shall be an heap of corn in the earth, high upon the hills: his fruit shall shake like Libanus, and shall be green in the city like grass upon the earth.

His Name shall endure for ever; his Name shall remain under the sun among the posterities: which shall be blessed through him; and all the heathen shall praise him.

Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel: which only doeth wondrous things.

And blessed be the Name of his Majesty for ever: and all the earth shall be filled with his Majesty. Amen, Amen.

Glory be, etc. As it was, etc.

On Maundy Thursday.

The Superior shall begin at once and say without inflection, V. Christ was made obedient. *R.* Unto death for us.

Then the Our Father shall be said silently throughout. Which having been said, the Superior shall bless the table with the sign of the Cross, but without any form of words; neither shall be said, Be pleased, etc., before the Lesson; nor, But thou, etc., after the Lesson. At the end of the meal shall be repeated, V. Christ was made, etc., *as above. Afterwards shall be said Psalm 51, Miserere. Which being ended, without the V.* Glory be, etc., *shall be said silently, Our Father. Then the Superior, omitting Let us pray, shall say the Collect.*

ALmighty God, we beseech thee, graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the Cross.

At the end of the Collect the words, Who with thee, etc., shall not be said; nor shall there be added, May the souls of the faithful, etc. But the Collect having been ended, as above, there shall be said silently, Our Father; and there shall not be added, God give us his peace.

On Good Friday.

The office shall be said in the same way as on Maundy Thursday, but there shall be added to the V. Christ was made obedient unto death for us, the words, R. Even the death of the Cross.

On Easter Even.

After None (which on this day is said before the early Mass), Easter Even beginneth, and therefore at the Blessing of the table, there shall be said,

Bless ye. R. Bless ye. V. In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, alleluia: Came Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, to see the sepulchre, alleluia. Glory be, etc. As it was, etc.

At the end of each meal shall be repeated, V. In the end of the Sabbath, etc. Glory be, etc.

Then shall be said Psalm 117, and all that followeth, as in the first thanksgiving on page 205, except that instead of the Collect, Vouchsafe, O Lord, etc., shall be said,

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with him; and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

In Easter Week.

On Easter Day, and until the last meal of the following Saturday, at the Blessing of the table shall be said, V. This is the day which the Lord hath made, alleluia: We will rejoice, and be glad in it, alleluia. Glory be, etc. As it was, etc.

At the end of each meal shall be repeated, This is the day, with Glory be, etc.

PSALM 118. Confitemini Domino.

OGIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: because his mercy endureth for ever.

Let Israel now confess that he is gracious: and that his mercy endureth for ever.

Let the house of Aaron now confess: that his mercy endureth for ever.

Yea, let them now that fear the Lord confess: that his mercy endureth for ever.

I called upon the Lord in trouble: and the Lord heard me at large.

The Lord is on my side: I will not fear what man doeth unto me.

The Lord taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon mine enemies.

It is better to trust in the Lord: than to put any confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the Lord: than to put any confidence in princes.

All nations compassed me round about: but in the Name of the Lord will I destroy them.

They kept me in on every side, they kept me in, I say, on every side: but in the Name of the Lord will I destroy them.

They came about me like bees, and are extinct even as the fire among the thorns: for in the Name of the Lord I will destroy them.

Thou hast thrust sore at me, that I might fall: but the Lord was my help.

The Lord is my strength, and my song: and is become my salvation.

The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

The right hand of the Lord hath the preeminence: the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

I shall not die, but live: and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord hath chastened and corrected me: but he hath not given me over unto death.

Open me the gates of righteousness: that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord: the righteous shall enter into it.

I will thank thee, for thou hast heard me: and art become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders refused: is become the head-stone in the corner.

This is the Lord's doing: and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Help me now, O Lord: O Lord, send us now prosperity.

Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: we have wished you good luck, ye that are of the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord, who hath showed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, yea, even unto the horns of the altar.

Thou art my God, and I will thank thee: thou art my God, and I will praise thee.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever.

Glory be, etc. As it was, etc.

In Ascension-tide.

On the Ascension of our Lord, and until the Vigil of Pentecost exclusive, shall be said before each meal,

℣. God is gone up with a merry noise, alleluia: And the Lord with the sound of the trump, alleluia. Glory be, etc. As it was, etc.

At the end of each meal shall be said,

℣. Christ ascending up on high, alleluia: ℞. Hath led captivity captive, alleluia. ℣. Glory be, etc. ℞. As it was, etc.

PSALM 47. *Omnes gentes, plaudite.*

O CLAP your hands together, all ye people: O 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.

He shall subdue the people under us: and the nations under our feet.

He shall choose out an heritage for us: even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.

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.

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 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.

Glory be, etc. As it was, etc.

In Whitsun-tide.

On Pentecost, that is, from the last meal of the Vigil, inclusive, until the last meal of the following Saturday, exclusive, shall be said,

℣. The Spirit of the Lord filleth the world, alleluia. And that which containeth all things, hath knowledge of the voice, alleluia. Glory be, etc.

At the end of each meal shall be said,

℣. They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, alleluia. ℞. And began to speak, alleluia. ℣. Glory be, etc. ℞. As it was, etc.

PSALM 48. *Magnus Dominus.*

GREAT is the Lord, and highly to be praised: in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.

The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth: upon the north side lieth the city of the great King; God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.

For lo, the kings of the earth: are gathered, and gone by together.

They marvelled to see such things: they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.

Fear came there upon them, and sorrow: as upon a woman in her travail.

Thou shalt break the ships of the sea: through the east-wind.

Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God: God upholdeth the same for ever.

We wait for thy lovingkindness, O God: in the midst of thy temple.

O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let the Mount Sion rejoice, and the daughter of Judah be glad: because of thy judgments.

Walk about Sion, and go round about her: and tell the towers thereof.

Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses: that ye may tell them that come after.

For this God is our God for ever and ever: he shall be our guide unto death.

Glory be, etc. As it was, etc.

Memorials and Prayers.

PRESCRIBED MEMORIALS.

The Act of Oblation.

To be said privately each morning, as directed on page 30.

BEHOLD, the handmaid of the Lord: be it unto me according to thy word.

Suscipe.

ACCEPT, O Lord, my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my will. All that I am and have thou hast given to me; and I give all back to thee to be disposed of according to thy good pleasure. Give me only the comfort of thy presence and the joy of thy love; with these I shall be more than rich and shall desire nothing more.

The Angelical Salutation.

This memorial is prescribed on page 120. It is made thrice a day, to wit, at six o'clock in the morning, at noon, and at six o'clock in the evening, or as near these times as possible; in choir and elsewhere, where it may conveniently be done, it is said kneeling.

There shall be three strokes of the bell, and then a pause.

Angelus Domini.

THE angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Mary. *R.* And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and in the hour of our death. Amen.

Then shall be three more strokes of the bell, and then a pause.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. *R.* Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, etc.

Then, for the third time, there shall be three strokes of the bell, and then a pause.

V. And the Word was made Flesh. *R.* And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, etc.

The bell shall now be rung nine times.

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel, so by his Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Visible Unity of the Church.

To be said after None on the Rogation Days, as directed on page 111.

Ant. One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all: who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

V. In that day there shall be one Lord. *R.* And his Name one.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who saidst unto thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church, and grant unto her that peace and unity which is according to thy will, who livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

For the Religious Life.

To be said after None during the Novena before Pentecost, as directed on page 112.

Ant. If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor: and thou shalt have treasure in heaven, and come and follow me.

V. They forsook all. *R.* And followed him.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who in every generation hast called faithful souls to leave all things and follow thee; let thy voice be heard in thy Church now as in the days of old, and raise up many servants and handmaids to serve thee in the Religious Life; and grant unto all who have received thy heavenly calling, that they may, with full purpose of mind and heart, follow thee in the way of poverty, chastity and obedience, and find in thee their riches, their joy, and their perfect rest, who livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

For Benefactors.

The two memorials for Benefactors, which here follow, shall be said on All Saints' Day, as directed on page 112. In the Mass, the first Collect shall be said by the Celebrant after the Collect of the day, and the other shall be said as a Post Communion immediately before the Blessing.

FOR TEMPORAL BENEFACTORS.

Ant. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren: ye have done it unto me.

V. The Lord grant unto them. *R.* That they may find mercy of the Lord in that day.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who art the giver of all good things; graciously behold all those who have been the instruments of thy love in ministering to our temporal necessities; reward them in this life with the riches of thy grace, and hereafter give them an abundant entrance into thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

FOR SPIRITUAL BENEFACTORS.

Ant. The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble: the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee.

V. Remember all thy offerings. *R.* And accept thy burnt sacrifice.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who dost impart thy grace through those whom thou dost set over us; we thank thee for the blessings vouchsafed to this Community by the ministry of . . . We beseech thee to perfect these thy servants according to the fulness of thy love; grant that in keeping the grace which we have received through their instrumentality, we may give them cause to rejoice with us in its increase; grant also, that the thanksgivings of many for their ministrations may abound for them in the great day of reward; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *R.* Amen.

On the Ember Days.

FOR THE INCREASE OF FAITHFUL PRIESTS.

To be said after None on the Ember Days, as directed on page 112.

Ant. I am the good Shepherd: The good Shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

V. I will give you Pastors. *R.* According to mine heart.

Let us pray.

O GOD, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; raise up, we beseech thee, by the same Spirit a great number of faithful Pastors and well-learned Priests, who,

gladly counting all things but loss for Christ, may steadfastly seek thy glory and not their own honour, the salvation of souls and not their own advantage, and both by word and good example may serve before thee to the glory of thy Name, and the edification of thy Church; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *R.* Amen.

FOR ORDINANDS.

Ant. As my Father hath sent me: even so send I you.

℟. Ye shall be named the Priests of the Lord.
R. Men shall call you the Ministers of our God.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast purchased to thyself an universal Church by the precious blood of thy dear Son; mercifully look upon the same, and at this time so guide and govern the minds of thy servants the Bishops and Pastors of thy flock, that they may lay hands suddenly on no man, but faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons, to serve in the sacred Ministry of thy Church. And to those who shall be ordained to any holy function (especially . . .), give thy grace and heavenly benediction; that both by their life and doctrine they may show forth thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

For the Election of a Mother Superior.

To be used after Terce throughout the Community when the office of Mother General is vacant; and throughout the Province, when the office of Mother Provincial is vacant, as directed on pages 47 and 60.

Ant. The Lord make the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel and Leah: which two did build the house of Israel.

℟. Forego not a wise and good woman. *R.* For her praise is above gold.

Let us pray.

O GOD, whose sovereign will is over all things; grant unto this Community (or this Province) a Mother Superior in whom is the law of holiness

and the spirit of understanding, who may be able to guide us in the way of perfection, and to direct our works to the advancement of thy glory; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *R.* Amen.

OCCASIONAL MEMORIALS.

The Memorials or Prayers which follow shall be said in Choir after any of the Offices, when directed by a Mother Superior for her Province, or by a Sister Superior for her House.

A General Memorial.

LET us pray for the continual progress of the knowledge of Eucharistic truth and ritual; for a weekly celebration of the Holy Sacrifice in . . . ; and for the daily celebration of the Holy Sacrifice in all our Churches, and especially in . . . ; let us also pray. (*Here mention may be made of any special petitions of individuals or confraternities.*)

Then shall be said the Our Father, and the Collect following,

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; we beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

For a Blessing on a Retreat.

Ant. Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers: and shut thy doors about thee.

℟. When they were alone. *R.* He expounded all things to his disciples.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst say to thy disciples, Come ye apart into a desert place and rest awhile; grant, we beseech thee, to thy servants now gathered together, so to seek thee whom our souls desire to love, that we may both find thee

and be found in thee; and let such love and wisdom accompany the words which shall be spoken in thy Name, that they may not fall to the ground, but may help us onward through the toils of our pilgrimage to that rest which remaineth, where, nevertheless, they rest not day nor night from thy perfect service, who livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

For the Election of a Bishop.

Ant. I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them: even my servant David, he shall feed them, and be their shepherd.

V. Let the Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation. *R.* That the congregation of the Lord be not as sheep which have no shepherd.

Let us pray.

LET thy boundless lovingkindness, O Lord, grant unto this Diocese (*or* the Diocese of *N.*) a Bishop who shall be pleasing to thee in faith and in holiness of life, and profitable unto thy people in watchfulness and holy zeal; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *R.* Amen.

For the General or Diocesan Conventon.

Ant. Stand fast in one spirit, with one mind: striving together for the faith of the Gospel.

V. All the Churches shall know. *R.* That I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts.

Let us pray.

ALmighty and everlasting God, who by thy Holy Spirit didst preside in the Council of the blessed Apostles, and hast promised, through thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with thy Church to the end of the world; we beseech thee to be with the Council of thy Church (*or* with the Council of thy Church in the diocese of . . .) now assembled in thy Name and Presence. Save them from all error, ignorance, pride, and prejudice; and of thy great mercy vouchsafe, we beseech thee, so to direct, sanctify, and govern them in their work, by the

mighty power of the Holy Ghost, that the comfortable Gospel of Christ may be truly preached, truly received, and truly followed, in all places, to the breaking down of the kingdom of sin, Satan, and death; till at length the whole of thy dispersed sheep, being gathered into one fold, shall become partakers of everlasting life; through the merits and death of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *R.* Amen.

For the Bishops.

Ant. Thy children shall be princes in all lands.

V. Behold, O God our Defender. *R.* And look upon the face of thine anointed.

Let us pray.

O GOD, the Pastor and Ruler of thy faithful people; look down in mercy on thy servant *N.*, the Bishop of this diocese, and all other Bishops under whom we serve; do thou evermore guide, defend, comfort, sanctify and save them; and grant them thy grace so to advance in word and good example, that they, with the flocks committed to them, may attain to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *R.* Amen.

For the Chaplains and Confessors.

Ant. Brethren, pray for us: that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified.

V. O Lord, purify the sons of Levi. *R.* That they may offer unto thee an offering in righteousness.

Let us pray.

O LORD God of hosts, graciously behold all those who wait at thine altar, especially the Chaplains and Confessors of our Community, and all other Priests who minister to us in holy things; fill them, we beseech thee, with the spirit of faith and love, and clothe them with the righteousness of thy Son, that they may offer unto thee acceptable sacrifices, and be sure guides to thy people amid the darkness and uncertainty of this present world; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *R.* Amen.

For the Sanctification of the Community.

Ant. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. *R.* Be it unto me according to thy word.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY God, who didst choose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the Mother of thine incarnate Son; grant to us thy servants, who bear her name, so to yield ourselves to the operation of the Holy Ghost, that we may be acceptable in thy sight, and may bring forth to thee the fruit of good works; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

For the Works of the Community.

Ant. If I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet: ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

V. If ye know these things. *R.* Happy are ye if ye do them.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst toil and suffer that we might live, and hast called us to follow the example of thy vicarious life; we commend unto thy loving protection all the Houses and works of our Community (especially . . .); grant that we may rejoice to spend and be spent for those whom thou hast redeemed, and that we may never draw back from any sacrifice to which thou dost call us; and do thou so bless and prosper our labours, that we may have such success as is pleasing in thy sight, and may bring those to whom we minister to share in the peace and joy of thy salvation; who livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

For Absent Sisters.

Ant. The Lord watch between me and thee: when we are absent one from another.

V. He shall give his angels charge over thee.
R. To keep thee in all thy ways.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, whose presence filleth all the world, and from whom thy loved ones cannot be separated either by time or place; we commend to thy care and protection our absent Sisters (especially our Sister *N.*), that amid all the uncertainties of this life they may be comforted by the invisible fellowship of thy Saints and Angels, and may ever have the eye of their understanding enlightened to behold thee, the hope of our pilgrimage and the joy of our everlasting home; who livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

For the Associates.

Ant. God is not unrighteous, to forget your work and labour of love which ye have shewed towards his Name: in that ye have ministered to the Saints, and yet do minister.

V. Do well, O Lord. *R.* Unto those that are good and true of heart.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who art the exceeding great reward of them that serve thee; remember all who are bound to us by the bond of spiritual friendship, especially the Associates of our Community; incline thine ear to the desires and prayers of their hearts, and accept the good works which they do in thy Name; grant unto them in this life the gift of thy love, and in the world to come give them a place in the company of the redeemed; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *R.* Amen.

For the Building of a Religious House.

Ant. Bring wood and build the house and I will take pleasure in it: and I will be glorified, saith the Lord.

V. The Lord of heaven, he will prosper you.
R. Therefore we his servants will arise and build.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the ministry of Elisha didst assist the sons of the prophets in building them an house, and by the mouth of Haggai didst stir up the spirit of the people to rebuild thy temple, and didst also put it into the heart of Nehemiah to restore the walls of Jerusalem; look upon us thy servants, and, forasmuch as thou hast in thy hand the wills of all men, do thou in thine own good time raise us up help to build such a Religious House as is needed for thy glory and service in this Community; through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord. *R.* Amen.

For New Buildings

Of any Department of Work.

Ant. Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my Name: he will give it you.

V. Ask and ye shall receive. *R.* That your joy may be full.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who hast called us to labour for the salvation of thy people; open, we beseech thee, the hearts and hands of thy people to give generously to the erection of the buildings for . . . ; and grant that what we thus purpose for the advancement of thy truth, and the welfare of the souls committed to our care, may speedily be accomplished to thy greater glory; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *R.* Amen.

For the Maintenance of a House.

Ant. They who seek the Lord: shall want no manner of thing that is good.

V. Lo, the poor crieth. *R.* And the Lord heareth him.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by thy Son Jesus Christ hast told us that thou thyself lovest us; we beseech thee to look graciously upon us who, although unworthy of the least of thy mercies, trust in thy promises and wait upon thy bounty; and grant us

all things needful for the maintenance of this Convent (*or this House*) and for the bodily sustenance of those who dwell herein; that our hearts being filled with thy goodness, we may ever sing praises unto thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *R.* Amen.

For the Parish.

Ant. I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring.

V. O Lord, look down from heaven. *R.* Behold and visit this vine.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of us thy servants, and grant unto this parish all things needful for its spiritual welfare; strengthen and increase the faithful, visit and relieve the sick, turn and soften the wicked, rouse the careless, recover the fallen, restore the penitent, remove all hindrances to the advancement of thy truth, and bring all to be of one heart and mind within the fold of the holy Church; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *R.* Amen.

For the School Children.

Ant. All thy children shall be taught of the Lord: and great shall be the peace of thy children.

V. Take this child and nurse it for me. *R.* And I will give thee thy reward.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Child of Bethlehem, Everlasting God, look upon the children who are being trained in our Houses (especially those in . . .) and make them by thy grace to be truthful, pure, and obedient; discipline their hearts and minds by thy fear and love, that they may be fitted to accept the state of life to which thou shalt call them; and to us whom thou hast set over them,

give the spirit of wisdom whereby we may, so nurture them for thy glory, that we may meet them with joy in the day of thine appearing; who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

For the Conversion of Sinners.

Ant. I will heal their backslidings: I will love them freely.

V. God desireth not the death of a sinner.
R. But rather that he should be converted and live.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY God, who willest all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of thy truth; we beseech thee to hear our prayers for those who sin against thee or neglect to serve thee (especially . . . and all others for whom our prayers are desired); grant unto them true repentance, an earnest desire to serve thee, and the grace of pardon and peace; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *R.* Amen.

For the Penitents.

Ant. The Lord looseth men out of prison, the Lord giveth sight to the blind: the Lord helpeth them that are fallen.

V. Cast them not away from thy presence.
R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from them.

Let us pray.

O MOST merciful Father, who sentest thy Son to seek and to save that which was lost; look with pity upon thine erring servants who are sheltered in our Houses; grant unto them true contrition of heart, an earnest desire to forsake sin, and the grace of pardon and absolution. Strengthen those who have gone out from under our care in their good resolutions, lead them onward in the paths of purity and obedience, and at length give them a place amongst those who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. And to those who have left us in impenitence, grant the fear of thy judgments

and the vision of thy mercy, and suffer them not to perish everlastingly; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *R.* Amen.

For Catechumens.

Ant. Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit: he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

V. By one Spirit. *R.* Are we all baptized into one body.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who dost continually enrich thy Church with new offspring; grant to all catechumens (especially . . .) such an increase in understanding and faith, and such sincere purpose of serving thee, that they may be born again in Holy Baptism; and being made thy children by adoption and grace, may ever continue in living union with thee unto their lives' end; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *R.* Amen.

For Confirmands.

Ant. He who hath anointed us is God: who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

V. Ye have an Uncction. *R.* From the Holy One.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the Laying on of hands dost anoint and seal thy children with the gifts of thy Holy Spirit; grant unto all who are to be confirmed (especially . . .) such fervent faith and hearty repentance, that the unction of thy grace may illuminate their minds, renew their hearts, confirm their wills, and sanctify them wholly; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *R.* Amen.

For Those in Doubt as to Their Vocation.

Ant. Thine ears shall hear a voice behind thee, saying: This is the way, walk ye in it.

V. O send out thy light and thy truth. *R.* That they may lead me.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who art the light that lighteneth every man; we beseech thee to guide all those who are in doubt with regard to the vocation of their life (especially . . .), and give them grace so to follow the indications of thy providence, that they may seek to glorify thee in accordance with thy divine purpose, and so may receive thy blessing in time and in eternity; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *R.* Amen.

For Those in Trouble.

Ant. Though I walk in the midst of trouble: yet shalt thou refresh me.

V. Have mercy upon me, O Lord. *R.* For I am in trouble.

Let us pray.

O MERCIFUL God, and heavenly Father, who hast taught us in thy holy Word that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men; look with pity, we beseech thee, upon the sorrows of thy servant *N.*, for whom our prayers are desired. In thy wisdom thou hast seen fit to visit *him* with trouble, and to bring distress upon *him*. Remember *him*, O Lord, in mercy; sanctify thy fatherly correction to *him*; endue *his soul* with patience under *his* affliction, and with resignation to thy blessed will; comfort *him* with a sense of thy goodness; lift up thy countenance upon *him*, and give *him* peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

For Those at Sea.

Ant. The waves of the sea are mighty and rage horribly: but yet the Lord who dwelleth on high is mightier.

V. O ye seas and floods, bless ye the Lord. *R.* Praise him, and magnify him for ever.

Let us pray.

O ETERNAL God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; we commend to thy almighty protection thy serv-

ant *N.*, for whose preservation on the great deep our prayers are desired. Guard *him*, we beseech thee, from the dangers of the sea, from sickness, from the violence of enemies, and from every evil to which *he* may be exposed. Conduct *him* in safety to the haven where *he* would be, with a grateful sense of thy mercies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

For Travellers by Land.

Ant. God, which dwelleth in heaven, prosper your journey: and the angel of God keep you company.

V. He shall give his angels charge over thee. *R.* To keep thee in all thy ways.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who didst guide and protect Abraham in all his wanderings; grant unto thy servant *N.* a prosperous journey and a safe arrival at the place where *he* would be; be to *him* a shadow in the heat, a refuge in the tempest, and a protection in adversity; deliver *him* from every snare of the evil one; and grant, when life's pilgrimage is over, that *he* may attain unto the heavenly country; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *R.* Amen.

For Fair Weather.

Ant. He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm.

V. He commandeth even the winds and water. *R.* And they obey him.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech thee, of thy great goodness, to restrain those immoderate rains, wherewith, for our sins, thou hast afflicted us. And we pray thee to send us such seasonable weather, that the earth may, in due time, yield her increase for our use and benefit. And give us grace, that we may learn by thy punishments to amend our lives, and for thy clemency to give thee thanks and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

For Rain.

Ant. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed: and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

V. I will give you rain in due season. *R.* And the land shall yield her increase.

Let us pray.

O GOD, heavenly Father, who by thy Son Jesus Christ hast promised to all those who seek thy kingdom, and the righteousness thereof, all things necessary to their bodily sustenance; send us, we beseech thee, in this our necessity, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort, and to thy honour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

In Time of Dearth.

Ant. The eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him: and upon them that put their trust in his mercy.

V. Thou openest thine hand. *R.* And fillest all things living with plenteousness.

Let us pray.

O GOD, heavenly Father, whose gift it is that the rain doth fall, and the earth bring forth her increase; behold, we beseech thee, the afflictions of thy people; increase the fruits of the earth by thy heavenly benediction; and grant that the scarcity and dearth, which we now most justly suffer for our sins, may, through thy goodness, be mercifully turned into plenty; for the love of Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *R.* Amen.

On the Approach of Pestilence.

Ant. Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

V. He shall defend thee under his wings. *R.* And thou shalt be safe under his feathers.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY God, who art the Author of our life, both in nature and in grace; we beseech thee to avert from us the pestilence wherewith we

are threatened for our iniquities, if it be thy holy will; and grant that we, humbling ourselves before thee in lasting penitence for our sins, may be defended from the scourges of thy wrath, and may ever praise and serve thee for our deliverance; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *R.* Amen.

In Time of Great Mortality.

Ant. 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.

V. We carry the sentence of death in ourselves. *R.* That we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY God, the Lord of life and death, of sickness and health; regard our supplications, we humbly beseech thee; and, as thou hast thought fit to visit us for our sins with great sickness and mortality, in the midst of thy judgment, O Lord, remember mercy. Have pity upon us miserable sinners, and withdraw from us the grievous sickness with which we are afflicted. May this thy fatherly correction have its due influence upon us, by leading us to consider how frail and uncertain our life is; that we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which in the end will bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

In Time of War and Tumults.

Ant. The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

V. The Lord shall give strength unto his people. *R.* The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY God, the supreme Governor of all things, whose power no creature is able to resist, to whom it belongeth justly to punish sinners, and to be merciful to those who truly repent; save and deliver us, we humbly beseech thee, from

the hands of our enemies; that we, being armed with thy defence, may be preserved evermore from all perils, to glorify thee, who art the only giver of all victory; through the merits of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

For the Sick.

FOR A SICK ADULT.

Ant. They brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments: and he healed them.

V. The prayer of faith. *R.* Shall save the sick.

Let us pray.

O FATHER of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; look down from heaven, we humbly beseech thee, behold, visit, and relieve thy sick servant *N.*, for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon *him* with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort *him* with a sense of thy goodness; preserve *him* from the temptations of the enemy; give *him* patience under *his* affliction; and, in thy good time, restore *him* to health, and enable *him* to lead the residue of *his* life in thy fear, and to thy glory. Or else give *him* grace so to take thy visitation, that, after this painful life ended, *he* may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

FOR A SICK CHILD.

ALMIGHTY God, and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; look down from heaven, we humbly beseech thee, with the eyes of mercy, upon the sick child *N.*, for whom our prayers are desired. Deliver *him*, O Lord, in thy good appointed time, from *his* bodily pain, and visit *him* with thy salvation; that if it should be thy good pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to thee, and be an instrument of thy glory, by serving thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* generation. Or else receive *him* into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of those who sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy

perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for the love of thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *R.* Amen.

For the Dying.

Ant. 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.

V. Forsake me not, O Lord, my God. *R.* Be not thou far from me.

Let us pray.

O GOOD Jesus, who art the Lord of life and of death; remember, we beseech thee, all those who, having fulfilled the number of their days, are soon to stand before thy judgment seat (especially thy servant *N.*); grant that they may omit nothing that is necessary to make their peace with thee, and let thy blessed will be accomplished in them; and so sanctify their present sufferings that they may redound to their eternal welfare hereafter; who livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

For the Dead.

Ant. As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up; so man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

V. Rest eternal grant to *him*, O Lord. *R.* And let light perpetual shine upon *him*.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect after they are delivered from their earthly prisons; we humbly commend the soul of thy departed servant *N.* into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator and most merciful Saviour; most humbly beseeching thee that it may be precious in thy sight. Wash it, we pray thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatsoever defilements it may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and

naughty world through the lusts of the flesh or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before thee; through the merits of Jesus Christ, thine only Son our Lord. *R.* Amen.

For the Preservation of the Faith.

Ant. The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed: which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

V. War a good warfare. *R.* Holding faith and a good conscience.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, thou God of armies, who hast committed to the Catholic Church the revelation of thine unchangeable truth; make, we beseech thee, the Church in this land (especially at this time) to be a faithful witness to that revelation in all its fulness; and smite with the sword of thy mouth all who, making war against thee, would sully thy mysteries by the admixture of false doctrine, or who would destroy thy religion by the substitution of human fancy for the law of thy commandments; and grant that those who now earnestly contend for the faith may hereafter follow thee in the victory of heaven, when thou shalt bruise Satan under thy feet; who livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

For the Conversion of the United States.

Ant. There was given the Son of Man dominion, and glory, and a kingdom: that all people, nations and languages should serve him.

V. The nation that will not serve thee. *R.* Shall perish.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY God, whose service is perfect freedom; turn the eyes of thy mercy upon the people of this country who know thee not (and especially upon those in . . .); dispel the clouds of ignorance, prejudice, and sin which blind their

minds, and let thy voice be heard in their hearts; and so bless the labours of those who proclaim thy truth, that many souls may be gathered into the unity of thy holy Church, and that this our land may at length acknowledge thy sovereignty, and be made part of the kingdom of thy Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

For the Conversion of the Heathen.

Ant. God our Saviour will have all men to be saved: and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

V. Tell it out among the heathen. *R.* That the Lord is King.

Let us pray.

O GOD of all nations of the earth; remember the multitudes of the heathen who, though created in thine image, are perishing in their ignorance (especially those in . . .); and according to the propitiation of thy Son Jesus Christ, grant that by the prayers and labours of thy holy Church they may be delivered from all superstition and unbelief, and brought to worship thee, the only God; through him whom thou has sent to be the Saviour and the Life of the whole world, the same Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *R.* Amen.

For Missionaries.

Ant. I count not my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy: and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the Gospel of the grace of God.

V. I am ready not to be bound only. *R.* But also to die for the Name of the Lord Jesus.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who hast commanded thy Church to preach the Gospel to all the world; we commend unto thy loving protection the heralds of salvation wherever they may be (especially thy servant *N.*). Give unto them the grace of wisdom and fortitude whereby they may teach boldly the

word of truth, zealously advance thy kingdom, and persevere in the work to which thou hast called them. And that the word spoken by them may never be spoken in vain, let the crucified life of thy Christ be manifest in their mortal flesh. Be with them in every sorrow and trial which they endure for thy Name's sake, and make their afflictions to redound to the salvation of those to whom they have been sent; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *R.* Amen.

A Visit to the Blessed Sacrament.

Vi adoro ogni momento.

HAIL, thou living Bread from Heaven,
Sacrament of awful might!

I adore thee, I adore thee,
Every moment, day and night.

Holiest Jesu! Son of Mary,
O'er me shed thy gifts divine:

Holiest Jesu! my Redeemer,
All my heart and soul are thine. Amen.

Adoro te devote.

HUMBLY I adore thee, Deity unseen, [mean;
Who thy glory hidest 'neath these shadows
Lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed,
Tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.

Taste, and touch, and vision, to discern thee fail,
Faith, that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil.
I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told;
What the Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold.

On the Cross lay hidden but thy Deity,
Here is also hidden thy Humanity;
But in both, believing and confessing, Lord,
Ask I what the dying thief of thee implored.

Thy dread wounds, like Thomas, though I cannot see,
His be my confession, Lord and God, of thee.
Lord, my faith unfeigned evermore increase.
Give me hope unfading, love that cannot cease.

O Memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death,
Living Bread, that givest all thy creatures breath;

Grant my spirit ever by thy life may live,
To my taste thy sweetness never-failing give.

Pelican of mercy, Jesu, Lord and God,
Cleanse me, wretched sinner, in thy precious Blood.
Blood, whereof one drop for human kind outpoured,
Might from all transgression have the world re-
stored.

Jesu, whom now veiled, I by faith descry,
What my soul doth thirst for, do not, Lord, deny;
That thy face unveiled, I at last may see,
With the blissful vision blest, my God, of thee.
Amen.

V. My presence shall go with you. *R.* And
I will give you rest.

Let us pray.

COME, O Lord Jesus Christ, and live within
thine handmaid, in the fulness of thy power,
in the perfection of thy ways, and in the holiness
of thy Spirit; and by that Spirit subdue everything
which is contrary to thy will, that thou alone may-
est live and reign within me, to the glory of the
Father, both now and forever. Amen.

Then may follow other acts of praise and prayer.

THE ORDER OF THE Patronal Festival.

The Purification being the Patronal Feast of the Community, and also the Anniversary of the Founding of the Community, shall be observed as a Double of the first class with an Octave.

The Choir offices shall be said as prescribed in the Breviary. At Vespers and Lauds there shall be made the following Commemoration,

Of the Founding of the Community.

Ant. A woman that feareth the Lord: she shall be praised.

V. Give her of the fruit of her hands. *R.* And let her own works praise her in the gates.

Let us pray.

GOD, who on this feast day of the Blessed Virgin, didst inspire thy handmaid, Harriet, to dedicate her life unto thee in the Religious estate; grant, we beseech, that the members of the Community which she on this day founded may ever surrender themselves to the accomplishment of thy holy will; that they following the footsteps of the Mother of thine only-begotten Son, whose name they bear, may at length attain unto her company in the glory of thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

The Blessing of Candles.

In Houses where it may conveniently be done, candles shall be blessed and distributed; afterward a procession may be made, immediately before the principal Mass of the day.

The Priest having on him an amice, alb, and a violet stole and cope, or without the cope, and standing at the Epistle end of the altar, shall bless the candles (which ought to be placed on a table nigh to the altar), saying,

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, the true Light, which lighteneth every man that cometh into the world; pour thy bene \times diction upon these candles, and hal \times low them by the light of thy grace; and, as they when burning with visible fire are able to dispel the darkness of night, mercifully grant that our hearts may burn with the invisible fire of the Holy Ghost and be delivered from the thick darkness of sin; we beseech thee also that, the eyes of our souls being enlightened, we may be able to discern the things that are pleasing unto

thee and profitable to our own salvation; so that passing in safety through the darkness of this world, we may at length come to the bright shining of the eternal light; through thee, O Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, who in perfect Trinity livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then shall the Priest bless incense, sprinkle the candles thrice with holy water, and then cense them thrice. Then he shall say,

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY, everlasting God, who didst send thine only-begotten Son into the world to drive away the darkness of sin and to kindle the light of faith and love; mercifully grant, as we outwardly are enlightened by the created light, that we may be inwardly illuminated by the light of thy Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then the Sisters kneeling before the altar, the Priest shall deliver to each one a lighted candle into her right hand.

Then shall be sung the anthem following, all standing in the choir, and holding the lighted candles,

Lumen ad revelationem.

A LIGHT to lighten the Gentiles: and the glory of thy people Israel.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word. A light, etc.

For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation. A light, etc.

Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people. A light, etc.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost. A light, etc.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. A light, etc.

Then all still standing, the Priest shall say,

V. The Lord shall light my candle. *R.* The Lord shall make my darkness to be light.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who art the true and everlasting Light, pour the brightness of thy light into the hearts of thy faithful people, whereby they may be guided through the darkness of this life until they come unto that country of which thou art the light and the glory, who livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then the Sisters, holding the lighted candles, may follow the Priest and Clergy in procession around the chapel and through the cloisters, singing this hymn; or the hymn may be sung in the choir.

IN the midst of gladness, sorrow,
In the midst of sorrow, joy—
Darkness deep obscures the moonlight—
Moonbeams, shades of night, destroy;
For above the smiles and sighing
Of this bright but sin-stained earth,
Shines the Will of God, preparing
All things for their second birth.
None can yet partake the gladness,
All untempered by the Rood—
None can bear its weight of anguish,
Save by Jesu's succour good:
Thus the shady woodland branches
Hide the sunlight from our sight,
Thus the Cross of Jesus chequers
Earth's, perchance, too dazzling light.
So sweet Mary this day standeth
In the midst of all her joy,
Shrouded in the coming shadows,
Deep'ning in their sad alloy;
And her snowy lily shining
As by faith we see her stand,
Seems already shadowed over
By a cloud from far-off land.
Soon will sorrow be her portion,
Ere she reach the shining goal,
And the deeper, sharper anguish,
Sword-like, pierce her inmost soul;

But in all the gath'ring darkness,
Still the light from Gabriel's word
Shines with beams all radiant in her,
Mary, Mother of the Lord!

So in gladness, hail the sorrow—
So in sorrow, hail the joy—
Thus shall gladness speak of heaven,
And the bliss without alloy:
Thus we learn from Blessed Mary
Aye to dwell beneath the Cross,
And to count for that blest station
Earthly praise and honour, loss.

And at length, shall shine the radiance
Of the never-changing day,
When the Angels come, and go not,
But abide with us for aye;
Where the lily wreaths are blooming,
'Neath the sun that goes not down,
Where each brave, each true cross bearer
Shall receive a glorious crown. Amen.

The procession having returned to the choir (or, if there be no procession, immediately after the hymn), all standing, the Priest shall say,

V. Bring presents and come into his courts.
R. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that thine only-begotten Son, who by the Holy Ghost offered himself without spot, may cleanse our consciences from dead works and make us acceptable sacrifices in union with his own perfect oblation; who liveth and reigneth God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

The Priest shall then put upon him white vestments for the Mass. When he beginneth the preparation at the foot of the altar, the choir shall begin the Introit.

The Propers of the Mass.

THE INTROIT. *Suscepimus.*

WE have waited, O God, for thy lovingkindness, in the midst of thy temple: according to thy Name, O God, so is thy praise unto the world's end; thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised: in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.

Glory be, etc. We have waited, etc.

After the Priest hath read the Summary of the Law, shall be sung the Kyrie, as on page 149.

THE COLLECTS.

Let us pray.

ALmighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the fruitful virginity of Saint Mary hast bestowed upon mankind the prize of everlasting salvation; grant, we beseech thee, that we may be holpen by the intercessions of her through whom we have received the Author of our life, even thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

O GOD, who on this feast day of the Blessed Virgin, didst inspire thine handmaid, Harriet, to dedicate her life unto thee in the Religious estate; grant, we beseech thee, that the members of the Community which she on this day founded may ever surrender themselves to the accomplishment of thy holy will; that they following the footsteps of the Mother of thine only-begotten Son, whose name they bear, may at length attain unto her company in the glory of thy kingdom, through

Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

THE EPISTLE.

The portion of Scripture appointed for the Epistle is written in the third chapter of Malachi the Prophet, beginning at the first verse.

Mal. 3: 1.

BEHOLD, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' sope: and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years. And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts.

Here endeth the Epistle.

THE GRAIL.

THE Desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts. *V.* The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts.

Alleluia, Alleluia. *V.* Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Sion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee. Alleluia.

THE SEQUENCE.

Ave, plena gratia.

HAIL, thou Mother full of grace!
 In whose virgin arms' embrace,
 God to God himself doth vow:
 We would at the temple wait,
 We would meet thee at the gate,
 Jesu, for our Love art thou.

God is to his temple come,
 Angels throng the hallowed dome,
 Heaven contains no more than this;
 God-made Man himself is here
 With his Virgin Mother dear,
 Heaven hath not a fuller bliss.

Songs of exultation rise,
 At this morning sacrifice,
 Hymns through all the temple sound;
 Evening's Rites in tears shall end,
 And with bitter weepings blend,
 As they stand the Cross around.

Here the Sacrifice is brought,
 By whose priceless value bought,—
 We are all to God made nigh,
 We no longer are our own,
 Thine, O God, we are alone!
 Thine we live, and thine we die.

Let thy servants now depart,
 Let us see thee as thou art;
 Nothing here delights our eyes,
 But if here we stay below,
 In thee, Jesu, let us grow,
 So in thee we shall arise! Amen.

THE GOSPEL.

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the second chapter of Saint Luke, beginning at the twenty-second verse. *V.* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

St. Luke 2:22.

AND when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; (as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) and to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; and she was a widow of about four-score and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jeru-

salem. And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Then shall follow the Creed, and the Sermon, if there be one; after which the Priest shall read this Offertory, which the choir shall afterward sing.

THE OFFERTORY.

THEY brought Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord; and to offer a sacrifice, according to that which is said in the law of the Lord.

Then may be sung this hymn following,

Templi sacratas pande.

O SION, open wide thy gates,
Let figures disappear;
A Priest and Victim, both in one,
The Truth himself, is here.

No more the simple flock shall bleed;
Behold the Father's Son
Himself to his own altar comes,
For sinners to atone.

Conscious of hidden Deity,
The lowly Virgin brings
Her new-born Babe, with two young doves,
Her tender offerings.

The aged Simeon sees at last
His Lord so long desired,
And Anna welcomes Israel's Hope,
With holy rapture fired.

But silent stood the Mother blest
Of the yet silent Word,
And, pondering all things in her heart,
With speechless praise adored.

All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
While endless ages run. Amen.

THE PREFACE.

LIFT up your hearts. *R.* We lift them up unto the Lord. *V.* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. *R.* It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God. Because by the mystery of thy Word made Flesh fresh rays from thy glory have lightened the eyes of our mind; so that contemplating thy Son in visible form, we are by him carried away into the love of those things which eye hath not seen. Therefore with angels, etc.

The Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit shall be sung in their proper places.

After the Canon shall be sung the Agnus; and then the anthem called

THE COMMUNION.

SIMEON took the Child Jesus up in his arms, and blessed God, and said: Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation.

The Gloria in excelsis shall be said or sung in its proper place.

THE POST-COMMUNIONS.

Let us pray.

O LORD, who didst fulfil the expectation of thy righteous servant Simeon, so that he saw not death until he had seen thy Christ; grant, we beseech thee, that thy love may be so perfected in us, that when the time of our departure is at hand, we may be found in thy Son Jesus Christ, and with him pass from death unto life; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, to grant that we, who have received the Sacrament of salvation, may ever be protected by the prayers of Saint

Mary Ever-Virgin, whose memory we this day celebrate in worship of thy Majesty; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *R.* Amen.

O GOD, who, by thine handmaid Harriet, didst on this day lay the foundations of the Community of Saint Mary; grant that the work which she began from love of thee may continually be furthered by thy power and wisdom, to the advancement of thy glory and the good of thy Church; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

After the Sacrament hath been consumed shall be sung this hymn, all standing,

WITHIN the temple's hallowed courts
 Saint Mary stands;
 Behold, the Mother of Fair Love
 Fulfils the law's commands.
 Too poor the costly lamb to bring,
 She yet brings thee,
 The spotless Lamb of God—the Heir
 Of immortality.
 Oh, mystery, that woman's love
 Should bring the Lord
 Into his temple, and fulfil
 The promise of his word.
 Now the expectant ones behold
 The Light of Light;
 And in their daily hour of prayer
 Their faith is lost in sight.
 O Father, we have nought to bring
 But Mary's gift;
 The sacrifice of thy dear Son
 Anew by faith we lift.
 We, like the Mother-Maid, are poor
 But thou dost deign
 To give us thy dear Son, that we
 May give to thee again. Amen.

After the last Gospel the Te Deum may be sung, as on pages 168 and 169.

THE ORDER OF THE Way of the Cross.

The service following shall be said on the days prescribed by the Custumal. If a Priest officiate, he shall be vested in a surplice; and he may be attended by a boy as crossbearer and by two others as torchbearers. The Sisters shall walk after the Priest; and after them may walk any other women.

If it be not possible to make the procession, the service following may be said in the choir.

All kneeling down in the choir, there shall first be said,

O LORD Jesus Christ, our God and our Saviour, behold us at thy feet beseeching thy mercy for ourselves and for all thy faithful people; grant, as we meditate upon the pains which thou didst endure and the tears which thou didst shed, that our hearts may be filled with true contrition for all our sins; vouchsafe to us the graces which thou didst merit by thy Death and Passion; and strengthen us to accept and faithfully to carry our crosses through all the days of our pilgrimage. *R.* Amen.

Then all standing up, there shall be sung the hymn following, or some other hymn of the Passion, towards the end of which the Sisters shall go in procession to the First Station.

O Deus ego amo te.

MY God, I love thee; not because
 I hope for heaven thereby,
 Nor yet because who love thee not
 Are lost eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me
 Upon the Cross embrace;
 For me didst bear the nails, and spear,
 And manifold disgrace,
 And griefs and torments numberless,
 And sweat of agony;

Yea, death itself; and all for me
 Who was thine enemy.
 Then why, O blessed Jesu Christ,
 Should I not love thee well?
 Not for the sake of winning heaven,
 Nor of escaping hell;
 Not from the hope of gaining aught,
 Not seeking a reward;
 But as thyself hast loved me,
 O ever-loving Lord.
 So would I love thee, dearest Lord,
 And in thy praise will sing;
 Solely because thou art my God,
 And my most loving King. Amen.

*All the service following shall be said standing,
 until the concluding prayers. The Officiant shall an-
 nounce the title of each Station.*

The First Station.

JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH BY THE
 WORLD'S HATRED.

WHEN they saw Joseph afar off, even before he
 came near unto them, they conspired against
 him to slay him. And they said one to another
 . . . Come now, therefore, and let us slay him.
Gen. 37: 18-20.

They were instant with loud voices, requiring
 that Jesus might be crucified. And the voices of
 them and of the chief priests prevailed. And
 Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they re-
 quired. *St. Luke 23: 23, 24.*

All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall
 suffer persecution. *2 Tim. 3: 12.*

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy
 upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our
 Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into tempta-
 tion. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.* Me the
 world hateth because I testify of it. *R.* That the
 works thereof are evil. *V.* Whosoever will be a
 friend of the world. *R.* Is the enemy of God.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry
 come unto thee.

Let us pray.

OLORD Jesus Christ, who wast rejected and
 condemned by the world; grant that we,
 whom thou hast called out from the world, may never
 seek its passing praise; but make us to rejoice in
 suffering shame for thy Name's sake, that hereafter
 we may be counted worthy of the praise which en-
 dureth forever; who livest and reignest God, world
 without end. *R.* Amen.

*As the procession goeth from Station to Station
 there shall be said or sung this hymn, or some other
 hymn of the Passion,*

FROM pain to pain, from woe to woe,
 With loving heart and footsteps slow,
 To Calvary with Christ we go.
 See how his precious Blood
 At every station pours;
 Was ever grief like his?
 Was ever sin like ours?

The Second Station.

JESUS WILLINGLY ACCEPTETH THE CROSS
 ON WHICH HE IS TO DIE.

ABRAHAM took the wood of the burnt-offer-
 ing, and laid it upon Isaac his son. *Gen.*
22: 6.

Jesus bearing his cross went forth. *St. John*
19: 17.

I am ready not to be bound only, but also to
 die at Jerusalem for the Name of the Lord Jesus.
Acts 21: 13.

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have
 mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into
 temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.*
 Therefore doth my Father love me. *R.* Because I
 lay down my life that I might take it again. *V.*
 Whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the

Gospel's. *R.* The same shall save it. *V.* O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst freely lay down thy life in obedience to the will of the Father, and by that surrender didst keep thy life and didst win life for the world; grant that we may never draw back from any cross of sacrifice to which thou dost call us, but may ever be ready to spend and be spent for thine elect's sake, and may find obedience to be indeed the door to thee, our life and our joy; who livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then shall follow the hymn.

The Third Station.

JESUS FALLETH THE FIRST TIME, OVERCOME WITH GRIEF AT THE BURDEN OF MAN'S SIN.

MY wickednesses are gone over my head, and are like a sore burden, too heavy for me to bear. *Psalms* 38: 4.

The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his hand; they are wreathed and come up upon my neck; he hath made my strength to fall. The Lord hath delivered me into their hands from whom I am not able to rise up. *Lam.* 1: 14.

I Paul . . . rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the Church. *Col.* 1: 24.

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.* The Lord hath laid on him. *R.* The iniquity of us all. *V.* I endure all things for the elect's sake. *R.* That they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. *V.* O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who being laden with the burden of man's sin, didst fall for very sorrow, and by thy tears didst lift up a fallen world; increase in us the sense of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, that we whom thou hast raised to newness of life may not fall again under the dominion of evil; and grant that we may ever shew forth our thankfulness for the redemption wrought in us, by succouring the tempted and lifting up the fallen, to the glory of thy Name; who livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then shall follow the hymn.

The Fourth Station.

JESUS IS MET BY HIS BLESSED MOTHER IN THE WAY OF THE CROSS.

ANTO the Woman God said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow. *Gen.* 3: 16.

Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his Mother, Behold this Child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against; yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also. *St. Luke* 2: 34, 35.

I will rise now and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth . . . I found him whom my soul loveth; I held him and would not let him go. *Cant.* 3: 2, 4.

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.* I was my Father's Son. *R.* Tender and only-beloved in the sight of my Mother. *V.* Thou art my God. *R.* Even from my Mother's womb. *V.* O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, whose Blessed Mother sought thee and found thee in the way of the holy Cross; grant unto us who bear her name, that

in all the sorrows of this life we may seek thee whom our souls love, and be found by thee; and continuing with thee until the day break and the shadows flee away, may ever abide in the love wherewith thou hast loved us; who livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then shall follow the hymn.

The Fifth Station.

JESUS MEETETH SIMON THE CYRENIAN.

HE took from them Simeon and bound him before their eyes. *Gen. 42: 24.*

As they led Jesus away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the Cross, that he might bear it after Jesus. *St. Luke 23: 26.*

Behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there. *Acts 20: 22.*

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.* If any man will come after me, let him deny himself. *R.* And take up his cross daily and follow me. *V.* Whosoever shall do the will of God. *R.* The same is my brother, and my sister, and my mother. *V.* O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst meet Simon the Cyrenian as he went up to the earthly Jerusalem, and laying a cross upon him, didst turn his face towards Mount Calvary and the Jerusalem which is above; grant that we may ever be ready to turn aside from every purpose of our own hearts and to submit to the dispensation of thy holy will, whereby alone we can attain unto that city where is the unveiled glory of thy presence; who livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then shall follow the hymn.

The Sixth Station.

JESUS IS MINISTERED TO BY VERONICA.

I GAVE my back to the smiters, and my Cheeks to them that plucked off the hair; I hid not my Face from shame and spitting. *Isaiah 50: 6.*

His Visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men. *Isaiah 52: 14.*

We all with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same Image from glory to glory, as by the Spirit of the Lord. *2 Cor. 3: 18.*

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.* Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren. *R.* Ye have done it unto me. *V.* They shall see his Face. *R.* And his Name shall be in their foreheads. *V.* O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who in the way of the Cross didst accept the loving ministrations of one of thine handmaids, and didst reward her with the Image of thy countenance; grant that our eyes may so constantly contemplate thee in thy Passion and our hands be so unwearied in ministering to thy suffering members, that thy life may be made manifest in our mortal flesh, and that hereafter thy perfect likeness may transfigure and glorify us in the kingdom of all thy Saints; who livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then shall follow the hymn.

The Seventh Station.

JESUS FALLETH THE SECOND TIME, OVERCOME BY THE DESOLATION OF LONELINESS.

APON my right hand rise the youth; they push away my feet. *Job 30: 12.* When my foot slipt they rejoiced greatly against me. *Psalms 38: 16.*

I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man; neither found I any to comfort me. *Psalm 69: 21.*

No man stood with me, but all men forsook me. *2 Tim. 4: 16.*

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.* O go not far from me, for trouble is hard at hand. *R.* And there is none to help me. *V.* Take me out of the mire that I sink not. *R.* O let me be delivered from them that hate me. *V.* O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

OLORD Jesus Christ, who wast bereft of all human sympathy and support, and didst feel the desolation of loneliness; graciously look upon us who follow thee in the way of the holy Cross; when our hands are heavy do thou quicken us; when our hearts are saddened do thou cheer us; and when we fall under the burden of discouragement do thou lift us up and strengthen us with the comfort of thy presence, until thou bring us unto that city, where we shall see thee face to face in the company of the redeemed; who livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then shall follow the hymn.

The Eighth Station.

JESUS COUNSELETH THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM.

JOSEPH said unto them . . . , Fear ye not; I will nourish you and your little ones; and he comforted them and spake kindly unto them. *Gen. 50: 19-21.*

There followed Jesus a great company of people and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him; but Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. *St. Luke 23: 27, 28.*

We are labourers together with God. *1 Cor. 3: 9.*

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.* They that sow in tears. *R.* Shall reap in joy. *V.* He that now goeth on his way weeping and beareth forth good seed. *R.* Shall doubtless come again with joy and bring his sheaves with him. *V.* O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

OLORD Jesus Christ, who didst counsel the women of Jerusalem to mourn for themselves and for those for whom thou didst endure thy Passion; fill our hearts with the spirit of hearty contrition, whereby we may bewail both our own sins and the sins of thy people, and so may be fellow workers together with thee in accomplishing the number of thine elect; who livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then shall follow the hymn.

The Ninth Station.

JESUS FALLETH THE THIRD TIME, OVERCOME BY BODILY WEAKNESS.

MY strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums. *Psalm 22: 15.* My knees are weak through fasting. *Psalm 109: 23.*

I stick fast in the deep mire where no ground is; I am come into deep waters, so that the floods run over me. *Psalm 69: 2.*

In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness . . . If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities. *2 Cor. 11: 27, 30.*

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.*

I am a worm and no man. *R.* A very scorn of men and the outcast of the people. *V.* We also are weak with him. *R.* But we shall live with him by the power of God. *V.* O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who knowing whereof we are made, rememberest that we are but dust, and canst be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; look with pity upon the weakness of our mortal flesh, and by the weariness under which thou didst fall in the way of the Cross, do thou succour us who are weighed down by the burden of our dying bodies; suffer not the infirmities of the flesh to bring our minds into captivity to sin and death, but let thy strength be made perfect in our weakness; who livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then shall follow the hymn.

The Tenth Station.

JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS RAIMENT AND EXPOSED TO SHAME.

IT came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stripped Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him. *Gen. 37: 23.*

Then the soldiers when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part. *St. John 19: 23.*

We are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men . . . Even unto this present hour we both hunger and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place. *1 Cor. 4: 9, 11.*

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.* They part my garments among them. *R.* And cast lots

upon my vesture. *V.* He that is courageous among the mighty. *R.* Shall flee away naked in that day, saith the Lord. *V.* O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who in thy Passion wast stripped of thy raiment and exposed to shame and reproach; look in mercy upon us, and as we have laid aside the garments of the world, give us strength to strip away all vain religion and false appearances, however much may be the pain and humiliation; and grant that in truth and simplicity we walk before thee, unto whom all things are open and naked; who livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then shall follow the hymn.

The Eleventh Station.

JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS.

THEY came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. *Gen. 22: 9.*

When they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified Jesus. *St. Luke 23: 33.*

I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me. And the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. *Gal. 2: 20.*

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.* God forbid that I should glory. *R.* Save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. *V.* I bear in my body. *R.* The marks of the Lord Jesus. *V.* O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who wast nailed to the Cross to deliver us from death, and to show us the way of eternal life; grant that we, who outwardly profess to be crucified with thee, may rejoice to receive in our bodies the marks of our dying, whereby thou dost now set thy seal upon thy beloved ones, and whereby we shall be known as thine in the day that the angels shall gather together thine elect; who livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then shall follow the hymn.

The Twelfth Station.

JESUS SURRENDERETH HIS SOUL TO THE FATHER.

JOSEPH'S master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound; and he was there in the prison . . . And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison. *Gen. 39: 20, 22.*

When Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit; and having said thus, he gave up the ghost. *St. Luke 23: 46.* By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison, which sometime were disobedient. *1 Peter 3: 19, 20.*

Let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator. *1 Peter 4: 19.*

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.* Thou shalt not leave my soul in hell. *R.* Neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption. *V.* I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish. *R.* Neither shall any one pluck them out of my hand. *V.* O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who on the Cross didst surrender thy soul into the keeping of the Father; grant that we may trust our lives unreservedly into thy hand, knowing that thou wilt surely keep us through all the days of our pilgrimage; in the hour of our death do thou receive us into the arms of thy protection; and when we stand before the judgment seat, let thy passion and death win for us a place in the everlasting rest; who livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then shall follow the hymn.

The Thirteenth Station.

JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS AT EVENTIDE.

YOUR Lamb shall be without blemish, . . . and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening; and they shall take of the blood and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses. *Exod. 12: 5-7.*

One of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water . . . And after this Joseph of Arimathæa, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore and took the body of Jesus. *St. John 19: 34, 38.*

He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. *St. Matt. 24: 13.*

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.* If any man draw back. *R.* My soul shall have no pleasure in him. *V.* Be thou faithful unto death. *R.* And I will give thee a crown of life. *V.* O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst continue on the Cross until thy heart was broken and thy life poured forth; give the gift of perseverance unto us who by the vows of Religion are nailed to the cross of thy holy will; and grant that neither the sufferings of this present life nor the voices of the world may ever bring us down from the cross; but so strengthen us by thy grace that we may abide in our lot until our passion is accomplished; and then let our bodies be received into the keeping of thy holy angels, until the day that thou shalt clothe them with thine own immortality; who livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then shall follow the hymn.

The Fourteenth Station.

JESUS IS LAID AT REST IN THE SEPULCHRE.

AS Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. *St. Matt. 12:40.*

There came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight. Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid. There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day, for the sepulchre was nigh at hand. *St. John 19:39-42.*

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death. *Rom. 6:3, 4.*

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.* Ye

are dead. *R.* And your life is hid with Christ in God. *V.* He that is dead. *R.* Is freed from sin. *V.* O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who in the grave didst find rest from all thy labours and sorrows; conform us even now to the likeness of thy death, that we being buried with thee, may also live in thee and for thee; and to those to whom thou dost give to have part in this first resurrection, grant the peace which passeth understanding, and security from all the power of the second death; who livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then, as the procession returneth to the choir, shall be sung the hymn following:

Stabat Mater dolorosa.

AT the Cross her station keeping
Stood the mournful Mother weeping,
Close to Jesus at the last;
Through her soul of joy bereaved,
Bowed with anguish, deeply grieved,
Now at length the sword hath passed.

Oh, how sad and sore distressed
Now was she, that Mother blessed
Of the sole-begotten One;
Oh, that silent, ceaseless mourning,
Oh, those dim eyes, never turning
From that wondrous, suffering Son.

Who, on Christ's dear Mother gazing
Pierced by anguish so amazing,
Born of woman, would not weep?
Who, on Christ's dear Mother thinking,
Such a cup of sorrow drinking,
Would not share her sorrow deep?

For his people's sins chastised,
She beheld her Son despised, [twined;
Scourged, and crowned with thorns en-

Saw him then from judgment taken,
And in death by all forsaken,
Till his Spirit he resigned.

Mother, oh, that I might borrow
Somewhat of thy love and sorrow,
And with thee be one in mind;
That my heart, fresh ardour gaining,
And a purer love attaining,
May with Christ acceptance find. Amen.

After the hymn shall be said, all kneeling,
V. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee.
R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed
the world.

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that
thy Passion may be the power, whereby we
may be fenced, protected, and defended; that thy
wounds may be our meat and drink, whereby we
may be fed, strengthened, and refreshed; that the
sprinkling of thy Blood may wash away all our
sins; and that thy death may be to us for endless
glory. In these let us find our delight, our glad-
ness, our health, and every desire of our hearts.
R. Amen.

OLORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
set thy Passion, Cross, and Death, between
thy just judgments and our sinful souls, both now
and in the hour of our death; who livest and
reignest, world without end. R. Amen.

*Then, all making the sign of the Cross, shall be
added,*

MAY the souls of the faithful, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace. R. Amen.



THE ORDER OF THE Communion of the Sick

WITH THE RESERVED SACRAMENT.

*There shall be prepared in the cell of the sick
Sister a table covered with a linen cloth, upon which
shall be a corporal, a crucifix, a lighted candle, a
purificator and a small cup with water. There shall
also be on the table a copy of the Ceremonial, open
at the proper place.*

*The Priest, vested in a surplice and white stole,
shall carry the Sacrament before his breast to the cell
of the sick Sister, preceded by a Sister carrying a
lighted candle and a bell. And when he cometh into
the cell, he shall place the Sacrament upon the corporal
and then genuflect. All present shall kneel down and
so continue until the Sacrament hath been administered.*

Then standing, the Priest shall say,

PEACE be to this house 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. 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.

HEAR us, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, ever-
lasting God, and send thy holy angel from
heaven to guard, cherish, defend, and visit all who
dwell in this habitation; through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Then this General Confession shall be made,

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all
men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold
sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time,
most grievously have committed, By thought, word,
and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking
most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for

these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then the Priest shall say,

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; have mercy upon you; par ✠ don and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then the Priest, taking the Sacrament from the pyx and holding it before the sick Sister, shall say,

BEHOLD the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

And then the Sister shall answer, or some one shall say in her name,

LORD, I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Then the Priest administering the Sacrament to the Sister, shall say,

THE Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

Then the Priest shall straightway make the ablution of his fingers, and afterwards shall say, standing,

℟. The Lord be with you. ℞. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy Mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most

precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Afterwards if the Sacrament be in the pyx, he shall bless the Sister, making in silence the sign of the Cross with the pyx.

Then taking the pyx, the Priest shall leave the cell. If there are any Hosts remaining in the pyx, he shall be preceded by a Sister with a lighted candle and bell, who shall accompany him to the cell of the next Sister to be communicated, or to the chapel where is the tabernacle.

When he returneth to the chapel with the Sacrament, he placeth it upon the altar and genuflecteth. Then standing, he saith,

℟. Thou gavest them Bread from heaven. ℞. Containing within itself all sweetness. ℟. The Lord be with you. ℞. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who in this wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy Passion; grant unto us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred Mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may always perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then he shall replace the Sacrament in the tabernacle.

THE ORDER OF THE Anointing of the Sick.

Care is to be had that, if possible, the Sacrament of Unction be administered to the sick Sister while she hath the full use of all the powers of her mind.

The administration of this Sacrament ought to be preceded by Penance and the Holy Eucharist, unless the Sister be unconscious or physically incapacitated from confessing or communicating; in which latter case the Priest shall absolve her before anointing her.

This Sacrament shall not be repeated during the same illness, unless the recovery hath been followed by a relapse.

There shall be prepared in the cell a table with a white cloth. On this shall be placed a crucifix, a lighted candle, six small pieces of cotton on a plate to absorb the oil on the body after the anointing, some pieces of bread on another plate wherewith to cleanse the Priest's fingers, and a napkin and a small vessel with a little water for washing his hands. There shall also be on the table a copy of the Ceremonial open at the proper place.

The Priest, vested in a surplice and a violet stole, shall come into the cell, bearing with him the vessel having within it cotton saturated with a little of the holy oil. Having set the vessel upon the table, he shall say,

PEACE be to this house 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 spirit.

Let us pray.

HEAR us, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, and send thy holy angel from heaven to guard, cherish, defend, and visit all who dwell in this habitation; through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then shall be said the General Confession and the Absolution as on page 265.

Then, while the Priest is anointing the sick Sister, all present may say privately the Penitential Psalms, the Litany, or any other fit prayers.

The Priest, holding his right hand over the sick Sister, shall say,

IN the Name of the ✠ Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy ✠ Ghost, let every evil power be quenched in thee through the laying on of our hands, and through the prayers of the holy Angels, Archangels, Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Virgins, and of all the Saints. Amen.

Then shall the Priest dip his right thumb into the holy oil and then anoint the seat of each sense, making the sign of the cross each time, and saying the proper form according to the order following:

At the closed eyes, the right eye being anointed first,

BY this holy Unction ✠, and by his most gracious mercy, may the Lord pardon thee whatsoever thou hast done amiss by the sight of thine eyes. Amen.

After each unction, the Priest (or another Priest or a Deacon) shall wipe the part of the body anointed with one of the pieces of cotton.

At the outer part of the ears, beginning with the right ear,

BY this holy Unction ✠, and by his most gracious mercy, may the Lord pardon thee whatsoever thou hast done amiss by the hearing of thine ears. Amen.

At the nostrils, beginning at the right nostril,

BY this holy Unction ✠, and by his most gracious mercy, may the Lord pardon thee whatsoever thou hast done amiss by the sense of smell. Amen.

At the mouth, the lips being closed,

BY this holy Unction ✠, and by his most gracious mercy, may the Lord pardon thee whatsoever thou hast done amiss by the sense of taste and by the words of thy mouth. Amen.

At the palms of the hands, beginning with the right palm,

BY this holy Unction ✠, and by his most gracious mercy, may the Lord pardon thee whatsoever thou hast done amiss by the sense of touch. Amen.

Finally, the feet are anointed, the Priest beginning with the right foot; but this unction shall always be omitted when its administration would involve any inconvenience.

BY this holy Unction ✠, and by his most gracious mercy, may the Lord pardon thee whatsoever thou hast done amiss by the paths of thy footsteps. Amen.

The anointing being done, the Priest shall cleanse his fingers with the bread crumbs and then wash them. Afterward he shall say,

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.* O Lord, save thine handmaid. *R.* Which putteth her trust in thee. *V.* Send her help from thy holy place. *R.* And strengthen her out of Sion. *V.* Be unto her, O Lord, a strong tower. *R.* From the face of her enemy. *V.* Let the enemy have no advantage over her. *R.* Nor the son of wickedness approach to hurt 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 by thy holy Apostle James hast said: Is any sick among you? let him call for the Presbyters 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; heal, we beseech thee, O our Redeemer, by the grace of the Holy Ghost the weakness of this sick person, cure her wounds, forgive her sins, and cast out from her all pain of mind and body, mercifully restoring unto her soundness both within and without, that made whole by thy gracious aid, she may return again to her daily course of life; who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray.

LOOK down, we beseech thee, O Lord, upon this thy handmaid, Sister *N.*, here lying in great weakness of body; and so refresh her soul which thou hast created, that she may perceive that thy chastisement, whereby she hath been corrected, is the medicine whereby thou dost save and sanctify her; through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray.

O LORD, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, who in the shedding of the grace of thy benediction upon our failing bodies, dost preserve, by thy manifold goodness, the work of thy hands; graciously draw near as we call upon thy Name; and grant that thy handmaid, being delivered from her bodily sickness and restored to health, may be raised up by thy right hand, may be strengthened by thy might, may be defended by thy power, and may be given back to thy Church enriched with every blessing which she hath desired; through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

The cotton and crumbs used by the Priest shall by him be burnt, and the ashes thrown down the piscina. The cotton used to hold the holy oil shall likewise be burnt, and the stock shall be thoroughly cleansed by the Priest after each administration of this Sacrament.



THE ORDER OF THE Commendation of a Departing Soul.

A crucifix shall be so placed that it may be seen by the dying Sister, and near by shall be the lighted candle. If a Priest be present, he ought to have upon him a surplice and violet stole; and in the first place he shall give the Sister absolution, which may afterward be repeated at intervals. If no Priest be present, one of the Sisters shall lead in the devotions following. The Sisters standing shall first make together the profession of faith in the Bridegroom, saying the Nicene Creed.

The Profession of Faith.

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 and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets: and I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: and I look for the Resurrection of the dead: and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Then all kneeling down, shall be said such of the devotions following as may seem convenient, and as the exigencies of the time may allow.

The Litany of the Dying.

O GOD the Father, of heaven, have mercy upon the soul of thy servant.

R. O God the Father, of heaven, have mercy upon the soul of thy servant.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon the soul of thy servant.

R. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon the soul of thy servant.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have mercy upon the soul of thy servant.

R. O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have mercy upon the soul of thy servant.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God, have mercy upon the soul of thy servant.

R. O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God, have mercy upon the soul of thy servant.

Saint Mary, Mother of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ,

R. Pray for her.

All ye holy Angels and Archangels, and all ye holy orders of blessed Spirits,

R. Pray for her.

All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets, ye Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, and Virgins, and all the blessed company of heaven,

R. Pray for her.

Remember not, Lord, her offences, nor the offences of her forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of her sins. Spare her, good Lord, spare thy servant whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with her for ever.

R. Spare her, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,

R/. Good Lord, deliver her.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

R/. Good Lord, deliver her.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost,

R/. Good Lord, deliver her.

In answer to the intercessions of all thy Saints,

R/. Good Lord, deliver her.

In the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

R/. Good Lord, deliver her.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to deliver the soul of thy servant from all the powers of darkness,

R/. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to deliver her from all the pains of hell,

R/. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to put all her sins out of remembrance for evermore,

R/. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive her all the offences which through presumption she may have committed,

R/. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to remember not the negligences and ignorances of her youth,

R/. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee mercifully to forgive her whatever she may have done amiss through the fraud of the devil, or by her own carnal will and frailness,

R/. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give her a place in the land of peace and light,

R/. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant her joy and gladness among the Saints and elect in thy kingdom,

R/. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

R/. Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

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

R/. Have mercy upon her soul.

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

R/. Grant her peace, everlasting felicity, and the glory that endureth for ever.

Then when the soul is vexed in the agony of its departure, the following prayers may be said:

The Prayers of Commendation.

GO forth, O Christian soul, from this world in the Name of God the Father Almighty, who created thee: in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, who suffered for thee: in the Name of the Holy Ghost, who was poured out upon thee: in the name of the Angels and Archangels: in the name of the Thrones and Dominions: in the name of the Principalities and Powers: in the name of the Cherubim and Seraphim: in the name of the Patriarchs and Prophets: in the name of the holy Apostles and Evangelists: in the name of the holy Martyrs and Confessors: in the name of the holy Monks and Hermits: in the name of the holy Virgins and of all the Saints of God: let thy place be this day in peace, and thine abode in holy Sion; through the same Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.

O GOD most merciful, O God most gracious, O God, who, according to the multitude of thy mercies, blottest out the sins of them that are penitent, and takest away the guilt of their past offences by thy pardon and remission; look favourably upon this thy servant N., and graciously hear her begging, with a full confession of heart, for the remission of all her sins. Renew in her, O most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by earthly

frailty, or violated by the fraud of the devil; and continue her, as a member of redemption, in the unity of the body of the Church. Have mercy, O Lord, on her sighs: have pity on her tears: and forasmuch as she putteth her full trust only in thy mercy, admit her to the sacrament of thy reconciliation; through Christ our Lord. *R/. Amen.*

I COMMEND thee to Almighty God, dearest Sister, and commit thee to Him whose creature thou art; that, when thou hast paid the debt of human nature by death, thou mayest return to thine Author, who formed thee out of the dust of the earth. When therefore thy soul goeth forth from the body, may the glittering company of Angels meet thee: may the council of the Apostles, the judges, reach thee: may the triumphant army of white-robed Martyrs come out to welcome thee: may the glowing band of Confessors, crowned with lilies, encompass thee: may the choir of Virgins, singing in exultation, receive thee: and may the embrace of a blessed repose enfold thee forever in the bosom of the Patriarchs: may the countenance of Jesus Christ appear to thee mild and joyful, and may he appoint thee a place among them that stand before him for ever. Mayest thou never know aught of the horror of the outer darkness, of the wailing in the flames, and of the pain of the eternal torments. Let foulest Satan, and his fiends, give way before thee; let him tremble as thou comest in the company of the Angels; and let him flee away into the great deep of eternal night. Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; let them also that hate him flee before his face. Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou, O God, 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. Let all the legions of hell therefore be confounded and put to shame; and let not the ministers of Satan dare to stop thy way. Christ, who was crucified for thee, deliver thee from anguish. Christ,

who vouchsafed to die for thee, deliver thee from eternal death. Christ, the Son of the living God, place thee within the ever-green pastures of his paradise; and may he, the true Shepherd, acknowledge thee among his sheep, absolve thee from all thy sins, and place thee at his right hand in the lot of his elect. Mayest thou behold thy Redeemer face to face; and, standing ever in his presence, gaze with blessed eyes on the open vision of truth. And, set thus among the companies of the Blessed, mayest thou enjoy the sweetness of the contemplation of God, for ever and ever. *R/. Amen.*

RECEIVE, O Lord, thy servant into the place of salvation, which she hopeth to obtain from thy mercy. *R/. Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant out of all the dangers of hell, and from the snares which entrap for punishment, and out of every tribulation. *R/. Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Enoch and Elijah from the common death of the world. *R/. Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Noah from the flood. *R/. Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Abraham from Ur of the Chaldees. *R/. Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Job from his sufferings. *R/. Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Isaac from the sacrifice, and from the hand of his father Abraham. *R/. Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Lot from Sodom, and from the flame of fire. *R/. Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Moses from the hand of Pharaoh, king of the Egyptians. *R/. Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Daniel from the den of lions. *R/. Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst the three children from the burning fiery furnace, and from the hands of the unjust king. *R.* Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Susannah from false accusation. *R.* Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst David from the hand of king Saul, and from the hand of Goliath. *R.* Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Peter and Paul out of prison. *R.* Amen.

And as thou didst deliver Thecla, thy most blessed Virgin and Martyr, from three most cruel torments, so vouchsafe to deliver the soul of this thy servant, and make her to rejoice with thee in the blessings of heaven. *R.* Amen.

WE commend to thee, O Lord, the soul of thy servant *N.*, and we beseech thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, that thou wouldst not refuse her a place in the bosom of thy Patriarchs, a soul for whose sake thou didst of thy mercy come down upon earth. 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 glad her soul, O Lord, in thy presence, and remember not her old sins and offences, which, through the violence of anger or the heat of evil desire, she hath at any time committed. For although she hath sinned, she hath not denied the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, but hath believed, and hath had a zeal for God, and God, who made all things, hath she faithfully worshipped.

REMEMBER not, O Lord, we beseech thee, the sins of her youth and her ignorances; but, according to the multitude of thy mercies, be mindful of her in the brightness of thy glory. Let the heavens be opened to her, let the Angels rejoice

with her. Receive thy servant, O Lord, into thy kingdom. Let Saint Michael the Archangel of God, prince of the armies of heaven, receive her. Let the holy Angels of God come forth to meet her, and conduct her to the city of the heavenly Jerusalem. Let blessed Peter the Apostle, to whom God gave the keys of the kingdom of heaven, receive her. Let Saint Paul the Apostle, who was counted worthy to be a chosen vessel, assist her. Let Saint John the Apostle, the elect of God, to whom were revealed the secrets of heaven, intercede for her. Let all the holy Apostles, to whom the Lord gave the power of binding and loosing, pray for her. Let all the Saints and Elect of God, who for the Name of Christ have suffered torments in this world, intercede for her: that being freed from the bonds of the flesh, she may be counted worthy to attain to 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, world without end. *R.* Amen.

If the soul still continue in agony, there may be read the 17th, 18th, and 19th Chapters of St. John's Gospel. After which may be said,

V. We worship thee, O Christ, and we bless thee. *R.* Because by thy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who for the redemption of the world didst vouchsafe to be born in a manger, to endure circumcision, to be set at naught of the Jews, to be betrayed by Judas with a kiss, to be bound with fetters, to be led as a lamb to the slaughter, to suffer many insults before Annas, Caiaphas, Pilate, and Herod, to be accused by false witnesses, to be torn with scourges, to be defiled with spitting, to be crowned with thorns, to be blindfolded and buffeted by the hands of sinners, to be stript of thy raiment, to be nailed to the cross, to be lifted up upon the cross, to be numbered with the transgressors, and to be wounded

by a spear: we beseech thee by these thy most sacred sufferings, which we are unworthy even to make mention of with our lips, to deliver this thy servant from all the pains of eternal death, and to give her a place with thee in the paradise of everlasting delight; who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then may be read Psalms 118 and 119, and the Penitential and Gradual Psalms.

At the Expiration.

At the time of the soul's leaving the body, let those who are present pray with renewed earnestness; and let some one repeat the sacred Name in the hearing of the dying Sister, saying many times JESUS, JESUS, JESUS.

As soon as the soul hath left the body, shall be said this Respond,

Subvenite.

COME to her aid, O ye Saints of God; come forth to meet her, O ye Angels of the Lord: Receive her soul; present her in the sight of the Most High. *V.* May Christ receive thee, who hath called thee; and into the bosom of Abraham may the Angels conduct thee. *R.* Receive her soul: Present her in the sight of the Most High. *V.* Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her: Present her in the sight of the Most High.

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.* Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord. *R.* And let light perpetual shine upon her. *V.* From the gate of hell. *R.* Deliver her soul, O Lord. *V.* May 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.

IN thee, O Lord, we commend the soul of thy handmaid, our Sister *N.*, that being dead to the world, she may live to thee: and whatsoever sins she hath committed, through the frailty of her human conversation, do thou wipe away by the pardon of thy most merciful lovingkindness; through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

The above devotions may be used with other dying persons, the gender being changed when necessary.

THE ORDER FOR THE Burial of a Sister Departed.

The burial of the dead may take place upon any Sunday or feria; but if it occur during the Triduum, all the office of sepulture shall be read without musical note. Mass for the dead, however, is prohibited upon certain days, which will be found noted hereafter.

The Preparation.

When the Sisters appointed to prepare the body of the departed Sister for the burial have fulfilled their office, as required by the Custumal, they shall kneel down and say,

Ant. May the angel choirs receive thee.

PSALM 116. *Dilexi, quoniam.*

IAM well pleased: that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer; That he hath inclined his ear unto me: therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The snares of death compassed me round about: and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous: yea, our God is merciful.

The Lord preserveth the simple: I was in misery, and he helped me.

Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul: for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death: mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord: in the land of the living.

Rest eternal: grant to her, O Lord,

And let light perpetual: shine upon her.

Ant. May the angel choirs receive thee and place thee in the bosom of Abraham: that with Lazarus the beggar thou mayest possess the riches of the eternal rest.

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.* Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord. *R.* And let light perpetual shine upon her. *V.* From the gate of hell. *R.* Deliver her soul, O Lord. *V.* Enter not into judgment with thy servant, O Lord. *R.* For in thy sight shall no man living be justified. *V.* O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

RECEIVE, O Lord, the soul of thine handmaid returning unto thee; wash her in the fountain of eternal life, and array her in the garments of salvation and the ornaments of a blessed immortality; open wide the doors of heaven at her coming, and send forth thine angels to lead her to the marriage of everlasting felicity; and may she be forever amongst those who see the King in his beauty, and praise him day and night in his temple; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then shall be added,

MAY the soul of our Sister *N.*, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *R.* Amen.

The Procession to the Choir.

On the evening before, or on the day of the burial, the Priest having on a surplice, black stole and a cope, or without the cope, shall come into the room where is the body; and standing at the foot of the coffin, all others also standing, he shall sprinkle it with holy water, and then say this Psalm alternately with those present.

Ant. If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark.

PSALM 130. *De profundis.*

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him: in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord: before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy: and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel: from all his sins.

Rest eternal: grant to her, O Lord.

And let light perpetual: shine upon her.

Ant. If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?

Then the Priest shall say,

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.* Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord. *R.* And let light perpetual shine upon her. *V.* From the gate of hell. *R.* Deliver her soul, O Lord. *V.* I look verily to see the goodness of the Lord. *R.* In the land of the living. *V.* May 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.

INCLINE thine ear, O Lord, to the prayers of us thy servants, who humbly beseech thy mercy for thine handmaid whom thou hast bidden to depart out of this world; bring her unto the country of peace and light, and make her to be of the company of thy Saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then the body shall be carried to the choir, the procession being ordered in this wise: first shall be the crossbearer with the candlebearers on either side, provided there be present persons able to discharge these offices; then shall follow the clergy in order, if any be present, the officiating Priest walking immediately before the bier. On either side of the coffin ought, if possible, to be borne one or more lighted candles. Following the bier shall walk the members of the Community, in reverse order, so that the Mother Superior shall walk immediately after the bier; after them may follow any seculars who may be in attendance. As the procession goeth towards the chapel, the Priest shall say or sing the following, as prescribed by the Prayer Book.

Ego sum resurrectio.

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.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord.

The altar shall be vested in black. The clergy present shall go up into the sanctuary. The bier, covered with a violet or black pall, shall be placed in the midst of the choir, the feet being turned towards

the altar; and on either side shall be three lighted candles. The Sisters shall take their places in the choir.

The Office of the Dead.

Then shall be said or sung the office Placebo or Vespers of the Dead (unless the Office hath been already said at an earlier hour), and Dirge or Mattins of the Dead, which shall immediately be followed by Lauds of the Dead.

The Office Before the Mass.

On the day of the burial, before the Requiem Mass, there shall first be said or sung the following Psalm, Ant. The bones which have been humbled.

PSALM 39: 5. *Notum fac.*

LORD, let me know mine end, and the number of my days: that I may be certified how long I have to live.

Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long: and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity.

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain: he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what is my hope: truly my hope is even in thee.

Deliver me from all mine offences: and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to consume away, like as it were a moth fretting a garment: every man therefore is but vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling: hold not thy peace at my tears.

For I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner: as all my fathers were.

O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength: before I go hence, and be no more seen.

Rest eternal: grant to her, O Lord.

And let light perpetual: shine upon her.

Ant. The bones which have been humbled : shall rejoice in the Lord.

Then shall be read this Lesson, without title and without conclusion.

1 Cor. 15: 20.

NOW is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all. Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead? and why stand we in jeopardy every hour? I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to-morrow we die. Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame. But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some

other grain: but God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The

sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Then all standing, the Priest shall say,

OUR Father (*silently.*) *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.* From the gate of hell. *R.* Deliver her soul, O Lord. *V.* May 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.

ABSOLVE, we beseech thee, O Lord, the soul of thine handmaid, Sister *N.*, from every chain of sin, that she being raised in the glory of the resurrection, may live forever among thy Saints and elect; through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then shall follow the Requiem Mass; which at a burial may be said on any Sunday or feria except the following, when Masses for the dead may not be celebrated, to wit: Christmas, the Epiphany, Easter, the Ascension, Pentecost, Corpus Christi, the feasts of the Conception, Purification, Annunciation, and Assumption of our Lady, the feasts of Saint Joseph, Saint Peter and Saint Paul, All Saints, and the Dedication, and during the Triduum. And such a Mass of Requiem must also be omitted on a Sunday, when the saying of it would involve the omission of the proper Mass of the day.

The Propers of the Mass.

As the Celebrant, vested in black, approacheth the altar, the choir shall begin the Introit. The altar is not censed at the Introit in a Requiem Mass.

THE INTROIT. *Requiem aeternam.*

REST eternal grant to them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion, and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem: thou that hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. *The Gloria shall not be said, but immediately after the Psalm shall be repeated, Rest eternal, etc.*

After the Priest hath said the Summary, shall be said or sung the Kyrie, as on page 149.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD, whose nature and property it is ever to have mercy and to forgive; receive our humble petitions for the soul of thine handmaid, Sister *N.*, whom thou hast bidden to depart out of this world; deliver her not into the hands of the enemy, neither forget her forever; but command thy holy angels to receive her and to lead her into the country where is the paradise of God; and forasmuch as she hoped in thee and believed in thee, let her not suffer the pains of eternal death, but make her to possess the joys of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ; thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

THE EPISTLE.

The Epistle is written in the fourth chapter of Saint Paul's First Epistle to the Thessalonians, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

1 Thess. 4: 13.

BRETHREN, I would not have you to be ignorant, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself

shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore, comfort one another with these words.

Here endeth the Epistle.

THE GRAIL.

REST eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them. *V.* The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance: he will not be afraid of any evil tidings.

THE TRACT.

ABSOLVE, O Lord, the souls of all the faithful departed from every chain of sin. *V.* And by the help of thy grace may they escape the judgment of condemnation. *V.* And attain the fruition of everlasting light.

Then shall be sung so much of the hymn following as may be convenient.

THE SEQUENCE.

Dies iræ, dies illa.

DAY of wrath! O day of mourning!
See fulfill'd the prophets' warning!
Heav'n and earth in ashes burning!

Oh, what fear man's bosom rendeth
When from heav'n the Judge descendeth,
On whose sentence all dependeth!

Wondrous sound the trumpet flingeth,
Through earth's sepulchres it ringeth,
All before the Throne it bringeth.

Death is struck, and nature quaking,
All creation is awaking,
To its Judge an answer making.

Lo! the Book exactly worded,
Wherein all hath been recorded;
Thence shall judgment be awarded.

When the Judge his seat attaineth,
And each hidden deed arraigneth,
Nothing unavenged remaineth.

What shall I, frail man, be pleading,
Who for me be interceding,
When the just are mercy needing?

King of Majesty tremendous,
Who dost free salvation send us,
Fount of pity, then befriend us!

Think, good Jesu! my salvation
Caused thy wondrous Incarnation;
Leave me not to reprobation.

Faint and weary thou hast sought me,
On the Cross of suffering bought me;
Shall such grace be vainly brought me?

Righteous Judge! for sin's pollution
Grant thy gift of absolution,
Ere that day of retribution.

Guilty, now I pour my moaning,
All my shame with anguish owning;
Spare, O God, thy suppliant groaning.

Thou the sinful woman savedst;
Thou the dying thief forgavest;
And to me a hope vouchsafest.

Worthless are my prayers and sighing;
Yet, good Lord, in grace complying,
Rescue me from fires undying.

With thy favour'd sheep O place me,
Nor among the goats abase me,
But to thy right hand upraise me.

While the wicked are confounded,
Doom'd to flames of woe unbounded,
Call me with thy Saints surrounded.

Low I kneel, with heart-submission,
Crush'd to ashes in contrition;
Help me in my last condition.

Ah! that day of tears and mourning!
 From the dust of earth returning
 Man for judgment must prepare him;
 Spare, O God, in mercy spare him!
 Lord, all pitying, Jesu Blest,
 Grant them thine eternal rest. Amen.

THE GOSPEL.

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the eleventh chapter of Saint John, beginning at the twenty-first verse. *R.* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

St. John 11: 21.

AT that time, said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know that, even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, 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. Believest thou this? She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The words Glory be, etc., and Praise be, etc., *as above, shall be said without note. Incense is not used, nor are lights carried, at the Gospel.*

The Creed shall be omitted. After the Priest hath read the Offertory the choir shall sing it.

THE OFFERTORY.

OLORD Jesus Christ, King of Majesty, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the hand of hell, and from the pit of destruction: deliver them from the lion's mouth, that the grave devour them not; that they go not down to the realms of darkness: but let Michael, the holy standard-bearer, make speed to restore them to the brightness of glory: Which thou hast promised in

ages past to Abraham and his seed. *V.* Sacrifice and prayer do we offer to thee, O Lord: do thou accept them for the souls of the departed, in whose memory we make this oblation: and grant them, Lord, to pass from death unto life: Which thou hast promised in ages past to Abraham and his seed.

Incense may be used in a Requiem Mass at the Offertory for censuring the oblations, the altar, and the Celebrant; but there shall be no censuring of any one else. The Sacrament may be censed at the elevation, as usual.

THE PREFACE.

V. Lift up your hearts. *R.* We lift them up unto the Lord. *V.* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. *R.* It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; in whom thou hast given unto us the hope of a blessed resurrection; that while the certainty of death maketh sad our natural man, the promise of immortal life to come may give consolation to our faith. For to thy faithful people, O Lord, their life is not taken away but changed; that the house of their earthly habitation being dissolved, they may gain a house eternal in the heavens. Therefore with angels, etc.

The Sanctus and the Benedictus qui venit shall be sung in their proper places. Immediately after the Canon shall be sung this anthem:

Agnus Dei.

OLAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest everlasting.

The Gloria in excelsis shall be omitted, and instead thereof shall be sung the anthem called

THE COMMUNION.

MAY light eternal shine, O Lord, upon them,
For endless ages with thy blessed ones, for
thou art gracious. *V.* Rest eternal grant to them,
O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them,
For endless ages with thy blessed ones, for thou
art gracious.

THE POST COMMUNION.

GRANT, we beseech thee, almighty and merciful
God, that the soul of thine handmaid, Sister
N., who hath now departed out of this world, may
be washed and made white by this Sacrifice, that
she being cleansed from all sin, may be counted
worthy of the favour of the heavenly Bridegroom,
and of a place in the country of everlasting light
and rest; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son,
our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the
unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without
end. *R.* Amen.

*After the Sacrament hath been consumed, shall be
sung this hymn, all standing.*

MHE fight is o'er, the crown is won,
The crown prepared for faith and love,
And though thy Martha's task be done,
Thy Mary's part shall live above.

Where sitting ever at his feet,
Who gave thee here his grace and might,
His fruit shall to thy taste be sweet,
His shadow clothe thee with delight.

He who was dead, and is alive,
Himself shall pay thy loving toil,
And set thee with the Virgins five
Who with their lamps have taken oil.

O daughter, hearken, bow thine ear,
Forget thy dwelling place below,
And in the love that knows not fear,
Unto the King's own palace go.

Within the secret chambers pass,
Where he himself is drawing thee,

To see no more as in a glass,
But face to face eternally.
To see the golden sceptre's sheen,
To hear the Monarch's voice divine
Speak, "What is thy request, O queen?
The half of all my realm is thine."
Then rest in peace until the day,
The shades of night will pass ere long,
And thou shalt wake to sunlight's ray
And hear the Lamb's glad marriage-song.

Amen.

*The above propers shall also serve for all the
Masses which are said between the decease and the
day of burial.*

*If at any time the choir be not able to sing the
proper Introit, Grail, Tract, Offertory, or Communion
for a Requiem Mass, these anthems may be monotoned,
and likewise all the other anthems of the Mass and
of the Absolution following.*

The Absolution or Dismissal of the Body.

*Immediately after the last Gospel of the Mass, the
Priest shall put upon him a black cope. Then stand-
ing at the foot of the bier, he shall say,*

ENTER not into judgment with thy servant, O
Lord, for in thy sight shall no man living be
justified, unless thou grant unto him remission of all
his sins. We therefore pray thee, to condemn not
with the sentence of thy judgment her whom the earn-
est pleading of thy faithful people now commendeth
unto thy mercy, but grant that she being holpen by
thy grace, may be counted worthy to escape the sen-
tence of thy just judgment, since in this life she
received and bore the seal of the holy Trinity; who
livest and reignest, world without end. *R.* Amen.

*Then shall be said or sung by the Priest and choir,
Libera me.*

DELIVER me, O Lord, from death eternal in
that day of trembling: when the heavens and
the earth shall be moved: and thou shalt come to
judge the world by fire.

V. I am even now in fear and trembling as the sifting draweth on, and thy wrath is ready to be poured forth: when the heavens and the earth shall be moved.

V. Oh, that day, that day of wrath, of calamity, and of misery; Oh, that day, and one exceeding bitter: when thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

V. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Deliver me, O Lord, from death eternal in that day of trembling: when the heavens and the earth shall be moved: and thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

Then the Priest shall say,

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*).

Then the Priest shall bless the incense; sprinkle the coffin thrice on either side with holy water; and afterward cense it thrice on either side. Then he shall say,

V. And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.* From the gate of hell. *R.* Deliver her soul, O Lord. *V.* May 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.

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive; receive our humble petitions for the soul of thine handmaid, Sister N., whom thou hast bidden to depart out of this world; deliver her not into the hands of the enemy, neither forget her forever; but command thy holy Angels to receive her, and to lead her into the country where is the paradise of God; and forasmuch as she hoped in thee and believed in thee, let her not suffer the pains of eternal death, but make her to possess the joys of everlasting life; through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then shall be sung this antiphon:

In Paradisum.

INTO Paradise may the angels conduct thee; at thy coming may the martyrs receive thee, and lead thee into the holy city Jerusalem; may the choir of the angels receive thee; and with Lazarus, once a beggar, mayest thou possess the everlasting rest.

Then shall the body be borne to the grave, the same order being observed as when it was carried into the choir.

On the way to the grave there may be recited privately the Gradual and Penitential Psalms for the repose of the soul.

The Interment.

When they come to the grave the Priest shall bless it, if it be in a place which hath not already been blessed by Episcopal authority; otherwise he shall omit the prayer following.

Let us pray.

O GOD, by whose mercy the souls of the faithful rest in peace; vouchsafe to **✠** bless this grave, and give thy holy Angel charge concerning it; absolve also from every chain of sin the souls of those whose bodies are here buried, that with thy Saints they may forever rejoice in thee; through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then, if the above prayer have been said, the Priest shall sprinkle with holy water, and afterward cense, both the coffin and the grave.

While the corpse is made ready to be laid into the earth, the Priest and the Sisters shall say or sing,

Homo natus.

MAN that is born of a woman; hath but a short time to live and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower: he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

Media vita.

IN the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee.

Then the Priest shall say,

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God, in his wise Providence, to take out of this world the soul of our deceased Sister N., we therefore commit her body to the ground; (*Here the Priest shall thrice cast earth upon the coffin in the form of a cross, saying:*) earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; looking for the general Resurrection in the last day, and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ; at whose second 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 shall be said or sung,

Audivi vocem.

I HEARD a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours.

Then the Priest shall say,

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*).


Here the Priest shall sprinkle the coffin thrice with holy water; then he shall say,

℟. And lead us not into temptation. ℞. But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Let us pray.

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life; in whom whosoever believeth, shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us, by his holy Apostle Saint Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for those who sleep in him; we humbly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him; and that, at the general Resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight; and receive that blessing, which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all who love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *℞. Amen.*

Then shall be added this prayer:

THE grace of our Lord Jesus  Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *℞. Amen.*

Then the Priest, making the sign of the cross over the grave, shall say,

℣. Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord. ℞. And let light perpetual shine upon her. ℣. May she rest in peace. ℞. Amen. ℣. May the soul of our Sister N., and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ℞. Amen.

Inasmuch as it may sometimes be expedient to say under the shelter of the Church the whole or part of the service appointed to be said at the grave, the same is allowed for weighty cause.

If it may conveniently be done, the Sisters may remain by the grave until it hath been filled with earth, they reciting in the meanwhile Psalms 42, 45, 132, 139, 148, 149, 150, or singing the following or any other appropriate hymns.

SISTER, now thy toils are o'er,
 Now thy vows have won the crown:
 On earth's rough and barren shore
 Thou hast laid thy burden down.
 Grant her, Lord, eternal rest,
 With the spirits of the blest.

Through death's valley, dim and dark,
 Jesus guide thee in the gloom,
 Show thee where his footprints mark
 Tracks of glory through the tomb.
 Grant her, Lord, etc.

Angels bear thee to the land
 Where the towers of Sion rise;
 Safely lead thee by the hand
 To the fields of Paradise.
 Grant her, Lord, etc.

White-robed, at the golden gate
 Of the New Jerusalem,
 May the host of Martyrs wait;
 Give thee part and lot with them.
 Grant her, Lord, etc.

Friends and Sisters, gone before
 To the land of endless peace,
 Meet thee on that further shore
 Where all tears and weeping cease.
 Grant her, Lord, etc.

Earth to earth, and dust to dust,
 Clay we give to kindred clay
 In the sure and certain trust
 Of the resurrection day.
 Grant her, Lord, etc.

Christ the Sower sows thee here:
 When the eternal day shall dawn,
 He will gather in the ear
 On that resurrection morn.
 Grant her, Lord, etc. Amen.

CHRISt has given to our Sisters,
 From a weary world release;
 Pray we for their souls departed,
 Jesu, may they rest in peace.

By thy holy Incarnation,
 By thy sweet and saving Name,
 By thine Anguish in the Garden,
 By the Mocking and the Shame.

By thy Passion, and thy Dying,
 By the breaking of thy Heart,
 By thy Rising and Ascension,
 Grant them with thy Saints a part.

Gracious Shepherd, grant them welcome
 To the heavenly fold above;
 Father, to each child returning,
 Open wide thine arms of love.

Heart of Jesus, be their refuge,
 Saviour, take them to thy breast,
 Let thy mercy lighten on them,
 Grant them, Lord, eternal rest.

Christ has given to our Sisters,
 From a weary world release;
 Pray we for their souls departed,
 Jesu, may they rest in peace. Amen.

HOLY Jesu, thee adoring, see thy children at
 thy feet,
 All thy tenderness imploring, now thy mercy we
 entreat:
 Since thou hast to hell descended, for the souls of
 all we pray,
 Who, their long life-conflict ended, in thy faith
 have passed away.
 From thy wrath, good Lord, deliver all the dead
 who in thee trust,
 Place them in thy light forever, with the spirits of
 the just:
 From all stain of evil cleanse them, wipe all tears
 from out their eyes;

In the heavenly pastures place them, in the peace
of Paradise.

Jesu, Lamb of God, relying on thy mercy, thee we
pray,
Save them from the flame undying, spare them in
the last dread day,
That with thine Apostles glorious, with thy Saints
and Angels blest,
With the Martyrs all victorious, they may enter
into rest. Amen.

FATHER, Son, and Holy Spirit,
At this dear one's grave,
Hear us pleading for thy mercy,
Hear, and save.

Loving Father, look in pity,
While in prayer we bend;
Into thine own hands her spirit
We commend.

Loving Saviour, dear Redeemer,
Judge, who judgest right,
May this soul, we pray, be precious
In thy sight.

Thou hast to the suffering body
Granted sweet release,
May the soul in thy safe keeping,
Rest in peace.

Grant her to behold thy goodness,
Set her near thy side
From all stain of earth's defilement
Purified.

Father, by thy quickening Spirit,
To this mortal clay,
Grant a joyful resurrection
In that day. Amen.

NOW the labourer's task is o'er;
Now the battle day is past;
Now upon the farther shore
Lands the voyager at last.

Father, in thy gracious keeping
Leave we now thy servant sleeping.

There the tears of earth are dried;
There its hidden things are clear;
There the work of life is tried
By a juster judge than here.
Father, in thy, etc.

There no more the powers of hell
Can prevail to mar their peace;
Christ the Lord shall guard them well,
He who died for their release.
Father, in thy, etc.

Earth to earth, and dust to dust,
Calmly now the words we say,
Leaving her to sleep in trust
Till the resurrection day.
Father, in thy, etc. Amen.

ALL the righteous upward wending,
To the heavenly land shall soar,
Midst the cohorts of the Angels,
Where is joy for evermore.

To Jerusalem exulting,
They with shouts shall enter in,
That true sight of peace and glory,
That sets free from grief and sin;

Christ shall they behold forever,
Seated at the Father's hand;
As in Beatific Vision
His elect before him stand.

Bride of Christ, while yet thou mayest,
From the dragon's malice fly;
Keep the vows which thou hast plighted,
If thou seek'st to win the sky;

Let thy loins be straitly girded,
Life be pure, and heart be right,
At the coming of the Bridegroom,
That thy lamp may glitter bright. Amen.

THE
Commemoration of the Sisters
 DEPARTED.

The following shall be the propers of the Mass at the monthly, semi-annual, and annual Requiem for the Sisters departed.

The Introit shall be as on page 289. After the Kyrie shall be said,

THE COLLECT.

GOD, the giver of pardon and the author of man's salvation; we humbly beseech thy mercy that thou wouldest remember our Sisters . . . , and all our kinsfolk and benefactors, who have departed out of this world; and grant that they being holpen by the prayers of Blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, and all thy Saints, may attain to the fellowship of everlasting blessedness; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

THE EPISTLE.

The portion of Scripture appointed for the Epistle is written in the fourteenth chapter of the Book of the Revelation of Saint John the Apostle, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

Rev. 14: 13.

IN those days, I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me: Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Here endeth the Epistle.

The Grail, Tract and the Sequence shall be as on page 290.

THE GOSPEL.

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the sixth chapter of Saint John, beginning at the fifty-first verse. *R.* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

St. John 6: 51.

AT that time, Jesus said unto his disciples and to the Jews: I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Offertory shall be as on page 292.

The Sanctus and Benedictus shall be sung in their proper places; after the Canon shall be sung the Agnus, as on page 293; and instead of the Gloria in excelsis shall be sung the Communion on page 294.

THE POST COMMUNION.

GRANT, we beseech thee, almighty and merciful God, that the souls of our Sisters, kinsfolk, and benefactors, for whom we have offered unto thy Majesty this Sacrifice of praise, being cleansed from all their sins by the power of this Sacrament, may through thy mercy be partakers of the blessedness of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

After the ablutions there may be sung,

O LORD, to whom the spirits live
 Of all the faithful passed away,
 Upon their path that brightness give
 Which shineth to the perfect day.
 O Light eternal, Jesu blest,
 Shine on them all, and grant them rest.

Bless thou the dead which die in thee,
 And make their painful labours cease;

O purge them from impurity,
And give them everlasting peace.
O Light eternal, etc.

In thy green, pleasant pastures feed
The sheep which thou hast summoned hence,
And by the still, cool waters lead
Thy flock in loving providence.
O Light eternal, etc.

How long, O holy Lord, how long
Must we and they expectant wait
To hear the gladsome bridal song,
To see thee in thy royal state?
O Light eternal, etc.

O hearken, Saviour, to their cry,
O rend the heavens and come down,
Make up thy jewels speedily,
And set them in thy golden crown.
O Light eternal, etc.

Direct us with thine arm of might,
And bring us perfected with them
To dwell within thy city bright,
The heavenly Jerusalem.
O Light eternal, etc. Amen.

ON

All Souls' Day.

The Introit shall be as on page 289. After the Kyrie, shall follow

THE COLLECT.

GOD, the Creator and Redeemer of all them that believe; grant unto the souls of thy servants and handmaids the remission of all their sins, that in answer to the devout prayers of thy Church, they may obtain the pardon they have always desired; who livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

THE EPISTLE.

The Epistle is written in the fifteenth chapter of the First Epistle of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians, beginning at the fifty-first verse.

1 Cor. 15: 51.

BRETHREN, Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump (for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed). For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Here endeth the Epistle.

The Grail, Tract and Sequence shall be as on page 290.

THE GOSPEL.

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the fifth chapter of Saint John, beginning at the twenty-fifth verse. *R.* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

St. John 5: 25.

AT that time Jesus said unto the Jews, Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live; for as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; and hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of

life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

R̃. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Offertory shall be as on page 292.

The Sanctus and Benedictus, as on page 165, shall be sung in their proper places; after the Canon shall be sung the Agnus, as on page 293; and instead of Gloria in excelsis shall be sung the Communion, as on page 294.

THE POST COMMUNION.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, to hear the prayers which we thy humble servants offer in behalf of thy departed servants and handmaids; set them free from all their sins, and make them to be partakers of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. R̃. Amen.

After the Sacrament hath been consumed may be sung this hymn,

CHRIST, have mercy on our brethren,
Who have gone before us now,
Who have left this world of sorrow,
For whose souls in prayer we bow.

Knowing that the Friend of sinners,
Ever answers faithful prayer:
To their souls extend thy pardon,
Spare, O Lord, thy servants spare.

Thou wast tempted like as we are,
Grief and sorrow thou hast known,
Thou didst die for these thy servants,
Claim them. Jesu, for thine own.

Lord, have mercy then upon them,
By thy all-forgiving love,
Pardon, Lord, thy erring servants,
Grant them rest, and peace above.

Grant them mercy, grant them pardon,
By thy Sufferings on the Cross,
By thy Passion, by thy Scourging,
Save our brethren's souls from loss.

By thy Death and Resurrection,
By thy Victory o'er the Grave,
By thy Conquest and Ascension,
Save, O Lord, our brethren, save.

Grant them rest with thy redeem'd ones,
Grant them with thy Saints a place
Where they always may behold thee,
No more veil'd, but face to face.

Grant them, Lord, thy light perpetual,
Grant them, Lord, eternal rest,
May they share thy endless glory,
Leaning on their Saviour's breast. Amen.

THE

Visit to the Graves

OF THE SISTERS DEPARTED.

At the times appointed in the Custumal, the Sisters shall assemble in the choir, for the visit to the graves of the Sisters departed. If a Priest be present he shall have on him a surplice, and a black stole and cope, or without the cope.

All kneeling down, there shall be said or sung Psalm 130, De profundis, as on page 283. At the end the antiphon shall be repeated. Then all shall rise and follow the Priest in procession to the cemetery; acolytes with the crucifix and lights may precede the Priest. The Penitential Psalms may be recited privately by each Sister on the way.

When they reach the cemetery, the hymn following shall be sung; the Priest in the meanwhile (if he be present) sprinkling the graves with holy water and censuring them. If the Priest be not present, the hymn shall be sung without either of these observances.

De profundis exclamantes.



CHRIST enthroned in highest heav'n,
Hear us crying from the deep,
For our Sisters now departed,
For thy Brides who rest in sleep;

As we pleading now entreat thee,
Hearken, Shepherd of the sheep.

King of glory, hear our voices,
Grant our Sisters rest, we pray:
Unto thee their troth they plighted,
Unto thee their vows did pay.
Crave we then thy gracious mercy,
And thy peace for them to-day.

All the pain and all the sorrow,
Which in love they bore for thee,
Let it win for them thy favour,
All thy glory let them see;
They are thine, they wait in patience,
Merciful and gracious be.

They are thine, O, take them quickly
To thyself, and raise them high;
Ever loving, ever trusting,
Unto thee, their Love, they cry;
Day and night, both morn and even,
Be, O Christ, their Husband nigh.

Let thy plenteous lovingkindness,
On thy Brides, we pray, be poured;
Let them through thy boundless mercy,
In all beauty be restored;
Hearken to the gentle pleading
Of thy Mother, gracious Lord.

When, O kind and radiant Jesu,
Kneels our Queen thy throne before,
Let the court of Saints attending,
Mercy for our dead implore;
Hearken, loving Friend and Bridegroom,
Whom the Cross exalted bore.

Hear and answer prayers devoutest,
Break, O Lord, each binding chain,
Dash the gates of death asunder,
Quell the devil and his train;
Bring the souls which thou hast wedded,
Evermore with thee to reign. Amen.


Then the Officiant shall say,

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *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 unto thee. *V.* The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O LORD, the giver of pardon, and the author of man's salvation; we humbly beseech thy mercy for all our Sisters departed this life, that they being holpen by the prayers of Blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin, and all thy Saints, may be made partakers of the joys of everlasting blessedness; who with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

V. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord. *R.* And let light perpetual shine upon them. *V.* May they rest in peace. *R.* Amen.

V. May the souls of our Sisters,  and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *R.* Amen.

THE ORDER FOR THE Laying of the Corner-Stone OF A CONVENT.

The day before the laying of the corner-stone there shall be set up a plain wooden cross over the site where will be the chief altar of the Convent. The corner-stone provided ought to be four-square.

At the time appointed, the Bishop shall have upon him an amice, alb, a white stole and cope, and his mitre.

Then the crossbearer and candlebearers leading the way, the Bishop and the clergy shall go in proces-

sion to the place where the stone is to be laid, the members of the Community following after the clergy. During the procession there may be sung the hymn, Quem, terra, pontus, sidera, on page 141.

The Bishop standing before the cross, shall sprinkle the ground round about with holy water, the choir in the meanwhile singing the antiphon and psalm following,

Ant. Set in this place, O Lord Jesus Christ, the sign of salvation, and suffer not the destroying angel to enter herein.

PSALM 84. *Quam dilecta.*



HOW amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee: in whose heart are thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well: and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength: and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our defender: and look upon the face of thine anointed.

For one day in thy courts: is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God: than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence: the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts: blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

Glory be, etc. Set in this place, etc.

Then the antiphon having been repeated, the Bishop shall say with his head uncovered,

Let us pray.

O GOD, who, though heaven and earth cannot contain thee, yet vouchsafest to dwell in the midst of them that love thee, and to receive the praises which they offer unto thy holy Name; visit this place with the light of thy countenance, purify it by thy grace from all defilement, give thy holy angels charge concerning it, and let it evermore be defended by the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all thy Saints. And as thou didst fulfil the earnest desire of thy chosen servant David through the work of Solomon his son, so in this work, grant unto these thy servants the accomplishment of what they purpose for thy glory; and by the brightness of thy presence, drive far from them all the powers of darkness, that alway singing praise unto thy Name they may daily perform their vows; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then the Bishop standing near the corner-stone, shall say,

O UR help is in the Name of the Lord. *R.* Who hath made heaven and earth. *V.* Blessed be the Name of the Lord. *R.* Henceforth, world without end. *V.* The same Stone which the builders refused. *R.* Is become the Head-stone in the corner. *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.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, very and eternal God, the brightness of the Father's glory, and the express image of his Person, who art the true Corner-stone cut without hands

from the rock, and the Foundation which cannot be moved; stablish this stone now to be placed in thy Name. And of this work, which we now begin to the praise and glory of thy holy Name, be thou the beginning, the increase, and the consummation, who art the First and the Last, by whom in the beginning God the Father created all things, and who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then the Bishop shall sprinkle the stone with holy water; after which making the sign of the cross thrice with the trowel on each side of the stone, he shall say,

IN the Name of the Father ✠ , and of the Son ✠ , and of the Holy ✠ Ghost. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray.

BLESS, ✠ O Lord, this stone for the foundation of a Convent to be here erected to the glory of thy Name, and in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of thine only-begotten Son; And grant that whosoever with a pure mind shall assist in the building of the same, by the work of his hands or by the offering of his substance, may obtain health of body and grace for the soul; through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then he shall say,

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil.

Let us pray.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then while the stone is being made ready to be laid in place, there shall be said or sung the antiphon and psalm following,

Ant. Jacob rose up early in the morning and set up the stone for a pillar; and poured oil upon the top of it, and vowed a vow unto the Lord: Surely the Lord is in this place, and I knew it not.

PSALM 48. *Magnus Dominus.*

GREAT is the Lord, and highly to be praised: in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.

The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth: upon the north side lieth the city of the great King; God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.

For lo, the kings of the earth: are gathered, and gone by together.

They marvelled to see such things: they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.

Fear came there upon them, and sorrow: as upon a woman in her travail.

Thou shalt break the ships of the sea: through the east-wind.

Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God: God upholdeth the same for ever.

We wait for thy lovingkindness, O God: in the midst of thy temple.

O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughter of Judah be glad: because of thy judgments.

Walk about Sion, and go round about her: and tell the towers thereof.

Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses: that ye may tell them that come after.

For this God is our God for ever and ever: he shall be our guide unto death.

Glory be, etc. Jacob rose up early, etc.

Then the Bishop, having on his mitre, shall touch the stone with his left hand while it is being put in place; and making the sign of the Cross thrice with his right hand, he shall say,

IN the faith of Jesus Christ we place the Corner-stone of this foundation: In the Name of the Father ✠ and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy ✠ Ghost, that here poverty of spirit, chastity of heart, and obedience of mind and will, may ever flourish and abound; and that this place may be set apart as a dwelling for those who, being espoused to Jesus Christ, now await the coming of the Bridegroom.

Then the Bishop shall again sprinkle the stone with holy water, 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.

Afterward, preceded by the crossbearer and the clergy, he shall sprinkle the foundations of the Convent, the choir in the meanwhile singing the following hymn:

Angulare fundamentum.

CHRIST, the chief and sure Foundation
Of our Convent home, is laid,
Who, by virtue of vocation,
Us his friends and Brides hath made;
Bound to him in lasting nuptials,
On his love our hearts are stay'd.

In this Convent, God supremest,
Ever at our prayers draw near;
Of thy wonted lovingkindness,
Here unto our vows give ear;
With the riches of thy goodness
This our earthly sojourn cheer.

Here with sure and constant favour
Grant us each devout request;
Of thy gifts in plenteous measure
Make us with thy Saints possessed,
Till in thy Paradise of pleasure
We attain our final rest.

Glory be to God and honour
In the highest, as is meet,

To the Son, as to the Father,
And the Holy Paraclete;
Whose is boundless praise and power
Throughout ages infinite. Amen.

Then the Bishop shall say,

Let us pray.

O LORD God Almighty, who art the author and source of all wisdom; we give thee hearty thanks for all our friends and benefactors, through whose charity the walls of this Convent are about to arise. Remember this to them, O Lord, for good; bless them in mind and body, in soul and estate; be with them in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment; and at the last take them to thyself forever, for his sake who died and was buried and rose again, thy Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. R. Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD, whose only-begotten Son is the Bridegroom for which thy holy Church doth watch and wait; grant unto thy servants who shall dwell in this Convent, so to pass their time of waiting here, that after this life they may be received into that house which is eternal in the heavens, and be counted worthy of a place at the marriage supper of the Lamb, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. R. Amen.

Then the choir shall sing,

Pax æterna.

MAY peace eternal be to this house from the King who inhabiteth eternity. May he who is our abiding peace, even the Word of the Father grant peace to this house. May the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, grant peace to this house from henceforth for evermore.

Then the Bishop, with his head uncovered, shall say,

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord our God, that thy Holy Spirit may descend upon this place and upon the House here to be built; grant that

he may accept the gifts and labours of thy people, cleanse the hearts of the offerers, and sanctify and perfect all who shall dwell herein; through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then the Bishop, having on his mitre, shall pronounce the blessing of peace,

THE Peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the Blessing of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy ✠ Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *R.* Amen.

This service may be said by a Priest if he have the Bishop's license thereto. In which case, the Priest shall have upon him an amice, alb, and a white stole and cope; all shall be done as directed above, save at the final Blessing the sign of the cross shall be made but once.

THE ORDER OF THE

Dedication of a Convent.

The Blessing of the Convent.

There shall be prepared in the chief room of the Convent a small table, covered with a white cloth, and having upon it a crucifix and two lighted candles.

The Bishop shall have upon him an amice, alb, a white stole and cope, and his mitre; and if he be the Ordinary, the pastoral staff shall be borne before him.

The Bishops, Clergy, and Sisters going in procession to the door of the Convent, there shall be sung, Quem terra, pontus, sidera, as on page 141.

Then, the Bishop standing before the door, shall say with head covered,

℟. God himself shall be with them. R. And be their God.

Let us pray.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then, the Bishop sprinkling the lintel and the door posts with holy water, there shall be sung,

Asperges me.

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

Let us pray.

HEAR us, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God; and as thou didst protect the houses of the Hebrews from the destroying angel by the blood of the lamb sprinkled on the lintel and the door posts, wherein was figured the Cross and the sprinkling of the Blood of Christ, who is the true Paschal Lamb, do thou now vouchsafe to set thy seal upon this house, and send thy holy angels from heaven to guard, cherish, and defend all who shall dwell herein; through the same Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then the Bishop entering the Convent and going into the chief room therein, shall say,

℟. Peace be to this house. R. And to all who shall dwell herein. ℟. The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who among other gifts hast bestowed upon thy Priests such excellent power that whatsoever they do rightly in thy Name is done by thee; we beseech thee that what we shall now visit that also thou mayest visit, and what we shall bless that also thou mayest bless; and grant that our coming hither in thy Name may put to flight all the host of evil, and

that the Angel of peace may enter in and here take up his abode forever; through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then the Bishop shall sprinkle the room with holy water. After which, he shall bless the incense and then cense the room.

Then he shall go through the halls of the Convent, followed by the Clergy and the Sisters; two Chaplains shall precede him, the one sprinkling holy water, and the other immediately following and censuring as he goeth. As the procession passeth through the Convent, the psalm following shall be said or sung.

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

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 offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is ever before me.

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 art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness: and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts: and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

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

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness: that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins: and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence: and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again: and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked: and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health: and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord: and my mouth shall show thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee: but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

O be favourable and gracious unto Sion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations: then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

Glory be, etc. Thou shalt, etc.

Then the Bishop, having returned to the chief room of the Convent, shall say,

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

VISIT, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all the snares of the enemy; let thy holy Angel dwell herein to keep the inhabitants thereof in peace, and let thy blessing be always upon them; through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then the Bishop shall proceed to bless the cross which is to be set up in token of the Convent's dedication.

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

BLESS ✠ O Lord Jesus Christ, this sign of thy Cross whereby thou didst deliver the world from the power of the devil, overcoming in

thy Passion the tempter who had rejoiced over the fall of the first man through eating of the forbidden tree; who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then the Bishop, sprinkling the cross with holy water, shall say,

MAY this sign of the Cross be hallowed, in the Name of the ✠ Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy ✠ Ghost. *R.* Amen.

Then the cross shall be placed upon the wall, the Bishop saying,

SET upon this house, O Lord Jesus Christ, the sign of salvation, and suffer not the destroying angel to enter herein, in the Name of the ✠ Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy ✠ Ghost. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art present in every place throughout thy kingdom, and workest all things according to the counsel of thine own will; assist us in these our supplications, and as thou hast founded and reared this Convent, be thou evermore its protector and defender; here let no malice of the enemy withstand the operations of thy grace, but grant, by the power of the holy Cross and the mighty working of the Holy Ghost, that there may be continually offered unto thee in this place a pure and acceptable service, in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray.

ASSIST us, O Lord our God, and grant that they who put their whole trust in the power of the holy Cross may ever be defended by thy ready help; through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD, whose only-begotten Son is the Bridegroom for which thy holy Church doth watch and wait; grant unto thy servants who shall dwell

in this Convent so to pass their time of waiting here, that after this life they may be received into that house which is eternal in the heavens, and be counted worthy of a place at the marriage supper of the Lamb, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

The Blessing of the Chapel.

Then all going in procession to the chapel there shall be sung the hymn, O Gloriosa virginum, as on page 148.

When the Bishop reacheth the door of the chapel, he shall sprinkle the lintel and door posts with holy water, saying,

Asperges me.

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

Then the hymn being continued, the Bishop and his Chaplain shall go up to the sanctuary, the Clergy shall go within the sanctuary, and the Sisters shall take their places in the choir.

Then all kneeling down, the Bishop, with his head uncovered, shall say at the entrance of the sanctuary,

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil.

Then the Bishop, standing up, shall say,

Let us pray.

LET thy glory, O Lord our God, be manifested in the assembly of thy Saints, and vouchsafe thy presence in this House which hath been built for thy habitation; that thou, who makest all things work together for the good of them that are thy children by adoption, mayest alway be praised, worshipped and glorified by them in this thine heritage; through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then, all standing up, there shall be sung the psalm following, the Bishop and his Chaplains going

in procession about the chapel; the one Chaplain sprinkling holy water, and the other censuring as he goeth.

Ant. Bless, O Lord, this House built to the glory of thy holy Name.

PSALM 122. *Lætatus sum.*

I WAS glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city: that is at unity in itself.

For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord: to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

For there is the seat of judgment: even the seat of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes: I will wish thee prosperity.

Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God: I will seek to do thee good.

Glory be, etc. Bless, O Lord, etc.

Then all kneeling down, the Bishop standing at the entrance of the sanctuary, with head uncovered, shall say,

Let us pray.

O GOD, who dost sanctify the places set apart to the glory of thy Name; pour down thy grace upon this house of prayer, that all they who in this place make their supplications unto thee, may obtain thy merciful aid and protection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

The Consecration of the Altar.

Then the Bishop having on his mitre shall proceed to the consecration of the altar, the choir singing the antiphon and psalm following,

Introibo ad altare.

I WILL go unto the altar of God: even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

Give sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people: O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

Glory be, etc. I will go unto, etc.

The Bishop in the meanwhile shall make the sign of the Cross four times with consecrated water at each of the five places where a cross is engraved upon the mensa, saying at each place,

MAY this altar be hallowed, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then the choir shall sing,

Asperges me.

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

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: according to the multitude of thy mercies, do away mine offences.

Glory be, etc. Thou shalt purge me, etc.

The Bishop in the meanwhile shall sprinkle the whole altar seven times with consecrated water.

Then the choir shall sing,

Stetit angelus.

AN angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer, and there was given unto him much incense: and the smoke of the incense ascended up before God.

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense: and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

Glory be, etc. An angel came, etc.

The Bishop in the meanwhile shall cense the altar thrice over each of the five places where a cross is engraved upon the mensa.

Then the choir shall sing,

Mane surgens Jacob.

JACOB rose up early in the morning and set up the stone for a pillar; and poured oil upon the top of it, and vowed a vow unto the Lord: surely the Lord is in this place, and I knew it not.

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts.

Glory be, etc. Jacob rose up, etc.

In the meanwhile the Bishop shall make two crosses, with the oil of catechumens, at each of the five places where a cross is engraven upon the mensa, saying at each place,

VOUCHSAFE, O Lord God, to hal ✠ low and conse ✠ crate this altar by this anointing and by our benediction; through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Afterward the Bishop shall cense the altar a second time, after the same manner as before.

Then the choir shall sing,

Unxit te Deus.

GOD, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

All thy garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia: out of the ivory palaces whereby they have made thee glad.

Glory be, etc. God, even thy, etc.

Then the Bishop shall make five crosses with the chrism, at each of the aforesaid five places, saying at each place,

VOUCHSAFE, O Lord God, to hal ✠ low and conse ✠ crate this altar by the anointing of chrism and by our benediction, to thy glory and worship, and to the honour of the blessed and ever-Virgin Mary: in the Name of the ✠ Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy ✠ Ghost. Amen.

Afterward the Bishop shall cense the altar a third time, after the same manner as before.

Then the choir shall sing,

Ecce odor.

BEHOLD, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the Lord hath blessed: therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine.

Her foundations are upon the holy hills: the Lord loveth the gates of Sion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Glory be, etc. Behold, etc.

While this anthem is being sung the Bishop shall pour the oil and chrism together upon the middle of the altar, and then with his right hand he shall anoint the whole mensa.

Afterward the Bishop shall cense the altar for the fourth time.

Then the Bishop, standing turned towards the altar, shall say,

DEARLY beloved brethren, let us beseech the mercy of God the Father Almighty, that he may hearken to our cry, and sanctify by our bene ✠ diction this Altar now to be consecrated for the offering up of spiritual sacrifices; that he may ever vouchsafe to ✠ bless and hal ✠ low the oblations, which in worship of him, his servants shall make thereon; so that their offerings coming up with acceptance before him, he may give a ready ear to their prayers when they call upon him; through Jesus Christ, his Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. R̄. Amen.

Then all kneeling down, silence shall be kept for a space; after which all standing up, the Bishop, with his head uncovered, shall say these prayers consecrating the altar,

Let us pray.

WE humbly beseech thee, O Almighty God, that thou wouldest receive our humble petitions, and ✠ bless, sanc ✠ tify and conse ✠ crate, at our hands, this Altar which we now dedicate to thy glory and worship, and in honour of the Blessed

Virgin Mary. Grant that the oblations made on this Table, being bedewed with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, may be acceptable and well-pleasing unto thee. And whensoever any of thy servants make their supplication towards this place, do thou hear their prayers, relieve their distress, heal their sickness, accept their vows, maintain their cause, and grant them their heart's desire; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, one God,

WORLD without end. *R.* Amen. *V.* The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit. *V.* Lift up your hearts. *R.* We lift them up unto the Lord. *V.* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. *R.* It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, so that with a ready and constant service we may wait upon thee continually; and especially are we bound to praise thee at this present time, when with minds lifted up and with reverent awe, we would dedicate this Altar to thy glory and worship. Vouchsafe, therefore, O Lord our Governor, to adorn and bless **✠** this Altar with thy heavenly **✠** benediction, that it may be made glorious with the light of thy Holy Spirit. Let it be as acceptable before thee as was the altar of Abraham, the father of the faithful, which he built whereon to offer his own son; and as was that which Isaac reared in the sight of thy Majesty; and as was that which Jacob set up when he had seen the Lord in a vision by night. So that here thou mayest receive the prayers of those who call upon thee; that here thou mayest sanctify the oblations which are presented unto thee; that here thou mayest consecrate the gifts which are offered unto thee; and that from here also, thou mayest distribute that which hath been consecrated. Let

this thy house abide forever, and may this heavenly Table ever be spread with the spiritual banquet. And do thou ever, O Lord, with thine own Word, consecrate the oblations which are set upon this Table. And do thou ever accept them, and bestow them upon us all, that by partaking of them we may attain unto everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then the choir shall sing this anthem,

Sanctificavit Dominus.

THE Lord hath now sanctified his tabernacle wherein his Name shall be worshipped, concerning which it is written, My Name shall be there, saith the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Then the Bishop, with his head still uncovered, and standing before the altar, shall say these prayers,

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who in every generation hast called faithful souls to leave all things and to follow thee; let thy voice be heard in thy Church now as in the days of old, and raise up many servants and handmaids to serve thee in the Religious Life; and grant unto all who have received thy heavenly calling, especially the Sisters of Saint Mary, that they may, with full purpose of mind and heart, follow thee in the way of poverty, chastity and obedience, and find in thee their riches, their joy, and their perfect rest, who livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray.

O LORD God Almighty, who art the author and source of all wisdom; we give thee hearty thanks for all our friends and benefactors, through whose charity this Convent hath been built. Remember this to them, O Lord, for good; bless them in mind and body, in soul and estate; be with

them in the hour of death and in the day of judgment, and at the last take them to thyself forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then the choir shall sing,

Pax aeterna.

MAY peace eternal be to this house from the King who inhabiteth eternity. May he who is our abiding peace, even the Word of the Father, grant peace to this house. May the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, grant peace to this house from henceforth for evermore.

Then all kneeling, the Bishop, having on his mitre, shall pronounce upon the whole Convent the blessing of peace.

THE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy ✠ Ghost, be upon this Convent, and upon all who here await the coming of the Bridegroom, both now and forever. *R.* Amen.

Then, while the altar is being prepared for the celebration of the Mass, there shall be sung this hymn,

In domo Patris.

OUR Father's home eternal,
Which all dear pleasures share,
Hath many divers mansions,
And each one passing fair:
They are the victors' guerdon,
Who, through the hard-won fight,
Have followed in Christ's footsteps,
And reign with him in light.
Amidst the happy number,
The Virgins' Crown and Queen,
The Ever-Virgin Mother,
Is first and foremost seen:

Her one and only gladness,
That undefiled one,
To gaze in adoration,
The Mother, on the Son.

The Martyrs reign in glory,
Who triumphed as they fell,
And by a thousand tortures
Defeated death and hell:
And every patient sufferer,
Who sorrow dared contemn,
For each especial anguish
Hath one especial gem.

The brave Religious Orders,
Their self-denial ceased,
Sit down with Christ, and banquet
At his eternal feast:
The Hermits, that elected
Strait cells for love of thee,
Are called to be thy denizens,
Jerusalem the free!

The Virgins walk in beauty
Amidst their lily-bowers,
The coronals assuming
Of amaranthine flowers:
And each true-hearted Widow,
Made perfect in God's grace,
Hath meet, though lower, portion
Midst those that see his face.

The continent of spirit,
Their carnal struggles o'er,
With joy put off the armour
That they shall need no more:
And these, and all that battled
Beneath their Monarch's eyes,
The harder was the conflict
The brighter is the prize. Amen.



*The Propers of the Mass.*THE INTROIT. *Terribilis est.*

OH, how dreadful is this place! this is the house of God, and gate of heaven: and men shall call it the palace of God.

Oh, how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts: my soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord.

Glory be, etc. Oh, how dreadful, etc.

After the Summary of the Law shall follow the Kyrie, as on page 149.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD, who though unseen containest all things, and compassionating our weakness, dost grant unto us outward signs of thy glory; shed upon this habitation of thy holiness the light of thy presence, that all who here lift up the voice of praise and supplication, may be holpen by the consolations of thy love, and hereafter may sing the new song before the throne of thy majesty forever; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

THE EPISTLE.

The portion of Scripture appointed for the Epistle is written in the twenty-first chapter of the book of the Revelation of Saint John the Apostle, beginning at the second verse.

Rev. 21: 2.

IN those days, I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death,

neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.

Here endeth the Epistle.

THE GRAIL.

THEY that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount Sion: which may not be removed, but standeth fast forever. *V.* The hills stand about Jerusalem: even so standeth the Lord round about his people from this time forth for evermore.

Alleluia, Alleluia. *V.* For the Lord hath chosen Sion to be an habitation for himself; he hath longed for her: this shall be my rest forever, here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein. Alleluia.

THE SEQUENCE.

Lætabundus.

RAISE your voices,
Faithful choirs, with joy exceeding
In the courts on high:
Lo! rejoices
Queenly Bride, her nuptials speeding,
For her King is nigh.

Now the Lily from afar
Weds the brier, sun to star
Troth is plighting:
'Tis a wondrous marriage-bond,
To her God in union fond
Soul uniting.

See! the Church to-day invites
Christ, espous'd with festal rites,
To her chaste embrace;
So the lowly human soul,
Subject bows to God's control,
'Neath the yoke of grace.

Flesh of man, by mystic tie,
Wedded to God's Son on high,
Rose to high degree:

For the Son, in heaven who reign'd,
Chief in might and glory, deign'd
Worthless flesh to be.

Princely state he laid aside,
Chose a "black but comely" bride,
Whom his love hath glorified,
Fair and holy:

Thus did Christ his word fulfil,
For that, by a mighty skill,
From defilement's stain his will
Cleans'd the lowly.

Maiden, then hasten thee,
Sit with thy Bridegroom free,
Crown'd with majesty,
Sceptred and thron'd;
See how thy Spouse and Lord,
Veiled by the written Word,
In full light ador'd
True faith hath owned. Amen.

THE GOSPEL.

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the fourteenth chapter of Saint John, beginning at the eighteenth verse. *R.* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Saint John 14: 18.

AT that time Jesus said unto his disciples, I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.
Then shall be sung the Nicene Creed.

THE OFFERTORY.

I WILL bring my servants to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my House of Prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar, for mine house shall be called an House of Prayer.

After the Offertory hath been sung, there may be sung this hymn,

Christe cunctorum dominator alme.

ONLY-BEGOTTEN Word of God eternal,
Lord of creation, merciful and mighty,
List to thy handmaids as our humble voices
Rise to thy presence.

*Thus in our solemn Feast of Dedication,
Graced by returning rites of due devotion,
We who thy Brides are, year by year rejoicing,
Chant in thy temple.

This is thy Palace; here thy Presence-Chamber;
Here may thy handmaids, at the mystic Banquet,
Daily adoring, take thy Body broken,
Drink of thy Chalice.

Here in our sickness healing grace aboundeth,
Light in our blindness, in our toil refreshment;
Sin is forgiven, hope o'er fear prevaieth,
Joy over sorrow.

Hallow'd this dwelling where the Lord abideth;
Rightly we greet it as the Gate of Heaven;
Strangers and pilgrims, seeking homes eternal,
Pass through its portals.

Lord, we beseech thee, as we throng thy temple,
By thy past blessings, by thy present bounty,
Smile on thy handmaids, and with tender mercy
Hear our petitions.

God in Three Persons, Father Everlasting,
Son co-eternal, ever-blessed Spirit,
Thine be the glory, praise, and adoration,
Now and forever. Amen.

*The second verse is omitted on the day when the Convent is dedicated.

THE PREFACE.

V. Lift up your hearts. *R.* We lift them up unto the Lord. *V.* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. *R.* It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; who as the giver of all good things dwellest in this House of Prayer reared by human hands, and by the unceasing operation of thy grace dost sanctify the Church which thou thyself hast founded. And verily thy Church is the true House of Prayer, of which these visible buildings are but the figures. It is the Temple of the habitation of thy glory, the Throne of unchanging truth, the Holy Place wherein everlasting love abideth. It is the Ark which bringeth us, who are delivered from the deluge of the world, into the haven of salvation. It is the beloved and only Bride which Christ hath purchased with his Blood and quickeneth by his Spirit; in whose bosom we, who have been regenerated by thy grace, are fed with the milk of the Word, are strengthened with the Bread of Life, and are comforted by the help of thy mercy. This is that Bride that on earth, being holpen by the Bridegroom, fighteth the good fight of faith, and, being crowned by him in heaven, singeth the songs of triumphant joy. Therefore with Angels, etc.

The Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus and Gloria in excelsis shall be sung in their proper places.

THE COMMUNION.

MY house shall be called the House of Prayer, saith the Lord: in it everyone that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

THE POST COMMUNION.

OLORD Jesus Christ, who from living and elect stones buildest for thyself an habitation in the heavens; grant that these thy handmaids

whom thou hast separated from the world, may be so fitted and prepared by the operations of thy grace, that they may be counted worthy of a place in that temple of which thou art the light and the glory; who livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

After the Blessing shall be sung this hymn,

Quisquis valet.

IF there be that skills to reckon
All the number of the Blest,
He, perchance, can weigh the gladness,
Of the everlasting Rest,
Which, their earthly exile finished,
They by merit have possess.

Oh, what splendour, oh, what beauty
Lightens round the happy place,
From the King's dear Royal Mother,
From that Vessel full of grace:
While the legions of the Blessed
Gaze upon her glorious face!

In her joy the Angelic cohorts,
And the Saints that fill the skies,
And the Apostolic chorus,
And the Martyrs sympathize:
And the Virgins and Confessors
Bend on her their loving eyes.

In a glass, through types and riddles,
Dwelling here, we see alone;
Then serenely, purely, clearly,
We shall know as we are known;
Fixing our enlightened vision
On the glory of the Throne.

There the Trinity of Persons
Unbeclouded shall we see;
There the Unity of Essence
Perfectly revealed shall be;
While we hail the Threefold Godhead,
And the simple Unity.

Bride of Christ, take heart and courage,
 Whatso'er thy present pain;
 Such untold reward through suffering
 Thou may'st merit to attain
 And forever in his glory
 With the Light of light to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father,
 Laud and honour to the Son,
 Laud and honour to the Spirit,
 Ever three and ever one,
 Consubstantial, Coeternal,
 While unending ages run. Amen.


*After the last Gospel may be sung the Te Deum,
 as on pages 168 and 169.*

ON THE


Anniversary of the Dedication.

In each Province, the Anniversary of the Dedication of its Convent shall be kept as a Double feast of the first class with an Octave, as directed by the Customal. It shall take precedence of all lesser feasts. The choir offices shall be said as prescribed in the Breviary for the Dedication. The Propers of the Mass shall be as on the day of the Dedication, page 332, except the Collect and the Post Communion, which shall be as followeth:

THE COLLECT.

 GOD, who year by year renewest for thine handmaids the memory of the dedication of their Convent home; grant that their hearts may thereby be lifted up to the everlasting home which thou hast prepared for them in the heavens, and that thitherward their footsteps may ever be directed during all the days of their pilgrimage; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. R. Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION.

 GOD, who hast vouchsafed to call the Church thy Bride; grant that these thine handmaids whom thou hast gathered into thy courts on earth, may so fear thee, love thee, and faithfully serve thee, that they may be counted worthy hereafter to share that title of thy Church; who livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. R. Amen.

If the Anniversary of the Dedication be also the Patronal Feast (Feb. 2), the Propers of the Mass and of the choir offices shall be those of the Purification, and the feast of the Dedication shall be transferred to the first vacant feria after the octave of the Purification; but in such case the Dedication shall have no octave.

THE ORDER FOR THE

Blessing of a Cemetery.


On the day before there shall be set up in the midst of the Cemetery a plain wooden cross about seven feet in height.

At the time appointed, the Bishop, having upon him an amice, girded alb, stole, white cope and a mitre, and holding the pastoral staff in his left hand, shall proceed to the Cemetery. The clergy who are present shall precede him, and the Sisters shall follow after him.

Then there shall be lighted three candles, placed beforehand near the foot of the cross in a candlestick with three branches.

Then the Bishop, having his head uncovered and standing before the cross, shall say,

Let us pray.

 GOD, who keepest watch and ward over the bodies and souls of men, and art the hope of all them that believe; graciously regard this service of our ministry, and vouchsafe to ✠ cleanse, ble ✠ ss, and sanc ✠ tify this Cemetery as a rest-

ing place for the bodies of thine handmaids, which, after the course of this life, shall here be laid to rest; and grant that, in the great day of judgment, they may be joined unto their souls in the joy of unending life; through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then the Bishop shall say,

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *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.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then the Bishop, having on his mitre, shall sprinkle the cross thrice with holy water, saying,

Asperges me.

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

Then shall be said together the Psalm Miserere, page 320, all in the meanwhile going about the Cemetery. the Bishop preceding and sprinkling the ground with holy water. At the end of the Psalm shall be said, Glory be, etc., and after that the antiphon shall be repeated. Then the Bishop, having returned before the cross, shall say, with head uncovered,

Let us pray.

O GOD, the Creator of all the world and the Redeemer of mankind, who according to thine own will orderest all thy creatures, both visible and invisible, we humbly beseech thee to ✠ cleanse, ble ✠ ss and sanc ✠ tify this cemetery for the

repose of the bodies of thine handmaids; and, through thy great mercy, grant unto their souls the remission of all their sins, that when the trumpet of the archangel soundeth their bodies and souls may be partakers of the consolation that endureth forever; through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then one of the candles shall be fastened upon the top of the cross, and one on either arm of the cross. Then the Bishop shall cense the cross, and again sprinkle it with holy water. After which all shall depart in peace.

The above office may be said by a Priest, if he be thereto licensed by the Bishop. In which case, the Priest shall have upon him an amice, girded alb, a stole and a white cope.



APPENDIX.

The services following are of ancient observance throughout God's Church, and are here printed in full in order to provide guidance to the Officiant, and to enable the Sisters to take an intelligent part when these services are rendered. They all require the presence of an officiating Priest for their observance.

ON

Ash Wednesday.

Immediately before the principal Mass of the day, the Priest being vested in amice, alb, and violet stole and cope, or without the cope, shall kneel before the altar and say the psalm and prayers following as prescribed by the Prayer Book; all others also kneeling. The Psalm shall be said, alternately by the Priest and choir, or it may be sung all together.

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 offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is ever before me.

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 art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness: and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts: and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

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

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness: that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins: and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence: and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again: and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked: and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health: and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord: and my mouth shall show thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee: but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

O be favourable and gracious unto Sion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations: then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

Glory be, etc.

Then shall be added,

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*silently*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *V.* O Lord, save thy servants. *R.* That put their trust in thee. *V.* Send unto them help from above. *R.* And evermore mightily defend them. *V.* Help us, O God our Saviour. *R.* And for the glory of thy Name deliver us; be merciful to us sinners for thy Name's sake. *V.* O Lord, hear our prayer. *R.* And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O LORD, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

O MOST mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin, and be saved; mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners; but so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then all shall say together with the Priest,

TURN thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, be favourable to thy people, who turn to thee in weeping, fasting and praying. For thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, and in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord, spare them, and let not thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great, and after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us; through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Priest shall say,

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive; receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with

the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. *R.* Amen.

THE Lord bless \times us, and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *R.* Amen.

If on this day there are to be blessed ashes of palms used on the preceding Palm Sunday, they shall be in a vessel placed upon a table at the Epistle side of the sanctuary; and the Priest, immediately after the above prayers, goeth up to the Epistle side of the altar. Then the choir shall say or sing,

Exaudi nos.

HEAR us, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is comfortable: turn thee unto us according to the multitude of thy mercies.

Save me, O God: for the waters are come in, even unto my soul.

Glory be, etc. Hear us, etc.

Then the Priest saith: V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who desirest not the death of sinners, but rather that they should repent and be saved; graciously regard the weakness of our mortal nature, and of thy goodness, vouchsafe to \times bless and hal \times low these ashes, which we purpose to put upon our heads in token of our low estate and in humble supplication of thy mercy; and grant that we, who thus acknowledge ourselves to be but dust and ashes, and because of our sinfulness worthy only to be returned again to the earth from whence we came, may obtain in this life the pardon of all our sins, and in the life to come may attain the rewards which thou hast promised to those who truly repent and turn to thee; through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then the Priest blesseth the incense; and afterward he sprinkleth the ashes thrice with holy water; and then censeth them thrice.

Then while the Priest and those within the sanctuary are receiving the ashes, there shall be sung one or more of the anthems following.

Immutemur.

LET us change our garments for sackcloth and ashes: let us fast and weep before the Lord: for our God is rich in mercy, and he will forgive us our sins.

Inter vestibulum.

LET the Priests, the Ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say: spare thy people, O Lord, spare thy people: and destroy not, O Lord, the mouths of them that praise thee.

Then may follow this respond,

Emendemus.

LET us amend ourselves in that wherein we have done ignorantly and wherein we have sinned: lest we be overtaken by the day of death, when those that seek space for repentance shall not find it. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee. *℣.* Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy Name: O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins, for thy Name's sake. *℣.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

Then the Priest, placing ashes upon the head of each Sister kneeling before him, saith,

REMEMBER, O man, that dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Then the Priest, having washed his hands, returneth to the Epistle side of the altar. Then he saith,

℣. The Lord be with you. *℟.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

GRANT to us, O Lord, the grace whereby we may enter anew upon our Christian warfare with fasting and abstinence, that we who are to do battle with spiritual wickedness may have the strength which self-denial alone can give, and may be enabled to bruise Satan under our feet; through Christ our Lord. *℟.* Amen.

Then the Priest putteth upon him the maniple and chasuble, and then proceedeth with the Mass.

ON

Palm Sunday.

The palms which are to be blessed shall be placed on a table at the Epistle corner of the altar, some time before the principal Mass. And the Priest, having on him an amice, alb, and a violet stole and cope (or without the cope), and standing at the Epistle side of the altar, the choir shall say or sing,

Hosanna Filio.

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.

Then the Priest saith, ℣. The Lord be with you. *℟.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, whom perfectly to love is the fulfilling of the law; increase and multiply upon us the unspeakable gifts of thy grace. And as by the death of thy Son thou hast made us to look forward with hope unto those things in which we believe, grant that, by his rising to life again, we may attain unto the country whither we would be; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *℟.* Amen.

THE EPISTLE.

The portion of Scripture appointed for the Epistle is written in the fifteenth chapter of the book of Exodus, beginning at the twenty-seventh verse.

Exodus 15: 27.

IN those days, the children of Israel came to Elim, where were twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm-trees: and they encamped there by the waters. And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt. And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness: and the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger. Then said the Lord unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no. And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily. And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall know that the Lord hath brought you out from the land of Egypt: and in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the Lord.

Here endeth the Epistle.

THE GRAIL.

THE chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council, and said, What do we, for this man doeth many miracles? If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: And the Romans

shall come and take away both our place and nation. *V.* And one of them named Caiaphas, being the the High Priest that same year, prophesied, saying: It is expedient for you, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death, saying: And the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.

Then the Priest still standing at the Epistle side of the altar, readeth the Gospel following.

THE GOSPEL.

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the twenty-first chapter of Saint Matthew, beginning at the first verse. *R.* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

St. Matt. 21: 1.

AT that time, when they 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 strawed 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; Hosanna in the highest.

R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Then the Priest saith, V. The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

INCREASE, O God, the faith of them that put their trust in thee, and mercifully hear the prayers which we thy humble servants offer unto thy divine majesty. Let there come upon us the multitude of thy mercies, and upon these palm branches send down the fulness of thy blessing. And as thou didst multiply upon Noah the blessings of increase when he went forth of the ark, and also didst greatly enrich Moses and the children of Israel at their departing out of the land of Egypt, figuring thereby the increase and conquests of thy Church; grant that we who now go forth bearing palm branches, may at the latter day go forth to meet Christ bearing with us the fruits of good works, and with him may enter into the city of everlasting joy; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R. Amen.*

Let us pray.

O GOD, who dost gather together in one thy children that are scattered abroad, and preservest them that are gathered, and who didst bless the people who went forth carrying palm branches; bless **X** these branches which we thy servants are to receive in faith to the honour of thy holy Name; and grant that into whatsoever place they are carried, all that dwell therein may receive thy heavenly benediction; so that every evil power being put to flight, thy right hand may keep in continual peace and safety those who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R. Amen.*

Then the Priest blesseth the incense; sprinkleth the branches thrice with holy water, saying, Thou shalt purge, etc., and then censeth them thrice.

While the palms are being distributed to those within the sanctuary, there shall be said or sung,

Pueri Hebræorum.

THE Hebrew children carrying olive branches, went forth to meet the Lord. And as they went they cried, saying, Hosanna in the highest.

THE Hebrew children spread their garments in the way, and cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Then the palms are distributed to the Sisters kneeling before the altar.

Then the Priest, standing at the Epistle side of the altar, saith, V. The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who for our salvation didst send thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ into the world, that by humbling himself unto us he might bring us back unto thee; and who didst ordain that he should go up to Jerusalem in order that the Scriptures might be fulfilled, and that there he should be met by a multitude of them that believed, who in the fulness of faith straved before him their garments and branches of the palm trees; grant, we beseech thee, that we may so prepare the way of faith, that everything that offendeth being taken away, our good works may therein grow and flourish against his second coming; so that when he shall appear, we may be counted worthy to follow him into the Jerusalem which is above; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R. Amen.*

Then the procession shall be made, the Priest first saying, Let us go forward in peace. R. In the Name of Christ. Amen. The acolytes carrying the cross and candles shall precede the Priest, the Sisters shall follow after, and any lay women shall walk after the Sisters, each one carrying a palm branch in the

right hand over the shoulder. During the procession there shall be sung the following anthems,

Cum appropinquaret.

WHEN the Lord drew nigh to Jerusalem, he sent two of his disciples, saying: Go into the town that lieth over against you.

And ye shall find an ass's colt bound: whereon never man sat.

Loose him: and bring him unto me.

If any man say ought unto you, say ye: The Lord hath need of him.

When they had loosed the colt they brought him to Jesus: and they put on him their clothes, and he sat upon him.

And many spread their garments in the way: others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.

And they that came after cried, saying: Hosanna, blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Blessed be the kingdom of our father David: Hosanna in the highest; O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

Cum audisset.

WHEN the people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem: they cut down branches from the palm trees, and went forth to meet him.

And the children cried, saying: This is he that cometh for the salvation of the people.

This is our Saviour: and the Redeemer of Israel.

How great and mighty is he: whom the thrones and dominations go forth to meet.

Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold thy King cometh unto thee, sitting upon an ass's colt, as it is written.

Hail thou King and Creator of the world: who hast come to redeem us.

Ante sex dies.

SIX days before the Passover the Lord came to Bethany: and when he drew nigh to the city of Jerusalem, the children went forth to meet him.

And they carried branches of the palm trees in their hands: and cried with a loud voice, saying, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed art thou that comest in the multitude of thy mercies: Hosanna in the highest.

Occurunt turbæ.

AND multitudes to-day hasten forth with branches of the palm trees: to greet the Redeemer of the world.

And to render the homage: due to so mighty a victor.

The nations of the earth now proclaim him to be the Son of God: and their voices ring through the heavens as they praise Christ the Lord, crying, Hosanna in the highest.

Cum angelis et pueris.

AND on this day we also are found among the angels and the children: and cry unto the conqueror of death, Hosanna in the highest.

Turba multa.

MHE multitudes which came together for the feast day, cried unto the Lord: Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Instead of the above anthems there may be sung one or more appropriate hymns.

When the procession hath returned to the chapel, a station shall be made under the Rood outside the entrance of the choir; during which shall be sung this hymn,

Gloria, laus, et honor.

ALL glory, laud, and honour
To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet Hosannas ring.

All glory, etc.

Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's Royal Son,
Who in the Lord's Name comest,
The King and Blessed One.

All glory, etc.

The company of Angels
Are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply.

All glory, etc.

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before thee we present.

All glory, etc.

To thee before thy Passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To thee now high exalted
Our melody we raise.

All glory, etc.

Thou didst accept their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.
All glory, etc. Amen.

Then the procession entering the choir, there shall be sung this respond,

Ingrediente Domino.

AS the Lord entered the holy city, the Hebrew children declared in a figure his resurrection unto life, Holding in their hands branches of the palm tree: and crying, Hosanna in the highest. V. When the people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they went forth to meet him, Holding in their hands branches of the palm tree: and crying, Hosanna in the highest.

Then shall follow the Mass. The palms shall be held in the right hand while the Gospel is read.



ON

Maundy Thursday.

By the ancient custom of the Church, all the offices of this day including None, were said before the Mass.

The Procession to the Altar of Repose.

If at the end of the Mass of this day, the reserved Sacrament be carried by the Priest to an altar of repose, there to remain until the next morning, the Priest putteth on him a white cope. Then kneeling down he censeth the Sacrament which he hath reserved. Then having received the humeral veil, he goeth up to the altar, and taketh the chalice having the Host within it.

As soon as the Priest turneth toward the people, the choir beginneth the following hymn. All kneel down as the Sacrament is carried by them. If the people are in the procession, they walk after the Priest, each one carrying a lighted candle.

Pange, lingua, gloriosi Corporis.

NOW, my tongue, the Mystery telling
Of the glorious Body sing,
And the Blood, all price excelling,
Which the Gentiles' Lord and King,
In a Virgin's womb once dwelling,
Shed for this world's ransoming.

Given for us, and condescending
To be born for us below,
He, with men in converse blending,
Dwelt the seed of truth to sow,
Till he closed with wondrous ending
His most patient life of woe.

That last night, at supper lying,
'Mid the twelve, his chosen band,
Jesus, with the law complying,
Keeps the feast its rites demand;
Then, more precious Food supplying,
Gives himself with his own hand.

Word-made-Flesh true bread he maketh
 By his word his Flesh to be;
 Wine, his very Blood becometh,
 And though sense no change may see,
 Faith alone the true heart waketh,
 To behold the Mystery.

Here all kneel down; and the Priest having placed the Sacrament on the altar of repose, the choir beginneth the Tantum ergo. At the words, Glory let us give, etc., the Priest kneeling censeth the Sacrament, and then placeth it in the tabernacle.

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 our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give, and blessing
 To the Father, and the Son,
 Honour, might, and praise addressing,
 While eternal ages run;
 Ever, too, his love confessing,
 Who from Both with Both is One. Amen.

By the ancient custom of the Church Vespers immediately followed. The office is said without musical inflection.

The Stripping of the Altars.

Then immediately after the office, the Priest standing before the altar where the Mass was said, readeth the antiphon and precenteth the psalm following, and then strippeth the main altar, the Sisters in the meanwhile standing and reciting the psalm without note.

Ant. They part my garments among them: and cast lots upon my vesture.

PSALM 22. *Deus, Deus meus.*

MY God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me: and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?

O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not: and in the night season also I take no rest.

And thou continuest holy: O thou Worship of Israel.

Our fathers hoped in thee: they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

They called upon thee, and were holpen: they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.

But as for me, I am a worm, and no man: a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.

All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,

He trusted in God, that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, if he will have him.

But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb: thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

I have been left unto thee ever since I was born: thou art my God even from my mother's womb.

O go not from me; for trouble is hard at hand: and there is none to help me.

Many oxen are come about me: fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.

They gaped upon me with their mouths: as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums: and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.

For many dogs are come about me: and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.

They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones: they stand staring and looking upon me.

They part my garments among them: and cast lots upon my vesture.

But be not thou far from me, O Lord: thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.

Deliver my soul from the sword: my darling from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth: thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.

I will declare thy Name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

O praise the Lord, ye that fear him: magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob; and fear him, all ye seed of Israel.

For he hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the poor: he hath not hid his face from him; but when he called unto him he heard him.

My praise is of thee in the great congregation: my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

The poor shall eat, and be satisfied: they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever.

All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he is the Governor among the people.

All such as be fat upon earth: have eaten, and worshipped.

All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him: and no man hath quickened his own soul.

My seed shall serve him: they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.

They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness: unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

The Gloria shall not be said, but immediately shall be repeated the antiphon, They part, etc.

All the other altars are also stripped, either while the psalm is being said, or immediately afterward. Nothing is left upon any of the altars save the altar cross veiled in violet and the six standard candlesticks.

ON

Good Friday.

By the ancient custom of the Church the choir offices including None were said before the service at the altar began.

There shall be but one linen cloth upon the altar. The Priest, vested in black and standing at the Epistle side of the altar, saith the Collects, Epistle, and Gospel, appointed in the Book of Common Prayer.

The Veneration of the Cross.

In those Chapels where the Reproaches may conveniently be sung, they shall follow immediately after the Gospel, and shall be said as followeth: The Priest having read the Gospel, layeth aside the chasuble; then standing at the Epistle end of the altar, he holdeth up a veiled crucifix with the upper part uncovered, and saith,

BEHOLD the wood of the cross whereon hung the Saviour of the world.

The Sisters, all kneeling, answer, O come and let us worship.

Then the Priest, having uncovered the right arm of the cross, standeth before the Epistle side of the altar, and holding up the crucifix saith again, Behold, etc. The choir answer, O come, etc.

Then having uncovered the crucifix entirely, he standeth before the midst of the altar, and holding up the crucifix he saith for the third time, Behold, etc. And the choir again answer, O come, etc.

Then the Priest placeth the crucifix on a prie-dieu prepared for it before the altar; and he and all within the sanctuary offer the acts of reverence which are customarily shown to the crucifix on this day. In the meanwhile the Sisters, kneeling, sing the Reproaches.

Popule meus.

O MY people, what have I done to thee? or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me. Because I brought thee forth from the land

of Egypt, thou hast prepared a cross for thy Saviour.

R/. Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy upon us.

Because I led thee through the wilderness forty years, and fed thee with manna, and brought thee into a land exceeding good, thou hast prepared a cross for thy Saviour.

R/. Holy God, etc.

What more could I have done unto thee, that I have not done? I indeed did plant thee, O my vineyard, with exceeding fair fruit, and thou art become very bitter unto me: for vinegar mingled with gall thou gavest me to quench my thirst; and with a lance hast thou pierced the side of thy Saviour.

R/. Holy God, etc.

I scourged Egypt with his first born for thy sake: and thou didst deliver me to be scourged.

R/. O my people, etc.

I brought thee out of Egypt, drowning Pharaoh in the Red Sea: and thou didst deliver me to the Chief Priests.

R/. O my people, etc.

I opened the sea before thee: and thou openedst my side with a spear.

R/. O my people, etc.

I went before thee in a pillar of cloud: and thou leddest me before Pilate's judgment seat.

R/. O my people, etc.

I rained manna upon thee in the wilderness: and thou didst fall on me with swords and staves.

R/. O my people, etc.

I gave thee to drink from the Rock of the water of salvation; and thou gavest me gall and vinegar to drink.

R/. O my people, etc.

I smote the kings of the Canaanites for thy sake: and thou didst smite my head with a reed.

R/. O my people, etc.

I gave thee a royal sceptre: and thou gavest my head a crown of thorns.

R/. O my people, etc.

I exalted thee unto great honour: and thou didst lift me up upon the gibbet of the cross.

R/. O my people, etc.

Then shall be sung together,

Crucem tuam.

WE venerate thy Cross, O Lord: and praise and glorify thy holy Resurrection: for behold, through the Tree joy hath come to the whole world.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us.

We venerate, etc.

Then, still kneeling, the Sisters shall sing,

Crux fidelis.

FAITHFUL Cross, above all other,
One and only noble Tree,

None in foliage, none in blossom,

None in fruit thy peer may be;

Sweetest wood, and sweetest iron;

Sweetest weight is hung on thee.

Then shall follow this hymn,

Pange lingua gloriosi lauream.

SING, my tongue, the glorious battle,

Sing the last, the dread affray;

O'er the Cross, the Victor's trophy,

Sound the high triumphal lay,

How, the pains of death enduring,

Earth's Redeemer won the day.

Then is repeated, Faithful Cross, etc., as far as the words, Sweetest wood.

He, our Maker, deeply grieving

That the first-made Adam fell,

When he ate the fruit forbidden

Whose reward was death and hell,

Mark'd e'en then this Tree the ruin

Of the first tree to dispel.

Sweetest wood, etc.

This alone was found befitting
 Our salvation's well-laid plan,
 By a better craft to baffle
 Him whose craft had ruin'd man,
 And to find the healing medicine
 Where our foe the hurt began.
 Faithful Cross, etc.

Therefore, when at length the fulness
 Of the sacred time was come,
 He was sent, the world's Creator,
 From the Father's heavenly home,
 And was found in human fashion,
 Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
 Sweetest wood, etc.

Laid within a narrow manger,
 Uttering but an infant sound,
 While the Virgin Mother fastens
 Swaddling clothes his limbs around,
 In the tightly girded linen
 God's own hands and feet are bound.
 Faithful Cross, etc.

Now the thirty years accomplish'd
 Which on earth he will'd to see,
 Born for this, he meets his Passion,
 Gives himself an Offering free;
 On the Cross the Lamb is lifted,
 There the Sacrifice to be.
 Sweetest wood, etc.

There the nails and spear he suffers,
 Vinegar, and gall, and reed;
 From his sacred Body pierced
 Blood and Water both proceed;
 Precious flood, which all creation
 From the stain of sin hath freed.
 Faithful Cross, etc.

Bend, O lofty Tree, thy branches,
 Thy too rigid sinews bend;
 And awhile the stubborn hardness,
 Which thy birth bestow'd, suspend;

And the limbs of heaven's high Monarch
 Gently on thine arms extend.
 Sweetest wood, etc.

Thou alone was counted worthy
 This world's ransom to sustain,
 That a shipwreck'd race for ever
 Might a port of refuge gain,
 With the sacred Blood anointed
 Of the Lamb for sinners slain.
 Faithful Cross, etc.

Praise and honour to the Father,
 Praise and honour to the Son,
 Praise and honour to the Spirit,
 Ever Three and ever One,
 One in might, and One in glory,
 While eternal ages run.
 Sweetest wood, etc. Amen.

It is an ancient custom, while the above hymn is being sung, or immediately afterward, for all present reverently to approach and kiss the feet of the Crucifix.

The Mass of the Pre-Sanctified.

If the Sacrament was on the day before reserved at an altar of repose, the candles on the main altar are now lighted for the Mass of the Pre-Sanctified. The Priest, having resumed the black chasuble, goeth to the altar of repose. Then having censed the Sacrament, he putteth on the humeral veil; and taking the Sacrament he carrieth it to the main altar, the Sisters in the meanwhile singing the hymn following. The procession from the altar of repose is ordered as on the day before, when the Sacrament was carried to the altar of repose. All shall kneel as the Sacrament is carried by them.

Vexilla Regis prodeunt.

THE Royal Banners forward go,
 The Cross shines forth in mystic glow;
 Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,
 Our sentence bore, our ransom paid:

Where deep for us the spear was dy'd,
Life's torrent rushing from his side,
To wash us in that precious flood
Where mingled Water flow'd and Blood.

Fulfill'd is all that David told
In true prophetic song of old;
Amidst the nations, God, saith he,
Hath reign'd and triumph'd from the Tree.

O Tree of beauty, Tree of light!
O Tree with royal purple dight!
Elect on whose triumphal breast
Those holy limbs should find their rest:

On whose dear arms, so widely flung,
The weight of this world's ransom hung,
The price of human kind to pay,
And spoil the spoiler of his prey:

O Cross, our one reliance, hail!
This holy Passion-tide avail
To give fresh merit to the saint,
And pardon to the penitent.

To Thee, eternal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done:
Whom by the Cross thou dost restore,
Preserve and govern evermore! Amen.

During the Mass nothing is sung. No Communions are made on this day. As soon as the Priest hath left the altar Vespers may be begun; the office is read without musical inflection.



ON

Easter Even.


The offices of Holy Sabbath shall be said as directed in the Custumal on page 111. No candles are lighted on the altar until after the lighting of the Paschal Candle.

The Blessing of the New Fire.


After None Easter Even beginneth. The Priest, vested in amice, alb, violet stole and cope, goeth to the entrance of the chapel. Fire having been struck and coals lighted therefrom, the Priest saith,

V. The Lord be with you. R. And with thy Spirit.

Let us pray.

CLORD, our God, Almighty Father, the Light that never faileth, and the Creator of all light; do thou, who lightenest the whole world, bless  this fire by thy hallowing and benediction, and make us to be enkindled with the light of thy love and enlightened with the fire of thy glory; and as thou didst go before Moses in a pillar of fire at his departing out of Egypt, do thou also illuminate our hearts and minds, that we may attain unto thee, who art Life unending and the Light that never goeth down; through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Then the Priest blesseth the five grains of incense to be placed in the Paschal Candle.

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, that the plenteous outpouring of thy bless  ing may come upon this incense; and do thou the invisible Regenerator kindle our light in the night season; and make, not only this offering which we now present to shine with thy brightness, but grant that wheresoever this light hallowed in thy Name may be carried, there the power of thy Majesty may be near at hand, to drive far away

every illusion of the wicked one; through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then the coals having been placed in the censer, the Priest putteth incense upon them and blesseth it; then he sprinkleth the five grains of incense with holy water; and afterward he sprinkleth the fire and incense in the censer, saying, Thou shalt purge me, etc. Then he taketh the censer and censeth the five grains of incense which were blessed.

Then the Priest layeth aside his violet vestments, and assumeth a white maniple, stole, and dalmatic. He then lighteth one of the three candles, and kneeling at the foot of the chapel he saith, The light of Christ shineth. R. Thanks be to God. He then proceedeth to the entrance of the choir, where he lighteth the second candle, and kneeling down he saith, The light of Christ shineth. R. Thanks be to God. He then goeth to the entrance of the sanctuary, where he lighteth the third candle, and saith, The light of Christ shineth. R. Thanks be to God.

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle.

Then the Priest, standing near the Paschal Candle, on the Gospel side of the sanctuary, saith or singeth the Exsultet; all others also standing.

Exsultet.

NOW let the Angel-hosts of heaven rejoice with exceeding joy; with exceeding gladness let the divine Mysteries be celebrated; and for the victory of so great a King let the trumpet of salvation sound. Let earth itself be glad, enlightened with such glorious light; and now glowing with the brightness of the everlasting King of all the world, let it know that darkness hath been driven far away. Let, too, our Mother, the Church, rejoice, decked with the shining of so great a light; and let this temple now resound with the loud voices of the people gathered here. Wherefore, I pray you, dearly beloved brethren, ye that stand around in the wondrous brightness of this holy light, to join with me in calling upon the mercy

of Almighty God: that he, who, not for my deservings, hath been pleased to gather me into the number of his Levites, would pour forth upon me the grace of his light, and so fit me to express the worthy signification of this waxen taper.

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit. *V.* Lift up your hearts. *R.* We lift them up unto the Lord. *V.* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. *R.* It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that with the whole affection of heart and mind, and with the service of the voice, we should laud the invisible God Almighty, the Father, and his only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who for us paid the debt of Adam to the Everlasting Father, and blotted out the handwriting of the olden trespass with his precious Blood. For this is the feast of the Passover, whereon he, the true Lamb, is slain, and by his Blood are all our door-posts hallowed. For this is the night whereon at first thou madest our fathers, the children of Israel, when led forth out of Egypt, to pass over the Red Sea dryshod. This therefore is the night which dispelled the darkness of sin by the pillar of fire. This is the night which at this present time, restoreth grace and knitteth together in holiness those who believe in Christ, and who are gathered together apart from the lusts of this world and from the black darkness of sin. This is the night whereon, when he had broken the bonds of death, Christ came up a Conqueror from the lower parts. For naught indeed would it have profited us to have been born, unless we had been redeemed. O wondrous condescension of thy lovingkindness towards us! O tenderness of love without all price, that to redeem the bondman thou didst deliver up the Son! O surely needs must have been that sin of Adam which the death of Christ blotted out! O happy failing, to remedy which there was granted so good and so mighty a Redeemer! O verily blissful night, which alone was

counted worthy to know the time and the hour at which Christ arose from the lower parts. For this is the night concerning which it is written: And the night shall be clear as the day; and, The night is brightness to me in my pleasures. Therefore the sacredness of this night putteth sins to flight, washeth away guilt, and giveth back innocence to the fallen and joy to the sorrowful. It putteth enmities to flight, restor-eth peace, and boweth down dominions. (*Here the Officiant inserteth the five grains of incense in the form of a cross into the Paschal Candle.*) Therefore in thanksgiving for this night do thou receive, O Holy Father, this evening oblation of incense, which by the hands of her Ministers the Holy Church maketh unto thee in the offering of this waxen candle. We know full well the signification of this Pillar which, in honour of thee our God, the sparkling fire now kindleth. (*Here the Paschal Candle is lighted by the New Fire.*) Although it in turn kindle many lights, yet it knoweth no loss by the communication of its light, for it is fed by the melting wax, which was provided by the Mother-bee for the making of this most precious light. (*Here the candles and lamps throughout the Chapel may be lighted with fire taken from the Paschal Candle.*) O blissful night, which spoiled the Egyptians, and enriched the Hebrews! Night wherein things of heaven are joined to those of earth. And now we pray thee, O Lord, that our faith, of which this waxen candle consecrated in honour of thy Name is a figure, may never fail to put far from us the darkness of the night of this world. Let it find acceptance before thee as a sweet-smelling savour, and be mingled with the burning lights on high. Let the Bright and Morning Star find it burning when he appeareth. That Morning Star, I say, which never knoweth his going down; even he, who coming back again from the lower parts, hath shed abroad his calm light on all mankind. We therefore beseech thee, O Lord,

that it may please thee to preserve us thy servants, all the Clergy, and thy faithful people, together with *N.* our Bishop, that we being guided, governed, and preserved under thy continual protection, may have peaceful times in these our Paschal joys; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then the Priest having on him a violet stole over the alb, and kneeling before the altar, saith the Litany, the Sisters making the responses. Afterward, the altar is arrayed as for a festival; and the Priest having put on white vestments, saith the Mass of Easter Even.

ON

Corpus Christi.

If on this day there be made a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, the Priest immediately after the Mass putteth on a white cope; and kneeling before the altar, he censeth the Sacrament. As soon as he turneth towards the people, with the Sacrament the choir beginneth the hymn. Those in the procession carry lighted candles, and walk in the usual order. All in the choir kneel as the Sacrament is carried by.

The first hymn shall be the Pange lingua, as on page 355. The other hymns shall be as followeth,

Sacris solemniis.

AT this our solemn feast
 Let holy joys abound;
 And from the inmost breast
 Let songs of praise resound;
 Let ancient rites depart,
 And all be new around,
 In ev'ry deed, in voice, in heart.
 Remember we that night,
 When, the last Supper spread,
 Christ, as we all believe,

The lamb, with leavenless bread,
 Amongst his brethren shared,
 And thus the law obey'd,
 Of old unto their sires declared.
 The typick lamb consumed,
 The Paschal feast complete,
 The Lord unto the Twelve
 His Body gave to eat;
 The whole to all, no less
 The whole to each, did meet
 With his own hands, as we confess.
 He gave them, weak and frail,
 His Flesh their food to be;
 On them, downcast and sad,
 His Blood bestowed he:
 And thus to them he spake,
 'Receive this Cup from me,
 And all of you of this partake.'
 When he this Sacrifice
 To institute did will,
 He to his Priests alone
 That office to fulfil,
 On this wise did confide—
 To whom pertaineth still,
 To take, and to the rest divide.
 Lo! Angels' Bread is made
 The Bread of men to-day:
 The Living Bread from heav'n
 With figures doth away:
 O wondrous boon indeed!
 Though poor and lowly, may
 The servant on his Master feed.
 Thee, therefore, we implore,
 O Godhead, One in Three;
 So may'st thou visit us
 As we now worship thee;
 And lead us on thy way,
 That we at last may see
 The Light wherein thou dwellest aye.
 Amen.

Verbum supernum prodiens.

THE Word proceeding from above,
 Yet leaving not the Father's side,
 Went forth upon his work on earth,
 And reach'd at length life's even-tide.

By false disciple to be given
 To foeman for his Blood athirst,
 Himself, the living Bread from heav'n,
 He gave to his disciples first.

To them he gave in two-fold kind,
 His very Flesh, his very Blood:
 Of two-fold substance man is made,
 And he of man would be the food.

At birth our Brother he became,
 Our Food while seated at the board:
 He died our Ransomer to be,
 He reigns to be our great Reward.

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.

To God, the Three in One, ascend
 All thanks and praise for evermore;
 He grant us life that shall not end,
 Upon the heavenly country's shore. Amen.

The procession having returned, the Priest placeth the Sacrament upon the altar, all present kneel down, and the choir beginneth the Tantum ergo; at the words, Glory let us give, etc., the Priest censeth the Sacrament. Then is sung the versicle, Thou gavest them bread, etc.; and then the Priest standing up saith, Let us pray, and the Collect, O God, who in the, etc., as on page 203. Then the Priest goeth up to the altar, and, while silence is kept, he giveth Benediction; afterward, he replaceth the Sacrament in the tabernacle. Then may be sung one of the anthems on page 204.

At other times when Benediction is given, the same order is observed; to wit, the Tantum ergo always precedeth the versicle, after which followeth the Collect, and then the Benediction is given in silence.

THE ORDER OF THE Office of the Asperges.

If the office of the Asperges be observed before Mass (which may be done on all Sundays except when the Bishop is the Celebrant), the Priest, having on him an amice, alb, and a stole and cope of the colour of the day, or without the cope, and kneeling in the midst, sprinkleth holy water towards the altar, and then upon himself. Then standing up, he intoneth the anthem following; and while it is being sung by the choir, he sprinkleth the Clergy and people, all standing,

Asperges me.

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

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Glory be, etc. Thou shalt purge, etc.

In Passion-tide the Gloria shall be omitted. In Paschal-tide, instead of the foregoing, there shall be sung the following anthem.

Vide aquam.

I SAW water proceeding from the temple, on the right side thereof. Alleluia: And all they to whom that water came were healed every one, and shall say, Alleluia, Alleluia.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth forever.

Glory be, etc. I saw water, etc.

Then the Priest standing before the altar shall say,

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us. [Alleluia]. *R.* And grant us thy salvation. [Alleluia]. *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.

HEAR us, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, and send thy holy angel from heaven to guard, cherish, defend, and visit all who are here gathered together; through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then the Priest layeth aside the cope, and putteth on him the maniple and chasuble for the Mass which is to follow.

