

*At the chapel where the relics for the altar have been kept, after the Bishop and clergy have briefly prayed, the Bishop intones an antiphon and the choir sings the seven penitential psalms. Meanwhile the Bishop vests for the ceremony, after which all process to the front of the Church.*

Adésto Deus unus \* omnípotens,  
Pater, Filius et Spíritus sanctus.

Be present, O God, one, almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Orémus.

Actiónes nostras, quæsumus  
Dómine, aspirándo præveni et  
adjuvándo proséquere, ut cuncta  
nostra orátio et operátio a te  
semper incípiat, et per te cœpta  
finiátur. Per Christum Dóminum  
nostrum. R. Amen.

Let us pray.

Anticipate our actions, we beseech  
thee, O Lord, by thine inspiration,  
and accompany them by thine  
assistance, so that our every prayer  
and work may always begin from  
thee, and once begun, may be  
accomplished through thee. Through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

*All kneel and the litany of the Saints is chanted.*

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven, *have  
mercy on us.*

God the Son, redeemer of the  
world, *have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy  
on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *have  
mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, *pray for us.*

Holy Mary, *pray for us.*

Holy Mother of God,

Saint Michael,

Saint Gabriel,

Saint Raphael,

All ye holy Angels and  
Archangels,

All ye holy orders of blessed Spirits,

Saint John the Baptist,

Saint Joseph,

All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,

Saint Peter,

Saint Paul,

Saint Andrew,

Saint James,

Saint John,

Saint Thomas,

Saint James,

Saint Philip,

Saint Bartholomew,

Saint Matthew,

Saint Simon,

Saint Thaddeus,

Saint Matthias,

Saint Barnabas,

Saint Luke,

Saint Mark,

All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,

All ye holy Disciples of God,

All ye holy Innocents,

Saint Stephan,

Saint Laurence,

Saint Vincent,

Saints Fabian and Sebastian,

Saints John and Paul,  
 Saints Cosmas and Damian,  
 Saints Gervase and Protase,  
 All ye holy Martyrs,  
 Saint Sylvester,  
 Saint Gregory,  
 Saint Ambrose,  
 Saint Augustine,  
 Saint Jerome,  
 Saint Martin,  
 Saint Nicolas,  
 Saint Pius X,  
 Saint Pius X,  
 Saint John Neumann,  
 Saint John Neumann,  
 All ye holy Bishops and  
 Confessors,  
 All ye holy Doctors,  
 Saint Anthony,  
 Holy Father Saint Benedict,  
 Saint Bernard,  
 Saint Dominic,  
 Saint Francis,  
 All ye holy Priests and Levites,  
 All ye holy Monks and Hermits,  
 Saint Mary Magdalene,  
 Saint Agatha,  
 Saint Lucy,  
 Saint Agnes,  
 Saint Cecilia,  
 Saint Catharine,  
 Saint Anastasia,  
 Saint Scholastica,  
 Saint Maria Goretti,  
 Saint Maria Goretti,  
 All ye holy Virgins and Widows,  
 All ye Saints of God, *pray for us.*  
 Be merciful, *spare us, O Lord.*  
 Be merciful, *graciously hear us, O*  
*Lord.*  
 From all evil, *deliver us, O Lord.*

*(The remaining part of the litany is*

*only sung at the second chanting of  
the litany inside the church.)*

From all sin,  
 From thy wrath,  
 From a sudden and unforeseen  
 death,  
 From the snares of the devil,  
 From wrath and hatred and all  
 evil will,  
 From the spirit of fornication,  
 From lightning and storm,  
 From the scourge of earthquake,  
 From pestilence, famine and  
 war,  
 From eternal death,  
 Through mystery of thy holy  
 incarnation, *deliver us, O Lord.*  
 Through thine advent,  
 Through thy nativity,  
 Through thy baptism and holy  
 fast,  
 Through thy cross and passion,  
 Through thy death and burial,  
 Through thy holy resurrection,  
 Through thy wonderful  
 ascension,  
 Through the coming of the Holy  
 Ghost, the Paraclete,  
 On the day of judgment, *deliver*  
*us, O Lord.*  
*Sinners, we beseech thee, hear us.*  
 That thou wouldst spare us,  
 That thou wouldst pardon us,  
 That thou wouldst deign to lead  
 us to true repentance,  
 That thou wouldst deign to rule  
 and preserve thy holy Church,  
 That thou wouldst deign to  
 preserve the Pope and all the  
 ecclesiastical orders in holy  
 religion,  
 That thou wouldst deign to

humble the enemies of Holy Church,  
 That thou wouldst deign to give peace and true concord to Christian kings and princes,  
 That thou wouldst deign to grant peace and unity to all Christian people,  
 That thou wouldst deign to strengthen and preserve us in thy holy service,  
 That thou wouldst deign to raise our minds to heavenly desires,  
 That thou wouldst deign to give all our benefactors everlasting good things,  
 That thou wouldst deign to deliver our souls, and the souls of our brethren, neighbors, and benefactors from eternal damnation,  
 That thou wouldst deign to give and preserve the fruits of the

earth,  
 That thou wouldst deign to give eternal rest to all the faithful departed,  
*(The Bishop now blesses the Church)*  
 That thou wouldst deign to graciously hear us,  
 Son of God, *we beseech thee, hear us.*  
 Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*  
 Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*  
 Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*  
 Christ, hear us.  
 Christ, graciously hear us.  
 Lord have mercy.  
 Christ have mercy.  
 Lord have mercy.

***The Blessing of the Water & Exterior of the Church***

*The Bishop now blesses salt for the blessing of holy water.*

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.  
 R. Qui fecit caelum et terram.  
 Exorcizo te, creatura salis, per Deum ✠ vivum, per Deum ✠ verum, per Deum ✠ sanctum, per Deum, qui te per Elisium Prophetam in aquam mitti jussit, ut sanaretur sterilitas aquae; ut efficiaris sal exorcizatum in salutem credentium; et sis omnibus summentibus te sanitas animae et corporis: et effugiat, atque discedat a loco, in quo aspersum fueris, omnis phantasia et nequitia vel versutia diabolicae fraudis, omnisque spiritus

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
 R. Who made heaven and earth.  
 I exorcize thee, O salt, through the living God, through the true God, through the holy God, through God who commanded thee through Eliseus the Prophet to be cast into the water, so that the sterility of the water might be healed: so that thou may become exorcized salt, unto the salvation of the faithful; and so that thou may be health of soul and body to all partaking of thee: and so that every delusion and wickedness and craft of diabolical fraud may

immúndus adjurátus per eum,  
qui ventúrus est judicáre vivos et  
mórtuos, et sáeculum per ignem.  
R. Amen.

flee and depart from every place  
in which thou may be sprinkled,  
and also every unclean spirit  
adjured through him who is to  
come to judge the living and the  
dead and the world by fire.  
R. Amen.

V. Dómine exáudi oratióem meam.  
R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.  
V. Dóminus vobíscum.  
R. Et cum spírítu tuo.

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.

Orémus.

Imménsam cleméntiam tuam,  
omnípotens ætérne Deus,  
humíliter implorámus, ut hanc  
creatúram salis, quam in usum  
géneris humáni tribuísti, be-  
ne✠dicere et sancti✠ficáre tua  
pietáte dignéris: ut sit ómnibus  
suméntibus salus mentis et  
córporis; et quidquid ex eo  
tactum vel respésum fúerit,  
cáreat omni immundítia,  
omníque impugnatióne  
spirituális nequítiae. Per  
Dóminum nostrum Jesum Chris-  
tum Fílium tuum: Qui tecum vivit  
et regnat in unitáte Spírítus sancti  
Deus, per ómnia sáecula  
sæculórum. R. Amen.

Let us pray.

We humbly implore, O almighty  
and eternal God, thine im-  
measurable mercy, that thou  
wouldst deign to bless and  
sanctify by thy kindness this salt,  
which thou hast given for the use  
of mankind: that it might be  
health of mind and body to all  
partaking of it; and that whatever  
may be touched or sprinkled with  
it may be free of all defilement,  
and of every attack of spiritual  
wick-edness. Through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, thy Son: Who with  
thee liveth and reigneth in the  
unity of the Holy Ghost, God  
world without end. R. Amen.

*The Bishop now exorcises the water.*

Exorcízo te, creatúra aquæ, in  
nómine Dei Pa✠tris  
omnipoténtis, et in nómine Jesu  
Christi Fi✠lii ejus Dómini nostri,  
et in virtúte sancti ✠ Spírítus, ut  
fias aqua exorcizáta ad  
effugándam omnem potestátem  
inimíci, et ipsum inimícum  
eradicáre et explantáre váleas,

I exorcize thee, O water, in the  
name of God the Father almighty,  
and in the name of Jesus Christ  
his Son our Lord, and in the  
power of the Holy Ghost, that  
thou may become exorcized  
water to put to flight every power  
of the enemy, and that thou may  
be able to uproot and cast out the

cum ángelis suis apo-státicis, per virtútem ejusdem Dómini nostri Jesu Christi, qui ventúrus est judicáre vivos et mórtuos, et sáeculum per ignem.

R. Amen.

V. Dómine exáudi oratiónem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

V. Dóminus vobíscum.

R. Et cum spírítu tuo.

Orémus.

Deus, qui ad salútem humáni géneris máxima quæque Sacraménta in aquárum substántia condidísti, adésto propítius invocatióibus nostris, et eleménto huic multímodis purificatióibus præparáto, virtútem tuæ beneñdictiúnis infúnde: ut creatúra tua mystériis tuis sérvians, ad abjiciéndos dæmónes, morbósque pelléndos, divínæ grátiae sumat efféctum: ut quidquid in dómibus, vel in locis fidélium hæc unda respéserit, cáreat omni immundítia, liberétur a noxa: non illic resídeat spírítus péstilens, non aura corrúmpens, discédant omnes insídiæ laténtis inimíci, et si quid est quod aut incolumitáti habitántium ínvidet aut quiéti, aspersione hujus aquæ effúgiat; ut salúbritas per invocatiónem sancti tui nóminis expetíta, ab ómnibus sit impugnationiúibus defénsa. Per Dómium nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum... R. Amen.

*The Bishop takes the salt and drops it in the water three times in the form of a cross saying:*

enemy himself, with his apostate angels, through the power of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is to come to judge the living and the dead and the world by fire.

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, who for the salvation of mankind hast established certain great Sacraments with the substance of water, mercifully attend to our prayers, and pour forth the power of thy blessing upon this element, prepared for diverse forms of purification: that thy creature, serving thy mysteries, may receive the effect of divine grace to cast out demons and dispel diseases: so that whatever this water may sprinkle in the homes or in other places of the faithful, may be devoid of all defilement, and freed from harm: that no spirit of pestilence may abide there, nor corrupting breath, that all the traps of the hidden enemy may depart, and if there be anything that envies the safety or rest of the inhabitants, may it flee from the sprinkling of this water; so that the health sought through the invocation of thy holy name may be defended from all assailants. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son... R. Amen.

Commixtio salis et aquæ páriter fiat: In nómine Pa<sup>tr</sup>is et Fi<sup>li</sup>i, et Spíritus <sup>sc</sup> sancti. R. Amen.

V. Dóminus vobíscum.  
R. Et cum spírítu tuo.  
Orémus.

Deus, invictæ virtútis auctor, ac insuperábilis impérii rex, ac semper magníficus triumphátor, qui advérsæ dominatiónis vires réprimis, qui inimíci rugiéntis sævítiam súperas, qui hostíles nequítias poténter expúgnas: te, Dómine, treméntes et súpplices deprecámur ac pétimus, ut hanc creatúram salis et aquæ dignánter adspicias, benígnus illústres, pietátis tuæ rore sanctífices; ut ubicúmque fúerit aspérsa, per invocatiónem sancti tui nóminis, omnis infestátio immúndi spíritus abigátur, terrórque venenósi serpéntis procul pellátur, et præsentia sancti Spíritus nobis misericórdiam tuam poscéntibus ubíque adesse dignétur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum: qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte ejúsdem Spíritus sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

R. Amen.

May the salt and water be mingled together: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. R. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with thy spirit.  
Let us pray.

O God, author of unconquered power, and king of unsurmountable command, and ever-magnificent victor, who curbs the powers of the enemy's domination, who overcomes the cruelty of the roaring enemy, who mightily thrusts back hostile wickedness: thee, O Lord, we trembling and humbly implore and beseech that thou wouldst graciously regard this salt and water, mercifully glorify it, sanctify it with the dew of thy loving kindness; so that wherever it may be sprinkled, through the invocation of thy holy name, every infestation of the unclean spirit may be banished, and the terror of the venomous serpent may be driven far off, and the presence of the Holy Ghost may deign to be present to us who implore thy mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son: Who with thee liveth and reigneth...

R. Amen.

*The Bishop intones the antiphon, and then sprinkles himself and the clergy and the bystanders.*

Aspérges me \* Dómine, hyssópo, et mundábor: lavábis me, et super nivem dealbábor.

Thou wilt sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord, and I will be cleansed: thou wilt wash me, and I will be made whiter than snow.

*The Bishop then processes around the exterior of the church, blessing it with the new holy water, saying:*

In nómine Pa<sup>tr</sup>is, et Fi<sup>li</sup>i, et Spíritus <sup>sc</sup> sancti.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

*The following responsory is sung while the Bishop goes around the church.*

Fundáta est domus Dómini super vérticem móntium, et exaltáta est super omnes colles, et vénient ad eam omnes gentes. \* Et dicent: Glória tibi, Dómine. V. Veniéntes autem vénient cum exultatióne, portántes manípulos suos \* Et dicent: Glória tibi Dómine.

The house of the Lord hath been established upon the peak of the mountains, and hath been exalted above all the hills, and all the peoples will come unto it: \* And they will say: Glory be to thee, O Lord. V. Coming, they will come with exultation, carrying their sheaves. \* And they...

*When the Bishop arrives at the main entrance once again, he says:*

Orémus:

Deacon: Flectámus génuá.

Subdeacon: Leváte.

Omnípotens sempitérne Deus, qui in omni loco dominatiónis tuæ totus assístis, totus operáris; adésto supplicatióne nostris, et hujus domus, cujus es fundátor, esto protéctor; nulla hic nequítia contráriæ potestátis obsístat, sed virtúte Spíritus sancti operánte, fiat hic tibi semper purum servítium, et devóta libértas. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

Deacon: Let us kneel.

Subdeacon: Rise.

Almighty, eternal God, who in every place of thy kingdom art entirely present, entirely at work; attend to our prayers, and be the protector of this house, of which thou art the founder; here may no wickedness of the opposing power resist, but by the working of the power of the Holy Ghost, here may there ever be for thee pure service and devoted liberty. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

*The Bishop goes to the main entrance door of the church, and striking it once with the end of his crosier, says in a loud voice:*

Attóllite portas príncipes vestras, et elevámini portæ æternáles: et introíbit Rex glóriæ.

Lift up your gates, O princes, and be raised, O eternal doors: and let the King of glory enter.

*The Guard of the church says in a loud voice:*

Quis est iste Rex glóriæ?

Who is this King of glory?

*The Bishop answers:*

Dóminus fortis, et potens:  
Dóminus potens in prælio.

The Lord mighty and powerful:  
the Lord powerful in battle.

*The Bishop once more goes around the church, and sprinkles the lower part of the walls. The choir sings the following:*

Benedic, Dómine, domum istam,  
quam ædificávi nómini tuo.  
Veniéntium in loco isto, \* Exáudi  
preces in excélsó sólio glóriæ tuæ.  
V. Dómine, si convérsus fúerit  
pópulus tuus, et égerit pœ-  
niténtiam, veniénsque oráverit in  
loco isto. \* Exáudi preces in  
excélsó sólio glóriæ tuæ.

Bless, O Lord, this house, that I  
have built for thy name.  
Graciously hear on the high  
throne of thy glory the prayers of  
those entering this place. V. O  
Lord, if thy people be converted,  
and do penance, and coming pray  
in this place. Graciously hear on  
the high throne of thy glory their  
prayers.

*When the Bishop arrives at the main entrance once again, he says:*

Orémus:

Deacon: Flectámus génuá.

Subdeacon: Leváte.

Omnípotens sempitérne Deus,  
qui per Fílium tuum, angulárem  
scílicet lápidem, duos ex dívérso  
veniéntes, ex circumcisióne et  
præpútio paríetes, duósque gre-  
ges óvium sub uno eodémque  
pastóre unísti; dá fámulis tuis per  
hæc nostræ devotiónis officia  
indissolúbile vínculum caritátis,  
ut nulla divisióne méntium,  
nulláque perversitátis varietáte  
sequestréntur, quos sub uníus re-  
gímine pastóris unus grex cón-  
tinet, uníusque te custóde ovílis  
septa conclúdunt. Per eúndem  
Christum Dóminum nostrum. R.  
Amen.

Let us pray.

Deacon: Let us kneel.

Subdeacon: Rise.

Almighty, eternal God, who  
through thy Son, the cornerstone,  
hast united the two walls, coming  
from diversity, from circumcision  
and from uncircumcision, and  
hast united the two flocks of  
sheep under one and the same  
shepherd; grant to thy servants  
through these offices of our  
devotion the indissoluble bond of  
charity, that they may be  
separated by no division of mind  
and by no perverse difference,  
whom one flock holds together  
under the rule of the one  
shepherd, and whom the wall of the  
one sheepfold encloses with thee as  
guardian. Through the same Christ  
our Lord. R. Amen.

*The Bishop goes to the main entrance door of the church, and striking it once with the end of his crosier, says in a loud voice:*

Attóllite portas príncipes vestras,  
et elevámini portæ æternáles: et  
introíbit Rex glóriæ.

Lift up your gates, O princes, and  
be raised, O eternal doors: and let  
the King of glory enter.

*The Guard of the church says in a loud voice:*

Quis est iste Rex glóriæ?

Who is this King of glory?

*The Bishop answers:*

Dóminus fortis, et potens:  
Dóminus potens in prælio.

The Lord mighty and powerful:  
the Lord powerful in battle.

*The Bishop goes around the church for a third time. Meanwhile the choir sings:*

Tu Dómine universórum, qui  
nullam habes indigéntiam, vo-  
luísti templum tuum fieri in  
nobis. \* Consérva domum istam  
immaculátam in ætérnum, Dó-  
mine. V. Tu elegísti, Dómine,  
domum istam ad invocándum  
nomen tuum in ea; ut esset  
domus oratiónis, et obsecratiónis  
pópulo tuo. \* Consérva domum  
istam immaculátam in ætérnum,  
Dómine.

Thou, O Lord of all, who lacks  
nothing, hast willed thy temple to  
be among us. Preserve this house  
immaculate forever, O Lord. V.  
Thou hast chosen, O Lord, this  
house so that thy name may be  
invoked therein; that it may be a  
house of prayer and supplication  
for thy people. \* Preserve this  
house immaculate forever, O  
Lord.

*When the Bishop arrives at the main entrance once again, he says:*

Orémus.

Deacon: Flectámus génuá.

Subdeacon: Leváte.

Omnípotens et miséricors Deus,  
qui sacerdótibus tuis tantam præ  
céteris grátiam contulísti, ut  
quidquid in tuo nómine digne  
perfectéque ab eis ágitur, a te fieri  
credátur: quæsumus imménsam  
cleméntiam tuam, ut quidquid  
modo visitatúri sumus, vísites; et  
quidquid benedictúri sumus,  
benedícas; sitque ad nostræ hu-  
militátis intróitum, Sanctórum  
tuórum méritis, fuga dæmónum,  
Angeli pacis ingrèssus. Per Chris-  
tum Dóminum nostrum.

Let us pray.

Deacon: Let us kneel.

Subdeacon: Rise.

Almighty and merciful God, who  
hast established such grace for  
thy priests beyond the rest, so  
that whatever is done by them  
worthily and perfectly in thy  
name, is believed to be done by  
thee: we beseech thy boundless  
mercy, that whatever merely we  
visit, thou mayest visit; and  
whatever merely we bless, thou  
mayest bless; and at the entrance  
of our humility, by the merits of  
thy Saints, may the demons flee  
and the Angel of peace enter.

R. Amen.

Through Christ our Lord. R.  
Amen.

*The Bishop now goes to the main entrance door of the church, and striking it once with the end of his crosier, says in a loud voice:*

Attóllite portas príncipes vestras,  
et elevámini portæ æternáles: et  
introíbit Rex glóriæ.

Lift up your gates, O princes, and  
be raised, O eternal doors: and let  
the King of glory enter.

*The Guard of the church says in a loud voice:*

Quis est iste Rex glóriæ?

Who is this King of glory?

*The Bishop answers with all the clergy:*

Dóminus virtútum ipse est Rex  
glóriæ. Aperíte. Aperíte.  
Aperíte.

The Lord of hosts himself is the  
King of glory. Open. Open. Open.

*The Bishop then makes the sign of the cross on the threshold, with his crosier, saying:*

Ecce cruꝫis signum, fúgiant  
phantásmata cuncta.

Behold the sign of the cross, let all  
phantasms flee.

*The door is then opened by the Deacon Guard. The Bishop enters saying:*

Pax huic dómui.

Peace to this house.

*The Guard of the Church answers:*

In intróitu vestro.

At your entrance.

***(The Faithful must remain outside the church while the Bishop blesses the interior. During this time the faithful are welcome to go to the church basement, where the blessing of the interior of the church will be broadcasted on a screen.)***

*The Bishop and all of the assisting clergy enter and process to the of the church.*

*During the procession the following is chanted:*

Pax æténa ab Æténo huic  
dómui. Pax perénnis, Verbum  
Patris, sit pax huic dómui. Pacem  
pius Consolátor huic præstet  
dómui.

Zachæe festínans descénde, \* quia

May eternal peace from the Eternal  
One be upon this house. May  
unending peace, the Word of the  
Father, be the peace upon this house.  
May the loving Comforter bestow  
peace upon this house. Zachaeus,  
make haste and come down, for I

hódie in domo tua opórtet me manére. At ille festínans descéndit, et suscépit illum gaudens in domum suam. Hódie huic dómui salus a Deo facta est, allelúia.

must abide in thy house this day. And he, making haste, came down, and rejoicing received him into his house. Today salvation from God hath been made unto this house, alleluia.

**The Blessing of the Interior of the Church.**

*After the Bishop and the clergy have entered the church all kneel for the Veni Creator, and the Litany of the Saints is begun. The names of the Saints in whose honor the Church, altar, and the relics contained therein are to be consecrated, are all repeated twice.*

Veni Creátor Spíritus,  
Mentes tuórum vísita,  
Imple supérna grátia,  
Quæ tu creásti péctora.

Come, Creator Spirit, visit the souls of thine own, and fill with heavenly grace, the hearts which thou hast made.

Qui díceris Paráclitus,  
Altíssimi donum Dei,  
Fons vivus, ignis, cáritas,  
Et spiritalís únctio.

Thou who art called the Paraclete, the gift of God most High, the living fountain, fire, love, and spiritual unction.

Tu septifórmis múnere,  
Dígítus patérnæ dextræ,  
Tu rite promíssum Patris,  
Sermóne ditans gúttura.

Thou art sevenfold in thy gifts, the finger of the Father's right hand, the Father's true promise, endowing tongues with speech.

Accénde lumen sénsibus,  
Infúnde amórem córdibus,  
Infírma nostri córporis  
Virtúte firmans pépeti.

Enkindle thy light within our minds, infuse thy love into our hearts, strengthen the weakness of our flesh by thy eternal power.

Hostem repéllas lóngius,  
Pacémque dones prótinus:

Drive far away our enemy, and forthwith grant us peace, so that with such a guide as thee, we may avoid everything harmful.

Ductóre sic te prævio  
Vitémus omne nóxium.

Grant that through thee we may know the Father; through thee, the Son; and may we ever believe in thee, the Spirit of them both.

Per te sciámus da Patrem,  
Noscámus atque Fílium,  
Teque utriúsque Spíritum  
Credámus omni témpore.

Glory be to God the Father, and

Deo Patri sit glória,  
Et Fílio, qui a mórtuis  
Surréxit, ac Paráclito,  
In sæculórum saécula. Amen

to the Son who hath risen from  
the dead, and likewise to the  
Paraclete, forever and ever. Amen

*(See page 1 for the Litany of the saints)*

*The Bishop now stands and recites:*

V. Ut locum istum visitáre  
dignéris.

R. Te rogámus audi nos.

V. Mayest thou deign to visit this  
place.

R. We beseech thee, hear us.

V. Ut in eo Angelórum custódiám  
deputáre dignéris.

R. Te rogámus audi nos.

V. Mayest thou deign to appoint  
in it a guard of angels.

R. We beseech thee, hear us

*The Bishop then raises his right hand and blesses the altar and the church  
conjointly by making the sign of the cross towards the altar while chanting:*

Ut ecclésiám, et altáre hoc ad  
honórem tuum, et nomen Sanctæ  
Maríæ consecránda bene✠dicere  
dignéris. R. Te rogámus audi nos.

V. Mayest thou deign to bless this  
church and this altar to be  
consecrated to thy honor and in  
the name of Holy Mary. R. We  
beseech thee, hear us.

Ut ecclésiám, et altáre hoc ad  
honórem tuum, et nomen Sanctæ  
Maríæ consecránda bene✠dicere,  
et sancti✠ficáre dignéris. R. Te  
rogámus audi nos.

V. Mayest thou deign to bless and  
sanctify this church and this altar  
to be consecrated to thy honor  
and in the name of Holy Mary. R.  
We beseech thee, hear us.

Ut ecclésiám, et altáre hoc ad  
honórem tuum, et nomen Sanctæ  
Maríæ consecránda bene✠dicere,  
et sancti✠ficáre, et conse✠cráre  
dignéris. R. Te rogámus audi nos.

V. Mayest thou deign to bless,  
sanctify and consecrate this  
church and this altar to be  
consecrated to thy honor and in  
the name of Holy Mary. R. We  
beseech thee, hear us.

*After these petitions, the Bishop kneels once more and the Litany is continued to  
the end.*

Orémus.

Deacon: Flectámus génuá.

Subdeacon: Leváte.

Prævéniat nos, quæsumus  
Dómine, misericórdia tua, et  
inter-cedéntibus ómnibus Sanctis

Let us pray.

Deacon: Let us kneel.

Subdeacon: Rise.

May thy mercy precede us, we  
beseech thee, O Lord, and by the  
intercession of all thy Saints, may

tuis, voces nostras cleméntia tuæ propitiatiónis antícipet. Per Christum... R. Amen.

Magnificáre Dómine Deus noster in Sanctis tuis, et hoc in templo tibi ædificáto appáre: ut qui cuncta in fíliis adoptiúnis operáris, ipse semper in tua hæreditáte laudéris. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. R. Amen.

the clemency of thy forgiveness anticipate our voices. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Be thou magnified, O Lord our God, in thy Saints, and shine forth in this temple built for thee: so that thou who workest all in the sons of adoption, mayest thyself always rejoice in thy inheritance. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

*The Bishop, with the assisting clergy, now go to where the ashes have been laid in the form of a St. Andrew's cross, and the Bishop inscribes the Latin & Greek alphabets in the ashes; the choir sings the following:*

O quam metuéndus est locus iste: vere non est hic áliud, nisi domus Dei, et porta cæli.

Benedíctus Dóminus, Deus Israëli: \* quia visitávit, et fecit redemptionem plebis suæ. O quam...

Et eréxit cornu salútis nobis: \* in domo David, púeri sui. O quam...

Sicut locútus est per os sanctórum, \* qui a sæculo sunt, prophetárum ejus: O quam...

Salútem ex inimícis nostris, \* et de manu ómnium, qui odérunt nos. O quam...

Ad faciéndam misericórdiam cum pátribus nostris: \* et memorári testaménti sui sancti. O quam...

Jusjurándum, quod jurávit ad Abraham patrem nostrum, \* datúrum se nobis: O quam...

Ut sine timóre, de manu inimicórum nostrórum liberáti, \* serviámus illi. O quam...

In sanctitáte, et justítia coram

O how this place is to be feared: truly this is nothing other than the house of God, and the gate of heaven.

Blessed be the Lord, God of Israel; \* because he hath visited and wrought the redemption of his people: O how this place...

And hath raised up an horn of salvation to us, \* in the house of David his servant: O how this place...

As he spoke by the mouth of his holy Prophets, \* who are from the beginning: O how this place...

Salvation from our enemies, \* and from the hand of all that hate us: O how this place...

To perform mercy to our fathers, \* and to remember his holy testament, O how this place...

The oath, which he swore to Abraham our father, \* that he would grant to us, O how this place...

That being delivered from the hand of our enemies, \* we may

ipso, \* ómnibus diébus nostris. O quam...

Et tu, puer, Prophéta Altíssimi vocáberis: \* præíbis enim ante fáciem Dómini, paráre vias ejus: O quam...

Ad dandam sciéntiam salútis plebi ejus: \* in remissionem peccatórum eórum: O quam...

Per víscera misericórdiæ Dei nostri: \* in quibus visitávit nos, Oriens ex alto: O quam...

Illumináre his, qui in ténebris, et in umbra mortis sedent: \* ad dirigéndos pedes nostros in viam pacis. O quam...

serve him without fear, O how...

In holiness and justice before him, \* all our days. O how...

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: \* for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways: O how...

To give knowledge of salvation to his people, \* unto the remission of their sins: O how...

Through the bowels of the mercy of our God, \* in which the Orient from on high hath visited us: O how...

To enlighten them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death: \* to direct our feet into the way of peace. O how...

*After finishing the Latin alphabet, the Bishop kneels in front of the faldstool and solemnly calls upon God's assistance. This is repeated three times.*

V. Deus in adjutórium meum inténde.

R. Dómine ad adjuvándum me festína.

V. Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spiritui sancto. R. Sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

V. O God, come to my assistance.  
R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory 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.

### **Blessing of the Gregorian Water**

*The Bishop now blesses the salt, ashes, and wine that will be used in the blessing of Gregorian water.*

Exorcízo te, creatúra salis, in nómine Dómini nostri Jesu Christi, qui Apóstolis suis ait: Vos estis sal terræ, et per Apóstolum dicit: Sermo vester semper in

I exorcize thee, O salt, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who said to his Apostles: You are the salt of the earth, and who said through the Apostle: May your

grátia sale sit condítus: ut sanctiꝫficéris ad consecratiónem hujus Ecclésiæ, et altáris, ad expelléndas omnes dæmónum tentatiónes; et ómnibus, qui ex te sumpserint, sis ánimæ, et córporis tutaméntum, sánitas, protéctio, et confirmátio salútis. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Chris-tum Fílium tuum, qui ventúrus est judicáre vivos et mórtuos, et sáeculum per ignem. R. Amen.

V. Dóminus vobíscum.

R. Et cum spírítu tuo.

Orémus. Dómine Deus, Pater omnípotens, qui hanc grátiam cælitus sali tribúere dignátus es, ut ex illo possint univérsa condíri, quæ homínibus ad escam procreásti, béneꝫdic hanc creatúram salis, ad effugándum inimícum; et ei salúbrem medicínam immítte, ut proficiat suméntibus ad ánimæ et córporis sanitátem. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Exorcízo te creatúra aquæ, in nómine Dei Paꝫtris, et Fíꝫlii, et Spírítus ꝫ sancti, ut repéllas diábolum a término justórum, ne sit in umbráculis hujus Ecclésiæ, et altáris. Et tu, Dómine Jesu Christe, infúnde Spírítum sanctum in hanc Ecclésiám tuam, et altáre; ut proficiat ad sanitátem córporum animarúmque adorántium te, et magnificétur nomen tuum in Gén-tibus: et incréduli corde con-vertántur ad

speech be always seasoned in grace by salt: so that thou mayest be sanctified for the consecration of this Church, and this altar, for the expulsion of all the temptations of the demons; and mayest thou be for all who partake of thee, defense of soul and body, health, protection, and assurance of sal-vation. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, thy Son, who is to come to judge the living and the dead and the world by fire. R. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. O Lord God, Father almighty, who deignest to bestow this gift of heavenly salt, so that from it all things, which thou hast created as food for men may be seasoned, bless this salt to put enemies to flight; and put into it salutary medicine, that it may increase the health of soul and body for those who partake of it. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

I exorcize thee, O water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, so that thou mayest repel the devil from the boundaries of the just, that he may not be in the shadow of this Church, and of this altar. And do thou, O Lord Jesus Christ, pour forth the Holy Ghost upon this thy Church, and this altar; so that it may contribute to the health of the bodies and souls of those who adore thee, and so that thy name may be magnified among the Gentiles: and

te, et non hábeant álium Deum, præter te Dóminum solum, qui ventúrus es judicáre vivos et mórtuos, et sæculum per ignem. R. Amen.

V. Dómine exáudi oratiónem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

V. Dóminus vobíscum.

R. Et cum spírítu tuo.

Orémus. Dómine Deus, Pater omnípotens, statútor ómnium elementórum, qui per Jesum Christum Fílium tuum Dóminum nostrum eleméntum hoc aquæ in salútem humáni géneris esse voluísti, te súpplīces deprecámur, ut, exaudítis oratiónebus nostris, eam tuæ pietátis aspéctu sanctíꝫfices: atque ita ómnium spírítuum immundórum ab ea recédāt incúrsio, ut ubicúmque fúerit in nómine tuo aspérsa, grátia tuæ benedictiÓnis advéniat, et mala ómnia, te propitiánte, procul recédant. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum: qui tecum vivit et regnat Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum. R. Amen.

V. Dómine exáudi oratiónem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

V. Dóminus vobíscum.

R. Et cum spírítu tuo.

Orémus: Omnípotens sempitérne Deus, parce pœniténtibus, propitiáre supplicántibus, et mittere dignéris sanctum Angelum tuum de cælis, qui beneꝫdícat, et sanctíꝫficet hos cíneres, ut sint remédium salúbre

so that those of unbelieving heart may be converted unto thee, and may have no other God but thee, the Lord alone, who is to come to judge the living and the dead and the world by fire. 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 God, Father almighty, creator of all the elements, who through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, hast willed this element of water to be for the salvation of mankind, humbly we beseech thee, that, having graciously heard our prayers, thou wouldst sanctify it with the regard of thy loving kindness: and that consequently the attack of all unclean spirits may depart from it, so that wherever it may be sprinkled in thy name, the grace of thy blessing may come, and by thy act of mercy, all evils may depart far away. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, thy Son: Who with thee liveth... 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. Almighty, eternal God, spare the penitent, have mercy on thy supplicants, and deign to send thy holy Angel from heaven, that he may bless, and sanctify these ashes, that they may be a wholesome remedy for all who humbly implore thy holy

ómnibus nomen sanctum tuum humíliter implorántibus, ac semetípsos pro consciéntia delictórum suórum accusántibus, ante conspéctum divínæ cleméntiæ tuæ facínora sua deplorántibus, vel sereníssimam pietátem tuam suppliciter obnixéque flagitántibus; et præsta, per invocatiónem sanctíssimi nóminis tui, ut quicumque eos super se aspéserint, pro redemptiône peccatórum suórum, córporis sanitátem et ánimæ tutelam percípiant. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum.  
R. Amen.

name, and who accuse themselves because of their consciousness of their sins, who deplore their crimes before the gaze of thy divine mercy, and who humbly and earnestly beseech thy most sovereign loving kindness, and grant, through the invocation of thy most holy name, that whoever may sprinkle these ashes over themselves, for the redemption of their sins, may receive health of body and protection of soul. Through Christ our Lord.  
R. Amen.

*The Bishop now mixes the blessed salt and drops it on the ashes three times in the form of a cross, saying:*

Commíxtio salis et cíneris páriter fiat. In nómine Paꝛtris, et Fílii, et Spíritus ꝛ sancti. R. Amen.

May the salt and ashes be mingled together: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. R. Amen.

*He takes a handful of this mixture and drops it into the water in the form of a cross, saying:*

Commíxtio salis, cíneris, et aquæ páriter fiat. In nómine Paꝛtris, et Fílii et Spíritus ꝛ sancti.  
R. Amen.

May the salt, ashes and water be mingled together: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. R. Amen.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.  
R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.  
V. Dóminus vobíscum.  
R. Et cum spírítu tuo.  
Orémus. Dómine Jesu Christe, qui in Cana Galiléæ ex aqua vinum fecísti, quique es vitis vera, múltiplica super nos misericórdiam tuam; et beneꝛdicere, et sanctiꝛficáre dignéris hanc

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, who in Cana of Galilee didst make wine out of water, and who art the true vine, multiply thy mercy upon us; and deign to bless, and sanctify this wine, that whatever place it may be poured

creatúram vini, ut ubicúmque fusum fúerit, vel aspérsus, divínæ id benedictiónis tuæ opuléntia repleátur, et sanctificétur: Qui cum Patre, et Spírítu sancto vivis et regnas Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum. R. Amen.

out or sprinkled, may be filled with the richness of thy divine blessing, and sanctified: Who with the Father, and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, God, world without end. R. Amen.

*He pours the wine into the water three times in the form of a cross, saying:*  
Commíxtio vini, salis, cíneris et aquæ páriter fiat. In nómine Pa<sup>tr</sup>is, et Fí<sup>li</sup>i, et Spírítus <sup>sancti</sup>. R. Amen.

*May the wine, salt, ashes and water be mingled together: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. R. Amen.*

V. Dómine, exáudi oratióne meam.  
R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.  
V. Dóminus vobíscum.  
R. Et cum spírítu tuo.

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.

Orémus:

Let us pray.

Omnípotens sempitérne Deus, creátor et conservátor humáni géneris, et dator grátiae spirituális, ac largítor ætérnæ salútis, emítte Spírítum sanctum tuum super hoc vinum cum aqua, sale, et cíneris mixtum; ut armátum cæléstis defensióne virtútis, ad consec-ratióne hujus Ecclésiæ et altáris tui proficiat. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte ejúsdem Spírítus sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum. R. Amen.

Almighty, eternal God, creator and preserver of mankind, and giver of spiritual grace, and bestower of eternal salvation, send thy Holy Ghost upon this wine mixed with water, salt, and ash; so that armed with the protection of heavenly power, it may be effective for the consecration of this thy Church and this thy altar. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son: Who with thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, world without end.

R. Amen.

Sancti<sup>fic</sup>are per verbum Dei unda cæléstis: sancti<sup>fic</sup>are aqua calcáta Christi vestígiis; quæ móntibus pressa non cláuderis; quæ scópolis illísa non frángeris; quæ terris diffúsa non déficis. Tu sústines áridam, tu portas món-

Be sanctified through the word of God, O heavenly water: be sanctified, O water trodden by the footsteps of Christ; O water, who, though pressed by the mountains, art not enclosed; who, dashed by rocks, art not broken; who, poured forth upon the lands, art not spent. Thou sustainest the dry

tium póndera, nec demérgeris; tu  
cælórum vértice continéris; tu cir-  
cumfúsa per totum, lavas ómnia,  
nec laváris. Tu fugiéntibus  
pópulis Hebræórum in molem  
duráta constricta es: tu rursum  
alsis resolutá vorticibus Nili  
áccolas perdis, et hostílem  
globum freto sæviénte  
perséqueris: una ead-émque es  
salus fidélibus, et últio criminósis.  
Te per Móysen per-cússa rupes  
evómuit, neque ábdita cáutibus  
latére potuísti, cum majestátis  
império jussa prodíres: tu gestáta  
núbibus imbre jucúndo arva  
foecúndas. Per te, áridis æstu  
corpóribus, dulcis ad grátiam,  
salutáris ad vitam potus infún-  
ditur: tu íntimis scatúriens venis,  
aut spíritum inclúsa vitálem, aut  
succum fértilem præstas, ne  
siccátis exinaníta viscéribus sol-  
émnes neget terra provéntus: per  
te ínítium, per te finis exsúltat; vel  
pótius ex Deo est, tuum ut  
términum nesciámus; aut  
tuórum, omnípotens Deus, cujus  
virtútum non nescii, dum  
aquárum mérita prómimus,  
óperum insígnia prædicámus. Tu  
benedictiónis au-ctor, tu salutis  
orígo: te supplicíter deprecámur  
ac quæsumus, ut im-brem grátiae  
tuæ super hanc domum cum  
abundántia tuæ bene-~~xi~~dictionis  
infúndas; bona ómnia largiáris;  
próspera tríbuas; advérsa  
repéllas; malórum facín-orum  
dæmonem déstruas; An-gelum  
lucis amícum, bonórum  
provisórem defensorémque  
const-ítuas. Domum in tuo

land, thou carriest the weight of the  
mountains, and art not sunk; thou art  
contained by the height of heaven;  
thou, poured out everywhere,  
washest everything, and art not  
washed. Thou wert constricted into a  
hard mass for the Hebrews fleeing;  
again thou, released, destroyest with  
cold whirlpools the inhabitants of the  
Nile, and pursuest with a fierce swell  
the enemy throng. One and the same,  
thou art salvation to the faithful and  
vengeance to the guilty. The rock  
struck by Moses poured thee forth,  
nor couldst thou hide, concealed in  
the rocks, for thou camest forth  
bidden by majesty's command: thou,  
brought forth by the clouds, makest  
the plains fertile with pleasant rain.  
Through thee is poured out drink,  
sweet unto enjoyment, salutary unto  
life, for bodies parched by the  
summer: thou gushing forth from  
deep springs, enclosed bestowest a  
life-giving spirit and also fertile sap,  
lest the earth exhausted, with heart  
dried-up, deny the festivities of the  
harvest: through thee, the beginning  
rejoices; through thee, rejoices the  
end; or rather, it is from God that we  
know not thy limit; and that we  
proclaim the signs of thy works, O  
almighty God, of whose powers we  
are not ignorant, while we express  
the merits of water. Thou, the author  
of blessing, thou, the origin of  
salvation: we humbly beseech thee  
and implore, that thou mayest pour  
out the rain of thy grace upon this  
house with the abundance of thy  
blessing; grant all good things;  
bestow all favors; cast out all  
adversities; destroy the demon of evil  
deeds; appoint the friendly Angel of  
light, and the provider and defender  
of good things. May thy blessing  
confirm this house, begun in thy  
name, completed by thy help, unto

nómine cœptam, te adjutóre  
perféctam, beneꝫdictio tua in  
longum mansúram confirmet.  
Tuum hæc fundaménta  
præsídium, cúlmina  
teguméntum, óstia intróitum,  
penetrália mereántur accéssum.  
Sit per illustratióem vultus tui  
utlitas hóminum, stabilitas  
paríetum.

long duration. May these foundations  
merit thy defense; these pinnacles,  
thy protection; these doors, thy  
entrance; these innermost recesses,  
thy approach. Through the light of  
thy countenance, may there be profit  
unto men, stability unto the walls.

*The Bishop now goes to the main doors of the church, and with the end of his  
crossier he makes a cross on the inner side of the door on the upper part and then  
again on the lower part.*

Sit pósito crux invícta limínibus;  
utríque postes grátiae tuæ  
inscriptiône signéntur; ac per  
multitúdinem propitiatióis tuæ  
visitatóribus domus sit pax cum  
abundántia, sobrietas cum mode-  
stia, redundántia cum miseri-  
córdia. Inquietúdo omnis et calá-  
mitas longe recédant. Inópia,  
pestis, morbus, languor, incur-  
súsque malórum spirítuum tua  
semper visitatióne discédant: ut  
tua fusa in hoc loco visitatióis  
grátia exténsos ejus términos et  
átria circumácta percúrrat: sitque  
per cunctos ejus ángulos ac  
recéssus hujus gúrgitis purificátió  
per lavácrum: ut semper hic  
lætítia quiétis, grátia hospi-  
taliátis, abundántia frugis,  
reveréntia religióis, copíaque sit  
salútis. Et, ubi invocátur sanctum  
nomen tuum, bonórum ómnium  
succédát cópia, malórum tenta-  
ménta procul effúgiant: et  
mereámur habére nobíscum An-  
gelum pacis, castitátis, caritátis,  
ac veritátis, qui semper ab  
ómnibus malis nos custódiat,

May the cross be unconquered for  
the established thresholds; may  
each of the doorposts be signed  
with the inscription of thy grace;  
and through the multitude of thy  
mercy, may this house be to its  
visitors, peace in abundance,  
sobriety in modesty, overflowing  
in mercy. May all unrest and  
calamity withdraw far off. May  
indigence, pestilence, disease,  
weakness, and the attack of evil  
spirits always fly at thy visitation:  
so that thy grace of visitation,  
poured out in this place, may  
penetrate its extended boundaries  
and enclosed halls: and  
throughout all its corners and  
recesses, may there be  
purification through the washing  
of this water: so that there may be  
here always joy of rest, grace of  
hospitality, abundance of  
morality, reverence of religion,  
and plentiful salvation. And,  
where thy holy name is invoked,  
may abundance of every good  
thing follow, and the temptations  
of evils things flee afar: and may

prótegat, et deféndat. Per  
Dóminum nostrum Jesum  
Christum Fílium tuum: Qui  
tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte  
Spíritus sancti Deus, per ómnia  
sæcula sæculórum. R. Amen.

Deum Patrem omnipoténtem,  
fratres caríssimi, in cujus domo  
mansiónes multæ sunt, súpplīces  
deprecémur, ut habitáculum  
istud bene✠dicere, et custodíre  
di-gnétur, per aspersionem hujus  
aquæ cum vino, sale, et cínere  
mixtæ. Per Dóminum nostrum  
Jesum Christum Fílium suum:  
Qui cum eo vivit et regnat in  
unitáte Spíritus sancti Deus, per  
ómnia sæcula sæculórum. R.  
Amen.

we merit to have with us the Angel  
of peace, of chastity, of charity, and of  
truth, who may ever guard, protect,  
and defend us from all evils. Through  
our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son... R.  
Amen.

Beloved brethren, let us humbly  
beseech God the Father almighty,  
in whose house are many  
mansions, that he would deign to  
bless and guard this dwelling,  
through the sprinkling of this  
water mixed with wine, salt and  
ash. Through our Lord Jesus  
Christ his Son: Who with him  
liveth and reigneth in the unity of  
the Holy Ghost, God, world  
without end. R. Amen.

### Consecration of the Altar

*The Bishop now goes to the altar, where he begins the solemn consecration.*

*Meanwhile the choir chants:*

#### Psalm 42

Judge me, O God, and distinguish my cause from the nation that is not holy: \* deliver me from the unjust and deceitful man.

For thou art God my strength: \* why hast thou cast me off? and why do I go sorrowful whilst the enemy afflicteth me?

Send forth thy light and thy truth: \* they have conducted me, and brought me unto thy holy hill, and into thy tabernacles.

And I will go in to the altar of God: \* to God who giveth joy to my youth.

To thee, O God my God, I will give praise upon the harp: \* why art thou sad, O my soul? and why dost thou disquiet me?

Hope in God, for I will still give praise to him: \* the salvation of my countenance, and my God.

*Bishop dips his right thumb into the blessed water and anoints the altar saying:*

Sancti✠ficétur hoc altáre, in  
honórem Dei omnipoténtis, et  
gloriosæ Vírginis Mariæ, atque

May this altar be sanctified unto  
the honor of God almighty, and  
of the glorious Virgin Mary, and

ómnium Sanctórum, et ad nomen  
ac memóriam Sanctæ Mariæ. In  
nómine Pa~~tr~~is, et Fí~~li~~i, et  
Spíritus ~~sc~~ sancti. Pax tibi.

Orémus.

Deacon: Flectámus génuá.

Subdeacon: Leváte.

Singuláre illud propitiátórium in  
altári crucis pro nobis rediméndis  
oblátum, in cuius præfiguratióne  
Patriárcha Jacob lápidem eréxit in  
títulum, quo fieret sacrificium, et  
portæ cæli désuper aperirétur  
oráculum: súpplícés tibi, Dómine,  
preces fúndimus, ut lápidis hujus  
expolítam matériam, supérnis  
sacrificiis imbuéndam, ipse tuæ  
ditári sanctificatiónis ubertáte  
præcípías, qui quondam lapideis  
legem scripsísti in tábulis. Per  
Christum Dóminum nostrum.

R. Amen.

of all the Saints, and in the name  
and memory of Holy Mary. In the  
name of the Father, and of the  
Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Peace  
be with thee.

Let us pray.

Deacon: Let us kneel.

Subdeacon: Rise.

That unique oblation offered  
upon the altar of the cross for our  
redemption, in whose pre-  
figurement the Patriarch Jacob  
erected a stone as a pledge on  
which sacrifice would be made,  
and the oratory of the gate of  
heaven above would be opened:  
humbly we pour out our prayers  
to thee, O Lord, that thou thyself  
wouldst bid the polished material  
of this stone, that is to be imbued  
with heavenly sacrifices, would  
be enriched with the abundance  
of thy sanctification, thou who  
didst once inscribe the law upon  
tablets of stone. Through Christ  
our Lord. R. Amen.

*The choir sings Psalm 50 as the Bishop goes around the altar seven times, all the  
while sprinkling it with holy water.*

Have mercy on me, O God, \* according to thy great mercy.

And according to the multitude of thy tender mercies \* blot out my iniquity.

Wash me yet more from my iniquity, \* and cleanse me from my sin.

*Thou shalt sprinkle me, Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean: Thou shalt wash me and I shall be  
whiter than snow.*

For I know my iniquity, \* and my sin is always before me.

To thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before thee: \* that thou mayst be justified in  
thy words, and mayst overcome when thou art judged.

For behold I was conceived in iniquities; \* and in sins did my mother conceive me.

*Thou shalt sprinkle me, Lord, with hyssop...*

For behold thou hast loved truth: \* the uncertain and hidden things of thy wisdom thou  
hast made manifest to me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: \* thou shalt wash me, and I  
shall be made whiter than snow.

To my hearing thou shalt give joy and gladness: \* and the bones that have been humbled  
shall rejoice.

*Thou shalt sprinkle me, Lord, with hyssop...*

Turn away thy face from my sins, \* and blot out all my iniquities.

Create a clean heart in me, O God: \* and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

Cast me not away from thy face; \* and take not thy holy spirit from me.

*Thou shalt sprinkle me, Lord, with hyssop...*

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, \* and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

I will teach the unjust thy ways: \* and the wicked shall be converted to thee.

Deliver me from blood, O God, thou God of my salvation: \* and my tongue shall extol thy justice.

*Thou shalt sprinkle me, Lord, with hyssop...*

O Lord, thou wilt open my lips: \* and my mouth shall declare thy praise.

For if thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it: \* with burnt offerings thou wilt not be delighted.

A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit: \* a contrite and humbled heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

*Thou shalt sprinkle me, Lord, with hyssop...*

Deal favorably, O Lord, in thy good will with Sion; \* that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then shalt thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations and whole burnt offerings: \* then shall they lay calves upon thy altar.

*Thou shalt sprinkle me, Lord, with hyssop...*

### **Sprinkling of the Walls and Floor**

*The Bishop having finished the sprinkling of the altar, now blesses the walls and floor of the church interior.*

Hæc est domus Dómini fírmiter  
ædificáta: bene fundáta est supra  
firmam petram.

This is the house of the Lord,  
firmly built: it has been well  
established on solid rock.

### **Psalm 121**

I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: \* We shall go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet were standing \* in thy courts, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, which is built as a city, \* which is compact together.

For thither did the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord: \* the testimony of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.

Because their seats have sat in judgment, \* seats upon the house of David

Pray y ye for the things that are for the peace of Jerusalem: \* and abundance for them that love thee.

Let peace be in thy strength: \* and abundance in thy towers.

For the sake of my brethren, and of my neighbors, \* I spoke peace of thee.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, \* I have sought good things for thee.

Exsúrgat Deus, et dissipéntur  
inimíci ejus, et fúgiant qui  
odérunt eum a fácie ejus.

Let God arise, and let his enemies  
be scattered, and let those who  
hate him, flee from his face.

### **Psalm 67 (verses 27-36)**

In the churches bless ye God the Lord, \* from the fountains of Israel.  
 There is Benjamin a youth, \* in ecstasy of mind.  
 The princes of Juda are their leaders: \* the princes of Zabulon, the princes of Nephthali.  
 Command thy strength, O God: \* confirm, O God, what thou hast wrought in us.  
 From thy temple in Jerusalem, \* kings shall offer presents to thee.  
 Rebuke the wild beasts of the reeds, the congregation of bulls with the kine of the people; \*  
 who seek to exclude them who are tried with silver.  
 Scatter thou the nations that delight in wars: ambassadors shall come out of Egypt: \*  
 Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands to God.  
 Sing to God, ye kingdoms of the earth: \* sing ye to the Lord:  
 Sing ye to God, who mounteth above the heaven of heavens, \* to the east.  
 Behold he will give to his voice the voice of power: \* give ye glory to God for Israel, \* his  
 magnificence, and his power is in the clouds.  
 God is wonderful in his saints: the God of Israel is he who will give power and strength to  
 his people; \* blessed be God

Qui hábitat in adjutório Altíssimi, in protectióne Dei cæli com- morábitur.	He who dwells in the help of the most High, will abide in the pro- tection of the God of heaven.
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*Psalm 90*

He that dwelleth in the aid of the most High, \* shall abide under the protection of the God  
 of Jacob.  
 He shall say to the Lord: Thou art my protector, and my refuge: \* my God, in him will I  
 trust.  
 For he hath delivered me from the snare of the hunters: \* and from the sharp word.  
 He will overshadow thee with his shoulders: \* and under his wings thou shalt trust.  
 His truth shall compass thee with a shield: \* thou shalt not be afraid of the terror of the  
 night.  
 Of the arrow that flieth in the day, of the business that walketh about in the dark: \* of  
 invasion, or of the noonday devil.  
 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand: \* but it shall not come  
 nigh thee.  
 But thou shalt consider with thy eyes: \* and shalt see the reward of the wicked.  
 Because thou, O Lord, art my hope: \* thou hast made the most High thy refuge.  
 There shall no evil come to thee: \* nor shall the scourge come near thy dwelling.  
 For he hath given his angels charge over thee; \* to keep thee in all thy ways.  
 In their hands they shall bear thee up: \* lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.  
 Thou shalt walk upon the asp and the basilisk: \* and thou shalt trample under foot the lion  
 and the dragon.  
 Because he hoped in me I will deliver him: \* I will protect him because he hath known my  
 name.  
 He shall cry to me, and I will hear him: \* I am with him in tribulation, I will deliver him,  
 and I will glorify him.  
 I will fill him with length of days; \* and I will show him my salvation.

Domus mea, domus oratiónis vocábitur. V. Narrábo nomen	My house will be called a house of prayer. V. I will proclaim thy
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tuum fratribus meis, in medio  
Ecclesiæ laudabo te.  
Dómine, diléxi decórem domus  
tuæ. V. Et locum habitatiónis  
glóriæ tuæ.

Non est hic aliud nisi domus Dei,  
et porta cæli.

Vidit Jacob scalem súmmitas ejus  
cælos tangébat, et descendentes  
Angelos, et dixit: Vere locus iste  
sanctus est.

name to my brethren; in the midst  
of the Church, I will praise thee.  
O Lord, I have loved the beauty  
of thy house. V. And the place of  
the dwelling of thy glory.

This is none other than the house  
of God, and the gate of heaven.

Jacob saw a ladder, \* whose  
summit touched the heavens, and  
Angels coming down, and he  
said: Truly this place is holy.

*The Bishop says:*

Orémus.

Deacon: Flectámus génuá.

Subdeacon: Leváte.

Deus, qui loca nómini tuo  
dicánda sanctíficas, effúnde super  
hanc oratiónis domum grátiam  
tuam; ut ab ómnibus hic nomen  
tuum invocántibus, auxiliúm tuæ  
miser-icórdiæ sentiátur. Per  
Christum Dóminum nostrum. R.  
Amen.

Let us pray.

Deacon: Let us kneel.

Subdeacon: Rise.

O God, who sanctifiest the places  
dedicated to thy name, pour forth  
thy grace upon this house of  
prayer, that all who herein call  
upon thy name, may feel the help  
of thy mercy. Through Christ our  
Lord. R. Amen.

Orémus.

Deacon: Flectámus génuá.

Subdeacon: Leváte.

Deus sanctificatiónum, omni-  
potens dominátor, cujus píetas  
sine fine sentítur; Deus, qui  
cælestia simul et terréna  
complécteris, servans miseri-  
córdiam tuam pópulo tuo  
ambulánti ante conspéctum  
glóriæ tuæ: exáudi preces ser-  
vórum tuórum; ut sint óculi tui  
apérti super domum istam die ac  
nocte: hanc quoque basílicam in  
honórem sanctæ et victorio-  
sissimæ Crucis, et memóriam

Let us pray.

Deacon: Let us kneel.

Subdeacon: Rise.

O God of all sanctification,  
almighty ruler, whose loving  
kindness is felt endlessly, O God,  
who embraceth at once the  
heavenly and the earthly, keeping  
thy mercy for thy people walking  
before the sight of thy glory: hear  
the prayers of thy servants, that  
thy eyes may be open upon this  
house day and night: and this  
basilica established for the sacred  
mysteries in honor of the holy  
and most victorious Cross, and of  
the memory of thy Holy Mary, do

Sanctæ tuæ Mariæ sacræ  
 mysteriis institutam  
 clementissimus de-di-ca,  
 miseratus illu-stra, proprio  
 splendore clarifica, omnemque  
 hominem venientem adorare te in  
 hoc loco placatus ad-mitte,  
 propitius respicere dignare, et  
 propter nomen tuum magnum, et  
 manum tuam fortem, et brachium  
 tuum excelsum, in hoc  
 tabernaculo tuo supplicantes li-  
 bens protege, dignanter exaudi,  
 æterna defensione conserva; ut  
 semper felices, semperque in tua  
 religione lætantes, constanter in  
 sanctæ Trinitatis confessione, fide  
 catholica perseverent. Per  
 Dominum nostrum Jesum Chris-  
 tum Filium tuum: Qui tecum vivit  
 et regnat in unitate Spiritus sancti  
 Deus.

thou in thy clemency dedicate,  
 mercifully enlighten, and glorify  
 with thine own splendor, and  
 every man coming to adore thee  
 in this place, be thou pleased to  
 admit, deign to mercifully regard,  
 and on account of thy great name,  
 and thy strong hand, and thy  
 glorious arm, kindly protect thy  
 suppliants in this thy tabernacle,  
 mercifully hear, and keep with  
 everlasting protection, so that  
 ever happy and ever rejoicing in  
 thy religion, they may persevere  
 in the Catholic Faith, constant in  
 the confession of the holy Trinity.  
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ  
 thy Son: Who with thee liveth  
 and reigneth in the unity of the  
 Holy Ghost, God.

*The Bishop now recites the following preface.*

V. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.  
 R. Amen.  
 V. Dominus vobiscum.  
 R. Et cum spiritu tuo.  
 V. Sursum corda.  
 R. Habemus ad Dominum.  
 V. Grátias agámus Dómino Deo  
 nostro.  
 R. Dignum et justum est.  
 Vere dignum et justum est,  
 æquum et salutare, nos tibi  
 semper, et ubique grátias ágere,  
 Dómine sancte, Pater  
 omnipotens, æterne Deus, adesto  
 precibus nostris, adesto  
 sacramentis, adesto etiam piis  
 famulorum tuorum laboribus  
 nobisque misericórdiam tuam  
 poscèntibus. Descéndat quoque

V. 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 to the Lord.  
 V. Let us give thanks to the Lord  
 our God.  
 R. It is meet and just.  
 Truly it is meet and just, right and  
 salutary, that we always and  
 everywhere give thee thanks, O  
 holy Lord, Father almighty,  
 attend to our prayers, attend to  
 the sacraments, attend also to the  
 pious labors of thy servants and  
 to us who beseech thy mercy.  
 May thy Holy Spirit, overflowing  
 with the abundance of sevenfold

in hanc Ecclésiā tuam, quam sub invocatiōe sancti nōminis tui, in honōrem sanctæ Crucis, in qua coætērnus tibi Fīlius tuus Dōminus noster Jesus Christus pro redemptiōe mundi pati dignātus est, et memoriā Sanctæ tuæ Mariæ nos indīgni consecrāmus, Spīritus sanctus tuus, septifōrmis grātiae ubertate redūdans: ut quotiescūque in hac domo tua sanctum nomen tuum fūerit invocātum, eōrum, qui te invocāverint, a te pio Dōmino preces exaudiāntur. O beāta et sancta Trīnitas, quæ ōmnia purīficas, ōmnia mundas, et ōmnia perōrnas. O beāta majestas Dei, quæ cuncta implet, cuncta cōntines, cuncta dispōnis. O beāta et sancta manus Dei, quæ ōmnia sanctīficas, ōmnia benedīcis, ōmnia locuplētās. O sancte Sanctōrum Deus, tuam clemētiam humillima devotiōe depōscimus, ut hanc Ecclēsiā tuam, per nostræ humilitātis famulātum, in honōrem sanctæ et victoriosissimæ Crucis, et memoriā Sanctæ tuæ Mariæ purificāre, benedīcere, et consecrāre perpētua sanctificatiōnis tuæ ubertate dignēris. Hic quoque Sacerdōtes sacrificia tibi laudis offerant: hic fidēles pōpuli vota persolvant: hic peccatōrum ōnera solvantur, fidelēque lapsi reparentur. In hac ergo, quāsumus Dōmine, domo tua Spīritus sancti grātia aegrōti sanentur; infirmi recuperentur; claudi curentur; leprōsi mundentur; cæci illuminentur; dæ-

grace, descend also into this thy Church, which we, unworthy, consecrate under the invocation of thy holy name, in honor of the holy Cross, on which thy Son, coeternal with thee, our Lord Jesus Christ deigned to suffer for the redemption of the world, and in memory of thy Holy Mary: so that as many times as thy holy name shall be invoked in this thy house, may the prayers of those who called upon thee be favorably heard by thee, O gracious Lord. O blessed and holy Trinity, who dost purify all, cleanse all, and adorn all. O blessed majesty of God, who dost fill all, contain all, dispose all. O blessed and holy hand of God, who dost sanctify all, bless all, enrich all. O holy God of the Saints, we beseech thy mercy with most humble devotion, that this thy Church, through the service of our humility, in honor of the holy and most victorious Cross, and in memory of thy Holy Mary, thou wouldst deign to purify, bless, and consecrate with the perpetual abundance of thy sanctification. Here also may Priests offer thee the sacrifices of praise: here may the faithful people offer prayers: here may the burdens of sinners be loosed, and the falls of the faithful be repaired. Therefore, we beseech thee, O Lord, in this thy house by the grace of thy Holy Spirit, may the sick be healed, the weak restored, the lame cured, the lepers cleansed, the blind

mónia ejiciántur. Cunctórum hic debílium incómoda, te Dómine annuente, pellántur, omniúmque víncula peccatórum absolvántur. Ut omnes, qui hoc templum benefícia juste deprecáturi ingrediúntur, cuncta se impetrásse læténtur; ut concéssa misericórdia, quam precántur, perpétuo miseratiónis tuæ múnere gloriéntur.

enlighted, the demons cast out. Here may the sufferings of all the infirm be expelled, at thy bidding, O Lord, and may the chains of all sinners be absolved. So that all who enter this temple justly to implore benefits, may rejoice to have all granted unto them, so that having received the mercy which they implored, they may glory in the everlasting gift of thy mercy.

*To which he adds in a low voice, loud enough, however, to be heard by those near him:*

Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte ejúsdem Spíritus sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord: Who with thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, God, world without end. R. Amen.

*The Bishop now blesses the dry cement that will be used to seal the relics in the altar.*

V. Dóminus vobíscum.  
R. Et cum spírítu tuo.  
Orémus.

Summe Deus, qui summa, et média ímaque custódis, qui omnem creatúram intrínsecus ambiéndo conclúdis, sanctiꝫfica, et béneꝫdic has creatúras calcis et sábuli. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. R. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with thy spirit.  
Let us pray.  
O Lord most High, who dost keep the heights, the middle and the depths, who dost enclose every creature by surrounding them within, do thou sanctify and bless this stone and sand. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

*The blessed water that remains, except that which is preserved to prepare the cement, is poured around the base of the altar.*

### **Bringing of the Holy Relics to the Church**

*The Bishop and the ministers all go in procession to the chapel where the relics are kept. Upon arriving at the chapel doors, the Bishop says:*

Orémus.

Deacon: Flectámus génua.

Subdeacon: Leváte.

Aufer a nobis, quæsumus Dómine, cunctas iniquitátes nostras; ut ad sancta Sanctorum puris mereámur méntibus introíre. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. R. Amen.

Let us pray.

Deacon: Let us kneel.

Subdeacon: Rise.

Take away from us all our iniquities, we beseech thee, O Lord, so that we may merit to go in to the Holy of Holies with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

*The clergy enter the chapel while the choir sings:*

Abstérget Deus omnem lácrimam ab óculis sanctorum, et jam non erit ámplius neque luctus, neque clamor, sed nec ullus dolor: \* Quóniam prióra transiérunt. V. Non esúrient, neque sítient ámplius, neque cadet super illos sol, neque ullus æstus. Quóniam...

And God will wipe away every tear from the eyes of the saints, and now there shall be neither mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore: \* For the former things have passed away. V. They shall not hunger, nor shall they thirst anymore, neither shall the sun strike them, nor any heat. For...

*The Bishop says the following prayer:*

Orémus.

Deacon: Flectámus génua.

Subdeacon: Leváte.

Fac nos, quæsumus Dómine, Sanctorum tuorum tibi specialiter dedicáta membra digne contingere: quorum patrocínia cupimus incessánter habére. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. R. Amen.

Let us pray.

Deacon: Let us kneel.

Subdeacon: Rise.

Make us, we beseech thee, O Lord, worthily to touch thy Saints' members, dedicated especially to thee: whose patronage we desire always to have. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

*While the relics are brought in procession to the front of the church, the choir sings.*

Cum jucunditáte exíbitis, et cum gáudio deducémini: nam et montes et colles exsílent, exspectántes vos cum gáudio, allelúia.

Súrgite Sancti Dei de mansiónibus vestris, loca sanctificáte, plebem benedicite, et nos hómines peccatóres in pace

With delight you will go forth, and with joy you will be led: for both the mountains and hills will leap, waiting for you with joy, alleluia.

Rise, ye Saints of God, from your abodes, sanctify these places, bless the people, and keep us, sinful men, in peace.

custodíte.

Ambuláte Sancti Dei, ingredímini in civitatém Dómini, ædificáta est enim vobis ecclésia nova, ubi pópulus adoráre debet majestátem Dómini.

Istórum est enim regnum cælórum, qui contempserunt vitam mundi, et pervenérunt ad præmia regni, et lavérunt stolas suas in ságuine Agni.

Walk, ye Saints of God, enter into the city of the Lord, for a new church has been built for you, where the people must adore the majesty of the Lord.

For the kingdom of heaven belongs to these, who have despised the life of the world, and have come to the rewards of the kingdom, and have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb.

*Having arrived at the front of the church, the Bishop and the clerics now process around the exterior of the church all the time saying: Kyrie eléison...*

*Once they have returned to the front doors, the choir sings:*

Erit mihi Dóminus in Deum, et lapis iste, quem eréxi in titulum, vocábitur domus Dei, et de univérsis quæ déderis mihi, \* Décimas et hóstias pacíficas ófferam tibi. V. Si revérsus fúero ad domum patris mei. Décimas et hóstias pacíficas ófferam tibi.

The Lord will be my God, and this stone, which I have erected as a pledge, will be called the house of God, and of all the things which thou wilt have given to me, \* tithes and peace offerings I will offer thee. V. If I shall have returned to the house of my father. Tithes and peace offerings, I will offer thee.

*The Bishop rises and turns, facing the door, and says:*

Orémus.

Deacon: Flectámus génuá.

Subdeacon: Leváte.

Domum tuam, quæsumus Dómine, cleménter ingrédere; et in tuórum córdibus fidélium perpétuam tibi cónstrue mansiónem; et præsta, ut domus hæc, quæ tua subsístit dedicatióne solémnis, tua fiat habitatióne sublímis. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum.

Let us pray.

Deacon: Let us kneel.

Subdeacon: Rise.

Mercifully enter thy house, we beseech thee, O Lord; and build an everlasting home in the hearts of thy faithful; and grant that this house, which by thy dedication is established solemnly, may become sublime by thy indwelling. R. Amen.

*The Bishop dips his thumb into the Holy Chrism and anoints three times the stone pillars by the doors at the place where the cross is engraved, saying:*

In nómine Pa<sup>tr</sup>is, et Fi<sup>li</sup>i, et  
Spíritus <sup>sc</sup> sancti.

Porta sis benedícta, sanctificáta,  
consecráta, consignáta, et Dómino  
Deo commendáta; porta sis in-  
tróitus salútis, et pacis; porta sis  
óstium pacíficum, per eum, qui se  
óstium appellávit, Jesum Chris-  
tum Dóminum nostrum, qui cum  
Patre, et Spíritu sancto vivit et  
regnat Deus in sæcula  
sæculórum. R. Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of  
the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

May thou, O door, be blessed,  
sanctified, consecrated, sealed  
and commended unto the Lord;  
may thou, O door, be the entrance  
of salvation and peace; may thou,  
O door, be the peaceful gate  
through him who did call himself  
the gate, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who with the Father and the Holy  
Ghost liveth and reigneth God,  
world without end. R. Amen.

*The Bishop then goes to the faldstool and standing intones the antiphon  
Ingredimini sancti Dei, which the choir continues to the end adding the  
antiphon: Gaudent in cælis.*

Ingredímini Sancti Dei præparáta  
est enim a Dómino habitátio sedis  
vestræ: sed et pópulus fidélis cum  
gáudio inséquitur iter vestrum; ut  
orétis pro nobis majestátem  
Dómini. Allelúia.

Enter, ye Saints of God, for a dw-  
elling for your throne hath been  
prepared by the Lord: and also, the  
faithful people follow your journey  
with joy, so that you may beseech the  
majesty of the Lord for us. Alleluia.

*(The faithful may now enter the church.)*

Exsultábunt Sancti in glória, et  
lætabúntur in cubílibus suis.

The Saints will exult in glory, and  
they will rejoice upon their beds.

*Psalm 149*

Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle: \* let his praise be in the church of the saints.  
Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: \* and let the children of Sion be joyful in their king.  
Let them praise his name in choir: \* let them sing to him with the timbrel and the psaltery.  
For the Lord is well pleased with his people: \* and he will exalt the meek unto salvation.  
The saints shall rejoice in glory: \* they shall be joyful in their beds.  
The high praises of God shall be in their mouth: \* and two edged swords in their hands:  
To execute vengeance upon the nations, \* chastisements among the people:  
To bind their kings with fetters, \* and their nobles with manacles of iron.  
To execute upon them the judgment that is written: \* this glory is to all his saints.

*Psalm 150*

Praise ye the Lord in his holy places: \* praise ye him in the firmament of his power.  
Praise ye him for his mighty acts: \* praise ye him according to the multitude of his  
greatness.  
Praise him with sound of trumpet: \* praise him with psaltery and harp.

Praise him with timbrel and choir: \* praise him with strings and organs.

Praise him on high sounding cymbals: praise him on cymbals of joy: \* let every spirit praise the Lord.

### Placing of the Holy Relics in the Sepulchre.

*The Bishop says the following prayer.*

Orémus.

Deus, qui in omni loco  
dominatiónis tuæ clemens ac be-  
nígnum dedicátor assístis, exáudi  
nos, quæsumus, et concéde, ut  
inviolábilis permáneat hujus loci  
consecrátió; et beneficia tui mú-  
neris, univérsitas fidélium quæ  
tibi súpplicat, percípere mereátur.  
Per Christum Dóminum nostrum.  
R. Amen.

Let us pray.

O God, who in every place of thy  
kingdom standeth merciful and  
kind, graciously hear us, we pray,  
and grant that the consecration of  
this place may endure inviolable;  
and may all of the faithful who  
beseech thee, merit to receive the  
favours of thy gift. Through Christ  
our Lord. R. Amen.

*The Bishop anoints, with Holy Chrism, each of the four corners of the sepulchre  
on the inside, reciting the following formula:*

Conse~~cr~~étur et sancti~~fic~~étur  
hoc sepúlcrum. In nómine  
Pa~~tr~~is, et Fí~~li~~i, et Spíritus  
~~S~~ancti. Pax huic dómui.

May this sepulchre be  
consecrated and sanctified. In the  
name of the Father, and of the  
Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Peace  
to this house.

*The Bishop now places the relics of St. Maria Goretti, Pope St. Pius X, and St.  
John Neumann in the altar; meanwhile the choir sings:*

Sub altare Dei sedes accepístis  
Sancti Dei: intercédite pro nobis  
ad Dóminum Jesum Christum. V.  
Exsultábunt Sancti in glória. R. Et  
lætabúntur in cubílibus suis.

Beneath the altar of God, you  
have received thrones, ye Saints  
of God: intercede for us to the  
Lord Jesus Christ. V. The saints  
will exult in glory. R. And they  
will rejoice upon their beds.

*The cement is now mixed with the reserved blessed water. The Bishop incenses  
the relics, and anoints the nether side of the sepulchre. The Bishop, having  
finished the anointing, now places the slab in place over the relics.*

Sub altáre Dei audívi voces  
occisórum dicéntium: Quare non  
deféndis sánguinem nostrum? Et  
accepérunt divínium respónsum:  
Adhuc sustinéte módicum tem-

Beneath the altar of God, I heard  
the voices of those who had been  
killed saying: Why hast thou not  
defended our blood? And they  
received the divine response:

pus, donec impleátur númerus fratrum vestrórum. Córpora Sanc-tórum in pace sepúlta sunt: et vivent nómina eórum in ætérnum. V. Glória Patri...

Wait a little time, until the number of your brethren is filled up. The bodies of the Saints have been buried in peace: and their names will live forever. V. Glory be...

*The Bishop now prays:*

Orémus.

Deus, qui ex ómnium cohabitatióne Sanctórum ætérnum majestáti tuæ condis habitáculum, da ædificatióni tuæ incrementa cæléstia, et præsta: ut quorum hic Relíquias pio amóre compléctimur, eórum semper méritis adjuvémur. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum.  
R. Amen.

Let us pray.

O God, who from the abiding of all the Saints together, hast established an eternal dwelling for thy majesty, give heavenly increase to thy edifice, and grant that they whose relics we here embrace with pious love, may ever help us with their merits. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

*The Bishop fills in the crevices around the slab with cement; the mason may continue and finish. The Bishop now anoints once the upper side of the slab and the altar:*

Signé✠tur, et sancti✠ficétur hoc altáre. In nómine Pa✠tris, et Fí✠lii, et Spíritus ✠ sancti. Pax tibi.

May this altar be sealed and sanctified. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Peace be with thee.

### *Incensation of the Altar*

*The Bishop blesses incense:*

Ab illo benedicáris, in cuius honóre cremáberis. In nómine Pa✠tris, et Fí✠lii, et Spíritus ✠ sancti. R. Amen.

May thou be blessed by him, in whose honor thou wilt be burned. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. R. Amen.

*The Bishop intones the antiphon and then incenses the altar to the right, to the left, in front and over the table until the choir has finished the antiphon:*

Stetit Angelus juxta aram templi, habens thuríbulum áureum in manu sua, et data sunt ei incénsa multa: Et ascéndit fumus arómatum in conspéctu Dei. Alleluía.

An Angel stood next to the altar of the temple, having a golden thurible in his hand, and much incense was given to him: and the fragrant smoke rose up in the sight of God. Alleluia.

*The Bishop now prays:*

Orémus.

Dirigátur orátio nostra, quæsumus Dómine, sicut incénsum in conspéctu tuo, et copiósia benefícia cristiánus pópulus assequátur; ut quicumque tibi in hoc altári sacránda libámina devótus ob-túlerit, vel sacráta suscepérit; et vitæ subsidia præsentis accípiat, et remissionem ómnium peccatórum páriter consequátur, et grátiam sempitérnæ redemptionis percípiat. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. R. Amen.

Let us pray.

May our prayer, we beseech thee, O Lord, be directed like incense in thy sight, and may the Christian people receive abundant favors; and whoever shall devoutly offer thee upon this altar the offerings to be made sacred, or shall receive the sacred offerings, may he both receive help for the present life, and likewise obtain the remission of all his sins, and also attain the grace of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

*The Bishop goes to the faldstool on the Epistle side and sits while two priests, wipe with sponges the altar and its base, afterwards drying it with towels. The Bishop then blesses incense and goes to the altar and incenses it once, in the form of a cross. The Bishop intones an antiphon which the choir finishes; meanwhile the Bishop, going around the altar three times, incenses it. After the third incensation, a priest receives the thurible from the Bishop and he then continuously incenses the altar.*

Dirigátur \* Orátio mea, sicut incénsum in conspéctu tuo, Dómine. V. Elevátio mánuum meárum sacrificium vespertinum.

May my prayer be directed like incense in thy sight, O Lord. V. The lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

### *Anointing of the Altar*

*The Bishop intones an antiphon and then anoints the altar.*

Eréxit Jacob \* lápidem in títulum, fundens óleum désuper: votum vovit Deo Jacob.

Jacob set up a stone as a pledge, pouring oil over: Jacob vowed a vow to God.

*Psalm 83*

How lovely are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! \* my soul longeth and fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my flesh \* have rejoiced in the living God.

For the sparrow hath found herself a house, \* and the turtledove a nest for herself where she may lay her young ones:

Thy altars, O Lord of hosts, \* my king and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house, O Lord: \* they shall praise thee forever and ever.

Blessed is the man whose help is from thee: \* in his heart he hath disposed to ascend by steps, in the vale of tears, in the place which he hath set.

For the lawgiver shall give a blessing, they shall go from virtue to virtue: \* the God of gods shall be seen in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: \* give ear, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our protector: \* and look on the face of thy Christ.

For better is one day in thy courts \* above thousands.

I have chosen to be an abject in the house of my God, \* rather than to dwell in the tabernacles of sinners.

For God loveth mercy and truth: \* the Lord will give grace and glory.

He will not deprive of good things them that walk in innocence: \* O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

*The Bishop now anoints with the Oil of the Catechumens the table of the altar in the form of a cross in the middle and at the four corners saying the following formula:*

Sanctiꝫficétur et conseꝫcrétur lapis iste. In nómine Paꝫtris, et Fíꝫlii, et Spíritus ꝫ sancti: in honórem Dei, et gloriósæ Vírginis Maríæ, atque ómnium Sanctórum: ad nomen, et memóriam Sanctæ Maríæ. Pax tibi.

May this stone be sanctified and consecrated. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: unto the honor of God, and of the glorious Virgin Mary, and of all the Saints: in the name and memory of Holy Mary. Peace be with thee.

*The Bishop now intones the Dirigátur which the choir continues, and he incenses the altar once.*

Dirigátur \* Orátio mea sicut incensum in conspéctu tuo, Dómine. V. Elevátio mánuum meárum sa-crifícium vespertinum.

May my prayer be directed like incense in thy sight, O Lord. V. The lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

*The Bishop says the following prayer:*

Orémus.

Let us pray.

Deacon: Flectámus genua.

Deacon: Let us kneel.

Subdeacon: Leváte.

Subdeacon: Rise.

Adsit, Dómine, misericórdiæ tuæ

May the ineffable kindness of thy

ineffábilis píetas, et super hunc  
lá-pidem opem tuæ  
beneꝫdictiõnis, et virtútem tuæ  
unctiõnis infúnde; ut, te largiẽte,  
réferat præmium quisquis  
intúlerit votum. Per Christum  
Dóminum nostrum.  
R. Amen.

mercy, O Lord, be present, and  
do thou pour out upon this stone  
the wealth of thy blessing and the  
power of thine anointing, so that,  
by thy bestowal, whoever offers  
here a vow may bring back a  
reward. Through Christ our Lord.  
R. Amen.

*After this prayer the Bishop intones the antiphon which the choir continues, and  
he anoints the altar a second time.*

Mane surgens Jacob \* erigébat  
lápidem in titulum, fundens  
óleum désuper: votum vovit  
Dómino: vere locus iste sanctus  
est, et ego nesciébam.

In the morning, Jacob rising set  
up a stone as a pledge, pouring  
oil over it: he vowed a vow to the  
Lord: Truly this place is holy, and  
I knew it not.

Psalm 91

It is good to give praise to the Lord: \* and to sing to thy name, O most High.

To show forth thy mercy in the morning, \* and thy truth in the night:

Upon an instrument of ten strings, upon the psaltery: \* with a canticle upon the harp.

For thou hast given me, O Lord, a delight in thy doings: \* and in the works of thy hands I  
shall rejoice.

O Lord, how great are thy works! \* thy thoughts are exceeding deep.

The senseless man shall not know: \* nor will the fool understand these things.

When the wicked shall spring up as grass: \* and all the workers of iniquity shall appear:

That they may perish for ever and ever: \* but thou, O Lord, art most high for evermore.

For behold thy enemies, O Lord, for behold thy enemies shall perish: \* and all the workers  
of iniquity shall be scattered.

But my horn shall be exalted like that of the unicorn: \* and my old age in plentiful mercy.

My eye also hath looked down upon my enemies: \* and my ear shall hear of the downfall  
of the malignant that rise up against me.

The just shall flourish like the palm tree: \* he shall grow up like the cedar of Libanus.

They that are planted in the house of the Lord \* shall flourish in the courts of the house of  
our God.

They shall still increase in a fruitful old age: \* and shall be well treated, that they may shew,

That the Lord our God is righteous, \* and there is no iniquity in him.

Orémus.

Deacon: Flectámus génuá.

Subdeacon: Leváte.

Adésto, Dómine, dedicatióni hu-  
jus mensæ tuæ, et in eam, quæ a  
nobis indígnis sancto liníta est

Let us pray.

Deacon: Let us kneel.

Subdeacon: Rise.

Be present, O Lord, for the  
dedication of this thy altar, and  
upon it, which we, unworthy,

óleo, beneꝫdicti6nis et sanctiꝫficati6nis tuæ virtútem, et consecrati6nem infúnde. Qui vivis et regnas Deus, per 6mnia sæcula sæcul6rum. R. Amen.

Orémus.

Omnípotens sempitérne Deus, altáre hoc, quod in honórem tuum, et in memóriam Sanctæ tuæ Mariæ, nos indígni consecrámus, virtúte tuæ beneꝫdicti6nis sa-nctífica; et 6mnibus te hic invocántibus, atque in te spe-rántibus, auxílii tui munus os-ténde; ut huic altári imp6sita múnera semper accépta fieri dignéris: et in eo sacrament6rum virtus, et vot6rum semper ob-tineátur efféctus. Per Christum D6minum nostrum. R. Amen.

have anointed with oil, pour out the power of thy blessing and sanctification, and consecration. Who livest and reignest God, world without end. R. Amen.

Let us pray.

Almighty eternal God, sanctify by the power of thy blessing this altar which we, unworthy, do consecrate; and manifest the gift of thy help to all who call upon thee here and who hope in thee; so that thou mayest deign that the gifts placed upon this altar may be ever accepted: and upon it, may the power of the sacraments and also the effect of prayers be ever obtained. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

*After these prayers, the Bishop intones an antiphon and anoints the altar a third time, using Holy Chrism.*

Unxit te Deus \* Deus tuus, óleo lætítie præ cons6rtibus tuis.

God hath anointed thee, thy God, with the oil of gladness beyond thy fellows.

Psalm 44

My heart hath uttered a good word; \* I speak my works to the King.

My tongue is the pen of a scrivener \* that writeth swiftly.

Thou art beautiful above the sons of men: grace is poured abroad in thy lips; \* therefore hath God blessed thee for ever.

Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, \* O thou most mighty.

With thy comeliness and thy beauty \* set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

Because of truth and meekness and justice: \* and thy right hand shall conduct thee wonderfully.

Thy arrows are sharp: under thee shall people fall, \* into the hearts of the king's enemies.

Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: \* the sceptre of thy kingdom is a sceptre of uprightness.

Thou hast loved justice, and hated iniquity: \* therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Myrrh and stacte and cassia perfume thy garments, from the ivory houses: \* out of which the daughters of kings have delighted thee in thy glory.

The queen stood on thy right hand, in gilded clothing; \* surrounded with variety.

Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thy ear: \* and forget thy people and thy father's house.

And the king shall greatly desire thy beauty; \* for he is the Lord thy God, and him they shall adore.

And the daughters of Tyre with gifts, \* yea, all the rich among the people, shall entreat thy countenance.

All the glory of the king's daughter is within, \* in golden borders, clothed round about with varieties.

After her shall virgins be brought to the king: \* her neighbours shall be brought to thee. They shall be brought with gladness and rejoicing: \* they shall be brought into the temple of the king.

Instead of thy fathers, sons are born to thee: \* thou shalt make them princes over all the earth.

They shall remember thy name \* throughout all generations.

Therefore shall people praise thee forever; yea, \* forever and ever.

*The Bishop now intones an antiphon and then anoints the altar with the Holy Chrism in the same manner as given above, and then says the following prayer.*

Orémus.

Deacon: Flectámus génuá.

Subdeacon: Leváte.

The Bishop says:

Descéndat, quæsumus Dómine Deus noster, Spíritus tuus sanctus super hoc altáre, qui et dona nostra, et pópuli tui in eo sanctíficet, et suméntium corda dignánter emúndet. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. R. Amen.

Let us pray.

Deacon: Let us kneel.

Subdeacon: Rise.

May thy holy Spirit, we beseech thee, O Lord our God, descend upon this altar; may he also sanctify both our gifts and those of thy people upon it, and cleanse the hearts of those worthily receiving them. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

*The Bishop pours the two holy oils conjointly on the middle of the altar in a straight line from the Epistle side to the Gospel side. The Bishop, with the palm of his right hand rubs the holy oils over the entire surface of the altar, first towards the back and then towards the front. During this unction no prayer is recited, the choir sings the following:*

Sanctificávit \* dóminus tabernáculum suum: quia hæc est domus Dei, in qua invocábitur nomen ejus, de quo scriptum est: Et erit nomen meum ibi, dicit Dóminus.

The Lord hath sanctified his tabernacle: for this is the house of God, in which is invoked the name of him, of whom it is written: And my name will be there, says the Lord.

Psalm 45

Our God is our refuge and strength: \* a helper in troubles, which have found us exceedingly.

Therefore we will not fear, when the earth shall be troubled; \* and the mountains shall be removed into the heart of the sea.

Their waters roared and were troubled: \* the mountains were troubled with his strength. The stream of the river maketh the city of God joyful: \* the most High hath sanctified his own tabernacle.

God is in the midst thereof, it shall not be moved: \* God will help it in the morning early. Nations were troubled, and kingdoms were bowed down: \* he uttered his voice, the earth trembled.

The Lord of armies is with us: \* the God of Jacob is our protector.

Come and behold ye the works of the Lord: what wonders he hath done upon earth, \* making wars to cease even to the end of the earth.

He shall destroy the bow, and break the weapons: \* and the shield he shall burn in the fire. Be still and see that I am God; \* I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of armies is with us: \* the God of Jacob is our protector.

*The Bishop intones an antiphon and stands while the choir sings the psalm; meanwhile a ladder is prepared for the anointing of the dedication crosses.*

Ecce odor filii mei Sicut odor agri  
pleni, cui benedixit Dóminus:  
crescere te faciat Deus meus, sicut  
arenam maris: et donet tibi de  
rore cœli benedictionem.

Behold the fragrance of my son is like  
the fragrance of a full field, which the  
Lord hath blessed: may my God  
make thee to increase as the sand of  
the sea: and may he give thee the  
blessing of the dew of heaven.

*Psalm 86*

The foundations thereof are in the holy mountains: \* The Lord loveth the gates of Sion above all the tabernacles of Jacob.

Glorious things are said of thee, \* O city of God.

I will be mindful of Rahab and of Babylon \* knowing me.

Behold the foreigners, and Tyre, and the people of the Ethiopians, \* these were there.

Shall not Sion say: This man and that man is born in her? \* and the Highest himself hath founded her.

The Lord shall tell in his writings of peoples and of princes, \* of them that have been in her.

The dwelling in thee \* is as it were of all rejoicing.

*After the psalm is completed, the Bishop says the following invitatory:*

Lápidem hunc, fratres caríssimi,  
in quo unguéntum sacræ un-  
ctiónis effúnditur, ad suscipiéndam  
pópuli sui vota et sacrificia,  
orémus, ut Dóminus noster be-  
nedícat et cónsecret, et quod est  
unctum a nobis, sit unctum in nó-  
mine ejus: ut plebis vota suscípiat,  
et altári per sacram unctiónem  
perfécto dum propitiatióem Sa-  
crórum impónimus, ipsi pro-

Let us pray, beloved brethren,  
that the Lord bless and consecrate  
this stone, upon which the oil of  
sacred unction is poured out in  
order to receive the prayers and  
sacrifices of his people, and may  
that which hath been anointed by  
us, be anointed in his name: that  
he may receive the prayers of the  
people, and when we place the  
propitiation of the sacred things

pitiatóres Dei esse mereámur. Per  
Jesum Christum Dóminum no-  
strum...R. Amen.

upon this altar, perfected by the  
sacred anointing, may we ourselves  
merit to be propitiators of God.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord... R.  
Amen.

**Anointing of the Twelve Crosses on the Walls of the Church**

*The Bishop now anoints the twelve crosses on the wall of the church with the  
holy oil, and incenses each cross. For each cross he says:*

Sancti✠ficétur et conse✠crétur  
hoc templum: in nómine Pa✠tris,  
et Fí✠lii, et Spíritus ✠ sancti: In  
honórem Dei, et gloriósæ Vírginis  
Maríæ, atque ómnium  
Sanctórum: ad nomen, et  
memóriam Sanctæ Maríæ. Pax  
tibi.

May this temple be sanctified and  
consecrated: In the name of the  
Father, and of the Son, and of the  
Holy Ghost: in honor of God, and of  
the glorious Virgin Mary, and of all  
the Saints: in the name and memory  
of Holy Mary. Peace be with thee.

*Meanwhile the choir sings:*

Lápides pretiósí omnes muri tui,  
et tures Jerúsalem gemmis  
ædificabúntur.

All thy walls will be precious  
stones, and the towers of  
Jerusalem will be built with  
jewels.

Psalm 147

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem: \* praise thy God, O Sion.

Because he hath strengthened the bolts of thy gates \* he hath blessed thy children within  
thee.

Who hath placed peace in thy borders: \* and filleth thee with the fat of corn.

Who sendeth forth his speech to the earth: \* his word runneth swiftly.

Who giveth snow like wool: \* scattereth mists like ashes.

He sendeth his crystal like morsels: \* who shall stand before the face of his cold?

He shall send out his word, and shall melt them: \* his wind shall blow, and the waters shall  
run.

Who declareth his word to Jacob: \* his justices and his judgments to Israel.

He hath not done in like manner to every nation: \* and his judgments he hath not made  
manifest to them.

R. Hæc est Jerúsalem cívitas illa  
magna coeléstis, ornáta tamquam  
sponsa Agni. \* Quóniam taber-  
náculum facta est. Alleluía. V.  
Portæ ejus non claudéntur per  
diem; nox enim non erit in ea.  
Quóniam tabernáculum facta est.  
Alleluía.

R. This is Jerusalem, that great  
heavenly city, adorned as the  
bride of the Lamb. For she hath  
been made a tabernacle. Alleluia.  
R. This is Jerusalem, that great  
heavenly city, adorned as the  
bride of the Lamb. For she hath  
been made a tabernacle. Alleluia.

R. Platææ tuæ, Jerúsalem, sternéntur auro mundo, allelúia: et cantábitur in te cánticum lætítiaæ, allelúia: \* Et per omnes vi-cos tuos ab univérsis dicétur: allelúia, allelúia. V. Luce spléndida fulgébis, et omnes fines terræ adorábunt te. Et per omnes vicos tuos ab univérsis dicétur: allelúia, allelúia.

R. Thy streets, O Jerusalem, will be paved with pure gold, alleluia: and a song of joy will be sung in thee, alleluia: And through all thy quarters, all will say: alleluia, alleluia. V. Thou wilt shine with splendid light, and all the ends of the earth will adore thee. And through all thy quarters, all will say: alleluia, alleluia.

*After the last cross has been anointed the Bishop, once more at the altar, intones the antiphon and the choir continues. While the antiphon is being sung the Bishop incenses the altar.*

Ædificávit Móyses altáre Dómino Deo ófferens super illud holocáusta: et immolans víctimas fecit sacrificium vespertinum in odórem suavitatís Dómino Deo, in conspéctu filiórum Israél.

Moses built an altar to the Lord God, offering holocausts upon it: and immolating victims, he made an evening sacrifice in an odor of sweetness to the Lord God, in the sight of the children of Israel.

### **Burning of the Incense on the Altar**

*After the antiphon has been sung the Bishop says the following prayer:*

Dei Patris omnipoténtis misericórdiam súpplices implorémus, fratres caríssimi, ut altáre hoc sacrificiis spirituálibus imbuéndum, nostræ vocis exorátus officio præsénti beneꝫdictione sanctíficet, atque in eo semper oblatiónes famulórum suórum stúdio sanctæ devotiónis impósitas beneꝫdicere, et sanctiꝫficáre dignétur: et spirituáli placátus incénso précibus famíliæ suæ promptus exaudítor assístat. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. R. Amen.

Humbly let us implore, beloved brethren, the mercy of God, the almighty Father, that appeased by the present office of our voice, he may sanctify with blessing this altar to be imbued with spiritual sacrifices, and also that he may always deign to bless and sanctify the oblations of his servants placed upon it with the zeal of holy devotion: and pleased by the spiritual incense may he be present to hear promptly and favorably the prayers of his family. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

*He now proceeds to bless the grains of incense that will be burnt on the altar, saying:*

V. Dómine exáudi oratióne meam.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

V. Dóminus vobíscum.

R. Et cum spírítu tuo.

Orémus.

Dómine Deus omnípotens, cui assistit exércitus Angelórum cum tremóre, quorum servítium spirituále et ígneum esse cognóscitur; dignáre respícere, bene✠dicere, et sancti✠ficáre hanc creatúram in-cénsi, ut omnes languóres, om-nésque infirmitátes, atque insídiæ inimíci odórem ejus sentiéntes effúgiant, et separéntur a plás-mate tuo, quod pretiósio Fílii tui sángine redemísti, ut numquam lædátur a morsu iníqui serpéntis. Per eúndem Christum Dóminum nostrum. R. Amen.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O Lord almighty God, whom the host of Angels assist in fear, whose service is known to be of spirit and fire, deign to regard, bless, and sanctify this incense, so that all ill, all infirmities, and even the enemy's snares may flee at its odor, and may be set apart from thy image, whom thou hast redeemed by the precious blood of thy Son, so that he may never be harmed by the bite of the wicked serpent. Through the same Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

*The Bishop sprinkles holy water on the grains of incense; he then takes the grains of incense and forms with five grains a cross at each of the five places on the table of the altar where he before made the unctions with the sacred oils. After having made each cross, he places one of the crosses made of wax tapers on the grains. As soon as the Bishop has made the fifth cross a cleric lights the four ends of each cross of wax. The Bishop and his ministers descend to the foot of the altar, all kneel. The Bishop, intones the Alleluia, which the choir continues and to which they add the two antiphons that follow:*

Allelúia. Veni sancte Spírítus \*  
Reple tuórum corda fidélium, et  
tui amóris in eis ignem accénde.

Ascéndit fumus arómatum in  
conspéctu Dómini de manu  
Angeli.

Stetit Angelus juxta aram templi,  
habens thuríbulum áureum in  
manu sua, et data sunt ei incénsa  
multa: Et ascéndit fumus aró-  
matum in conspéctu Dei.

Alleluia. Come, Holy Ghost: fill  
the hearts of thy faithful, and  
kindle in them the fire of thy love.  
Fragrant smoke ascended in the  
sight of the Lord from the hand of  
the Angel.

The Angel stood next to the altar  
of the temple, having a golden  
thurible in his hand, and much  
incense was given to him: And  
fragrant smoke ascended in the  
sight of the Lord.

*After the last antiphon the Bishop says:*

Orémus.

| Let us pray.

Deacon: Flectámus gēnuā.

Subdeacon: Leváte.

Dómine Sancte, Pater  
omnípotens, ætérne Deus,  
clemens et propítius preces  
nostræ humilitátis exáudi, et  
réspecte ad hujus altáris tui  
holocáustum, quod non igne  
visíbili probétur, sed infúsum  
sancti Spíritus tui grátia in  
odórem suavitátis ascéndat, et  
legítimē se suméntibus  
Eucharístia me-dicábilis fiat, ad  
vitámque pro-ficiat sempitérnam.  
Per Christum Dóminum nostrum.  
R. Amen.

Deacon: Let us kneel.

Subdeacon: Rise.

O holy Lord, almighty Father,  
eternal God, mercifully and  
kindly hear the prayers of our  
humility, and regard the  
holocaust at this thy altar, which  
must be proven not by visible  
fire, but instilled with the grace of  
thy holy Spirit may it ascend in  
an odor of sweetness, and may it  
become a salutary Eucharist for  
those partaking of it lawfully, and  
may it assist unto everlasting life.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
R. Amen.

*As soon as the grains of incense on the altar are consumed, clerics scrape with spatulas the burnt incense and wax from the altar.*

Orémus.

Deacon: Flectámus gēnuā.

Subdeacon: Leváte.

Deus omnípotens, in cuius  
honórem, ac beatíssimæ Vírginis  
Maríæ, et ómnium Sanctórum, ac  
nomen et memóriam Sanctæ tuæ  
Maríæ nos indigni altáre hoc  
consecrámus, clemens et  
propítius preces nostræ  
humilitátis exáudi, et præsta, ut  
in hac mensa sint libámina tibi  
accépta, sint grata, sint pínguia, et  
sancti Spíritus tui semper rore  
perfúsa; ut omni témpore hoc in  
loco supplicántis tibi famíliæ tuæ  
anxietátes réleves, ægritúdines  
cures, preces ex-áudias, vota  
suscípias, desideráta confirmes,  
postuláta concédas. Per  
Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christ-  
um Fílium tuum: Qui tecum vivit  
et regnat in unitáte ejúsdem  
Spíritus sancti Deus.

Let us pray.

Deacon: Let us kneel.

Subdeacon: Rise.

O God almighty, in honor of  
whom, and of the most blessed  
Virgin Mary, and of all the Saints,  
and in the name and memory of  
thy Holy Mary we, unworthy, do  
consecrate this altar, do thou,  
merciful and kind, graciously  
hear the prayers of our humility,  
and grant, that the offerings on  
this altar may be acceptable unto  
thee, may they be pleasing, may  
they be rich, and may they be  
ever imbued with the dew of thy  
holy Spirit; so that at all times in  
this place thou mayest relieve the  
anxieties of thy family beseeching  
thee, cure their sicknesses,  
graciously hear their prayers,  
receive their vows, confirm their  
desires, grant their requests.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ

*After this prayer, the Bishop recites in a moderate tone of voice the following*

*Preface:*

V. Per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.  
 R. Amen.  
 V. Dóminus vobíscum.  
 R. Et cum spírítu tuo.  
 V. Sursum corda.  
 R. Habémus ad Dóminum.  
 V. Grátias agámus Dómino Deo nostro.  
 R. Dignum et justum est.  
 Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper et ubíque grátias ágere: Dómine Sancte, Pater omnípotens, ætérne Deus: Et, ut propensióri cura, et attentióri famulátu tibi servitútis officia deferámus, hoc præsertim témpore, quo rel-igiosárum méntium, hábitum ul-tra paríetum ornátum delegísti, templum istud, in quo Sanctæ tuæ Mariæ méntio habétur, bene-  
 ✠dicere, et sancti✠ficáre dignéris: per cujus sacram reveréntiam et honórem, sacratíssimo nómini tuo hoc altáre dedicámus. Hujus ígitur, Dómine, efflagítatus pré-cibus, dignáre hoc altáre cælésti sancti✠ficatióne perfúndere, et bene✠dicere. Assístant Angeli claritátis, et sancti Spírítus ill-ustratióne perfúlgeat. Sit illíus quoque apud te grátia, cujus fuit illud quod Abraham, pater fídei, in nostræ figúram redemptiónis, filium immolatúrus exstrúxit; quod Isaac in conspéctu tuæ majestátis instítuit; quod Jacob Dóminum magna videns visióne

V. World without end.  
 R. Amen.  
 V. The Lord be with you.  
 R. And with thy spirit.  
 V. Lift up your hearts.  
 R. We have lifted them up to the Lord.  
 V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
 R. It is meet and just.  
 Truly it is meet and just, right and salutary, for us to always and everywhere to give thee thanks: O holy Lord, almighty Father, eternal God: And, so that with a more favorable care and a more attentive servitude, we may offer thee the duties of our service, above all at this time, when thou hast appointed the adornment of religious minds, beyond the ornamentation of the walls, mayest thou deign to bless and sanctify this temple in which is made a commemoration of thy Holy Mary: in her sacred reverence and honor, we dedicated this altar to thy most holy name. Entreated by her prayers, O Lord, therefore deign to bless and fill this altar with heavenly sanctification. May the Angels of glory be at hand, and may the Holy Ghost permeate it with light. May it be of that grace before thee, of which was the altar which Abraham, the father of faith, erected to immolate his son, as a sign of our redemption; the altar which Isaac established in

eréxit; ut hic orántes exáudias; hic obláta sanctiꝫfices; hicque superpósita beneꝫdícas; hic quoque benedícta distríbuas. Sit ergo ecclésiæ tuæ títulus sempitérnus, sit mensa cælésti spiritualíque convívio præparáta. Tu ígitur, Dómine, próprio ore tuo hóstias super eam impósitas beneꝫdíctio, et benedíctas suscípito. Ac nobis ómnibus tríbue, ut participatióne eárum vitam acquirámus sem-pitérnam.

the sight of thy majesty, the altar which Jacob erected, seeing the Lord with great vision; so that here thou mayest hear those who pray; here thou mayest sanctify what is offered; and here thou mayest bless what is placed upon it; here also thou mayest distribute what has been blessed. May it be, therefore, the eternal pledge of thy church, may it be the altar prepared for the heavenly and spiritual banquet. Do thou, therefore, O Lord, with thine own mouth, bless the victims placed upon it and receive them, which thou hast blessed. And grant to us all, that by partaking of them, we may attain everlasting life.

*The following he says in a voice only loud enough to be heard by those standing near him:*

Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate ejúsdem Spíritus sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum. R. Amen.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son: Who with thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, God, world without end. R. Amen.

### **Anointing of the Front of the Altar**

*The Bishop then proceeds to anoint the front of the altar; while he does so, the choir sings the following:*

Confirma hoc Deus \* quod operátus es in nobis a templo sancto tuo, quod est in Jerúsalem. Alleluía.

Confirm this, O God, which thou hast worked in us from thy holy temple, which is in Jerusalem. Alleluia.

### **Psalm 67**

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered: \* and let them that hate him flee from before his face.

As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish away: \* as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

And let the just feast, and rejoice before God: \* and be delighted with gladness.

Sing ye to God, sing a psalm to his name, \* make a way for him who ascendeth upon the west: The Lord is his name.

Rejoice ye before him: \* but the wicked shall be troubled at his presence, who is the father of orphans, and the judge of widows.

God in his holy place: \* God who maketh men of one manner to dwell in a house:  
 Who bringeth out them that were bound in strength; \* in like manner them that provoke,  
 that dwell in sepulchres.  
 O God, when thou didst go forth in the sight of thy people, \* when thou didst pass through  
 the desert:  
 The earth was moved, and the heavens dropped at the presence of the God of Sinai, \* at the  
 presence of the God of Israel.  
 Thou shalt set aside for thy inheritance a free rain, \* O God: and it was weakened, but thou  
 hast made it perfect.  
 In it shall thy animals dwell; \* in thy sweetness, O God, thou hast provided for the poor.  
 The Lord shall give the word to them that preach good tidings, \* with great power.  
 The king of powers is of the beloved, of the beloved; \* and the beauty of the house shall  
 divide spoils.  
 If you sleep among the midst of lots, you shall be as the wings of a dove covered with  
 silver, \* and the hinder parts of her back with the paleness of gold.  
 When he that is in heaven appointeth kings over her, they shall be whited with snow in  
 Selmon. \* The mountain of God is a fat mountain, a curdled mountain, a fat mountain; \*  
 Why suspect, ye curdled mountains?  
 A mountain in which God is well pleased to dwell: \* for there the Lord shall dwell unto the  
 end.  
 The chariot of God is attended by ten thousands; thousands of them that rejoice: \* the Lord  
 is among them in Sinai, in the holy place.  
 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive; \* thou hast received gifts in  
 men.  
 Yea for those also that do not believe, \* the dwelling of the Lord God.  
 Blessed be the Lord day by day: \* the God of our salvation will make our journey  
 prosperous to us.  
 Our God is the God of salvation: \* and of the Lord, of the Lord are the issues from death.  
 But God shall break the heads of his enemies: \* the hairy crown of them that walk on in  
 their sins.  
 The Lord said: I will turn them from Basan, \* I will turn them into the depth of the sea:  
 That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thy enemies; \* the tongue of thy dogs be red  
 with the same.  
 They have seen thy goings, O God, \* the goings of my God: of my king who is in his  
 sanctuary.  
 Princes went before joined with singers, \* in the midst of young damsels playing on  
 timbrels.  
 In the churches bless ye God the Lord, \* from the fountains of Israel.  
 There is Benjamin a youth, \* in ecstasy of mind.  
 The princes of Juda are their leaders: \* the princes of Zabulon, the princes of Nephtali.  
 Command thy strength, O God: \* confirm, O God, what thou hast wrought in us.  
 From thy temple in Jerusalem, \* kings shall offer presents to thee.  
 Rebuke the wild beasts of the reeds, the congregation of bulls with the kine of the people; \*  
 who seek to exclude them who are tried with silver.  
 Scatter thou the nations that delight in wars: ambassadors shall come out of Egypt: \*  
 Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands to God.  
 Sing to God, ye kingdoms of the earth: \* sing ye to the Lord:  
 Sing ye to God, who mounteth above the heaven of heavens, \* to the east.  
 Behold he will give to his voice the voice of power: \* give ye glory to God for Israel, \* his  
 magnificence, and his power is in the clouds.

God is wonderful in his saints: the God of Israel is he who will give power and strength to his people; \* blessed be God.

*The Bishop then prays:*

Orémus.

Majestátem tuam, Dómine, humíliter implorámus, ut altáre hoc sacrae unctiónis libámine ad suscipiéndam pópuli tui múnera inunctum poténter bene✠dicere, et sancti✠ficáre dignéris: ut quod nunc a nobis indígnis, sub tui Nómínis invocatióne, in honórem beatíssimae Vírginis Mariæ et ómnium Sanctórum, atque in memóriam Sanctæ tuæ Mariæ sacrosáncti chrísmatis unctiône delibútum est, pláceat tibi, atque altáre máneat perpétuum; ut quidquid deinceps super illud oblátum sacratúmve fúerit, dignum tibi fiat holocáustum; atque ómnium hic offeréntium sacrificia a te pio Dómino benígne suscipiántur, et per ea víncula peccatórum nostrórum absolvántur, máculæ deleántur, vénia impetréntur, grátiae acquirántur, quátenus una cum Sanctis, et Eléctis tuis vitam percípere mereámur aetérnam. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. R. Amen.

Let us pray.

We humbly implore thy majesty, O Lord, that thou wouldst deign powerfully to bless and sanctify this altar anointed with the libation of sacred unction in order to receive the gifts of thy people: so that this which now with the unction of most holy chrism hath been anointed by us, unworthy, under the invocation of thy Name, in honor of the most blessed Virgin Mary and of all the Saints, and in memory of thy Holy Mary, may be pleasing to thee, and may remain as a perpetual altar; so that from now on, whatever may be offered or consecrated upon it, may become a worthy holocaust to thee; and the sacrifices of all who offer here may be kindly received by thee, O gracious Lord, and through them, may the chains of our sins be absolved, our stains wiped away, pardon implored, graces acquired, until one with thy Saints and Elect, we may merit to share in life everlasting. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

*The Bishop now anoints the juncture of the table and the support, saying:*

In nómine Pa✠tris, et Fí✠lii, et Spíritus ✠ sancti.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

*He says the following prayer:*

Orémus.

Súpplícés te deprecámur, omnipotens aetérne Deus, per unigénitum Fílium tuum Dó-

Let us pray. Humbly we beseech thee, almighty eternal God, through thine only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, that thou

minum nostrum Jesum Christum, ut altäre hoc sanctis úsibus præparátum cælésti benedictione sanctífices; et sicut Melchisedech sacerdotis præcípui oblatiónem dignatióne mirábili suscepisti, ita impósita huic novo altári múnera semper accépta ferre dignéris; ut pópulus, qui in hanc Ecclésiæ domum Sanctum convéniet, per hæc libámina cælésti sanctificatióne salvátus, animárum quoque suárum salutem perpétuam consequátur. Per eúndem Christum Dóminum nostrum. R. Amen.

mayest sanctify with heavenly benediction this altar prepared for sacred use; and just as thou didst receive with wonderful condescension the oblation of the high priest Melchizedek, so also thou wouldst deign to bear the gifts placed upon this new altar as ever acceptable; so that the people, who will come together into this holy house of the Church, saved by these offerings with heavenly sanctification, may also attain everlasting salvation for their souls. Through the same Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

*At the end of this prayer the Bishop, with his ministers, goes to the faldstool and sits and cleans his hands with lemon and bread and then washes them in water and dries them. When the clerics begin to cover the altar and prepare it for Mass, the Bishop rises and intones the antiphon, which the choir continues and to which they add the antiphons, responsory and psalm that follow, during which the Bishop remains standing.*

Circúmdate Levítæ altäre Dómini Dei, vestíte vestiméntis albis, estóte et vos canéntes hymnum novum, dicéntes: allelúia.

V. Mirábilis Deus in Sanctis suis, et sanctus in ómnibus opéribus suis.

V. Glória Pátri, et Fílio, et Spirítui sancto. Sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

Antiphon: Circúmdate Sion, et complectímini eam, narráte in túrribus ejus.

V. Magnus Dóminus et laudábilis nimis, in civitáte Dei nostri, in monte sancto ejus.

Resp. Induit te Dóminus túnica jucunditátis, et impósuit tibi corónam, \* Et ornávit te ornáméntis sanctis.

O Levites, surround the altar of the Lord God, put on white garments, be ye also singing a new hymn, saying: alleluia.

V. God is wonderful in his Saints, and holy in all his works.

V. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning...

Antiphon: Surround Sion, and embrace her, proclaim in her towers.

V. Great is the Lord and exceedingly to be praised, in the city of our God, on his holy mountain.

Resp. The Lord hath clothed thee with a garment of delight, and placed upon thee a crown, and adorned thee with holy ornaments.

V. Thou wilt shine with splendid

V. Luce spléndida fulgébis, et omnes fines terræ adorábunt coram te. \* Et ornávit te ornaméntis sanctis.

V. Natiónes ex longínquo ad te vénient, et múnera deferéntes adorábunt Dóminum: et terram tuam in sanctificatióne habébunt, et nomen magnum tuum invocábunt. \* Et ornávit te ornaméntis sanctis.

V. Benedícti erunt, qui te ædificavérunt, tu autem lætáberis in fíliis tuis, quóniam omnes benedicéntur, et congregabúntur ad Dóminum. \* Et ornávit te ornaméntis sanctis.

Antiphon: In velaménto alárum tuárum prótege nos Dómine, et in laude tua gloriémur.

light, and all the ends of the earth will adore in thy presence. And he hath adorned thee with holy ornaments.

V. Nations will come to thee from afar, and offering gifts, they will adore the Lord: and they will have thy land in sanctification, and will invoke thy great name. And he hath adorned thee with holy ornaments.

V. They will be blessed, who have built thee, and thou shalt rejoice in thy children, for all will be blessed, and will be gathered unto the Lord. And he hath adorned thee with holy ornaments.

Antiphon: Protect us, O Lord, with the covering of thy wings, and we will glory in thy praise.

### Psalm 62

God, my God, \* to thee do I watch at break of day.

For thee my soul hath thirsted; \* for thee my flesh, O how many ways!

In a desert land, and where there is no way, and no water: \* so in the sanctuary have I come before thee, to see thy power and thy glory.

For thy mercy is better than lives: \* thee my lips shall praise.

Thus will I bless thee all my life long: \* and in thy name I will lift up my hands.

Let my soul be filled as with marrow and fatness: \* and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips.

If I have remembered thee upon my bed, I will meditate on thee in the morning: \* because thou hast been my helper.

And I will rejoice under the covert of thy wings: my soul hath stuck close to thee: \* thy right hand hath received me.

But they have sought my soul in vain, they shall go into the lower parts of the earth: \* they shall be delivered into the hands of the sword, they shall be the portions of foxes.

But the king shall rejoice in God, all they shall be praised that swear by him: \* because the mouth is stopped of them that speak wicked things.

*When the altars have been covered and ornamented and Psalm 62 is finished, the Bishop blesses incense, and then intones the antiphon:*

Omnis terra \* adóret te, Deus, et psallat tibi: psalmum dicat nómini tuo, Dómine.

Let all the earth adore thee, O God, and sing to thee: let it sing a psalm to thy name, O Lord.

*After the Bishop has intoned the antiphon, he incenses the table of the altar by making once a cross over it. This is repeated three times. When the choir has*

*finished the antiphon for the third time, the Bishop, recites the following prayers and versicles:*

Orémus.

Descéndat, quæsumus Dómine Deus noster, Spíritus tuus sanctus super hoc altáre, qui et dona nostra, et pópuli tui in eo sanctíficet, et suméntium corda dignánter emúndet. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. R. Amen.

Orémus. Omnípotens sempitérne Deus, altáre hoc nómini tuo dedicátum cæléstis virtútis benedictióne sanctífica; et ómnibus in te sperántibus auxiliíi tui munus osténde; ut hic sacramentórum virtus, et votórum obtineátur efféctus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

R. Amen.

V. Dóminus vobíscum.

R. Et cum spírиту tuo.

V. Benedicámus Dómino.

R. Deo grátias.

Let us pray.

May thy holy Spirit descend, we beseech thee, O Lord our God, upon this altar: may he sanctify upon it both our gifts and those of thy people, and may he mercifully cleanse the hearts of partaking of them. Through Christ our Lord.

Let us pray. Almighty, eternal God, sanctify with the blessing of heavenly power this altar dedicated to thy name; and manifest the gift of thy help to all who hope in thee; so that here the power of the sacraments and the effect of our prayers may be obtained. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who with thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

R. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

*The Bishop with his ministers descends to the foot of the altar, and all proceed to the sacristy where they vest for Mass.*

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