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FOREWORD

The Anglican Church of Canada will be grateful to the Archbishop of British Columbia for producing this Canadian Book of Occasional Offices. It bears the mark of his careful work, his liturgical skill, and his feeling for the English language.

Books like this have appeared in sister Churches of our Anglican Communion, and in individual dioceses in England and elsewhere. Excellent as some of these books are, they have had no Canadian authorization, and do not always meet Canadian needs.

For that reason, the Canadian House of Bishops welcomed the suggestion that the Archbishop of British Columbia should undertake this task.

May I, on behalf of the House of Bishops, commend this book to our Church. My hope is that in every diocese the Ordinary will authorize its use.

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PREFACE

ALTHOUGH the Revised Prayer Book of the Anglican Church of Canada has made more generous provision for occasional services than any other Prayer Book in the Anglican Communion, the need of a Manual of Occasional Offices has been keenly felt for some time, and, at the request of the House of Bishops, I have had the privilege of compiling it. I have included a number of prayers for special occasions, and have also added a Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for each of the Black Letter days.

It will be noted that prayers from other books, and service leaflets, have been borrowed or adapted, and I wish to express my indebtedness to the Bishop of Chelmsford for permission "to draw on the Chelmsford book as much as you wish." Indeed, the Occasional Services Book of that diocese has been the background against which many of the services in this book have been compiled.

I also express my thanks and indebtedness to the Church Pension Fund of the Episcopal Church in the United States for permission to make use of the Book of Offices, which was compiled by the Standing Liturgical Commission, and is copyrighted by the Church Pension Fund.

I am also most grateful to the late Dr. Oscar Hardman for his kind permission to make full use of his well-known work, "A Prayer Book for 1949".

Two of the services included in this book have recently been approved by the House of Bishops, viz. The Making or Admission of Deaconesses, and the Reception of members from other Churches.

Whilst the language of this book falls far short of that in

our incomparable Book of Common Prayer, it has been my aim to keep as closely as possible to it. However, in contrast with the Prayer Book, there has been an overmuch use of capital letters, which I trust will not be regarded as a serious defect. It seems to be a frequent characteristic of books of this kind.

If I have inadvertently infringed any copyright, I express my regret and tender my apologies to the author concerned.

That this Manual may be a real help to the Bishops and Clergy of our Canadian Church is the earnest prayer of the Compiler.

Feast of the Transfiguration
1964.

HAROLD COLUMBIA.

THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH OR CHAPEL

*The Bishop, attended by his Chaplains,
shall be received outside the principal entrance
to the Church by the Incumbent,
accompanied by the Churchwardens.
The Incumbent will say:*

REVEREND Father in God, we pray you to
dedicate this Church.

The Bishop

I am ready to proceed to the Dedication.

*The principal door being opened, the
Bishop shall enter and say:*

Peace be to this house from God our heavenly
Father.

Peace be to this house from his Son Who is our
Peace.

Peace be to this house from the Holy Spirit the
Comforter.

Enter, O Lord, this house, we beseech Thee, and
within the hearts of Thy faithful people establish
for Thyself an everlasting habitation: that this
Church which is built to Thy Glory may be
glorified also by Thine abiding Presence; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, Who hallowest the places that Thou hast chosen to set Thy Name there, pour down Thy grace upon this House of Prayer, that all who here shall call upon Thy Name may have full assurance of Thy merciful aid; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

After which the Bishop, accompanied by the Clergy, shall go to the Chancel, while the congregation sings Psalm 122, or an appropriate hymn.

The Bishop shall then address the congregation as follows:

DEARLY beloved in the Lord, forasmuch as devout and holy men, as well under the Law as under the Gospel, moved either by the secret inspiration of the Holy Spirit or by express command of God, have erected houses for the public worship of God, in order to fill men's minds with greater reverence for His glorious majesty, and to affect their hearts with more devotion and humility in His service; which pious works have been approved and graciously accepted by our heavenly Father: let us not doubt that He will also graciously approve our godly purpose of setting apart this place to the performance of the several offices of religious worship: and let us faithfully and devoutly beg His blessing on this our undertaking, keeping silence for a space.

The Congregation kneeling, then shall be sung Veni Creator (Hymn 480) or Hymn 479.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

V Our help is in the name of the Lord:

R Who hath made heaven and earth.

V Blessed be the name of the Lord:

R Henceforth, world without end.

V Glory and worship are before Him:

R Power and honour are in His sanctuary.

V We wait for thy loving kindness, O God:

R In the midst of Thy temple.

V O Lord, hear our prayer:

R And let our cry come unto Thee.

O GOD, Who art from eternity to eternity, Who hast made all things, Who dwellest in light unapproachable, and hast heaven for Thy throne and earth for Thy footstool: Strengthen us by Thy Holy Spirit rightly to use this house for Thy worship, for common prayer and praise and thanksgiving, for the reading of the Holy Scriptures, for the ministry

of Thy Word and Sacraments, for blessing the people in Thy Name and for the performance of all holy ordinances. Let this house stand firm, and make it a shrine of Thine indwelling glory, so that the prayers of Thy faithful people here offered unto Thee may be joined to the service and worship of Heaven, through Thine unspeakable goodness: for Thou, Lord, art holy, and dwellest in the holy place, and to Thee we offer up our praises and thanksgivings.

Father, Son and Holy Ghost
For ever and ever. Amen.

BLESSED by Thy name, O Lord God, that it hath pleased Thee, by Thy good Spirit, to put into the hearts of Thy servants the desire to erect this house to Thy honour and worship. Bless, O Lord, them, their families and substance, and accept the work of their hands; and grant, we beseech Thee, that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work may shew forth their thankfulness by making a right use thereof, to the glory of Thy blessed name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN (460 suggested)

(If desired the Bishop and his attendants may proceed to several parts of the Church, and offer prayers, as in the Form of Consecration of a Church, pages 684-687 in the Prayer Book).

THE APOSTLES' CREED

The Bishop: The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Let us pray

O GOD, the Sanctifier of all things, Whose loving kindness never faileth, Who rulest both in Heaven and in earth, keeping mercy for Thy people who walk before the Presence of Thy Glory: graciously vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to hallow this building set apart for Thy Holy Mysteries; mercifully illumine and brighten it with Thine own Glory and pour down Thy Blessing upon it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE most humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, to bless, hallow, and sanctify this Holy Table, that it may be dedicated to Thy service. Hear the prayers of Thy people, and grant that they who approach Thy Board may be sanctified in body and soul, and preserved unto everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, Who with Thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

GRANT, O Lord, that these gifts, which are here dedicated to Thee by our office and ministry, may be hallowed for Thy service, and for ever set apart from all common and profane uses; through Thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, Who dost live and govern all things, world without end. Amen.

*Then shall follow the Prayer of Dedication
of the Building, the Bishop first turning
to the people and saying:*

Lift up your hearts.

Answer: We lift them up unto the Lord.

The Bishop: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer: It is meet and right so to do.

The Bishop:

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times and in all places, give
thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty,
Everlasting God.

For that Thou, according to Thy most true
promise by Jesus our Lord, art present in our
prayers and Holy Rites and in all services of these
Thy servants.

Let Thy Holy Spirit descend with the fulness of
sevenfold grace in the Dedication which we, Thy
unworthy servants now make.

To the Glory of Thy Holy Name.

In honour of —————

And in special remembrance of the most glorious
Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has
vouchsafed to redeem us upon the Holy Cross.

That, whensoever Thy Holy Name is invoked
within these walls; the prayers of those who call
upon Thee may be heard by Thee, O Lord, merciful
and gracious.

O Blessed Majesty of God, filling, containing
and ordering the whole world;

O Holy King of saints, Builder, Upholder and
Defender of the Universal Church;

O Blessed and Holy Trinity, Who dost give
purity, strength and beauty to that which Thou
hast created; we humbly beseech Thee of Thy
mercy that Thou wouldest

Vouchsafe to bless, hallow and dedicate this build-
ing with the everlasting fulness of Thy sanctifying
power;

Who livest and reignest, ever one God, world
without end. Amen.

GOOD PEOPLE, by virtue of our sacred office
in the Church of God, we do now declare to be
dedicated, and set apart from profane, common,
and ordinary uses, this House of God, under the
dedication of —————

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of
the Holy Ghost. Amen.

HERE, O Lord, let Thy priests be clothed with
righteousness, and Thy saints sing with joyfulness;
here let Thy priests offer the sacrifice of praise and
thanksgiving; here let Thy people pay their vows
unto the most Highest, and offer their free-will offer-
ings with an holy worship; here let the burden of
sin be loosed, and broken and contrite hearts
be healed; here let Thy servants find support in

their trials, and a refuge in their distress; and here let Thy holy name be for ever worshipped and adored; through Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

NOW unto the King Eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be all glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Then shall follow a hymn or anthem.

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS

Then shall be sung a hymn, during which the offerings of the congregation may be received. Before the Blessing the Bishop shall say:

Let us pray

O LORD Jesus Christ, in Whose most blessed name this house of prayer is built and sanctified; grant, we beseech Thee, that, as we have prepared this place for the manifestation of Thy love, so we may also be built up a spiritual house for the offering of service acceptable unto Thee, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, by Whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, we beseech Thee graciously to hear our prayers and grant that every member of the same in his vocation and ministry may truly and godly serve Thee, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Appropriate Hymns.

348 Christ is made the sure Foundation.

460 Lo, God is here.

466 We love the place, O God.

624 City of God.

420 Lord of the worlds above.

305 Now thank we all our God.

THE REOPENING OF A CHURCH AFTER RESTORATION

*The principal door being opened, the
Bishop, standing within the entrance shall say:*

Peace be to this House from God, our heavenly
Father.

Peace be to this House from his Son, Who is our
Peace.

Peace be to this House from the Holy Ghost, the
Comforter.

*Then the Bishop shall enter the Church
and say (the people still standing):*

Let us pray.

WE ARE NOT worthy, O Lord, to enter into Thy
presence, for Thou art of purer eyes than to behold
evil. But Thou, Lord, art merciful and full of
compassion. Grant that Thine eyes may be upon
us continually as we enter into this Thy house, and
that all our thoughts and words may be hallowed
by Thy presence. Let Thy holy angels be with
us and about us, and Thy Holy Spirit within us,
that in all our ways we may glorify Thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Here shall a hymn or psalm be sung,
whilst the Bishop and Clergy proceed to
the Chancel.*

*Then shall the Bishop, standing at
the Holy Table, turn to the people and say:*

DEARLY DELOVED in the Lord, let us render
humble and hearty thanks to Almighty God for His
goodness in prospering the work of the restoration of
this Church, and implore the continuance of His
favour and blessing upon it.

V I will magnify Thee, O God my King: I will
praise Thy Name for ever and ever.

R I will magnify Thee, O God my King: I will
praise Thy Name for ever and ever.

V Every day will I give thanks unto Thee: and
praise Thy Name for ever and ever.

R I will praise Thy Name for ever and ever.

V Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and
to the Holy Ghost.

R I will magnify Thee, O God my King: I will
praise Thy Name for ever and ever.

*Then shall the General Thanksgiving be
said by all.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of all mercies, we
thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble
and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-
kindness to us and to all men. We bless Thee for our
creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for Thine inestimable love in the re-
demption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for
the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And

we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

*After which shall be sung a hymn:
(478 or 479 are suggested)*

THE DEDICATION

*Then the Bishop, standing before the
Holy Table, shall say (all kneeling):*

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who in the days of Thy flesh didst honour the feast of the dedication by Thy presence: Be present with us now, and, because holiness becometh Thine house for ever, sanctify us, we beseech Thee, that we may be living temples, holy and acceptable unto Thee, and grant that we may be devoutly given to serve Thee in all good works; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

O GOD, the Sanctifier of all things, Whose loving kindness never faileth, Who rulest both in Heaven and in earth, keeping mercy for Thy people who walk before the Presence of Thy Glory: graciously vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to hallow this building

set apart for Thy Holy Mysteries; mercifully illumine and brighten it with Thine own Glory and pour down Thy Blessing upon it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSED be Thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put into the hearts of Thy servants the desire to restore and adorn this House for Thy honour and glory, and for the ministry of Thy Word and Sacraments. Remember them, O Lord, for good, and grant that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work may show forth their thankfulness to Thee by making a right use of the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*In the case of a Memorial the following
Collect may be used:*

O GOD of the spirits of all flesh, we praise and magnify Thy holy Name for all Thy servants who have finished their course in Thy faith and fear (especially for Thy servant ————); and we beseech Thee that, encouraged by their examples and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully hear the supplications of us Thy servants, and grant all

things that are needful for the welfare of this parish. Strengthen and confirm the faithful; protect and guide the children; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wicked; rouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of Thy truth; and bring all to be of one heart and mind within the fold of Thy holy Church, to the honour and glory of Thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by Whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

NOW unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS

HYMN

THE BLESSING

THE DECONSECRATION OF A CHURCH

Only in the most exceptional circumstances shall a Church be deconsecrated.

Upon the appointed day, the Bishop, the Clergy, Churchwardens and other parishioners, being assembled within the Building, a statement shall be made by the Bishop (or his deputy) giving the reasons for which the Church Building shall be no longer continued as a consecrated place of worship.

The Altar (or Holy Table) having been carefully removed, and protected from desecration, the Deed of Deconsecration shall be read by the Bishop (or his deputy), as follows:

IN THE NAME of God. Amen.

Whereas a Church erected on this site, and hallowed by the name of ————— was duly consecrated and set apart from all profane and common uses on the — day of — in the year of our Lord—; and whereas the said building, for good and sufficient reasons, is no longer to be continued in this use;

Now therefore we———, by Divine permission Bishop of ————, do by virtue of the

authority ordinary and episcopal to us committed, revoke and annul the aforesaid Sentence, and this place, heretofore a holy place, and sacred to the preaching of God's holy Word, and the ministration of His holy Sacraments, is hereby pronounced secular and unconsecrated by this our definitive sentence and final decree, which we read and promulge by these presents.

Witness our hand and seal, this———day of
——— in the year of Our Lord———, and
of our Consecration the ——.

Then shall the Officiant say:

The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O LORD God, who in Thy great goodness didst accept as a dwelling place for Thine honour this building now to be ——: Receive, we pray Thee,

our praises and thanksgivings for the blessings, help, and comfort which Thou hast bestowed upon Thy people through the ministrations in this place. Grant that they may never pass from the hearts and lives of those who have received them. Continue in greater measure, we beseech Thee, Thy manifold mercies in the Church to be erected in Thy name and to Thy glory, that we may be ever conscious of Thy unchanging love. Hear this our prayer, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

ASSIST US mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

THE LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A PARISH HALL

*When all are in their appointed place, the
Officiant shall say:*

IN THE NAME of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be
Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we
forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us
not into temptation; But deliver us from evil.
Amen.

V Prosper Thou the work of our hands, O Lord:

R O prosper Thou our handy-work.

V Our help is in the name of the Lord:

R Who hath made heaven and earth.

V O Lord, hear our prayer:

R And let our cry come unto Thee.

GUIDE and prosper us, O Lord, in all our doings
with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with
Thy continual help; that in all our works, begun,

continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy
holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Then the Officiant, laying his hand on
the Stone, shall say:*

O LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, Who
art the brightness of the Father's glory, and the
express image of His Person, the one foundation,
and the chief corner-stone: Bless the laying of this
Stone in Thy name, and be Thou, we beseech
Thee, the beginning, the increase, and the consum-
mation of this work, which is undertaken to Thy
glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and
the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

*Then, all things being made ready, the
Stone shall be laid by the person appointed
thereto, with these words:*

IN THE FAITH of Jesus Christ we place this
Stone. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Here a hymn may be sung.

*After which the following prayers shall
be said:*

Let us pray.

O FATHER of lights, from Whom all good things
do come, and through Whose bounty we are able to
offer to Thee of Thine own: Accept, we beseech
Thee, the offering of this building, which we

have begun in Thy name, and grant that whatsoever shall be done here may be for Thy glory, and the good of Thy people both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, who hast united us at this time in a common effort: Grant that we may so live and work together at all times in brotherly love, that we may promote Thy glory and the advancement of Thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and upon this work begun in his name, now and for evermore. Amen.

THE DEDICATION OF A PARISH HALL

Priest:

REVEREND Father in God, we pray you to dedicate this building to the glory of God and for the extension of His Kingdom in this community.

Bishop:

I am ready to proceed to the Dedication.
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R Who hath made heaven and earth.

Let us pray.

O LORD our God, giver of life and light, we bless Thee, that of Thy gracious goodness, Thou didst put into the hearts and minds of Thy servants, the desire and will to erect this Parish Hall. Use it, we beseech Thee, to open our eyes, still wider, to the needs of men for the Gospel of Christ, and to the opportunities that lie before us in this parish to extend His Kingdom. Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Thy people to continue to share in this work with gladness of heart and self-sacrificing spirit. Let not our purpose slacken, but let the kingdom of this world become the Kingdom of our God and of His Christ. Amen.

O FATHER of lights, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, and through Whom alone it is that we can offer to Thee of Thine own, accept the offering now humbly made of this building for good, pious and charitable uses, that whatsoever is done here may be for Thy glory and the good of Thy people, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

V Behold how good and joyful a thing it is:

R For brethren to dwell together in unity.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, Who art the head Corner-Stone of Thy Church; Bless this Building which is now completed in Thy Name, and grant that it may tend to promote Thy glory, and the welfare of Thy people in this place. Fill those who shall frequent it with the spirit of love towards Thee, and towards all men. Within these walls may harsh thoughts be subdued, and unkind words unspoken, and may those who here shall learn the way of Thy statutes, walk before Thee with perfect heart, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost ever livest one God, world without end. Amen.

V May our sons grow up as the young plants.

R And our daughters be as the polished corners of the Temple.

O LORD Who never failest to help and govern them whom Thou dost bring up in Thy steadfast

fear and love; Keep, we beseech Thee, those who shall meet in this place under the protection of Thy good providence, and make them to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V All Thy children shall be taught of the Lord:

R And great shall be the peace of Thy children.

O GOD, without Whom our labour is but lost; Give Thy grace, we beseech Thee, to those who shall teach in this place, granting them a pure intention, patient faith, and wise understanding; that, continuing in Thy service here, they may of Thy goodness hereafter receive their full reward; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Bishop say:

IN THE FAITH of Jesus Christ, we dedicate this Building to the Glory of God; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

NOW unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN 349.

THE BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION OF A FONT

*To be used after the Second Lesson in
Morning or Evening Prayer, or
before any Service.*

*When the Clergy and Choir have proceeded
to the Font, then shall be said (all standing)*

IN THE NAME of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V Thou shalt wash me:

R And I shall be whiter than snow.

V O God, make clean our hearts within us:

R And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

V Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and
to the Holy Ghost:

R Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than
snow.

Then the following Chapter shall be read:

THERE is one body, and one Spirit, even as also
ye were called in one hope of your calling; one
Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father
of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all.
(Ephesians 4: 4-6).

R Thanks be to God.

The Lord be with you;

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Father of lights
and fountain of all virtues: Incline Thine ear to the
prayer of Thy servants, and bless this Font,
which we now hallow for Thy service, that it may
be a laver of new birth for all who shall be baptized
therein; and grant that they, being washed and
sanctified with the Holy Spirit, may die unto sin,
and rise again unto righteousness, and ever remain
in the number of Thy faithful and elect children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN THE FAITH of Jesus Christ and to the glory of
God, we bless and dedicate this Font. In the Name
of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy
Ghost. Amen.

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the
death of Thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we
may be buried with Him; and that through the grave,
and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resur-
rection; for His merits, Who died, and was buried,
and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

BLESSED be Thy name, O Lord, that it hath
pleased Thee to put into the hearts of Thy servants
to offer this gift for Thy worship: Remember them,
O Lord, for good, and grant that all who shall enjoy
the benefit of this pious work may show forth their

thankfulness by making a right use of the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*In the case of a Memorial, the following
prayer may be used:*

O GOD of the spirits of all flesh, we praise and magnify Thy holy name for all Thy servants who have finished their course in Thy faith and fear (especially for Thy servant —————); and we beseech Thee that, encouraged by their examples, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY Lord and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of Thy laws, and in the works of Thy commandments; that through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

MAY the God of all grace make us perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle us; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION OF AN ALTAR OR HOLY TABLE

*The Holy Table shall be left uncovered
(without frontal, frontlet, fair linen cloth,
or ornaments) until after the Hallowing.
The Bishop, with attendant ministers,
shall proceed to the Holy Table, and say
(all standing):*

IN THE NAME of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V I will go unto the altar of God;

R Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

V I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord;

R And so will I go to thine altar.

The Lord be with you;

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

ACCEPT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, this gift which we offer unto Thy divine Majesty, and hallow (*Here the Bishop shall trace the sign of the Cross at the four corners and in the centre of the Holy Table.*) this Altar, which we now consecrate to Thy service. Hear the prayers of Thy people, and grant that they who approach Thy Board may be sanctified in body and soul, and preserved unto everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TO THE GLORY of God we consecrate this Altar for the celebration of the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, Who hast given Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ not only to die for us, but also to be our spiritual food and sustenance in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood: Grant that we may celebrate the memorial of His death with reverence and godly fear, and offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving with holiness and joy, to the honour of Thy glorious name and the benefit of Thy holy Church; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

GRANT, O Lord, that they who shall here receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Thy Son Jesus Christ, may draw near with repentance, faith, and charity, and, being filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, may obtain remission of their sins and all other benefits of His passion; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSED be Thy name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy servants to offer this gift for Thy worship: Remember them, O Lord, for good, and grant that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work may show forth

their thankfulness to Thee by making a right use of the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the case of a Memorial the following prayer may be used:

○ GOD of the spirits of all flesh, we praise and magnify Thy holy name for all Thy servants who have finished their course in Thy faith and fear (especially for Thy servant ————); and we beseech Thee that, encouraged by their examples, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

During the singing of a Psalm or Hymn, the Holy Table shall be vested with frontal, frontlet, and fair linen cloth, and the Ornaments and Vessels shall be presented to the Bishop, who shall place them thereon.

The following prayers may be said before the Blessing:

○ LORD Jesu Christ, Who hast ordained this Holy Sacrament to be a pledge of Thy love, and a continual remembrance of Thy passion: Grant that we, who partake thereof by faith with thanksgiving, may grow up into Thee in all things, until we come to Thy eternal joy; Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

O LORD, Who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left us a memorial of Thy passion: Grant us so to reverence the holy mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may ever know within ourselves the fruit of Thy redemption; Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of Thy laws, and in the works of Thy commandments; that through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE DEDICATION OF A PULPIT OR LECTERN

When the Clergy have proceeded to a convenient place before the Pulpit or Lectern, then shall be said:

IN THE NAME of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V Thy word is a lantern unto my feet:

R And a light unto my paths.

V When Thy word goeth forth:

R It giveth light and understanding unto the simple.

FOR A PULPIT

Then the following Chapter shall be read:

PREACH the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and teaching. (2 Timothy 4:2.)

FOR A LECTERN

Then the following Chapter shall be read:

EVERY scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work. (2 Timothy 3: 16, 17.)

R Thanks be to God.

The Lord be with you;

Answer: And with thy spirit.

FOR A PULPIT

O ALMIGHTY God, Who dost enlighten the minds of Thy servants with the knowledge of Thy truth: Send Thy heavenly blessing, we beseech Thee, upon those who shall preach from this Pulpit, that they may be clothed with righteousness, and that Thy Word spoken by their mouths may have such success that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also, that Thy people may have grace to hear and receive that which they shall deliver out of Thy most holy Word, or whatsoever is agreeable to the same, as the means of their salvation; that in all their words and deeds they may seek Thy glory, and the increase of Thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR A LECTERN

GRANT, O Lord, that they who shall read the holy Scriptures in this place may be filled with the faith of Thy Gospel, and may so read that all shall understand. Grant also that they who shall hear Thy holy Word may receive it into honest and good hearts, and bring forth fruit with patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN the faith of Jesus Christ and to the glory of God, we bless and dedicate this Pulpit (or Lectern). In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us pray.

BLESSED Lord, Who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

BLESSED be Thy name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put it into the heart of Thy servants to offer this gift for Thy worship: Remember them, O Lord, for good, and grant that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work may show forth their thankfulness to Thee by making a right use of the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the case of a Memorial, the following prayer may be used:

O GOD of the spirits of all flesh, we praise and magnify Thy holy name for all Thy servants who have finished their course in Thy faith and fear (especially for Thy servant ————); and we beseech Thee, that encouraged by their examples, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAY the Lord show us the light of His countenance, that the going forth of His Word may give light and understanding to His people, this day and evermore. Amen.

THE DEDICATION OF A WINDOW

*When the Clergy and Choir are standing
near the Window, then shall be said:*

IN THE NAME of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V Shew thy servants thy work:

R And their children thy glory.

V O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless
ye the Lord:

R Praise him, and magnify him for ever.

V Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and
to the Holy Ghost:

R Shew thy servants thy work, and their children
thy glory.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
the entrance of Whose Word giveth light: Vouch-
safe, we beseech Thee, to accept this Window at our
hands for the adornment of Thy house and the praise
of Thy holy name; and grant that they who worship
here, being drawn by the love and contemplation
of heavenly things, may be conformed to the image
of Thy dear Son, to Whom, with Thee and the
Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without
end. Amen.

O GOD, Who hast filled the world with the radi-
ance of Thy glory: Bless, we beseech Thee, this

Window, which we dedicate to Thee, (in memory
of Thy faithful servant ———) that as the
light shines through it in many colours, so our lives
may show forth the beauty of Thy manifold gifts of
grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN the faith of Jesus Christ and to the glory of
God, we bless and dedicate this Window (in mem-
ory of ———). In the Name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us pray

BLESSED be Thy name, O Lord, that it hath
pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy serv-
ants to offer this gift for Thy worship: Remember
them, O Lord, for good, and grant that all who
shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work may show
forth their thankfulness to Thee by making a right
use of the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

O GOD of the spirits of all flesh, we praise and
magnify Thy holy name for all Thy servants who
have finished their course in Thy faith and fear
(especially ——— whom we name before Thee
this day.) Grant we beseech Thee that encouraged by
their examples, and strengthened by their fellow-
ship, we also may be found meet to be partakers of
the inheritance of the saints in light; through the
merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOW unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the
only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and
ever. Amen.

THE DEDICATION OF AN ORGAN

*The Clergy and Churchwardens standing
before the Organ, the Officiant shall say:*

IN THE NAME of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready:

R I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have.

V Awake, thou lute and harp:

R I myself will awake right early.

Let us pray.

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, Whose glory the Cherubim, and Seraphim, and all the host of heaven, with ceaseless voice proclaim; We beseech Thee to look graciously from Thy dwelling-place upon us, Thy humble servants, and in Thy mercy vouchsafe to accept our unworthy prayers and praises; for the sake of our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE BLESS Thee, Lord, for Thy blessing upon us, and for all Thy servants into whose hearts Thou hast put it to provide this Organ unto Thy Name. Bless them with the riches of Thy goodness, and grant that by the reverent and holy use of this instrument Thy praise may now and ever be set forth in Thy Church, and Thy service day by day be done in the beauty of holiness for Thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, Who by Thy servant David didst appoint for the Levites instruments of music to praise Thee, because Thy mercy endureth for ever; Graciously vouchsafe to receive at our hands this organ, which we dedicate to Thy service, that it may adorn Thy worship, and assist the praises of Thy people; and grant us so to sing with the spirit and with the understanding also that we may be numbered at the last among the blessed who shall sing that song which is ever new before Thy throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN THE FAITH of Jesus Christ, we bless and dedicate this instrument of music to the service of Almighty God, in the praise and honour of Him Whose mercy endureth for ever; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

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

V Praise ye the Lord:

R The Lord's Name be praised.

*The Dedication having now been
completed, the Organ shall sound its
first notes of praise. After which may be sung*

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY GOD and Heavenly Father, we rejoice in the exultation of all created things, in the echo of human hearts to all that is pure and lovely and of good report. We thank Thee for the power of seeing and hearing in body and in spirit, and for all the things which make us one with the Eternal.

WE REJOICE, O LORD, in every measure of attainment, in the wholesome satisfaction of worthy accomplishment. And we beseech Thee to stimulate in us a joy in the pleasures of art and of music, and to crown these Thy gifts with Thine eternal peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD, for the lilt of song that lifts the wearied heart, for the music that soothes our ears, and banishes our earthliness. Help us to hear always brave music and noble song, that our lives may be set to a melody of love and hope, and at the end grant us to catch the notes of that song which is ever new, the song of the saints around Thy throne, who have followed Thy music in their lives: we ask it in the Name of Jesus Christ our Blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

In the case of a Memorial, the following prayer may be used:

O GOD of the spirits of all flesh, we praise and magnify Thy Holy Name for all Thy servants who have finished their course in Thy faith and fear (especially for Thy servant——); and we beseech

Thee that, encouraged by their examples, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLEANSE us, O Lord, and keep us undefiled, that we may be numbered amongst those blessed ones who, having washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, stand before Thy throne and serve Thee day and night in Thy holy temple; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon us, and all the worship offered in His Name, this day and evermore. Amen.

THE DEDICATION OF CHURCH BELLS

*When the Clergy and Choir have
proceeded to the Tower or Belfry, then
shall be said:*

IN THE NAME of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V Sing we merrily unto God our strength: make
a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

R Sing we merrily unto God our strength: make
a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

V Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound:
they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy
countenance.

R Make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

V Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and
to the Holy Ghost.

R Sing we merrily unto God our strength: make a
cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be
Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we
forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us
not into temptation; But deliver us from evil.
Amen.

BE PLEASED, O heavenly Father, to accept our
offering of this work of our hands; bless and hallow
these Bells that they may continually call together
Thy faithful people to praise and worship Thy holy
Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN THE FAITH of Jesus Christ we bless and dedi-
cate these Bells (in memory of ———), in the
Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the
Holy Ghost. Amen.

GRANT, O Lord, that whosoever shall be called
by the sound of these Bells to Thine House of
Prayer may enter into Thy gates with thanksgiving,
and into Thy courts with praise; and finally may
sing the song of the Lamb in Thine House not
made with hands, eternal in the heavens; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANT, O Lord, that whosoever by reason of
sickness or any other necessity, shall be hindered from
coming into the House of the Lord, may by these
Bells be reminded of the prayers of Thy Church,
and rejoice in the communion of saints; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANT, O Lord, that those who in their daily
calling shall hear the sound of these Bells, may be

stirred inwardly in their hearts, and draw nearer in spirit to Thee, the God of their salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANT, O Lord, that all those who shall minister to Thy service by ringing these Bells, may be filled with reverence and godly fear, and mindful of the sacredness of Thy House, may put away from them all idle thoughts and light behaviour in the discharge of their service, and so uniting in the worship of Thy Church on earth, may be found worthy to stand with those who praise Thee evermore in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOW unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory for ever. Amen.

While the Clergy and Choir are returning from the Tower or Belfry, the bells shall be rung.

THE DEDICATION OF A CHANCEL SCREEN

The Clergy and Choir standing before the Screen, the Officiant shall say:

IN THE NAME of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY Father. Lord of heaven and earth, Vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to accept at our hands this Screen which we dedicate to Thee for the adornment of Thy Sanctuary and House of Prayer, and to consecrate this our gift to Thy glory; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

IN THE FAITH of Jesus Christ we dedicate this Screen (in memory of —————) in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

GRANT, O Lord, that all who shall approach Thy Sanctuary through these gates may come before Thee with pure thoughts and clean hearts, and serving Thee with reverence and godly fear, may be acceptable in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSED be Thy name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy servants to offer this gift for Thy worship: Remember them,

O Lord, for good, and grant that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work may show forth their thankfulness to Thee by making a right use of the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANT, O Lord God, that we with all those that are departed in Thy faith and fear, may be counted worthy to enter hereafter through the gates into the heavenly Jerusalem, and be partakers of Thy everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the case of a Memorial the following

Collect may be used:

O GOD of the spirits of all flesh, we praise and magnify Thy holy Name for all Thy servants who have finished their course in Thy faith and fear (especially for Thy servant————); and we beseech Thee that, encouraged by their examples and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in light; through the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*When a Rood forms part of the Screen,
the following shall be said:*

O SAVIOUR of the world, who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen. NOW unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and evermore. Amen.

THE DEDICATION OF A REREDOS

*The Officiant, coming to the Reredos, and
standing there, shall say:*

IN THE NAME of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V O send out Thy light and Thy truth that they
may lead me;

R And bring me unto Thy holy hill and to Thy
dwelling.

V I will wash my hands in innocency;

R And so will I go to Thine altar.

The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY Father, Lord of heaven and earth:
Vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to accept this gift,
which we offer unto Thy divine Majesty, for the
adornment of Thy sanctuary and the glory of Thy
holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN THE FAITH of Jesus Christ and to the glory of
God, we bless and dedicate this Reredos. In the
Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the
Holy Ghost. Amen.

O GOD, Who by the Incarnation of Thy Son Jesus
Christ hast taught us that earthly things may be
symbols and tokens of things heavenly: Grant, we

beseech Thee, that, as we rejoice in the art of the craftsman, so we may be led to worship Thee in the beauty of holiness; through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSED be Thy name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put into the hearts of Thy servants to offer this gift for Thy worship: Remember them, O Lord, for good, and grant that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work may show forth their thankfulness to Thee by making a right use of the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the case of a Memorial, the following prayer may be used:

O GOD of the spirits of all flesh, we praise and magnify Thy holy name for all Thy servants who have finished their course in Thy faith and fear (especially for Thy servant —————); and we beseech Thee that, encouraged by their examples, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, Who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left us a memorial of Thy passion: Grant us so to reverence the holy mysteries of Thy Body and Blood that we may ever know within ourselves the fruit of Thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

*Here may follow one or more prayers
having reference to the special Mystery or
Saints represented in the Reredos.*

TO THE LORD our God, the high and holy One that inhabiteth eternity, be ascribed all might, majesty, dominion and power, henceforth and for evermore. Amen.

DEDICATION OF CHOIR STALLS

I WILL SING with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy Name, O Most Highest.

V Praise ye the Lord.

R The Lord's Name be praised.

GRANT, O Lord, that all who in this place shall sing to Thee may be filled with reverence, humility, and devotion and may draw the hearts of all who worship with them to sing with the spirit and with the understanding also. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, Who deignest to receive the prayers of Thy people who call upon Thee; vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to accept this offering at our hands, for the adornment of Thy House of Prayer, and to consecrate this gift to Thy Glory and ourselves to Thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN THE FAITH of Jesus Christ, we dedicate these Choir Stalls to the Glory of God, (and in memory of ———), in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

A PRAYER OF COMMEMORATION

REMEMBER, O Lord, Thy servant ——— in the realms of Paradise, whom we remember this day, and grant that, increasing in knowledge and

love of Thee, he may go from strength to strength, in the life of perfect service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

V The Lord be with you.

R And with thy spirit.

V Let us bless the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

A GENERAL FORM OF DEDICATION

V All things come of Thee, O Lord.
R And of Thine own have we given Thee.
V Prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us:
R O prosper Thou our handiwork.
V Show Thy servants Thy work:
R And their children Thy glory.
V Let us bless the Lord.
R It is meet and right so to do.

THANKSGIVING and honour and glory be unto Thee, Almighty God, that from ancient times Thou hast put it into the hearts of men to make offerings for Thy service, and hast been pleased at all times to receive them at their hands. Mercifully accept this ————— which we devoutly offer and set apart to Thy glory (and in memory of —————). Grant that this gift may be found worthy through Thy blessing to magnify Thy Name, to benefit Thy Church, and to minister grace and joy to those who rightfully use it; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be all praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

*Then shall follow the appropriate passage
given in the following pages.*

IN THE FAITH of Jesus Christ, we dedicate this

————— to the glory of God (and in memory of —————), in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Here may follow a prayer for benefactors
and a prayer of Commemoration.*

A PRAYER FOR BENEFACTORS

BLESSED be thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put into the hearts of thy servants to offer this gift for Thy worship. Remember them, O Lord, for good, and grant that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work may show forth their thankfulness to Thee by making a right use of the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER OF COMMEMORATION

ALMIGHTY God, we remember this day before Thee Thy faithful servant ———, and we pray that, having opened to him the gates of larger life, Thou wilt receive him more and more into Thy joyful service; that he may win, with Thee and Thy servants everywhere, the eternal victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V The Lord be with you.
R And with thy spirit.
V Let us bless the Lord:
R Thanks be to God.

A FRONTAL OR ALTAR HANGINGS

V O Lord my God, Thou art become exceeding glorious:

R Thou art clothed with majesty and honour.

O GLORIOUS God, Whose perfect beauty the wonderful design of all Thy works proclaim: Grant that the adornment of Thine altar may be unto us an act of joyful service, and that we may continue in Thy worship until we are all clothed with the garment of praise, and show forth Thy glory for ever and ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A BIBLE

V Thy Word is a lantern unto my feet:

R And a light unto my paths.

O HEAVENLY Father, Whose blessed Son taught the disciples in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself: We thank Thee for the revelation of Thy ways contained in this Book, and we pray that Thou wilt grant us so diligently to search Thy holy Word, that we may be wise unto salvation, and furnished unto every good work; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A SERVICE BOOK

V All kings shall bow down before Him:

R All nations shall do Him service.

GRANT, O Lord of Hosts, that as Thy saints and

angels always do Thee service in heaven, so we with them may continue to worship Thee acceptably upon earth, to the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION RAILS OR SANCTUARY GATES

V O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving:

R And into His courts with praise.

O GOD, Who hast consecrated for us a new and living way into the holiest by the death and resurrection of Thy dear Son: Grant that all who shall approach Thy holy sanctuary may lay hold on the things which are eternal, and serving Thee with reverence and godly fear, may be acceptable in Thy sight; through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PATEN AND CHALICE

V The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the Body of Christ?

R The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the Blood of Christ?

Let us pray.

GRANT, O Lord, that those who with these sacred vessels commemorate the sacrifice of Thy dear Son may be sustained by Thy presence, and that those who receive therefrom the holy Mysteries may be fulfilled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A CROSS

V God forbid that I should glory:

R Save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us pray.

O GRACIOUS God, who in Thy mercy didst ordain that Thy Son should suffer death upon a cross of shame: We thank Thee that it has become to us a sign of His triumph and the banner of our salvation, and we pray that this cross may ever draw our hearts unto Him, Who leads us through tribulation to the glory of Thy kingdom; even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LIGHTS

V Thou also shalt light my candle:

R The Lord my God shall make my darkness to be light.

Let us pray.

O HEAVENLY Father, who showed the vision of Thy Son amidst the candlesticks, and Thy Spirit in seven lamps of fire before Thy throne: Grant that these lights, kindled for Thy glory as we worship Thee, may be to us the sign of Thy presence and the promise of eternal light; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLERGY SEATS AND PRAYER DESKS

V O praise the Lord with me:

R And let us magnify His Name together.

O LORD God Almighty, who didst give to Thy servant a vision of the elders seated before Thy throne: Grant that those whom Thou dost appoint to serve in Thy house may exercise their ministry with such humility and love, and their authority with such mercy, that they may be wholesome examples to the flock committed to their charge; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANY OTHER CHURCH ORNAMENTS

V Glory and worship are before Him:

R Power and honour are in His sanctuary.

O GOD, who by Thy blessed Son hast sanctified and transfigured the use of all material things: Bless with the presence of Thy hallowing grace this ———, which we have set apart to Thy service, that using it humbly as we minister to Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DEDICATION OF A LYCH GATE

*When the Clergy and Choir have proceeded
to the Gate, then shall be said:*

IN THE NAME of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord:

R Even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from
their labours.

V The souls of the righteous are in the hand of
God:

R There shall no torment touch them.

V Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Ghost:

R Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

GRANT, O Lord, that they who pass through this
Gate to lay the bodies of Thy servants to rest may
steadfastly believe and trust in the Communion of
Saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection
to life everlasting; through the love of Thy Son,
Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

IN THE FAITH of Jesus Christ and to the glory of
God, we bless and dedicate this Gate. In the Name
of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy
Ghost. Amen.

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

O FATHER of all, we pray to Thee for those whom
we love, but see no longer. Grant them Thy peace;
let light perpetual shine upon them; and in Thy
loving wisdom and almighty power work in them
the good purpose of Thy perfect will; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSED be Thy name, O Lord that it hath
pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy
servants to offer this gift: Remember them, O Lord,
for good, and grant that all who shall enjoy the
benefit of this pious work may show forth their
thankfulness to Thee by making a right use of the
same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*In the case of a Memorial, the following
prayer may be used:*

O GOD of the spirits of all flesh, we praise and
magnify Thy holy name for all Thy servants
who have finished their course in Thy faith and fear
(especially for Thy servant ————); and we
beseech Thee that, encouraged by their examples,

and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAY the Lord of his mercy grant to us, with all the faithful departed, rest and peace. Amen.

THE CONSECRATION OF A CHURCH-YARD OR CEMETERY

Before the Consecration of a Church-yard or Cemetery takes place, the Bishop shall make certain that the ground is sufficiently enclosed and that reasonable provision has been made for its maintenance.

At the entrance of the ground or Church-yard to be consecrated, a Petition for its Consecration shall be presented to the Bishop.

To the Right Reverend _____
Bishop of _____

We, the Incumbent, Churchwardens, and other inhabitants of _____ having acquired the land described in the accompanying deed which we certify to be free from any legal encumbrance, do humbly pray you to separate the same from all profane and common uses, and to consecrate the said land, hallowing it as the last resting-place of the mortal bodies of our people.

The Bishop receiving the petition, shall say:

This will I do with all reverence, in the Name of Him, Who is the Resurrection and the Life.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy

holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then, if conditions so permit, the Bishop, Clergy and people shall walk round the portion of ground which is to be consecrated, saying or singing Psalms 23, 39, 90, 103, or any of them. Returning to the Church porch, or other convenient place the Bishop shall say:

The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper Thou our handiwork.

Then shall the Bishop, or some Clergyman appointed by him, read one of the Lessons following: St. John 5: 21-29, or 1 Thessalonians 4: 13 to end.

The Sentence of Consecration according to the form below shall then be signed by the Bishop and read aloud by him or someone appointed by him, and the same shall be ordered to be recorded in the Registry of the Diocese.

SENTENCE OF CONSECRATION

In the Name of God. Amen.

WHEREAS a piece of land situate at _____ within our Diocese and jurisdiction, described as follows (*description of the land, and of the title by*

which it is held, to be here entered), has been appropriated for the burial of the dead; and whereas the said piece of land is sufficiently enclosed and is now ready for Consecration; and whereas a Petition has been presented to us by the Incumbent, the Wardens, and others praying that we would be pleased to consecrate the said land:

Now therefore, we ———— by Divine permission Bishop of ———— do by virtue of the authority ordinary and episcopal to us committed, consecrate the said piece of land, and do set it apart from all profane and common uses, and do dedicate the same to Almighty God for the burial of the dead, according to the rites and ceremonies of the Anglican Church of Canada; that the bodies of the faithful may therein rest in peace and hope of the resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And we do pronounce, decree, and declare that the said land shall remain so consecrated, set apart, and dedicated; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

WITNESS our hand and seal, this ——— day of ———— in the year of our Lord ——— and of our Consecration the ————.

Then the Bishop, first marking upon the the ground the symbol of our faith shall say:

By virtue of our sacred office in the Church of God, we do now consecrate, and set apart from all profane and common uses this Ground to be a resting-place for the mortal bodies of those departed this life until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the Resurrection and the Life, and Who shall swallow up death in victory; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O GOD, Who by the example of Thy holy servants in all ages hast taught us to assign particular places, where the bodies of Thy saints may rest in peace, whilst their souls are kept in the hands of their faithful Redeemer: Accept, we beseech Thee, this charitable work of ours, in separating this portion of ground to that good purpose, and give us grace that, by the frequent instances of mortality which we behold, we may so number our days as to apply our hearts unto wisdom; so that by Thy mercy we may have our part in the resurrection to eternal life, with Him Who died for our sins and rose again for our justification, and now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

O LORD Jesu Christ, Who by Thy death hast overcome death, and by Thy rising to life again hast restored to us everlasting life: Grant to all Thy servants, who shall here be buried, that their bodies may rest in peace, and that through the grave and

gate of death they may pass to a joyful resurrection; through Thy merits, who livest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAY THE LORD of His mercy grant to us, with all the faithful departed, rest and peace. Amen.

After which a hymn may be sung, and an Address given, and the service concluded with the Benediction.

THE BENEDICTION OF A RECTORY OR VICARAGE

HYMN

*The Officiant shall make the sign of the
Cross on the door and say:*

PEACE be to this house, and to all who shall dwell
in it. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O GOD, the Father of all the families of the earth:
Fulfil, we beseech Thee, the desire of Thy ser-
vants, and grant to this house the favour and
protection of Thy presence; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

PSALM 121.

Then shall be read the Lesson

ST. LUKE 10: 38-42

Then shall the Officiant say:

The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER Who art in heaven, Hallowed be
Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we
forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us
not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O MERCIFUL SAVIOUR, Who with Thy
presence didst hallow an earthly home at Nazareth:
Send Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, on all who
shall dwell in this house, that, being preserved both
in body and soul, they may offer to Thee a faithful
and willing service; Who livest and reignest with
the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world
without end. Amen.

*The Officiant, and those who accompany
him, shall then proceed to the various
rooms, the following prayers being said:*

IN THE STUDY

BLESS, O Lord, we beseech Thee, Thy servants,
the Incumbents of this parish: May they be diligent
in prayer, and in the study of Thy holy Word, that
by wise counsel and good example they may
guide Thy people committed to their charge, and
finally inherit Thy everlasting kingdom; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN THE DINING ROOM

O LORD GOD, Who dost give us all things
richly to enjoy: Bless, we beseech Thee, those who
shall gather here, and grant that, whether they

eat or drink, or whatever they do, they may do all to the glory of Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN THE LIVING ROOM

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who wast a welcome guest in the house of Thy friends at Bethany: Visit, we beseech Thee, this house, and grant that those who meet in this room may be of one heart and soul, and dwell in love and peace together according to Thy laws, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

IN THE KITCHEN

O LORD GOD, before Whom the Angels serve, and by Whose will we minister to the needs of others; Sanctify this place with Thy blessing, that they who serve herein may ever be mindful of Thy presence and of the example of Thy blessed Son, our Lord and Master Jesus Christ. Amen.

IN A BEDROOM

O LORD GOD, the Keeper of Israel, Who neither slumberest nor sleepest: Guard, we beseech Thee, those who shall take their rest within these walls. Protect them during the silent hours of the night, and grant that, refreshed by Thy gift of sleep, they may wake to serve Thee faithfully in the work to which Thou shalt call them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then Clergy and people being gathered together, the Officiant may give a brief address, to be followed by a hymn.

Let us pray.

O GOD, our Father, in Whose house are many mansions: Surround this dwelling, we beseech Thee, with the wall of Thy protection, and grant that, this life ended, Thy servants may come to that home which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD bless you and keep you. The Lord be with you in your going out and in your coming in, from this time forth for evermore. Amen.

THE LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A HOSPITAL

*When all have taken their appointed places,
the Minister shall say:*

IN THE NAME of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER, Who art in heaven, Hallowed
be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be
done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day
our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As
we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead
us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil.
Amen.

V The Lord is loving unto every man:

R And His mercy is over all His works.

V He healeth those who are broken in heart:

R And giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

V They brought unto Him all that were sick:

R And He healed them.

V Himself took our infirmities:

R And bare our sicknesses.

GUIDE and prosper us, O Lord, in all our doings
with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with
Thy continual help; that in all our works, begun,
continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy
holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Then the Minister, laying his hand upon
the Stone, shall say:*

O LORD Jesu Christ, Son of the living God, Who
art the brightness of the Father's glory, and the
express image of His Person, the one foundation,
and the chief corner-stone: Bless the laying of this
Stone in Thy name, and be Thou, we beseech
Thee, the beginning, the increase, and the consum-
mation of this work, which is undertaken to Thy
glory, Who livest and reignest with the Father and
the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

*Then, all things being made ready, the
Stone shall be laid by the person appointed
thereto, with these words:*

IN THE FAITH of Jesus Christ we place this Stone.
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of
the Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Here a hymn may be sung,
after which the following prayers shall
be said:*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Whose blessed Son, Jesus Christ, went about doing good, and healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people: Continue, we beseech Thee, His gracious work among us, especially in the hospitals of our land; cheer, heal, and sanctify the sick; grant to the physicians, surgeons, and nurses wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; and send down Thy blessing on all who labour to prevent suffering and to forward Thy purposes of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, from whom alone cometh every good and perfect gift: Prosper, we beseech thee, the building of this Hospital which we begin in Thy name, and grant that all that shall be done here may be for Thy glory and the good of Thy people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSED be Thy name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy servants to build this Hospital: Remember them, O Lord, for good, and grant that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work may show forth their thankfulness to Thee by making a right use of the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit

by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord prosper the work to which you have set your hands, both now and for evermore. Amen.

THE OPENING OF A HOSPITAL

*When all is in readiness, the Bishop
shall say:*

PEACE be to this house, and to all who shall be
received therein.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be
Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done;
On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we
forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us
not into temptation; But deliver us from evil.
Amen.

V O Lord, save Thy servants:

R Who put their trust in thee.

V Send them help from Thy holy place:

R And evermore mightily defend them.

V Be unto them, O Lord, a strong tower:

R From the face of their enemy.

V O Lord, hear our prayer:

R And let our cry come unto Thee.

ENTER, O Lord, we beseech Thee, this house
which is built to Thy glory, that it may be hallowed

by Thine abiding presence, and within the hearts of
the sick and suffering, and of those who minister to
them in body and soul, establish for Thyself an
everlasting habitation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The following Psalm may be sung:

PSALM 91. 1-6, 11

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the most
High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope,
and my stronghold: my God, in Him will I trust.

For He shall deliver thee from the snare of the
hunter: and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend Thee under His wings, and
thou shalt be safe under His feathers: His faithful-
ness and truth shall be Thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night:
nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness:
nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

For He shall give His angels charge over thee:
to keep thee in all thy ways.

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

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

After which the following Lesson shall be read:

HONOUR a physician according to thy need of

him with the honours due to him: For verily the Lord hath created him.

The Lord created medicines out of the earth; and a prudent man will have no disgust at them.

And he gave men skill, that they might be glorified in His marvellous works.

With them doth he heal a man, and taketh away his pain.

My son, in thy sickness be not negligent; but pray unto the Lord, and He shall heal thee.

Put away wrong doing, and order thine hands aright, and cleanse thy heart from all manner of sin.

Then give place to the physician, for verily the Lord hath created him; and let him not go from thee, for thou hast need of him.

There is a time when in their very hands is the issue for good.

For they also shall beseech the Lord, that He may prosper them in giving relief and in healing for the maintenance of life. (Ecclus. 38. 1, 4, 6, 7, 9-14.)

Then shall the Bishop say:

Let us pray.

V Our help is in the name of the Lord:

R Who hath made heaven and earth.

PROSPER, O Lord, we beseech Thee, with Thy blessing this building, which we offer for Thy honour and glory, and for the relief of Thy suffering children, and be pleased to hallow all the works of

tenderness and skill that shall here be done in Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

IN THE FAITH of Jesus Christ we dedicate this House to the glory of God and to the service of our fellow-men. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Here all the people shall bless the Lord after this manner:

PRAISE God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then shall the following prayers be said:

Let us pray for the Physicians and Surgeons.

V I have given you an example:

R That ye should do as I have done to you.

ALMIGHTY God, Whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good, and healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people; Guide and direct, we beseech Thee, all whom Thou hast called to continue Thy work of healing, that they may exercise their art for Thy glory and the well-being of Thy servants. Bless the remedies which they employ, and grant that the lives which Thou shalt save through them may be devoted to Thy service;

through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us pray for the Matron and Nurses.

V Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of
these My brethren:

R Ye did it unto Me.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies and
giver of all healing: Grant to those who tend and
watch the sick wisdom and skill, sympathy and
patience; that, always bearing Thy presence with
them, they may not only heal but bless, and shine
as lamps of hope in the darkest hours of distress
and fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for all Benefactors of this Hospital.

V Blessed be the man that provideth for the sick
and needy:

R The Lord shall deliver him in the time of
trouble.

REMEMBER, O Lord, for good all who with
pure intent have given of their substance for the
building of this Hospital, and grant that, whensoever
they shall call upon Thy holy name, they them-
selves may be preserved both in body and soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Bishop bless the people thus:

THE Almighty Lord, who is a most strong tower
to all them that put their trust in Him, to Whom all
things, in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do

bow and obey, be now and evermore your defence:
and make you know and feel that there is none
other name under heaven given to man, in whom,
and through whom, you may receive health and
salvation, but only the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ. Amen.

MAY the blessing of the most high God, Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit, His holy protection, and His
merciful loving kindness, be with you and all other
Christian people, especially with the sick, the suffer-
ing, and the sorrowful, this day and in every time
of need. Amen.

OPENING OF AN EXTENSION TO A HOSPITAL

BLESS, we beseech Thee, this Hospital, O Lord, and bestow Thy benediction on our doings this day. Direct us in this and in all our works with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help, that being ever-mindful of the needs of our fellow-men, we may be enabled by our deeds and gifts to alleviate and heal sickness and suffering, and to forward Thy purposes of love, for the sake of Him who gave Himself in the service of men, even Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

TO THE GLORY of God, and the service of others, we dedicate this building. May peace, lowliness, kindness, gentleness, and brotherly love ever abide herein, in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OPENING OF A CITY HALL OR MUNICIPAL BUILDING

GUIDE and direct us, O Lord, as we press forward to the building of Thy Kingdom. Help us always to begin action with a pure intention, and to continue it with Thy blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GO BEFORE US, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and be enabled to unite in mutual service for the benefit of all our citizens; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, grant us a vision of our city, fair as it might be; a city of righteousness, where none shall wrong his neighbour; a city of plenty, where evil and poverty shall be done away; a city of brotherhood, where all success shall be founded on service, and honour shall be given to nobleness alone; a city of peace, where order shall not rest on force, but on the love of all for the common life and weal. Bless the efforts of the Church to make the vision a living reality through the teaching of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. Inspire and strengthen each one of us that we may give time, thought, and sacrifice to speed the day of its coming beauty

and righteousness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BESTOW Thy benediction we beseech Thee, O Lord, on our undertaking this day, as we dedicate this building for the better ordering of our civic life; bless all who will serve within its walls and grant that they may be ever-mindful of the needs of their fellow-men. The Peace of God and His blessing rest upon this place, which we now dedicate for the administration of our civic government, and for the public good. May God give us light to guide us, courage to support us, and love to unite us, now and always. Amen.

THE OPENING OF LAW COURTS

WE BESEECH Thee, O Lord God, to bestow Thy benediction upon the assembly gathered in this place for the opening of our Law Courts. Here let truth and sound learning ever abound, and the eternal justice of God be meted out, causing men to reverence law, and live in harmony and obedience. May God's blessing be upon all those who are appointed to minister the Queen's justice between man and man, to clear the innocent, and to convict and punish the wrong-doer. May the judges and magistrates be given the spirit of wisdom and understanding as they seek to administer the law in the fear of Thee alone. May all the work done here have good and abiding success, to the glory of God, and for the well-being of the Community and Province, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

TO THE GLORY of God, the Fountain of Wisdom, Whose statutes are good and gracious, and Whose law is truth, we bless and dedicate these Law Courts for the administration of justice, the upholding of law and order, and the continuance of all good traditions in our social life, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE COMMISSIONING OF MISSIONERS

If Mattins or Evensong be said before the Commissioning, Psalm 121 may be used, and the following Lessons:

ISAIAH 55, VERSES 6-13.
EPHESIANS 4, VERSES 7-16

After the Third Collect a hymn may be sung. Then, the Missioners having taken their places before the Bishop, he shall address them thus:

DEARLY beloved, we bid you welcome in the name of the Lord, and commend to your loving care the souls of those who shall come to listen to your message. But, since no one is sufficient for these things in his own strength, let us pray that God, Who has given you the will to do this work, may by His Spirit direct your thoughts and give power to your words, that they may be to His glory and for the salvation of those to whom you are sent.

Then shall be sung Veni, Creator Spiritus, (Hymn 480), the Missioners kneeling, the Bishop and the congregation standing. After which (the congregation still standing) the Bishop, at the Altar, will say:

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesu Christ, Who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

MOST merciful Father, we beseech Thee to send upon Thy servants, the Missioners, Thy heavenly blessing, that they may be clothed with righteousness, and that Thy word spoken by their mouths may have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also that we may have grace to hear and receive, what they shall deliver out of Thy most Holy Word, or agreeable to the same, as the means of our salvation; that in all our words and deeds we may seek Thy glory, and the increase of Thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Bishop bless the Missioners, saying:

GOD the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve and keep you. The love of the Father encompass you. The presence of the Son overshadow you. The power of the Holy Spirit rest upon you. Go forth as ambassadors of Christ

in the name of God; and may He bless your labours abundantly. Amen.

Then shall follow the Sermon or Address.

A HYMN

Then (all kneeling) shall be said:

O LORD, bless we humbly beseech Thee, the Mission in this place. Endow all who labour in it with the spirit of power and love, and of a sound mind. Convert the impenitent; raise up the fallen; strengthen the weak; give an increase of grace to the faithful, and may all things be done after Thy will, and to Thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TEACH us, good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to ask for any reward save that of knowing that we do Thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE ADMISSION OF LAY READERS

The candidates for Admission shall be habited in cassock and surplice for the service. If Evening Prayer be said before the service of Admission, Psalm 67 shall be sung or said.

The following Lessons are suggested:

JOSHUA I. 8-9.

EPHESIANS 4. 11-16.

After the Third Collect a hymn may be sung. When the candidates for admission are standing before the Bishop (sitting in his chair), the Archdeacon or some person appointed by him shall present them to the Bishop saying:

REVEREND Father in God, I present unto you these persons to be admitted to the office of Lay Reader.

The Bishop:

HATH inquiry been made into their life and conduct, and into their knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, and of the doctrine and practice of the Church as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer?

The Archdeacon shall answer:

INQUIRY hath been made, and they have been

found meet for the duties that will be required of them.

Then shall the Bishop question them as follows:

WILL you in your ministrations observe the due order and discipline of the Church, and obey those who are set in authority over you?

Answer: I will.

WILL you endeavour to frame and fashion your lives so as to be wholesome examples to the people amongst whom you live?

Answer: I will so do, by the help of the Lord.

Then shall those that are to be admitted kneel before the Bishop, who shall say:

O LORD God Almighty, Who dost vouchsafe Thy heavenly blessing to all that love Thy Word, look with favour upon these Thy servants and pour upon them the abundance of Thy grace. Amen.

MAKE them diligent and humble in their ministrations, ready to obey those who are set over them in the Lord, and careful to fashion their lives according to Thy holy will and commandments. Amen.

GRANT them to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Thy Word, that they may minister to the salvation of souls, to the glory of Thy name, and to

the edification of Thy people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Bishop deliver into the hands of each one of them (humbly kneeling before him) the New Testament and his licence, saying:

TAKE thou authority to exercise the office of a Lay Reader in the parish of ——— (or, in this diocese). In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then the Bishop shall say:

The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and

inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of Thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by Whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Then shall the Bishop bless the newly admitted Lay Readers, saying :

MAY the Lord give you wisdom, courage, strength, and love to do His will.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, rest upon you and upon the work which you shall do in His name, now and for evermore. Amen.

THE ADMISSION OF DEACONESSES

When the day appointed by the Bishop is come, the Archdeacon or his Deputy shall present unto the Bishop such as are to be admitted Deaconesses, saying these words:

REVEREND Father in God, I present unto you these persons to be admitted Deaconesses.

The Bishop

TAKE heed that these persons, whom you present unto us be apt and meet, for their learning and godly conversation, to exercise their ministry duly, to the honour of God, and the edifying of his Church.

Answer

I HAVE inquired of them, and also examined them; and believe them so to be.

Then the Bishop standing up shall say:

DEARLY beloved, in the primitive Church there was a custom to admit, by the authority of the Bishop, women of godly life and conversation, to be Deaconesses or Servants of the Church, into which ancient office these persons now present come to be admitted. We have good confidence that they are apt and competent thereto, as hath been certified to us; nevertheless, if there be any of you who

knoweth any impediment or ground on which it is inexpedient that these persons, or any of them, should be so admitted, let him now declare it.

If no impediment be alleged, then shall be sung or said the Service of the Communion beginning with the Mutual Salutation, and this Collect, Epistle and Gospel.

THE COLLECT

GRANT, O Lord, that all who teach Thy faith and serve in Thy name, may be so endued with the healthful spirit of Thy grace, that they may be of honest mind and single heart, and set forth Thy truth both by their word and life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EPISTLE. ROMANS 16.1.

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deaconess of the church at Cenchreae, that you may receive her in the Lord as befits the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a helper of many and of myself as well. Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I but also all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks; greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert in Asia for Christ. Greet Mary, who has worked hard among you.

THE GOSPEL. ST. LUKE 10.38

NOW it came to pass, as they went on their journey, that Jesus entered into a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who was sitting at Jesus' feet and listening to His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she came up to Him and said, Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister hath left me alone to serve? Bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha; thou art anxious and troubled about a multitude of things; one thing is needful; and Mary hath chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her.

After the Nicene Creed has been said or sung, there shall be a Sermon, after which the Bishop, sitting in his chair, shall address the candidates standing before him, in this wise:

DEARLY beloved in the Lord, a Deaconess is authorized by the Church, in the place where she is licensed, to teach the Christian Faith; to give pastoral care, especially to women and young people; to read the Services of Morning and Evening Prayer and the Litany; to instruct and preach as licensed thereto by the Bishop.

DO you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon you this office and minis-

tration, to serve God, for the promotion of His glory, and the edifying of His people?

Answer: I trust so.

The Bishop

WILL you endeavour faithfully to fulfil the duties of your Office, and cheerfully to obey them that are over you in the Lord?

Answer: I will, by the help of God.

The Bishop

WILL you be diligent in seeking the grace of God to enable you to persevere in this endeavour, and to bring your desire to good effect?

Answer: I will.

The Bishop

DO you believe that the holy Scriptures contain sufficiently all doctrine required of necessity for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

Answer: I do so believe.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast called these Thy servants to the office and ministry of Deaconesses in Thy Church: Mercifully grant unto them grace and power to perform the work which Thou givest them to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

Then the Bishop, laying his hands upon the head of each woman kneeling before him, shall say:

TAKE thou authority to execute the Office of a Deaconess in the Church of God committed unto thee; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then shall the Bishop deliver to her the Bible saying:

BE diligent to study the things which are written in this Book, that as much as in you lieth, you may teach the Gospel of the Grace of God and be an example of faith and of holy living.

GOD the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost sanctify and bless you, and so fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace, with all faith, wisdom and humility, that you may serve Christ in His Church to the benefit of His people, and in the end attain unto life everlasting. Amen.

Then shall the Bishop proceed in the Communion with the Offertory; and they who have been made Deaconesses shall receive the holy Communion the same day with the Bishop.

The Communion ended, immediately before the Benediction shall be said the Collect following:

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of Thy laws, and in the works of Thy commandments; that through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

THE LICENSING OF A LAY WOMAN WORKER

*The Bishop, seated near the Holy Table,
shall say:*

DEARLY beloved, in the Name of God, we purpose now to give licence to serve as a Lay Worker to our well-beloved in Christ ———. And we beseech you to join together with us in hearty prayer to Almighty God, that He would vouchsafe to give unto her thus licensed grace to perform aright the duties which appertain to so sacred and grave a trust.

Then shall be said, all kneeling:

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

V O Lord, save Thy people:

R And bless Thine inheritance.

V Endue Thy Ministers with righteousness:

R And make Thy chosen people joyful.
V O Lord, let Thy mercy be shewed upon us:
R As we do put our trust in Thee.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by Whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy Holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

GRACIOUS Lord, Who during Thy life on earth didst accept the ministry of women: Bless, we beseech Thee, Thy servant; that, strengthened by the assurance of Thy presence, she may carry the gospel of Thy love into the hearts and homes of Thy people; Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of Thy bountiful goodness keep this Thy servant, we beseech Thee, from all things that may hurt her, that she, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that Thou wouldst have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, con-

tinued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then may be sung a Hymn.

*To her who is admitted to serve as a
Lay Worker the Bishop delivers her licence,
and says:*

I hereby authorize you to serve as a Lay Worker in the Parish of ————— in our Diocese.

The Bishop shall then say:

The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who makest us to will and to do of Thy good pleasure; Give Thy servant grace that she may be faithful to the charge committed to her, and that she may be a godly example to the people among whom she is called to work, so that this life ended they may come together to Thy heavenly Kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Bishop shall bless her, saying:

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee. The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace, both now and for evermore. Amen.

ADMISSIONS OF OTHER LAY MINISTERS

The Priest:

WILL YOU faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your office to the best of your ability, as unto the Lord and not unto men.

Answer: I will so strive, the Lord being my helper.

SERVERS

THE LESSON. ST. LUKE 12:35

LET your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord, that when He cometh and knocketh, they may open unto Him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching. Verily I say unto you, that He shall gird Himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

THE ADMISSION

I ADMIT you to the Office of Server in this Church; and I give you this Candle as a Token of your Ministry; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V I will go unto the altar of God:

R Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

Let us pray.

O GLORIOUS King, before whose heavenly throne the angels stand to do Thy will: Bless, we

beseech Thee, the Servers of Thy Church, that ministering before Thine earthly throne they may serve Thee with reverence and true holiness, to the honour and glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONCLUSION

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

V Teach me Thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in Thy truth:

R O knit my heart unto Thee, that I may fear Thy Name.

V So will I always sing praise unto Thy Name:

R That I may daily perform my vows.

V The Lord be with you:

R And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

REGARD, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our supplications, and confirm with Thy heavenly benediction Thy servants whom we have admitted to the lay

ministry of Thy Church, that with sincere devotion of mind and body they may offer a service acceptable to Thy divine Majesty; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

CHORISTERS

THE LESSON. COLOSSIANS 3:16

LET the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.

THE ADMISSION

I ADMIT you to the Office of Chorister in this Church; and I give you this Hymnal as a Token of your Ministry; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V O come, let us sing unto the Lord:

R Let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us pray.

O GOD, Who didst inspire Thy servant David both to write songs, and to appoint singers for Thy wor-

ship: Give Thy grace to the Choristers of Thy Church, that speaking together in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, they may sing and make melody in their hearts to Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONCLUSION

As in other admissions.

SACRISTANS or ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS.

THE LESSON. I CHRONICLES 9:26

THESE Levites were in an office of trust, and were over the store-rooms and treasuries of the house of God. And they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge was upon them, and the opening thereof every morning pertained to them. And certain of them had charge of the ministering vessels, that they should bring them in and out. Some of them also were appointed to oversee the vessels, and all the instruments of the sanctuary.

THE ADMISSION

I ADMIT you to the office of Sacristan in this Church; and I give you this Purificator as a Token of your Ministry; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V In His temple doth everything speak of His honour:

R Holiness becometh Thine house for ever.

Let us pray.

O GOD, Who of old didst give the Levites the charge of the instruments of Thy holy temple: Give Thy grace, we beseech Thee, to the Sacristans of Thy Church, that devoutly caring for the vessels and vestments of Thy worship, and adorning the place of Thy sanctuary, they may make the place of Thy presence glorious; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONCLUSION

As in other admissions.

CATECHISTS or TEACHERS.

THE LESSON. DEUTERONOMY 4:1

NOW therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you. Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you. Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons.

THE ADMISSION

I ADMIT you to the Office of Catechist in this Church; and I give you this Prayer Book as a Token

of your Ministry; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V O teach me true understanding and knowledge:
R For I have believed thy commandments.

Let us pray.

O GOD, Whose blessed Son taught in the temple: Give Thy blessing and the guidance of Thy Holy Spirit to the Catechists of Thy Church, that teaching Thy children both by word and good example, they may lead them to the knowledge and love of Thee and of Thy holy Church; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONCLUSION

As in other admissions.

OTHER LAY WORKERS.

THE LESSON. ROMANS 12:6

HAVING then gifts differing according to the grace that is given unto us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation; he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to

another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.

THE ADMISSION

I ADMIT you to the Office of ——— in this Parish (or Diocese); and I give you this — as a Token of your ministry (*The token to be given must be determined by the office*); In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V I will think also of all Thy works:

R And my talking shall be of Thy doings..

Let us pray.

O LORD, without Whom our labour is but lost: We humbly beseech Thee to prosper all works in Thy Church undertaken according to Thy holy will; and grant to Thy labourers a pure intention, patient faith, sufficient success on earth, and the blessedness of serving Thee in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONCLUSION

As in other admissions.

WARDENS AND VESTRYMEN.

THE LESSON. NUMBERS 11:16

The Lord said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest

to be elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee. And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone.

THE ADMISSION

I ADMIT you to the Office of Warden (or Vestryman) in this Church; and I give you this Book of Canons as a Token of your Ministry; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V I am Thy servant, O grant me understanding:

R That I may know Thy testimonies.

Let us pray.

O ETERNAL God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten with Thy grace the Wardens and Vestrymen of Thy Church, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek Thy glory and the welfare of Thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONCLUSION

As in other admissions.

THE RECEPTION OF MEMBERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES

WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED AND WHO HAVE RECEIVED EPISCOPAL CONFIRMATION

If the Bishop be present, the officiating Minister shall present the candidate with the following words:

REVEREND Father in God, I present unto you this person, who desires to be received into the Anglican Church of Canada.

Then shall the Bishop (or Priest, if authorized by the Bishop) speak to the candidate as follows:

DEARLY BELOVED, it is fitting that before we admit you to the Anglican Communion, we should receive full assurance that you understand what is required of you. You shall, therefore, answer plainly to these questions:

Q. Do you declare that you have been baptized with Water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost?

A. I do.

Q. Do you desire to be admitted into the Anglican Communion?

A. I do.

Q. Do you believe that the Anglican Church of Canada is a true part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church?

A. I do.

Q. Will you be a loyal member of the Church, accepting its doctrine and discipline?

A. I will by the help of God.

When required by the Bishop there shall be a renewal of Baptismal vows by the candidate. Then the Bishop shall say:

ALMIGHTY God Who hath given you a will to do all these things: Grant also unto you strength and power to perform the same, that He may accomplish His work which He has begun in you: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Here the candidate shall say: Amen.

Then the Bishop, taking him by the right hand, shall say to him:

BY the authority committed unto me in the Church of God and upon your solemn profession and earnest request, I receive you —*name*— into the Anglican Communion, and into membership in the Anglican Church of Canada, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The candidate shall kneel and receive a blessing.

N.B. *The Bishop may authorize a priest to use this Office in his stead.*

Before this Office is used, the candidate shall sign a written renunciation of allegiance to any other Church of which he has been a member. It shall be attested by the Incumbent and two members of the congregation and, when so required, shall be read aloud by the candidate at the beginning of this Office.

THE BLESSING OF A CIVIL MARRIAGE

This form may be used when the Priest is satisfied that the Marriage is worthy of the Church's blessing.

The Priest, standing before the Altar, with the Husband and Wife standing before him, shall say:

DEARLY beloved, forasmuch as you have been joined together in holy Matrimony, which is an honourable estate instituted of God, and have come hither to ask for the blessing of the Church; I require that you promise, by the help of God, to fulfil the obligations which Christian marriage demands.

Then, addressing the Husband, the Priest shall say:

N. DOST thou promise to love this thy Wife, to comfort, honour, and keep her, in sickness and in health; and forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

And the Husband shall answer: I do.

Then addressing the Wife, the Priest shall say:

N. DOST thou promise to love this thy Husband, to comfort, honour, and keep him, in sickness and

in health; and forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

And the Wife shall answer: I do.

Then the Priest shall say:

The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

*Then the Priest may bless the Ring or Rings;
the Wife (and husband) extending the
hand (or hands) toward him, he shall say:*

O GOD, Whose blessed Son sanctified, with His presence, the marriage at Cana: Bless, we beseech Thee, this ring, to be the token of the union of this man and woman in holy Matrimony; that ever growing in love, they may abide in Thy peace, and continue in Thy favour unto their life's end; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Then the Priest and the Married Persons,
still standing, shall say the Lord's Prayer.*

OUR FATHER, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Then the Priest shall say:

O ETERNAL God, creator and preserver of all mankind, giver of all spiritual grace, the author of everlasting life: Send Thy blessing upon these Thy servants, this man and this woman, whom we bless in Thy Name; that they, living faithfully together, may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, (whereof this ring is a token and pledge,) and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to Thy laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Then the Priest may add one or both of
the following prayers:*

O ALMIGHTY God, creator of mankind, Who only art the well-spring of life: Bestow upon these Thy servants, if it be Thy will, the gift and heritage of children; and grant that they may see their children brought up in Thy faith and fear, to the honour and glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, Who hast so consecrated the state of Matrimony that in it is represented the spiritual marriage and unity betwixt Christ and His Church: Look mercifully upon these Thy servants, that they may love, honour, and cherish each other, and so live together in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and of peace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee

and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Then the Priest shall join their right hands together, and say:

THOSE whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

Then the Husband and Wife kneeling, the Priest shall add this Blessing:

GOD the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favour look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE CRIB ON CHRISTMAS EVE

A Procession shall advance to the Crib, while the people sing

A HYMN

Arrived at the Crib, there may follow a short explanation of the Service or an Address.

Then the Priest shall say:

Let us pray.

THANKSGIVING and honour and glory be unto Thee, Almighty God, Who for us men and for our salvation didst give Thine only Son to be born in great humility of the Virgin Mary his mother. Accept and bless to our use this Christmas Crib, that it may set before us the exceeding love of our Saviour, and bring us with the shepherds and kings to pay to Him our true devotion; to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all praise and worship, world without end. Amen.

IN THE FAITH of Christ and in Thy Name, O God most holy, do we bless and hallow this Crib of Christmas; to set before the eyes of Thy children and servants the great love and great humility of Jesus Christ Thine only Son; Who for us men and for our salvation came down as at this time from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost

of the Virgin Mary his Mother, and was made man; to Whom with Thee and the same Spirit be all honour, majesty, glory, and worship, world without end. Amen.

LORD JESUS, Child of Bethlehem, for love of men made man; Create in us love so pure and perfect that whatsoever our heart loveth may be after Thy will, in Thy Name, and for Thy sake; Who now livest and reignest in the glory of the Eternal Trinity, God for ever and ever. Amen.

OUR FATHER Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

V Glory to God in the highest:

R And on earth peace, goodwill towards men.

V Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord:

R Hosanna in the highest.

Then shall a hymn be sung, and the service concluded with the blessing, unless it be followed by the Midnight Eucharist.

THE BLESSING OF PALMS

O GOD, Whose Son for the salvation of mankind came down from heaven, and when the hour of His Passion was at hand willed to enter into Jerusalem riding upon an ass, and to be hailed as King by the multitude; increase the faith of them that trust in Thee, and mercifully hear the prayers of Thy suppliants. Let Thy manifold mercies come upon us; and vouchsafe to bless these branches of palms, that all who carry them may be fulfilled with Thy benediction. And grant that as the Hebrew children met the same Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ with branches of palms in their hands, crying Hosanna in the highest; so we also, carrying these emblems, may with good works go forth to meet Christ, and attain to everlasting felicity, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE BLESS, and sanctify these branches of palm, O Lord, that we who bear them in Thy Name may ever hail Jesus as our King, through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

V O Saviour of the world, Who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us:

R Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

THE BLESSING OF FLAGS

ALMIGHTY GOD, who from ancient times hast put it into the hearts of Thy people to make offerings for Thy service and the use of Thy Church, and Who hast been pleased at all times to accept gifts at their hands; Accept, we pray Thee, these flags which we now set apart in Thy Name, and as a sign of our duty towards our Queen and country. May Thy blessing rest upon the gifts and the givers thereof, that Thy Church may be benefitted and Thy name exalted and glorified continually; we ask this in the Name and for the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who hast promised that the gates of hell shall not prevail against Thy Church, bless and hallow, we beseech Thee, these flags, and grant that all who behold them may be reminded of our fellowship with one another in Christ and aroused to greater loyalty and determination to persevere as Thy faithful soldiers and servants unto their life's end. All of which we ask in Thy name, O Captain of our Salvation, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who hast established Thy Church throughout the world, and hast gathered to Thyself a great company to worship Thee out of every nation: we praise and bless Thee for the fellowship which is ours in the Anglican Communion. Strengthen, we beseech Thee, the bonds of common faith and service which unite us. Give grace and wisdom to those whom Thou hast called to direct and order the life of Thy Church, (and especially to Thy servant —————) that enlightened by Thy truth and upheld by Thy power, they may exercise their ministry to Thy glory, and the building up of the Body of Christ. We ask this in the Name of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, we pray Thee to bless the churches of the Anglican Communion throughout the world. Grant that being faithful to the trust which Thou hast committed to us, Thy Holy Spirit may enkindle our zeal and strengthen our service, until all tongues confess and bless Thee, and the sons of men love Thee and serve Thee in peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR A DIOCESAN CENTENARY

GOD of our fathers, Who by Thy Spirit hast builded up this Diocese within Thy Holy Church, we give Thee humble thanks for all, whether known to us or unknown, who in these hundred years have herein wrought for Thee; we praise Thee for treasures of truth and love, for fruits of faith and work, through them bestowed on us; and we beseech Thee so to renew in us Thy Spirit that we may steadfastly seek Thy will for us and for our children, and both in life and worship may show forth Thy love and magnify Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANT, Almighty God, that the purpose wherewith Thou didst call this Diocese into being may be fulfilled, and Thy life continually renewed in our several parishes; that this celebration of Thy power in the ministry of our Bishops and Priests, and of all other Thy faithful servants in the Church of this Diocese may be acceptable unto Thee, and may bring forth fruits to Thy glory, Who ever livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

O GOD of our fathers, Who hast brought and blessed Thy Church in this Diocese through a hundred years; accept our thanksgiving and guide and prosper by Thy Holy Spirit our new resolves, to the setting forward of Thy kingdom and the salvation of Thy people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, Who hast taught us that Thou wilt require much from those to whom much is given, grant that we whom Thou hast called to so goodly a heritage, may extend more abundantly to others what we so richly enjoy, and in serving them may know the glory of serving Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The above prayers may be adapted for a parochial centenary or other anniversary.

FOR THE UNITED NATIONS

O HEAVENLY Father, we pray for those who, out of bitter memories of strife and loss, are seeking a more excellent way for the nations of the world, whereby justice and order may be maintained and the differences of peoples be resolved in equity. Bestow Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, upon the United Nations, and upon all who labour for peace and righteousness among the peoples; that the day may be hastened when war shall be no more, and Thy will only shall govern the nations upon earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE HEALING OF
THE WORLD'S DIVISIONS AND SORROWS

ETERNAL God, the Father of all mankind: We commit to Thee the needs of the whole world: where there is hatred, give love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is distrust, faith; where

there is sorrow, hope; where there is darkness, light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O MOST Holy Spirit of God, from Whom alone floweth the fulness of wisdom and life: Come in Thine everlasting power and glory upon Thy Church and into the hearts of men; to bring to the world a new birth of holiness, new understanding of truth, and new unity in love; in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with the Father and Thee liveth and reigneth, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

FOR CHOIRS AND
MINISTERS OF THE SANCTUARY

O LORD God Almighty, Whose glory Cherubim and Seraphim and all the hosts of heaven with ceaseless voice proclaim; Hear and accept, we humbly beseech Thee, the praises of Thy Church below; and pour down upon Thy ministers in choir and sanctuary such a spirit of faith, reverence, and joy as shall lift both their hymns and their lives unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE PRAYER BOOK

O GOD, Who through the witness and ministry of our fathers in the days of old hast given unto us a marvellous tradition of faith and worship in our Book of Common Prayer and hast spread the fame of it throughout the world, we pray Thee that we may ever be thankful to Thee for the same and

wholly walk in the light thereof until all nations shall worship and serve Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, by Whose providence this Church and people have received the Book of Common Prayer for the ordering of their prayers and praises; grant that, being ever thankful for the same, they may receive the help of Thy grace to worship Thee with understanding and with holy fear, in spirit and in truth, and in the blest communion of Thy saints; through Christ our Saviour, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

FOR JUDGES AND MAGISTRATES

O GOD, the just and merciful Judge of all mankind: Look favourably, we beseech Thee, on Thy servants, who are set by Thy appointment to minister justice between man and man, to clear the innocent, and to convict and punish the guilty: Grant unto them Thy Holy Spirit, the spirit of uprightness, the spirit of discernment and the spirit of love; that they may boldly, discreetly, and mercifully fulfil their sacred duties, to the good of Thy people and the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR A CONVENTION

DIRECT US, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and bestow upon us Thy blessing that by the guidance of Thy Holy Spirit we

may have a right judgment in all our deliberations, and be enabled to show forth our brotherhood in Thee, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, the giver of all good things, without Whose help all labour is ineffectual, and without Whose grace all wisdom is folly: Grant, we beseech Thee, in all our undertakings the help and guidance of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled to promote Thy glory, and the welfare both of ourselves and others; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR A HOSPITAL CONVENTION OR CONFERENCE
BESTOW Thy benediction, we beseech Thee O Lord, on all our doings this day. Direct us in this and in all our works with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help, that being ever mindful of the needs of our fellow-men, we may be enabled by our deeds and gifts to alleviate and heal sickness and suffering, and to forward Thy purposes of love, for the sake of Him Who gave Himself in the service of men, even Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

O GOD, we beseech Thee to bless the officers and members of all our Friendly Societies; may they be strengthened and protected evermore by Thy Fatherly love; and to all who are associated in Thy

Name for this service, vouchsafe the help and guidance of Thy Holy Spirit, that in all their work for others they may work for Thee, as members of one family; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FOUNDING OF A COLLEGE

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of all mercies, we Thy humble servants gathered together for the founding of this College offer unto Thee our hearty thanks for the success which has attended the labours of all those who have been engaged in this great enterprise, and we beseech Thee to bestow Thy benediction upon all our doings this day, and look with favour upon this newly-established College, and upon all those who are engaged in the work of higher education. We thank Thee for the patient study and work of scholars who, through Thy power, have led mankind to a greater knowledge of Thy truth and of Thy love, which govern the world. Teach us to treasure and use the results of their labour as a precious heritage. Do Thou help all in this College to seek after Thy truth that, whilst they increase in knowledge of earthly things, they may grow in the knowledge of Thee and Thy ways. Grant that as this College increases in visible habitation, so it may continually minister to the public good, and be enabled to show forth the ideal and the power of service, which has been given us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR ANY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

ALMIGHTY FATHER, Who hast blessed this College (or School) for a house of faith and fruitful study: Grant us likewise in this place so to learn truth as to bear its light along all our ways, and so to learn Christ as ever to be found in Him; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF KNOWLEDGE
AND ITS RIGHT USE

DIRECT, O God, with Thine own loving wisdom our schools of thought and science; that they may more and more unveil the wondrous things of Thy law, and draw all to adore Thee with mind and heart and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, Who hast entrusted the minds of men with the science and skill which can greatly bless or wholly destroy: Grant them also a new stature of spirit to match Thy trust; that they may use their many inventions to Thy glory and the benefit of mankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE OF GOD

O THOU Who art the Light of the minds that know Thee, the Life of the souls that love Thee, and the Strength of the wills that serve Thee, help us so to know Thee that we may truly love Thee,

so to love Thee that we may fully serve Thee, Whom to serve is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR HOME LIFE

ALMIGHTY Father, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ hast poured upon us Thy best gift of love, to be the bond of perfectness in the families of men, and the means to bring man and wife and child to Thine everlasting mansions: Bless, we beseech Thee, the homes of our land, that in them love may abound and happiness abide, by faith in Thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR VACATIONERS

LOVING Father, Who didst make this earth so fair, open our eyes to see its wonders and our hearts to feel its beauty; in our day of refreshment and recreation draw us nearer to Thee through the things which Thou hast made. May the joy of Thy sunshine, the quiet of Thy forests, the murmur of Thy streams and the steadfast strength of Thine everlasting hills teach us the deep secret of Thy peace. Calm our fretful spirits. Deepen the current of our shallow lives. Renew in us faith and courage, physical strength and spiritual vision, that we may know ourselves to be safely held in Thy strong hands, and may joyfully conform our lives to Thy great purpose.

From this life, so near to Nature's heart, may we

drink in new strength to help us reach the restless hearts of men. Give us Thy secret and the power to share it with our fellows, that we may go back to the world and its duties stronger, simpler, sweeter, and may thus become more worthy messengers of Him Who saw His Father's goodness in the sparrow's flight, and His Father's love in the beauty which clothes the lilies of the field. We ask it for His dear sake. Amen.

(Bishop Burleson)

IN TIME OF FOREST FIRES

O LORD Jesus Christ Who in Thy disciples' necessity didst rebuke the wind, and saidst unto the sea, "Peace be still", hear our cry, we pray Thee, for our brethren in danger from forest fire; rebuke for them the wind that it may be calm; send for them a sufficient rain; and grant Thy succour to all who live or work in the forests of our land, that enjoying the beauty of Thy creation, we may ever give thanks to Thee our heavenly Father; to whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

GIVE REST, we beseech Thee O Lord, to the souls of our departed brethren, and grant that we, who do honour to the memory of their sacrifice may so be filled with the spirit of their love and fortitude that, forgetting all selfish and unworthy aims, we may live

to the glory of God, and to the service of our fellow men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth, and all mankind, peace and concord; and to us and all His servants, life everlasting: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. Amen.

This blessing may appropriately be used at other times.

VESTRY PRAYERS

BEFORE SERVICE

O LORD, open Thou our lips and purify our hearts; that we may worthily magnify Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, our God and Father, dispose our hearts and guide us by Thy Holy Spirit; that our prayers and praises may be acceptable in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD our God, Who knowest all hearts, be merciful to us sinners and graciously assist us in our ministry before Thee; that so we may offer a Service and Sacrifice well-pleasing in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLEANSE our hearts, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord, from all vain and wandering thoughts;

that we may joyfully praise Thee in Thy Holy House; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEFORE THE HOLY EUCHARIST

MOST GRACIOUS God, incline Thy merciful ears to our prayers, and enlighten our hearts by the grace of Thy Holy Spirit; that we may worthily approach Thy holy Mysteries, and love Thee with an everlasting love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AFTER SERVICE

GRANT, O Lord God, that what we have heard with our ears and sung with our lips, we may believe in our hearts and practise in our lives; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MERCIFULLY behold us Thy servants, O Lord our God, who have now performed this Service in Thy holy House; and pardon all that has been amiss; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRESERVE in peace, O Lord, us Thy servants; and grant that we whom Thou hast called to sing Thy praises on earth may be made partakers of Thy heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FORGIVE us, O God, if in our worship here, our hearts went far from Thee; and suffer us

not when we leave Thy House to lose Thy Presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANT us, O Lord, as we go forth from Thy holy place, in thought, faith; in word, wisdom; in deed, courage; in life, service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AFTER THE HOLY EUCHARIST

O LORD, Who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left us a memorial of Thy Passion: Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within us the fruit of Thy redemption; Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

THE COLLECTS, EPISTLES AND GOSPELS FOR THE BLACK LETTER DAYS

December 4.

SAINT CLEMENT OF ALEXANDRIA

The Collect.

O God, Who hast enlightened Thy Church by the teaching of Thy servant Clement: Enrich it evermore, we beseech Thee, with Thy heavenly grace, and raise up faithful witnesses, who by their life and doctrine shall set forth to all men the truth of Thy salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson. Wisdom 7. 7-14.

The Gospel. St. John 14. 23-26.

December 6. SAINT NICOLAS

The Collect.

O God, Who hast given to Thy servant Nicolas a perpetual name for deeds of mercy shown to children and to the distressed on land and sea: Grant that, like him, we may abound in the love which thou hast bestowed upon us through the incarnation of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. I Corinthians 12. 28-13. 3.

The Gospel. St. John 14. 12-14.

December 8.

THE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Collect.

Almighty God, Who didst endue with singular grace the blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Lord: Vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to us who commemorate her Conception, that our bodies may be hallowed in purity, and our souls in humility and love; through the same our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lesson. I Samuel 2. 7-9.

The Gospel. St. Luke 1. 46-55.

December 17. SAINT IGNATIUS

The Collect.

Renew in Thy Church, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the faith and courage of Ignatius, Thy martyr; that we may so burn with love toward Thee as to care for naught else but to do Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Romans 8. 35-39.

The Gospel. St. John 12. 24-36.

January 13. SAINT HILARY

The Collect.

Almighty God, Who didst give to Thy servant Hilary both wisdom and courage to make known the truth revealed unto us through Thine incarnate

Son: Grant us, we beseech Thee, a continuance of these gifts; that Thy Church may never be moved from the faith of the gospel; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson. Isaiah 41. 9-13.

The Gospel. St. Luke 12. 35-40.

January 20. SAINT AGNES

The Collect.

Almighty God, Who as on this day didst bestow upon Thy blessed virgin Saint Agnes the heavenly palm of martyrdom: Grant us grace that we also may be steadfast in our devotion to Thee, and being made pure in heart may be accounted worthy to be admitted into Thy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson. Ecclesiasticus 51. 1-3.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 5. 8-12.

January 22. SAINT VINCENT

The Collect.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who didst give grace unto Thy blessed martyr Saint Vincent both to preach the faith of Christ and to suffer gladly for His sake: Grant us in like manner to abide constantly in the truth, and to endure without fear the adversities of this present world; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Romans 8. 18-21.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 10. 24-28.

January 24.

SAINT TIMOTHY & SAINT TITUS

The Collect.

O God, Who by the hand of the Apostle Paul didst commit to Thy servants Timothy and Titus a part in the ministry of the gospel and the establishing of Thy household: Grant us grace, that in these latter days we may stand fast in the true faith, and ever maintain the appointed order and discipline of Thy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. I Timothy 6. 11-16.

The Gospel. St. Luke 24. 44-47.

January 26.

SAINT POLYCARP

The Collect.

O Lord our God, Who never failest them that put their trust in Thee: Grant us, after the pattern of Thy holy martyr Saint Polycarp, to serve Thee faithfully all our days, and to love Thee unto the end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson. Revelation 2. 8-11.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 10. 16-22.

January 27.

SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

The Collect.

Almighty God, Who didst give to Saint John Chrysostom grace to preach the word with power:

Grant unto all them that minister in holy things such knowledge and love of the unsearchable riches of Christ, that they may be used by Thee for the conversion of sinners and the edifying of the faithful; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson. Jeremiah 1. 6-9.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 5. 13-16.

February 3. SAINT ANSKAR

The Collect.

O God, Who willest that all men shall come to the knowledge of the truth, and be saved: Pour Thy grace, we beseech Thee, upon those who publish the word of salvation among the heathen; and grant that, following the patient labours of Thy servant Anskar, they may gather many believers into Thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Hebrews 10. 35-39.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 28. 18-20

March 1. SAINT DAVID

The Collect.

O God, Who madest Saint David to be a victorious champion of the faith, and didst reward his rich sowing with an abundant harvest: Continue Thy favour, we beseech Thee, towards the people

of Wales and the Church in their midst; and so bless them with spiritual gifts that the land of their fathers may be a praise in all the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Ephesians 2. 4-10.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 9. 35-38.

March 2. SAINT CHAD

The Collect.

Almighty God, Who from the first fruits of the English people unto Christ didst call Saint Chad to be an evangelist and bishop: Give us grace so to follow his peaceable temper and holy life, that we also may commend unto others the faith which we profess; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. I Timothy 6. 11-16.

The Gospel. St. Mark 10. 42-45.

March 6.

SAINT PERPETUA AND HER COMPANIONS

The Collect.

O God, Who didst fill the hearts of Perpetua and her companions with such courage that they went forth nobly to their death: Grant that we may be made worthy to climb the ladder of their sacrifice, and to be received into the garden of peace; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

The Lesson. Revelation 7. 13-17.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 10. 34-39.

March 7. SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

The Collect.

Almighty God, Who didst enlighten Thy servant Thomas Aquinas with heavenly wisdom, making him a master among the teachers of Thy Church: Mercifully grant that, after his example, we may love Thee with all our mind, and daily advance in the knowledge of the truth which Thou hast revealed in Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson. Wisdom 7. 7-14.

The Gospel. St. John 14. 23-26.

March 12.

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

The Collect.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who didst give to Thy servant Gregory a great apostleship in the Church, and didst inspire him to seek the conversion of the English people: Renew Thy grace in us, we pray Thee, that we also may communicate the treasures of the gospel, and make Thy praises to be sung in heathen lands; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson. Ecclesiasticus 47. 8-10.

The Gospel. St. John 21. 15-17.

March 17. SAINT PATRICK

The Collect.

Almighty God, Who in Thy providence didst choose Thy servant Patrick to be the apostle of the Irish people, that the light of the gospel might shine in their midst: Grant that they and we may so walk in that light that we may come at last to the glory of Thy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson. Revelation 22. 1-5.

The Gospel. St. Mark 16. 14-18.

March 20. SAINT CUTHBERT

The Collect.

Almighty God, Who didst call Saint Cuthbert from the care of his flock to make him a shepherd in Thy Church: Send Thy Holy Spirit upon all bishops and pastors, we beseech Thee, that after his example they may tend Thy people with the love of our Redeemer Jesus Christ; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, blessed for ever. Amen.

The Lesson. Ezekiel 34. 11-14.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 18. 12-14.

March 21. SAINT BENEDICT

The Collect.

Grant, O Lord, that after the precepts and example of Saint Benedict, we Thy children may diligently walk in the path of obedience, and in the way of prayer, and may be united as one family in the bond of brotherly love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. I St. John 2. 15-17.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 19. 27-30.

April 3. SAINT RICHARD

The Collect.

O God, Who didst endue Saint Richard with gifts of learning and devotion: Grant that we also may delight in the service of Thine only-begotten Son; and enable us by Thy grace to see Him more clearly, to love Him more dearly, and to follow Him more nearly, day by day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Philippians 2. 12-16.

The Gospel. St. Luke 6. 20-23.

April 4. SAINT AMBROSE

The Collect.

O Lord God, Who madest Saint Ambrose to be a leader among Thy people and a champion of the

faith: Replenish Thy Church with the spirit of sound learning, to interpret Thy truth; with the spirit of boldness, to judge right judgment; and with the spirit of worship, to magnify Thy mercy in the beauty of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson. Isaiah 41. 9-13.

The Gospel. St. Luke 12. 35-40.

April 11. SAINT LEO

The Collect.

Almighty God, Who didst raise up Thy servant Leo to guard the faith against corruption and Thy people against assaults of the heathen: Mercifully grant that we, being enlightened by his teaching, may steadfastly believe the truth concerning the incarnation of Thy Son, and may be strong to withstand in the evil day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. II Timothy 1. 10-14.

The Gospel. St. John 12. 44-50.

April 19. SAINT ALPHEGE

The Collect.

Almighty God, Who didst crown Thy servant Alphege with the glory of martyrdom: Grant unto his successors that with a like courage they may so lead Thy Church that it may be established in the

hearts of the people, and ever exalt the nation in righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lesson. Daniel 12. 1-3.

The Gospel. St. Mark 8. 34-38.

April 21.

SAINT ANSELM

The Collect.

O God, Who madest Saint Anselm to be both learned in the faith and bold in the care and defence of the Church: Preserve us in Thy peace, we beseech Thee; and grant us grace that, like him, we may declare in our lives the fruits of the redemption which Thou hast wrought for us, and ever ascribe unto Thee the honour due unto Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lesson. Wisdom 10. 10-12.

The Gospel. St. Luke 21. 9-12.

April 23.

SAINT GEORGE

The Collect.

O Lord God of hosts, Who didst give grace unto Saint George to lay aside the fear of man, and to confess Thee even unto death: Grant that Thy people may steadfastly cleave to the same faith, and yield true allegiance to the Captain of our salvation; to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost,

be praise from all the armies of Thy saints, now and evermore. Amen.

The Lesson. Revelation 19. 11-16.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 16. 24-27.

April 30.

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

The Collect

Almighty God, Who through the grace of prayer and mystic communion didst inspire Thy servant Catherine with the spirit of counsel and a large compassion: Fill our hearts, we beseech Thee, with true devotion to Thy service, that being conformed to the pattern of her hidden life, we also may be enabled to serve our generation according to Thy will; through the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. II Corinthians 1. 3-7.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 13. 44-46.

May 2.

SAINT ATHANASIUS

The Collect.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as Saint Athanasius faithfully withstood them that denied the true nature of Thy consubstantial and incarnate Word, and triumphantly confirmed Thy Church in the faith; so also we may live and triumph by the light of the truth of the God.

head of our Redeemer, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. II Corinthians 4. 5-10.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 10. 23-28.

May 4.

SAINT MONICA

The Collect.

Almighty God, Who didst graciously hear the prayers of blessed Monica for the conversion of Augustine, her son: Grant that we also, neither faltering in love nor wearying in hope, may receive our petitions in due time, according to Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Romans 8. 24-28.

The Gospel. St. Mark 9. 25-29.

May 19.

SAINT DUNSTAN

The Collect.

Almighty God, Who didst raise up Saint Dunstan to be a faithful ruler of Thy flock and a wise counsellor of kings: Grant that the Church and people of our land may ever be governed by such as are wholly devoted to Thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. I Thessalonians 5. 12-22.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 24. 42-47.

May 25.

SAINT ALDHELM

The Collect

O God, Who hast declared unto us the way of life and the way of worship: We thank Thee for the memory and good example of Thy servant Aldhelm, who taught his people to rejoice in Thee; and we beseech Thee to grant that we also may show forth Thy praise with lips and hands and lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Ephesians 5. 15-21.

The Gospel. St. Luke 19. 37-40.

May 26.

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

The Collect.

Almighty God, Who of Thy great mercy didst send Thy servant Augustine to preach the gospel to our fathers: Grant that we may jealously guard our heritage, and that by the pure witness of faith and well-doing we may enlarge Thy kingdom in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Philippians 2. 12-16.

The Gospel. St. Luke 10. 1-7.

May 27.

THE VENERABLE BEDE

The Collect.

Grant, O Lord, that as with great contentment Thy servant Bede laboured diligently by prayer and

study to enrich Thy Church; so we may learn to abide in the peace of Thy presence, and perform with a glad mind the work which thou givest us to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson. Isaiah 63. 7-9.

The Gospel. St. John 20. 30-31.

May 30. SAINT JOAN OF ARC

The Collect.

Almighty God, Who didst give grace unto Thy servant Joan so to lean upon the aid of Thy heavenly power that she triumphed over every hindrance, and fulfilled her calling: Mercifully grant unto her countrymen, and to all her fellow-citizens in Thy kingdom, that they may serve Thee with a like devotion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson. Wisdom 8. 9-15.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 16. 24-27.

June 5. SAINT BONIFACE

The Collect.

O God, Who didst call Thy servant Boniface to be the apostle of Germany, there to lay down His life for the faith: Make us so to treasure the good gifts which Thou hast bestowed upon us, that we may eagerly communicate them to others who know Thee not, and publish Thy peace in all

dark places; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Epistle. II Corinthians 4. 5-11.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 10. 16-22.

June 9.

SAINT COLUMBA

The Collect.

Almighty God, by Whose providence Saint Columba, the apostle of Scotland, proclaimed the truth of Thy salvation: Mercifully grant that all who enjoy the fruit of his labours may ever follow his undaunted faith: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. II Timothy 4. 1-5.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 28. 16-20.

June 14.

SAINT BASIL

The Collect.

Almighty God, Who didst enlighten the mind of Saint Basil by Thy Holy Spirit: Enable us, after his teaching and example, to walk before Thee as members of one family, united in charity and in obedience to Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Epistle. I Corinthians 2. 6-13.

The Gospel. St. Mark 10. 23-31.

June 22.

SAINT ALBAN

The Collect.

O God, Who didst give grace unto Thy blessed martyr Saint Alban to glorify Thee by his death: Grant that we, following his faith and constancy, may receive with him the crown of righteousness laid up for them that love Thy Son's appearing; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. I Peter 1. 3-9.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 16. 24-27.

June 28.

SAINT IRENAEUS

The Collect.

Almighty God, Who didst enable Thy servant Irenaeus to bear faithful witness to the truth received as their common heritage by the children of Thy household in East and West: Keep us in the tradition of the holy apostles, and make us fervent to preach the gospel in every land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson. Malachi 2. 5-7.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 13. 47-52.

July 2.

THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Collect.

Almighty God, Who, for their mutual comfort, didst cause the Blessed Virgin Mary to visit her

cousin Elisabeth: Grant unto us Thy people, that as Mary rejoiced to be called the Mother of the Lord, so we may ever magnify Thee for the love which visited and redeemed us through the incarnation of Thine only-begotten Son; to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Epistle. I St. John 4. 10-14.

The Gospel. St. Luke 1. 39-45.

July 15.

SAINT SWITHUN

The Collect.

Grant, O Lord, that as Thy servant Swithun fulfilled his office of bishop with humility and true devotion; so in our day worthy successors may preserve Thy people in the discipline and love of Christ, and guard them from all superstition and unbelief; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Hebrews 5. 1-5.

The Gospel. St. John 10. 11-15.

July 20.

SAINT MARGARET OF ANTIOCH

The Collect.

O God, Who didst endue Thy martyr, Saint Margaret, with grace to witness a good confession, and to suffer gladly for Thy Name's sake: Grant us, we beseech Thee, so to follow her steadfastness

that we also may attain to the glorious company of the saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Romans 8. 15-18.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 13. 44-46.

July 26.

SAINT ANNE

The Collect.

O Lord God, Who in Thy providence didst appoint that Saint Anne should bear the Mother of Thine only-begotten Son, and teach her to rejoice in Thy service: Bestow upon all Christian mothers, we beseech Thee, a patient and godly spirit, that they may draw their children unto pure and virtuous living; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson. Proverbs 31. 10 & 28-31.

The Gospel. St. Luke 1. 68-72.

August 5.

SAINT OSWALD

The Collect.

O everlasting King, Thou Lord of hosts, set up the cross of Thy dear Son in the hearts of Thy people; that, fearlessly following in the steps of Thy holy martyr King Oswald, they may triumph over every stronghold of evil; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson. Wisdom 5. 15-20.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 16. 24-27.

August 10.

SAINT LAURENCE

The Collect.

Almighty God, Who didst give to blessed Laurence a spirit of compassion, and the power to withstand the fire of his torments: Stir us by his example to whole-hearted devotion to Thy service; and by Thine own refining fire prepare us for the judgment that is to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. II Corinthians 9. 6-10.

The Gospel. St. John 12. 24-26.

August 15.

THE FALLING ASLEEP

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Collect.

Almighty God, Who didst endue with singular grace the blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Lord: Vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to us who commemorate her Falling Asleep, that our bodies may be hallowed in purity, and our souls in humility and love; through the same our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lesson. I Samuel 2. 7-9.

The Gospel. St. Luke 1. 46-55.

August 20. SAINT BERNARD

The Collect.

Grant, O Lord, that as Thy Church was enlightened, and restored to godly discipline and zeal, by the manifold gifts which Thou didst bestow upon Saint Bernard; so we, being delivered from conformity to this present world, may be encouraged to press onward in our spiritual warfare through the lively faith of those whom Thou dost set over us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson. Ecclesiasticus 39. 1-7.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 5. 13-16.

August 28.

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

The Collect.

O God, Who didst grant unto the prayers of Saint Monica the conversion of Augustine, her son, and didst raise him up to be both a bishop and a doctor in Thy Church: Give us grace so to follow him in the paths of penitence and discipline that we also may attain to the vision of Thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Romans 13. 11-14.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 7. 24-27.

August 31.

SAINT AIDAN

The Collect.

Give grace, O Lord, to the bishops and pastors of Thy flock, that they may minister after the pattern of Thy servant Aidan, whom we commemorate this day; that so Thy people may be shepherded with the holy love of our Redeemer Jesus Christ; Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Epistle. I Corinthians 9. 16-19.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 6. 31-34.

September 1.

SAINT GILES

The Collect.

O Lord Jesu Christ, Who hast purchased us with Thy precious blood, and made us to be brethren in one household, the Church: Give us grace that, after the pattern of Thy servant Giles, we may be pitiful to the poor, and tender to them that suffer; for Thy sake, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Lesson. Tobit 13. 10-11.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 12. 10-13.

September 8.

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Collect.

O Almighty God, Who didst endue with singular grace the blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Lord: Vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to us who commemorate her Nativity, that our bodies may be hallowed in purity, and our souls in humility and love; through the same our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lesson. I Samuel 2. 7-9.

The Gospel. St. Luke 1. 46-55.

September 13. SAINT CYPRIAN

The Collect.

O God, Who didst give grace to blessed Cyprian to guard Thy Church in Africa through troublous times: Grant to all who bear rule in Thy household that they may labour to preserve it in the faith, and to maintain its order and unity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. I Corinthians 12. 4-13.

The Gospel. St. John 21. 15-19.

September 16. SAINT NINIAN

The Collect.

Almighty God, by Whose providence Saint Ninian proclaimed to the people of Scotland the truth of Thy salvation: Mercifully grant that all who enjoy the fruit of his labours may ever follow his undaunted faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. II Timothy 4. 1-5.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 28. 16-20.

September 19. SAINT THEODORE

The Collect.

Almighty God, Who didst send Thy servant Theodore to rule and reform our Church in its day of need: Preserve to us the faith and order which Thou didst bestow through his labours; and grant unto his successors the same spirit which dwelt in him; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Romans 15. 1-7.

The Gospel. St. Luke 12. 35-44.

September 30. SAINT JEROME

The Collect.

Grant, O Lord, that as Thy servant Jerome studied the scriptures with great diligence, and by

his learning and labour gave them anew to the Church of the West; so we may always treasure Thy holy word, and find it in the light that shineth ever more and more unto the perfect day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Romans 16. 25-27.

The Gospel. St. Luke 24. 25-32.

October 1. SAINT REMIGIUS

The Collect.

O God, Who didst choose Thy servant Remigius to carry the gospel of salvation to the Franks: Grant that, by the almighty working of Thy providence, the kings and rulers of untaught lands may bring in their glory and honour, and take their place within the holy city of Thy perfected Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson. Habakkuk 2. 1-3.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 28. 18-20.

October 4. SAINT FRANCIS

The Collect.

O God, Who didst inspire Saint Francis with surpassing love of Thee and of all Thy creatures: Grant that, after his example, we may walk in singleness of heart, counting the wisdom of this world as foolishness, and determined to know nothing save Jesus Christ and him crucified; who liveth and

reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Epistle. Galatians 6. 14-18.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 11. 25-30.

October 6.

SAINT FAITH

The Collect.

O God, Who didst endue Saint Faith with grace to witness a good confession, and to suffer gladly for Thy Name's sake: Grant us, we beseech Thee, so to follow her steadfastness that we also may attain to the glorious company of the saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. I John 2. 1-6.

The Gospel. St. Mark 10. 13-16.

October 9.

SAINT DENYS

The Collect.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to grant that, after the example of Thy holy martyr Saint Denys, we may be constant in Thy faith and truth; and that, being grounded in divine love, we may not be moved from its perfection by any tribulations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson. Revelation 2. 10-11.

The Gospel. St. John 3. 16-21.

October 13.

SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

The Collect.

O God, Who didst move King Edward the Confessor to build a house to the glory of Thy Name, and didst give him the hearts of our Saxon forefathers: Mercifully grant that his successors, being crowned within the church of his sepulchre, may ever follow him in holiness of living, and in winning the allegiance and love of their peoples; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson. Ecclesiasticus 31. 8-11.

The Gospel. St. Luke 12. 35-40.

October 17. SAINT ETHELDREDA

The Collect.

O God, Who didst call Thy servant Etheldreda from an earthly throne that she might advance Thy heavenly kingdom: Mercifully grant that we who commemorate her faith may be fruitful in good works, and attain to the crown of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson. Isaiah 61. 10-11.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 13. 44-46.

October 25.

SAINT CRISPIN AND SAINT CRISPINIAN

The Collect.

Grant, O Lord, that we who commemorate Thy holy martyrs Crispin and Crispinian, may do Thee service after their example, working with our hands the thing which is good, and ministering to the needs of men, alike in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. II. Thessalonians 3. 7-13.

The Gospel. St. John 12. 24-26.

October 26.

KING ALFRED

The Collect.

Almighty God, Who didst enable King Alfred to save his country from a ruthless foe, and to bless the people by his faith and wisdom: Stablish, we pray Thee, the thing which Thou hast wrought in us, and make us worthy of Thine unending mercies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson. Wisdom 6. 24, 25.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 20. 25-28.

November 2.

ALL SOULS

The Collect.

O Lord, the maker and redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful departed all the unsearchable benefits of Thy Son's passion, that in the day of His appearing they may be manifested

as Thy true children; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson. Revelation 20. 11-15.

The Gospel. St. John 11. 21-27.

November 6. SAINT LEONARD

The Collect.

O God, by Whose grace the blessed abbot Saint Leonard, enkindled with the fire of Thy love, became a burning and a shining light in Thy Church: Grant that we, being inflamed with the same spirit of discipline and love, may ever walk before Thee as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Romans 12. 6-13.

The Gospel. St. Luke 12. 32-34.

November 11. SAINT MARTIN

The Collect.

O God, Who didst endue Saint Martin with the spirit of sacrifice, and madest him also to be strong in the defence of the faith: Grant us grace to follow in his steps, that at the last we may be found clothed with righteousness in the dwellings of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. 1 Thessalonians 5. 5-11.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 25. 34-40.

November 16. SAINT HUGH

The Collect.

O merciful Father, Who didst give Thy servant Hugh of Lincoln power to commend the discipline of holy living alike to kings and princes and to the people over whom they bore rule: Give us grace that, with the same wise and cheerful courage, we may win others to the service of Thy blessed Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Epistle. 1 Timothy 4. 12-16.

The Gospel. St. Mark 9. 35-37.

November 17. SAINT HILDA

The Collect.

O God, Who didst give such grace unto Saint Hilda that she became a nursing mother to Thy Church: Prosper, we pray Thee, the good work which she began; and grant that, after her example, we may turn from the passing things of earth and seek only the things which endure in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Hebrews 13. 14-17.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 13. 31-32.

November 20. SAINT EDMUND

The Collect.

Almighty God, in Whose strength Saint Edmund the King stood firm against the heathen, and gave up his life for the people: Set the cross of Thy Son in our hearts, we beseech Thee, that after the example of Thy holy martyr we may not yield to the enemies of the faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson. Revelation 21. 23-27.

The Gospel. St. John 12. 24-26.

November 22. SAINT CECILIA

The Collect.

O God, Who as on this day didst cause the blessed virgin Saint Cecilia to attain unto the heavenly palm of martyrdom: Grant us, we beseech Thee, so to follow her example that we may be accounted worthy to be joined unto the choir of them that rest not day and night from Thy perfect service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Ephesians 5. 15-21.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 10. 26-32.

November 23.

SAINT CLEMENT OF ROME

The Collect.

O Lord, Who in every age dost lead the meek of the earth to be followers of the Lamb: Raise up among us, we pray Thee, teachers like unto Saint Clement; and grant that by their writings they may edify the Church, and open unto us the healing fountains of repentance, peace, and love; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. I Peter 5. 2-4.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 24. 42-47.

November 25.

SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

The Collect.

O God, who didst endue Saint Catherine with grace to witness a good confession, and to suffer gladly for Thy Name's sake: Grant us, we beseech Thee, so to follow her steadfastness that we also may attain to the glorious company of the saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Romans 8. 15-18.

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