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of  
Rites and Blessings  
in  
The Eternal  
Virgin Eucharistic Church

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## **TO THE READER**

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**These Sacraments and Blessings were instituted by Jesus Christ Himself.**

**Here we have a small handbook for the easy and quick reference for use by the priests to help them in serving God's children.**

**This should also be in every household showing the power and effects of the Seven Sacraments, and giving guidelines for blessings of various kinds.**

**So often in the busy schedule, our memory needs a little reminder of some of the essential parts of the reason for the rite.**

**We hope that this little book is a convenient help to those who seek to be perfect in all that they do.**

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*All these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, yet so if you hear  
His precepts.*

Dt 28:2

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## **DEDICATION**

**To the Priests of God,  
who administer in His service,  
with love and fidelity.**

**To the faithful,  
who keep watch,  
and being prepared,  
are ready for all occasions.**

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## Introduction

The majority of these Blessings and Rites are taken from 'Practical Handbook of Rites, Blessings and Prayer' published by The Catholic Church in 1961. We have made a number of modifications to that publication.

When we speak of the Eternal Virgin Eucharistic Church, we speak of Eucharistic man. We speak of being the revelation of the sons of God. We speak of being the fulfillment of the Second Testament, and the opening of the New and Eternal Third Testament.

We speak of the Lord, Almighty God and Savior, Who promised to be a Father to us, and we His sons and daughters.<sup>1</sup>

The Revelation of Jesus Christ is Holy Eucharist, Eucharistic man, who is like the Son of man, Jesus, made His sons and daughters by His promise.

Eucharistic man is conceived in the Heart of God from all eternity.

Joyfully, Jesus came unto His own.

Sorrowfully, His own received Him not.

Gloriously, to those who received Him, He gave them power to be made the sons of God, to them that believe in His Name, who are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of our God.

The Word is made flesh and dwells among us, full of grace and truth,<sup>2</sup> and this Word is made flesh in the Firstborn of Jesus, Eucharistic man, Christ Jesus.

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<sup>1</sup> 2Co 6:18

<sup>2</sup> Jn 1:11-14

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The faithful in the Eucharistic Church must remember that they are ‘Christed,’ that is they are the Mystical Body of Christ. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church. He loved the Church and delivered Himself up for it. He sanctified it, cleansing it by the laver of water, in the Word of life, so that now He presents it to Himself, a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and immaculate.<sup>3</sup> We who believe, that is Eucharistic man, is the body of Christ,<sup>4</sup> and though being many, are one body in Him.<sup>5</sup> We are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones.<sup>6</sup> He is the Saviour of His body, and we His Church are subject to Him.<sup>7</sup> For of Him, and by Him, and in Him, are all things, to Him be glory for ever. Amen.<sup>8</sup>

Christ, our Divine Savior, united in His person the office of Priest, Teacher, and King.

As Priest He offered the great sacrifice of atonement when He died on the Cross. He anticipated this Bloody Sacrifice in an unbloody manner at the Last Supper.

As Teacher He announced the glad tidings of the Gospel and brought to its completion the revelation contained in the Old Testament.

As King He gave to the world the law of salvation, which all men must observe in order to save their souls. Christ Himself ascended into Heaven, but He willed that the work which He had begun should be continued on earth. For this reason He instituted the Sacrament of Holy Orders, by which He

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<sup>3</sup> Ep 5:23-27

<sup>4</sup> 1Co 12:27

<sup>5</sup> Rm 12:5

<sup>6</sup> Ep 5:30

<sup>7</sup> Ep 5:23,24

<sup>8</sup> Rm 11:36

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conferred upon the Apostles His own mission and powers, and ordained that they in turn should transmit them to their successors.

Jesus gave the gifts of the Seven Sacraments to the Priests of God at Ordination, to be administered by them . These Sacraments and Blessings were instituted by Jesus Christ Himself, and so here we have a small handbook for the easy and quick reference for use by the priests to help them in serving God's children.

## The Seven Sacraments of the Church

The Seven Sacraments of the Eternal Virgin Eucharistic Church are:

1. Baptism
2. Confessions
3. Holy Eucharist
4. Confirmation
5. Matrimony
6. Holy Orders
7. Extreme Unction.

We will deal with each of them in order.

### Points to Be Observed in the Administration of the Sacraments

1. *All the Sacraments are given to us by Jesus Christ. Therefore, Almighty God must be the center of our lives. The Sacraments confirm this.*
2. *The vestments for the administration of the Sacraments are a surplice and stole of the appropriate color, worn over the cassock.*
3. *Whenever possible the priest should be assisted by a cleric or server, also wearing a cassock and surplice.*
4. *Everything necessary for the administration of the Sacraments should be kept easily accessible and scrupulously clean.*
5. *The priest should explain whenever possible to those present, what the Sacraments are for, their place in all our lives, and their value to every one of us; and also what the ceremonies mean.*
6. *When administering the Sacraments the priest must take care to pronounce the words attentively, distinctly and reverently, and in a voice loud enough to be heard clearly. He should recite the prayers devoutly and carefully, not easily trusting his memory, which can sometimes be at fault, but always using the book. He should perform all the ceremonies and actions in such a way as to raise the minds of those present to the higher things of Almighty God, and keep them attentive to what he is doing.*
7. *It must always be remembered in administering and participating in the Sacraments that our first and last objective is the love and service and adoration of the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy*

*Ghost.*

## Baptism

### Why is Baptism necessary?

God said: “Let Us make man to Our image and likeness, and let him have dominion over the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the air, and the beasts, and the whole earth, and every creeping creature that moves upon the earth.”<sup>9</sup>

“Now the serpent was more subtle than any of the beasts of the earth which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman: ‘Why has God commanded you, that you should not eat of every tree of Paradise? And the woman answered him, saying: ‘Of the fruit of the trees that are in Paradise we do eat, but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of Paradise, God has commanded us that we should not eat, and that we should not touch it, lest perhaps we die.’ And the serpent said to the woman: ‘No, you shall not die the death. For God does know that in what day soever you shall eat thereof, your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as Gods, knowing good and evil.’”<sup>10</sup>

Before he revolted from God, the devil had been given control over the whole earth. He knew that if he could deceive Adam, all that had been given to him, and all people born of Adam would fall under this deception, and consequently be subject to Satan, and would incur his sin, that is, be under the curse of the evil one himself. The devil confirmed this in the temptation of Jesus in the desert, when he led Him into a high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And he said to Him: “To Thee will I give all this power and the glory of them. For to me they are delivered, and to whom I will, I give them.”<sup>11</sup>

By overcoming death, and rising again from the dead, Jesus took back the authority given by Adam and Eve to the devil. Therefore when we are baptized as He requests, we die with Him, and so we arise with Him, victorious over “the death,” that is the devil.

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<sup>9</sup> Gn 1:26

<sup>10</sup> Gn 3:1-4

<sup>11</sup> Lk 4:5,6

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Jesus began His public ministry when He came from Galilee to the Jordan, unto John, to be baptized by him. But John stayed Him, saying: “I ought to be baptized by Thee, and come Thou to me? And Jesus answering, said to him: ‘Suffer it to be so now. For so it becomes us to fulfil all justice.’ Then he suffered Him. And Jesus being baptized, forthwith came out of the water, and lo, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon Him. And behold a voice from Heaven saying: “This is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”<sup>12</sup>

The devil claims his authority over all people who are not baptized.

Jesus completed His mission on earth by telling His disciples: “All authority is given to Me in Heaven and earth. Going therefore, teach ye all nations, baptizing them, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world.”<sup>13</sup> In this was the Sacrament of Baptism ordained by Jesus.

Jesus taught that baptism is necessary for salvation. He said: “He that believes and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believes not shall be condemned.”<sup>14</sup> Again it is written: “Amen, Amen I say to thee, unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Ghost, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.”<sup>15</sup>

Saint Paul said: “Know you not that all we who are baptized in Christ Jesus are baptized in his death? For we are buried together with him by baptism into death, that, as Christ is risen from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also may walk in newness of life.”<sup>16</sup>

And again Saint Paul said: “Buried with Him in baptism, in whom

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<sup>12</sup> Mt 3:13-17

<sup>13</sup> Mt 28:18-20

<sup>14</sup> Mk 16:16

<sup>15</sup> Jn 3:5

<sup>16</sup> Rm 6:3,4

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also you are risen again by the faith of the operation of God who has raised Him up from the dead.<sup>17</sup> A Sacrament is the fulfillment of a Divine promise, and therefore in Baptism we are set free from the curse of the devil, fulfilling the promise given in Isaiah: “release to the captives, and deliverance to them that are shut up.”<sup>18</sup>

### Administration of the Sacrament of Baptism

*Things to be prepared:*

1. *The holy oils, which should be kept in silver or at least rust-proof metal containers clearly marked.*
2. *Common salt, which once blessed may be kept for use at subsequent baptisms.*
3. *A small shell or other similar vessel with which the water may be taken from the font and poured upon the head of the person to be baptized.*
4. *A basin and towel. The basin is not needed if the font has (as it usually has), its own drain to pour out into the sacrarium.*
5. *Cotton wool for cleansing the places anointed with the oil.*
6. *Two stoles, one purple, one white.*
7. *Some pieces of bread for wiping the oil from the priest's fingers.*
8. *A white garment (usually represented by a white cloth) to be placed upon the person's head after baptism.*
9. *A wax candle to be given lighted to the person baptized.*
10. *A book for the ceremony, and the Baptismal Register.*

### Rite of Infant Baptism

*When all is ready the priest washes his hands and puts on, over his cassock, a surplice and purple stole. If assistants are available he should take one or more with him, and they too should be vested in surplices. He proceeds to the church door where those who have brought the child await his arrival.*

*He asks first whether it is a boy or a girl, whether for any reason it has already been baptized at home, and if so by whom and how. He enquires who are to be the godparents, and instructs them in what to*

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<sup>17</sup> Col 2:12

<sup>18</sup> Is 61:1

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*do during the ceremony, and how to make the responses.*

*He should make sure that the name chosen for the child is not frivolous and unworthy of a Christian, but rather the name of one of the saints of God whom the child can learn, later on, to imitate and look to for protection.*

*The child, having been named, is held, or carried in arms, on the right arm of whoever carries it during the ceremony.*

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P. Peace be with you.

*1. He then asks the name of the infant:*

P. **What** is your name?

**Godparents: N.**

*2. The priest asks the infant:*

P. **N.**, what do you ask of the Eucharistic Church of God?

**Godparents: Faith.**

P. **What** does faith offer you?

**Godparents: Eternal Life.**

P. **If**, then, you wish to enter into life, keep the commandment: ‘You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, and with your whole soul, and with your whole mind, and your neighbor as yourself.’<sup>19</sup>

*3. He then blows gently three times on the face of the infant, saying once:*

Depart from him (*her*), unclean spirit, and give place to the Holy Ghost, the Consoler.

*4. After that, using his thumb, he makes the Sign of the Cross on the forehead and on the breast of the infant, saying:*

Receive the mark of the Cross on your ✠ forehead and within your ✠ heart. Embrace the faith with its Divine teachings, so that you will indeed be a living Temple of God.

P. **Let us** pray:

We beg Thee, Lord God, graciously hear our prayers. Guard Thy chosen one, **N.**, with the never-failing power of the Cross of Christ, with which he (she) has been marked. Protect him (her) so that, remaining true to the first lessons he (she) has learned about the greatness of Thy glory which Thou will confer upon him

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<sup>19</sup> Dt 6:5

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(her), he (she) may, by keeping Thy commandments, attain to the glory of the new birth in Thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*5. Next he places his hand on the infant's head and then, with his hand extended, he says:*

P. Let us pray:

Almighty and Eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, look with favor upon this Thy servant, **N.**, whom Thou have called to take his (her) first steps in the Faith. Take from him (her) all blindness of heart. Free him (her) from the snares of Satan which until now have held him (her) bound. Open to him (her), Lord, the Gate of Thy mercy. Then, seasoned by the salt which is symbolic of Thy wisdom, may he (she) be relieved of the corruption of evil desires, and, finding pleasure in the keeping of Thy commandments, may he (she) serve Thee in Thy Church and make progress from day to day in the way of perfection. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*6. Next the priest blesses the salt.*

### Blessing of Salt

P. **O Salt**, creature of God, I exorcize you in the Name of God ✠ the Father Almighty, and in the love of our Lord Jesus ✠ Christ, and in the strength of the Holy ✠ Ghost. I exorcize you by the Living ✠ God, the True ✠ God, the Holy ✠ God, the God ✠ Who brought you into being to safeguard the human race, and commanded you to be consecrated by His servants for the benefit of those who are coming into the faith, so that by the power of the Holy Trinity you might become a health-giving Sacrament to put the enemy to flight. Therefore we beg you, O Lord our God, to sanctify ✠ by Thy power of sanctification, this salt which Thou have created and to bless ✠ it with Thy blessing, so that it may become a perfect medicine for all who receive it and may remain always in every fiber of their being. In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who will come to judge the living, and the dead, and the world by fire.

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A. Amen.

*7. Then he places a bit of blessed salt into the infant's mouth, saying as he does:*

P. **N.**, receive the salt, which is a symbol of wisdom.  
May it bring you God's favor for Life Everlasting.

A. Amen.

P. Peace be with you.

P. Let us pray:

God of our fathers, God, Author of all truth, we humbly ask Thee to look with favor on this Thy servant **N.**, who has had his (her) first taste of blessed food in the form of salt at Thy table. Satisfy him (her) with the Bread of Heaven, so that he (she) may be forever fervent in spirit, joyful in hope, and zealous in Thy service. We ask Thee, Lord, to lead him (her) to the waters of new Life, in which he (she) will be born again, so that he (she), with all who believe in Thee, may obtain the eternal rewards which Thou have promised. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

P. I exorcize you, unclean spirit, in the Name of the Father ✠, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy ✠ Ghost.

Come forth accursed and damned spirit, depart from this servant of God, **N.** He commands you now, He Who walked dry-shod upon the waters, and when Peter would have perished in the sea stretched out to him His saving hand.

Therefore, accursed devil, acknowledge your condemnation and pay homage to the True and Living God; pay homage to Jesus Christ, His Son, and to the Holy Ghost, and depart from this servant of God, **N.**, for Jesus Christ, our Lord and God, in His goodness, has called him (her) to His Holy Grace and blessing, and to the font of Baptism.

*8. Here, using his thumb, the priest signs the infant on the forehead, saying:*

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Accursed devil, never dare to desecrate this sign of the Holy ✠ Cross which we are tracing upon his (her) forehead. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*9. Next he places his hand on the head of the infant and then, with his hand extended, he says:*

P. Let us pray:

Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Eternal God, source of all light and truth, I humbly beg Thy never-ending and most Holy Mercy upon this servant of Thine, **N.** May it please Thee to grant him (her) the light of Thine own wisdom and understanding. Cleanse him (her) and make him (her) holy. Give him (her) true knowledge, so that he (she) may be made worthy of the grace of Thy Baptism, he (she) may be endowed with unwavering hope, sound judgment, and a grasp of holy doctrine. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*10. After this, the priest places the end of the stole which hangs from his left shoulder upon the infant, saying:*

P. **N.**, enter the Temple of God, so that you may have part with Jesus Christ in Life Everlasting.

A. Amen.

*11. The priest leads the way to the font, saying aloud together with the godparents as they go:*

P. Let us pray the Apostles' Creed.

### **Priest and Godparents together:**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of Heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,

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was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell;  
the third day He arose again from the dead;  
He ascended into Heaven,  
sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the Eternal Virgin Eucharistic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and Life Everlasting. Amen.

**P.** Let us pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **Priest and Godparents together:**

Our Father, Who art in Heaven,  
hallowed be Thy Name;  
Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

*12. Before entering the Baptistry he stands with his back to the Baptistry gates and says:*

**P.** I exorcize you, every unclean spirit, in the Name of God the Father ✠ Almighty, and in the Name of His Son, Jesus ✠ Christ our Lord and Judge, and in the strength of the Holy ✠ Ghost, that you depart from this creature of God, **N.**, whom our Lord has called to His Holy Temple in order that he (she) may become the Temple of the Living God, and that the Holy Ghost may dwell in him (her). I command you in Jesus Christ our Lord, Who will come to judge the living and the dead and the world by fire.

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A. Amen.

*13. After this, the priest with his thumb touches the ears and nostrils of the infant. While he touches the ears, first the right, then the left ear, he says:*

**P.** Ephpheta, which means “Be you opened,”  
*he then touches the nostrils, saying:*

so that you may perceive the fragrance of God’s sweetness.  
But you, O devil, depart, for the judgment of God has come.

*14. Next he questions the one to be baptized, addressing by name:*

**P.** Do you renounce Satan?

**Godparents:** I do renounce him.

**P.** And all his works?

**Godparents:** I do renounce them.

**P.** And all his allurements?

**Godparents:** I do renounce them.

*15. Dipping his thumb in the oil, the priest anoints the infant on the breast and between the shoulders, making the Sign of the Cross and saying once:*

**P.** I anoint you with the oil ✠ of salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord,  
so that you may have Everlasting Life.

A. Amen.

*16. He then wipes his thumb and the places anointed with cotton or with something similar.*

*17. He takes off the violet stole and replaces it with a white one. Then he enters the Baptistery followed by the godparents with the child. There at the font the priest questions the one to be baptized by name, and the Godparents answer:*

**P.** *N.*, do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth?

**Godparents:** I do believe.

**P.** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was born into this world and Who suffered for us?

**Godparents:** I do believe.

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**P.** Do you believe also in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Eternal Virgin Eucharistic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and Life Everlasting?

**Godparents:** I do believe.

*18. Then addressing the one for baptism by name, the priest says:*

**P. N.**, do you wish to be baptized?

**Godparents:** I do.

*19. Then, while either the godfather or godmother (or both) hold the infant, the priest takes baptismal water in a vessel or pitcher and pours it three times on the head of the infant in the form of a cross. At the same time, he pronounces the following words, once only, distinctly, and attentively:*

**P. N.**, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, ✠ (*he pours the first time*) and of the Son, ✠ (*he pours the second time*) and of the Holy ✠ Ghost (*he pours the third time*).

*[19. Should there be doubt whether the infant has been previously baptized, the following formula is to be used:*

**P. N.**, if you are not baptized, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy ✠ Ghost].

*20. Then the priest dips his thumb in the Sacred Chrism and anoints the infant on the crown of the head in the form of a cross, saying as he does:*

**P.** May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has given you a new birth by means of water and the Holy Ghost, and forgiven all your sins, (*here he anoints the child*) He Himself anoint you with the Chrism ✠ of salvation, in the same Christ Jesus our Lord, so that you may have Everlasting Life.

**A.** Amen.

**P.** Peace be with you.

**A.** And with your spirit.

*21. With cotton wool he wipes his thumb and the place anointed. He places upon the infant's chest the white linen cloth representing*

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*a white garment, saying:*

- P. **Receive** this white garment. Never let it become stained, so that when you stand before the judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, you may have Life Everlasting.
- A. Amen.

*22. Next, the priest gives a lighted candle to the newly baptized or to the Godparents, saying:*

- P. **Receive** this burning light, and keep the grace of your Baptism throughout a blameless life. Observe the commandments of God. Then, when the Lord comes to the Heavenly Wedding Feast, you will be able to meet Him with all the saints in the courts of Heaven, and live forever and ever.
- A. Amen.

*23. In conclusion, he says:*

- P. **N.**, go in peace, and the Lord be with you.
- A. Amen.

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### Rite of Infant Baptism When More than One Is to Be Baptized

*If there are more children than one to be baptized the boys are placed on the right hand, the girls on the left, and all the prayers are said in the plural number. But the interrogations, and all the actions directed to the individual, are done to each child in turn and in the singular, first to the boys and then to the girls.*

*1. The priest then addresses each child by name, and asks:*

**P.** What is your name?

**Godparents:** *N.*

*2. The priest asks the infant:*

**P.** *N.*, what do you ask of the Eucharistic Church of God?

**Godparents:** Faith.

**P.** What does faith offer you?

**Godparents:** Eternal Life.

**P.** If, then, you wish to enter into life, keep the commandment: ‘You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, and with your whole soul, and with your whole mind, and your neighbor as yourself.’<sup>20</sup>

*3. He then blows gently three times on the face of each child, saying once:*

Depart from him (*her*), unclean spirit, and give place to the Holy Ghost, the Consoler.

*4. After that, using his thumb, he makes the Sign of the Cross on the forehead and on the breast of each child, saying:*

Receive the mark of the Cross on your ✠ forehead and within your ✠ heart. Embrace the faith with its Divine teachings. So live that you will indeed be a Temple of God.

**P.** Let us pray:

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<sup>20</sup> Dt 6:5

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We beg Thee, Lord God, graciously hear our prayers. Guard Thy chosen servants, **NN.**, with the never-failing power of the Cross of Christ, with which they have been marked. Protect them so that, remaining true to the first lessons they have learned about the greatness of Thy glory which Thou will confer upon them, may they, by keeping Thy commandments, attain to the glory of the new birth in Thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

### *5. Next he places his hand on each child's head saying:*

**P.** Let us pray:

Almighty and Eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, look with favor upon these Thy servants, **NN.**, whom Thou have called to take their first steps in the Faith. Take from them all blindness of heart. Free them from the snares of Satan which until now have bound them. Open to them O Lord, the Gate of Thy mercy. Then, seasoned by the salt which is symbolic of Thy wisdom, may they be relieved of the corruption of evil desires, and, finding pleasure in the keeping of Thy commandments, may they serve Thee in Thy Church and make progress from day to day in the way of perfection. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

### *6. Next the priest blesses the salt.*

#### **Blessing of Salt**

**P.** O Salt, creature of God, I exorcize you in the Name of God ✠ the Father Almighty, and in the love of our Lord Jesus ✠ Christ, and in the strength of the Holy ✠ Ghost. I exorcize you by the Living ✠ God, the True ✠ God, the Holy ✠ God, the God ✠ Who brought you into being to safeguard the human race, and commanded you to be consecrated by His servants for the benefit of those who are coming into the faith, so that by the power of the Holy Trinity you might become a health-giving Sacrament to put the enemy to flight. Therefore we beg you, O Lord our God, to sanctify ✠ by Thy power of sanctification, this salt which Thou have created and to bless ✠ it with Thy blessing, so that it may become a perfect medicine for all who receive it and may remain

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always in every fiber of their being. In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who will come to judge the living, and the dead, and the world by fire.

A. Amen.

*7. Then he places a bit of blessed salt into the mouth of each child saying:*

P. **N.**, receive the salt, which is a symbol of wisdom. May it bring you God's favor for Life Everlasting.

A. Amen.

P. **Peace** be with you.

A. And with your spirit.

P. **Let us pray:**

God of our fathers, God, Author of all truth, we humbly ask Thee to look with favor on these Thy servants **NN.**, who have now tasted salt as the first nourishment of blessed food in the form at Thy table. Satisfy them with the Bread of Heaven, so that they may be forever fervent in spirit, joyful in hope, and zealous in Thy service. We ask Thee, Lord, to lead them to the waters of new Life, in which they will be born again, so that they, with all who believe in Thee, may obtain the eternal rewards which Thou have promised. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

P. **I exorcize** you, unclean spirit, in the Name of the Father ✠, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy ✠ Ghost.

Come forth accursed and damned spirit, depart from these servants of God, **NN.** He commands you now, He Who walked dry-shod upon the waters, and when Peter would have perished in the sea stretched out to him His saving hand.

Therefore, accursed devil, acknowledge your condemnation and pay homage to the True and Living God; pay homage to Jesus Christ, His Son, and to the Holy Ghost, and depart from these servants of God, **NN.**, for Jesus Christ, our Lord and God, in His goodness, has called them to His Holy Grace and blessing, and to

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the waters of baptism.

*8. Here, using his thumb, the priest signs each child on the forehead, saying:*

Accursed devil, never dare to desecrate this sign of the Holy ✠ Cross which we are tracing upon his (her) forehead. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*9. Next he places his hand on the head of each child and then, with his hand extended, he says:*

P. Let us pray:

Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Eternal God, source of all light and truth, I humbly beg Thy never-ending and most Holy Mercy upon these servants of Thine, **NN.** May it please Thee to grant them the light of Thine own wisdom and understanding. Cleanse them and make them holy. Give them true knowledge, that made worthy by the grace of Thy Baptism, they may be endowed with unwavering hope, sound judgment, and a grasp of holy doctrine. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*10. The priest places the left side end of his stole upon one child and leads him into the church (the others following), saying as he does so:*

P. **NN.**, enter the Temple of God, so that you may have part with Jesus Christ in Life Everlasting.

A. Amen.

*11. When they have entered the church, the priest leads the way to the font, saying aloud meanwhile together with the godparents:*

P. Let us pray the Apostles' Creed.

**Priest and Godparents together:**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of Heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

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Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell;  
the third day He arose again from the dead;  
He ascended into Heaven,  
sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the Eternal Virgin Eucharistic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and Life Everlasting. Amen.

P. Let us pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **Priest and Godparents together:**

Our Father, Who art in Heaven,  
hallowed be Thy Name;  
Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

*12. Before entering the Baptistry he stands with his back to the Baptistry gates and says:*

P. I exorcize you, every unclean spirit, in the Name of God the Father ✠ Almighty, and in the Name of His Son, Jesus ✠ Christ our Lord and our Judge, and in the power of the Holy ✠ Ghost, that you depart from these creatures of God, **NN.**, whom our Lord has called to His Holy Temple in order that they themselves may

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become Temples of the Living God, and that the Holy Ghost may dwell in them. I command you in Jesus Christ our Lord, Who will come to judge the living and the dead and the world by fire.

A. Amen.

*13. The priest with his thumb touches the ears and nostrils of each child. While he touches the ears, first the right, then the left ear, he says:*

P. **Ephpheta**, which means “Be you opened,”

*he then touches the nostrils, saying:*

so that you may perceive the fragrance of God’s sweetness.

But you, O devil, depart, for the judgment of God has come upon you.

*14. Next he questions by name:*

P. **Do** you renounce Satan?

**Godparents:** I do renounce him.

P. **And** all his works?

**Godparents:** I do renounce them.

P. **And** all his allurements?

**Godparents:** I do renounce them.

*15. Dipping his thumb in the oil, the priest anoints each child on the breast and between the shoulders, making the Sign of the Cross and saying once:*

P. **I anoint** you with the oil ✠ of salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord, so that you may have Life Everlasting.

A. Amen.

*16. He then wipes his thumb and the places anointed with cotton or with something similar.*

*17. He takes off the violet stole and replaces it with a white one. Then he enters the Baptistery followed by the godparents with the child. There at the font he addresses each child by name:*

P. **N.**, do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth?

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**Godparents:** I do believe.

**P.** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was born into this world and Who suffered for us?

**Godparents:** I do believe.

**P.** Do you believe also in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Eternal Virgin Eucharistic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and Life Everlasting?

**Godparents:** I do believe.

*18. Then addressing each child by name, the priest says:*

**P.** *N.*, do you wish to be baptized?

**Godparents:** I do.

*19. Then, while either the godparent (or both) hold the child, the priest takes baptismal water in a vessel or pitcher and pours it three times on the head of each child in the form of a cross. At the same time, he pronounces the following words, once only, for each child, distinctly, and attentively:*

**P.** *N.*, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, ✠ (*he pours the first time*) and of the Son, ✠ (*he pours the second time*) and of the Holy ✠ Ghost (*he pours the third time*).

*[19. Should there be doubt whether the infant has been previously baptized, the following formula is to be used:*

**P.** *N.*, if you are not baptized, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy ✠ Ghost].

*20. Then the priest dips his thumb in the Sacred Chrism and anoints each child on the crown of the head in the form of a cross, saying as he does:*

**P.** May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has given you a new birth by means of water and the Holy Ghost, and forgiven all your sins, (*here he anoints the child*) He Himself anoint you with the Chrism ✠ of salvation, in the same Christ

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Jesus our Lord, so that you may have Life Everlasting.

A. Amen.

P. Peace be with you.

A. And with your spirit.

*21. With cotton wool he wipes his thumb and the place anointed. He places upon each child's head the white linen cloth representing a white garment, saying:*

P. Receive this white garment. Never let it become stained, so that when you stand before the judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, you may have Life Everlasting.

A. Amen.

*22. Next, the priest gives a lighted candle to the child or godparent, saying:*

P. Receive this burning light, and keep the grace of your Baptism throughout a blameless life. Observe the commandments of God. Then, when the Lord comes to the Heavenly Wedding Feast, you will be able to meet Him with all the saints in the courts of Heaven, and live forever and ever.

A. Amen.

*23. In conclusion, he says:*

P. *NN.*, go in peace, and the Lord be with you.

A. Amen.

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### **Ceremonies after Baptism has been administered privately**

When a child has been baptized privately and without the ceremonies for any reason, the ceremonies are to be supplied at the church as soon as this can be done conveniently.

When all is ready the priest washes his hands and proceeds to the church door vested in surplice and purple stole. If assistants are available he should take one or more with him, and they too should be vested in surplices.

Those who have brought the child await his arrival there.

**P.** Peace be with you.

*1. He then asks the name of the infant:*

**P.** What is your name?

**Godparents: N.**

*2. The priest asks the infant:*

**P.** N., what do you ask of the Eucharistic Church of God?

**Godparent: Faith.**

**P.** What does faith offer you?

**Godparents: Eternal Life.**

**P.** If, then, you wish to enter into life, keep the commandment: 'You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, and with your whole soul, and with your whole mind, and your neighbor as yourself.'<sup>21</sup>

*3. He then blows gently three times on the face of the infant, saying once:*

Depart from him (*her*), unclean spirit, and give place to the Holy Ghost, the Consoler.

*4. After that, using his thumb, he makes the Sign of the Cross on the forehead and on the breast of the infant, saying:*

Receive the mark of the Cross on your ✠ forehead and within

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<sup>21</sup> Dt 6:5

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your ✠ heart. Embrace the faith with its Divine teachings. Know that you are bound now by a Heavenly rule of life, and let your conduct henceforth prove you fit to be a living Temple of God.

P. Let us pray:

We beg Thee, Lord God, graciously hear our prayers. Guard Thy chosen one, **N.**, with the never-failing power of the Cross of Christ, with which he (she) has been marked. Protect him (her) so that, remaining true to the first lessons he (she) has learned about the greatness of Thy glory which Thou will confer upon him (her), he (she) may, by keeping Thy commandments, attain to the glory of the new birth in Thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*5. Next he places his hand on the infant's head and then, with his hand extended, he says:*

P. Let us pray:

Almighty and Eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, look with favor upon this Thy servant, **N.**, whom Thou have but lately called to take his (her) first steps in the Faith. Take from him (her) all blindness of heart. Free him (her) from the snares of Satan which have held him (her) bound. Open to him (her), Lord, the Gate of Thy mercy. Then, seasoned by the salt which is symbolic of Thy wisdom, may he (she) be relieved of the corruption of evil desires, and, finding pleasure in the keeping of Thy commandments, may he (she) serve Thee in Thy Church and make progress from day to day in the way of perfection. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*6. Next the priest blesses the salt.*

### Blessing of Salt

P. O Salt, creature of God, I exorcize you in the Name of God ✠ the Father Almighty, and in the love of our Lord Jesus ✠ Christ, and in the strength of the Holy ✠ Ghost. I exorcize you by the Living ✠ God, the True ✠ God, the Holy ✠ God, the God ✠ Who brought you into being to safeguard the human race, and commanded you to be consecrated by His servants for the benefit

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of those who are coming into the faith, so that by the power of the Holy Trinity you might become a health-giving Sacrament to put the enemy to flight. Therefore we beg you, O Lord our God, to sanctify ✠ by Thy power of sanctification, this salt which Thou have created and to bless ✠ it with Thy blessing, so that it may become a perfect medicine for all who receive it and may remain always in every fiber of their being. In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who will come to judge the living, and the dead, and the world by fire.

A. Amen.

*7. Then he places a bit of blessed salt into the infant's mouth, saying as he does:*

P. **N.**, receive the salt, which is a symbol of wisdom.  
May it bring you God's favor for Life Everlasting.

A. Amen.

P. **Peace** be with you.

A. And with your spirit.

P. **Let us** pray:

God of our fathers, God, Author of all truth, we humbly ask Thee to look with favor on this Thy servant **N.**, who has had his (her) first taste of blessed food in the form of salt at Thy table. Satisfy him (her) with the Bread of Heaven, so that he (she) may be forever fervent in spirit, joyful in hope, and zealous in Thy service. We ask Thee, Lord, as Thou have already led him (her) to the waters of new Life, in which he (she) is born again, may he (she), with all who believe in Thee, may obtain the eternal rewards which Thou have promised. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

P. **I exorcize** you, unclean spirit, in the Name of the Father ✠, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy ✠ Ghost.

Come forth accursed and damned spirit, depart from this servant of God, **N.** He commands you now, He Who walked dry-shod upon the waters, and when Peter would have perished in the sea

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stretched out to him His saving hand.

Therefore, accursed devil, acknowledge your condemnation and pay homage to the True and Living God; pay homage to Jesus Christ, His Son, and to the Holy Ghost, and depart from this servant of God, **N.**, for Jesus Christ, our Lord and God, in His goodness, has called him (her) to His Holy Grace and blessing, and to the font of Baptism.

*8. Here, using his thumb, the priest signs the infant on the forehead, saying:*

Accursed devil, never dare to desecrate this sign of the Holy ✠ Cross which we are tracing upon his (her) forehead. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*9. Next he places his hand on the head of the infant and then, with his hand extended, he says:*

**P.** Let us pray:

Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Eternal God, source of all light and truth, I humbly beg Thy never-ending and most Holy Mercy upon this servant of Thine, **N.**. May it please Thee to grant him (her) the light of Thine own wisdom and understanding. Cleanse him (her) and make him (her) holy. Give him (her) true knowledge, so that he (she) may be made worthy of the grace of Thy Baptism he has received from Thee. May he (she) may be endowed with unwavering hope, sound judgment, and a grasp of holy doctrine. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*10. After this, the priest places the end of the stole which hangs from his left shoulder upon the infant, saying:*

**P.** **N.**, enter the Temple of God, so that you may have part with Jesus Christ in Everlasting Life.

A. Amen.

*11. When they have entered the church, the priest leads the way to*

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*the font, saying aloud meanwhile together with the godparents:*

**P.** Let us pray the Apostles' Creed.

**Priest and Godparents together:**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of Heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell;  
the third day He arose again from the dead;  
He ascended into Heaven,  
sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the Eternal Virgin Eucharistic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and Life Everlasting. Amen.

**P.** Let us pray the Lord's Prayer.

**Priest and Godparents together:**

Our Father, Who art in Heaven,  
hallowed be Thy Name;  
Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

*12. Before entering the Baptistry he stands with his back to the*

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*Baptistery gates and says:*

P. I exorcize you, every unclean spirit, in the Name of God the Father ✠ Almighty, and in the Name of His Son, Jesus ✠ Christ our Lord and Judge, and in the strength of the Holy ✠ Ghost, that you depart from this creature of God, **N.**, whom our Lord has called to His Holy Temple in order that he (she) may become the Temple of the Living God, and that the Holy Ghost may dwell in him (her). I command you in Jesus Christ our Lord, Who will come to judge the living and the dead and the world by fire.

A. Amen.

*13. After this, the priest with his thumb touches the ears and nostrils of the infant. While he touches the ears, first the right, then the left ear, he says:*

P. Ephpheta, which means “Be you opened,”

*he then touches the nostrils, saying:*

so that you may perceive the fragrance of God’s sweetness.

But you, O devil, depart, for the judgment of God has come.

*14. Next he questions the one to be baptized, addressing by name:*

P. Do you renounce Satan?

Godparents: I do renounce him.

P. And all his works?

Godparents: I do renounce them.

P. And all his allurements?

Godparents: I do renounce them.

*15. Dipping his thumb in the Sacred Chrism, the priest anoints the infant on the breast and between the shoulders, making the Sign of the Cross and saying once:*

P. I anoint you with the oil ✠ of salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord, so that you may have Everlasting Life.

A. Amen.

*16. He then wipes his thumb and the places anointed with cotton or with something similar.*

*17. He takes off the violet stole and replaces it with a white one.*

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*Then he enters the Baptistery followed by the godparents with the child. There at the font the priest questions the one to be baptized by name, and the Godparents answer:*

P. **N.**, do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth?

**Godparents:** I do believe.

P. **Do you** believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was born into this world and Who suffered for us?

**Godparents:** I do believe.

P. **Do you** believe also in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Eternal Virgin Eucharistic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and Life Everlasting?

**Godparents:** I do believe.

*20. Then the priest dips his thumb into the sacred oil and anoints the child upon the crown of the head in the form of a cross, saying:*

P. **May** Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has given you a new birth by means of water and the Holy Ghost, and forgiven all your sins, (*here he anoints the child*) He Himself anoint you with the Chrism ✠ of salvation, in the same Christ Jesus our Lord, so that you may have Everlasting Life.

A. Amen.

P. **Peace be** with you.

A. And with your spirit.

*21. With cotton wool he wipes his thumb and the place anointed. He places upon the infant's head the white linen cloth representing a white garment, saying:*

P. **Receive** this white garment. Never let it become stained, so that when you stand before the judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, you may have Life Everlasting.

A. Amen.

*22. Next, the priest gives a lighted candle to the newly baptized or to the Godparents, saying:*

P. **Receive** this burning light, and keep the grace of your baptism throughout a blameless life. Observe the commandments of God.

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Then, when the Lord comes to the Heavenly Wedding Feast, you will be able to meet Him with all the saints in the courts of Heaven, and live forever and ever.

A. Amen.

*23. In conclusion, he says:*

**P. N.**, go in peace, and the Lord be with you.

A. Amen.

### **Baptism of the Aborted Children**

O Lord, Almighty God, Father of Creation,  
Thou formed man of the slime of the earth,  
and breathed into his face the breath of Life,  
and man became a living soul.<sup>22</sup>

Thou do not wish the death of Thy beings,  
for precious in Thy sight is the death of Thy saints.<sup>23</sup>

Thou have breathed Life into the souls of all children  
conceived in the womb, or outside of the body,  
for only Thou O Lord can give life.

O Lord, Thy word and Thy command is contradicted.  
Innocent blood is shed. Murder is committed.  
The slaughter of the male children of Israel by Pharaoh,<sup>24</sup>  
and the treachery of Herod slaughtering the youths of Bethlehem,<sup>25</sup>  
is renewed today in the murder of millions of children annually.

In greed and desire for personal luxury  
parents sacrifice their sons and their daughters to devils.  
The earth is polluted with innocent blood,<sup>26</sup>

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<sup>22</sup> Gn 2:7

<sup>23</sup> Ps 115:15

<sup>24</sup> Ex 1:16

<sup>25</sup> Mt 2:16

<sup>26</sup> Ps 105:37,38

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and the cry of our slaughtered brothers and sisters cries out to Thee.<sup>27</sup>

O Lord God, Thou desire not the death of anyone,  
but that the wicked turn from his way, and live.<sup>28</sup>  
Although these innocent children have done no wrong,  
and their cruel death at the hands of wicked man is unjustified,  
we call upon Thee O Lord to hear our prayer  
and accept our baptism of these innocents  
in the blood of their own martyrdom.

We further ask that the Heavenly Court give names to all these  
children  
whom we call to ourselves as our own.  
We beseech Thee to deliver them now into the Mystical Body of  
Christ.

In faith, with peace and charity  
we thank Thee for granting our request  
as we welcome all these new souls into Thy Kingdom  
as they are baptized in the Name of Thee  
Almighty God, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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<sup>27</sup> Gn 4:10

<sup>28</sup> Ez 33:11

## The Form of Absolution in the Sacrament of Confessions

*After the examination of conscience, the penitent is now ready to confess their sins.*

They begin *before the priest by blessing himself:*

In the ✠ Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.<sup>29</sup>

Bless me father, for I have sinned, it is...*(so many weeks...months...years)* since my last confession.

*They will be asked to say* the Confetior.

I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, *(striking the breast three times)* through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.

Therefore I beseech the blessed Mary ever Virgin, the blessed Michael the Archangel, the blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you father, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

Since my last confessions, I have...

*At the end of the confessing of sins, the priest will give a penance, and then ask them to make a good* Act of Contrition.

Act of Contrition.

O my God, I am heartily sorry for ever having offended Thee. And I detest my sins above every other evil. Because they displease Thee my God, who for Thy infinite goodness, Thou are so deserving of all my love, and I firmly resolve by Thy holy grace, never more to offend Thee, and to amend my life. Amen.

*Then with his right hand raised and turned towards the penitent the*

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<sup>29</sup> Mt 28:19

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*priest will then give absolution, saying:*

P. O God, the Father of mercies,  
Through the birth, life, passion, death and the resurrection of Thy  
Son,  
Thou hast reconciled the world to Thyself,  
and sent the Holy Ghost among us for the forgiveness of sins.<sup>30</sup>

Through the ministry of the Church,  
God grants you pardon and peace,  
and in Jesus, I release you from every bond of excommunication,  
and absolve you from all your sins.  
In the ✠ Name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

In the power and authority of Jesus,  
I bind all the evil spirits attacking you with sin,  
and cast them down into the deep recesses of hell,  
never more to return.<sup>31</sup>

*The priest prays for the penitent.*

P. I send you forth strengthened in our Lord,  
and in the might of His power.  
Put on the armor of God, be girt with truth.  
Have on the breastplate of justice,  
and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.  
Wear the shield of faith, wherewith you may be able to  
extinguish all the fiery darts of the most wicked one.  
Put on the helmet of salvation,  
and the sword of the Spirit (which is the word of God).<sup>32</sup>  
Go now, in faith, with peace and charity,<sup>33</sup>  
in the blessings of Almighty God, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

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<sup>30</sup> Jn 22:23

<sup>31</sup> Lk 9:10

<sup>32</sup> Ep 6:10-17

<sup>33</sup> Ep 6:23

## Administering Holy Eucharist

1. *When a priest is to administer the Holy Eucharist otherwise than during Mass he must see to it that enough particles are consecrated and are reserved in the Tabernacle ready for use. A linen cloth is spread before those who are to communicate. The priest washes his hands with water, and then, vested in cassock and surplice and wearing a white stole, goes to the Altar. He goes either with hands joined or carrying the burse with the corporal, and is preceded by a server. The candles at the Altar are alight. He genuflects, ascends the steps, opens the Tabernacle, genuflects again, takes out the Pyx, places it on the corporal and removes the lid. The server, kneeling at the Epistle side of the Altar, recites the Confiteor.*

2. *The Priest genuflects again, and with his hands joined before him, turns towards the people in such a way as at no time to turn his back upon the Blessed Sacrament, and from the Gospel side says:*

P. **May Almighty** God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to Life Everlasting.

A. Amen.

P. **May the** Almighty and Merciful Lord grant you pardon, absolution ☩ and remission of your sins.

A. Amen.

*And as he says this he makes the Sign of the Cross with his right hand over those who are to communicate.*

3. *Then he faces the Altar, genuflects, and takes the Pyx with his left hand. With his right he takes one particle of the Blessed Sacrament and holds it between his thumb and forefinger a little above the Pyx. Standing now at the middle of the Altar, he turns towards the people and says aloud:*

P. **Behold** the Lamb of God,  
behold Him Who takes away the sins of the world.<sup>34</sup>

A. Lord, I am not worthy that Thou should enter under my roof,<sup>35</sup>

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<sup>34</sup> Jn 1:29

<sup>35</sup> Mt 8:8

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but Thou have said the word, and my soul is healed.<sup>36</sup> (*Say three times*).

*4. After this he communicates those who have presented themselves, beginning at the Epistle side. But if there are Priests or Clerics to be communicated, these kneel at the Altar steps, or somewhere within the Altar gates apart from the laity. Priests and Deacons who communicate wear white stoles.*

*5. As the Priest takes a particle of the Blessed Sacrament to give to each communicant, he makes the Sign of the Cross with it over the Pyx, saying at the same time:*

**P.** Rejoice Eucharistic man, in the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, you are His new creation, *N.*, Christ Jesus.

**A.** Alleluia!

*6. When he has communicated all who wish it, the Priest returns to the Altar, puts the Pyx down upon the corporal, genuflects, and then says:*

**P.** This is a holy banquet indeed, in which Christ Himself is made our food, the memory of His Passion is told again, grace fills our mind and heart, and there is given to us an assurance of the glory that one day will be ours.

*In Paschaltide and on the feast of Corpus Christi he adds:* Alleluia.

**P.** Thou hast set before them Bread from Heaven (Alleluia).

**A.** Having in it all that the sense of taste desires (Alleluia).

*7. The Priest then says:*

**P.** Lord, hear my prayer.

**A.** And let my cry come unto Thee.

**P.** The Lord be with you.

**A.** And also with you.

**P.** Let us pray:

O God Who hast given us in this wonderful Sacrament a

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<sup>36</sup> Mt 8:13

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memorial of Thy Suffering and Death; give us devotion so deep to this mystery of Thy Body and Blood, that the taste of the fruit of Thy Redemption may ever be within us. Who lives and reigns for ever.

A. Amen.

*At Paschaltide the following prayer is said instead:*

P. Pour out upon us, Lord, Thy loving Spirit; and keep those whom Thou hast nourished with Thy Paschal Sacraments one in mind and heart. Through the same Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee forever.

A. Amen.

*8. Meanwhile, before he replaces the Blessed Sacrament, he looks carefully, and if he notices any small fragments of the Host adhering to his fingers, detaching them he lets them fall into the Pyx. Then, in water placed ready in a small vessel, he purifies the fingers with which he has touched the Blessed Sacrament and wipes them on a purificator: and the water is thrown later into the sacrarium or on to the fire. He replaces the Pyx in the Tabernacle, genuflects, closes the Tabernacle door and locks it.*

*9. Then, raising his eyes, extending, raising and joining his hands, bowing his head to the Cross, he says:*

P. May the blessing of Almighty God,  
*he turns to the people and with one Sign of the Cross continues;*  
Father, Son, ✠ and Holy Ghost, come down upon you and ever remain with you.

A. Amen.

*Thus always a Priest blesses those whom he has communicated outside of Mass, or immediately before or after Mass.*

*10. The above Rite is followed also by a Deacon who gives Holy Communion.*

*11. Immediately before or after Mass, if it should happen that any*

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*are to receive Holy Communion, the priest, wearing the chasuble, gives Communion in the same way as he would outside of Mass, as described above; but if he is wearing black vestments, he neither says Alleluia nor gives any blessing.*

## Communion of the Sick

*1. As he enters the room where the sick person lies the priest says:*

**P.** Peace be upon this house.

**A.** And upon all who dwell herein.

*2. He places the Blessed Sacrament upon a corporal on the table prepared for it. Then he genuflects before It and all in the room kneel down. He removes the humeral veil from his shoulders: then he sprinkles the sick person and the whole room with holy water, saying:*

**P.** Sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be cleansed.

Wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

Have mercy on me, O God, as Thou art ever rich in mercy.

**P.** Glory be to the Father.

**A.** As it was in the beginning.

*He repeats the antiphon:* Sprinkle me.

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

**A.** Who made Heaven and earth.

**P.** Lord, hear my prayer.

**A.** And let my cry come unto Thee.

**P.** The Lord be with you.

**A.** And also with you.

**P.** Let us pray:

Graciously hear us, Holy Lord and Father, Almighty and Eternal God, and in Thy goodness send Thy holy angel from Heaven to watch over all who dwell in this house. May his coming put new heart in them; may he protect them and be with them to defend them from all harm. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A.** Amen.

*3. If the sick person desires to make his Confession, the priest hears him and absolves him. It is more fitting, however, that (his) confession should be made beforehand if possible.*

*4. This done, the sick person himself, or some one for him, recites the Confiteor:*

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I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, (*striking the breast three times*) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.

Therefore I beseech the blessed Mary ever Virgin, the blessed Michael the Archangel, the blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you father, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

#### *The priest replies:*

P. **May** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to Life Everlasting.

A. Amen.

P. **May** the Almighty and Merciful Lord grant you pardon, absolution ✠ and remission of your sins.

A. Amen.

#### *5. The priest genuflects, takes the Blessed Sacrament from the Pyx, and holding It aloft before the eyes of the sick man says:*

P. **Behold** the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sins of the world.

A. Lord, I am not worthy that Thou should enter under my roof, say but the word, and my soul will be healed. (*Say 3 times*).

#### *6. The sick person says these words in a low voice with the priest who then communicates him saying:*

P. **Receive**, dear brother (sister), the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ to strengthen you on your journey. May It keep you from the malice of your enemy, and bring you safely to Everlasting Life. Amen.

#### *7. If Holy Communion is not given as Viaticum he says instead:*

P. **May** the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve you to Everlasting Life. Amen.

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8. *If death is imminent and there is danger in delay, the priest omitting everything else may say the prayer May Almighty God have mercy on you...May the Almighty and Merciful Lord grant you pardon...and then give the sick person Viaticum at once.*

9. *The priest cleanses his fingers, saying nothing, and wipes them on the purificator. The water used is afterwards to be poured into the sacrarium or absorbed into cotton wool and thrown into the fire. Then he says:*

P. **The Lord** be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

Holy Lord and Father, Almighty and Eternal God, we ask Thee with full confidence that our brother (sister) may find an unfailing remedy for the ills of his (her) body and soul in receiving the Sacred Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who lives and reigns for ever.

A. Amen.

*If several sick persons have received Holy Communion in the same room or the same place the priest says this prayer in the plural.*

10. *When all is done the priest takes the humeral veil upon his shoulders once more, genuflects, rises, and taking into his hands the Pyx containing the Blessed Sacrament, covering it with the veil, saying nothing, he makes the Sign of the Cross with it over the sick person. Then he returns with the Pyx to the church reciting Ps 148, "Give praise to the Lord..." and other psalms and hymns, as time permits.*

11. *On reaching the church, he places the Blessed Sacrament upon the Altar, genuflects, and says:*

P. **Thou** hast set before them Bread from Heaven.

*In Easter time and on the feast of Corpus Christi he adds: Alleluia.*

A. Having in it all that the sense of taste desires. (Alleluia).

P. **The Lord** be with you.

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A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

O God, Who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left us a memorial of Thy Passion: grant that we may so reverence the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood that the taste of the fruit of Thy Redemption may ever be within us. Who lives and reigns for ever.

A. Amen.

*12. Covering the Pyx with the humeral veil, saying nothing he makes the Sign of the Cross with it over those present, then replaces the Pyx in the Tabernacle.*

*13. If for any reason only sufficient particles have been carried to communicate the sick, the priest, having recited the prayers, blesses those he has communicated, with his hand, saying:*

P. May the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, ✠ and Holy Ghost, come down upon you and ever remain with you.

A. Amen.

*14. When Holy Communion is to be given to a number of sick people in different rooms of the same house or hospital the priest recites in the first room and in the plural all contained in 1, 2, and 4. In the other rooms he says only* May Almighty God have mercy on you...May the Almighty and Merciful Lord grant you pardon...Behold the Lamb of God...Lord I am not worthy...*once*, May the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ...*and in the last room he adds* The Lord be with you... and the prayer 'Holy Lord and Father, Almighty and Eternal God, we ask Thee with full confidence that our brothers and sisters may find an un failing remedy for the ills of their body and soul in receiving the Sacred Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who lives and reigns for ever. A. Amen; *and there also, if particles remain, he gives the blessing with the Pyx.*

*15. When Holy Communion is taken to the sick privately, for any good reason, the Priest should always be vested at least with a*

*stole under his usual outdoor garments. He should place the Pyx in a small bag or pouch and this in turn he should hang with cords about his neck, hidden by his outer garment.*

### **Prayer for Eucharistic Unity and Oneness in God**

O Lord Jesus, in the will of the Father,  
and the co-operation of the Holy Ghost,  
by Thy death and glorious resurrection,  
I thank Thee, that through Thy Body, which I have received,  
and Thy Blood which I have drunk,  
Thou abide in me, and I in Thee,<sup>37</sup>  
and hast brought me into full unity with Thee,<sup>38</sup>  
in spirit, soul and body,  
in the Most Holy Trinity, Almighty God, in the mystery of faith.

Thou were offered once to exhaust the sins of many,  
the second time Thou appear without sin  
in them who expect Thee unto salvation.<sup>39</sup>

Thy second coming is in Eucharistic man,  
in we who believe in Thy real presence,  
brought about at the consecration in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

This consecration and valid reception by the true believers,  
completes the resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
true Eucharist, Eucharistic man.

It is consummated.<sup>40</sup>  
We are Thy Human Nature, Thou art our Divine Nature.  
As all is brought to perfection,  
we are restored to the beauty of Thy Divine Nature and Power,  
which Thou gave us in Thy Heart from all eternity. Alleluia!<sup>41</sup>

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<sup>37</sup> Jn 6:57

<sup>38</sup> Jn 17:21

<sup>39</sup> Hb 9:28

<sup>40</sup> Jn 19:30

<sup>41</sup> 2P 1:2,3

We, the Virgin Eucharistic Church,<sup>42</sup>  
rejoice, and give praise together,  
as we exult in glory, and resound with joy,  
for Thou have comforted Thy people,  
Thou have redeemed Jerusalem. Alleluia!<sup>43</sup>

## **Sacrament of Confirmation**

- 1. The only ordinary minister of Confirmation is the Bishop.*
- 2. General leave is given to all priests to give the Sacrament of Confirmation, though not as bishops.*

*All these, themselves, personally, can confirm, validly and lawfully, anyone who happens to be within the boundaries of their care.*

*They may use this permission even in the place where the Bishop resides whenever the Bishop cannot reasonably be expected to come himself and no other Bishop could act for him without serious inconvenience.*

- 3. The Chrism used when this Sacrament is administered must always have been blessed on the previous Holy Thursday by a bishop, even if the minister of the Sacrament is only a priest.*

## **Rite of Confirmation Administered to One in Danger of Death**

- 1. The Priest wearing at least a white stole over his cassock or ordinary clerical dress speaks first of all to those present, explaining to them that the ordinary minister of Confirmation is a Bishop and that the Priest confirms only in these special circumstances by the leave and delegation of the Eternal Virgin Eucharistic Church.*
- 2. The godparent must place his right hand upon the right shoulder of the person to be confirmed.*

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<sup>42</sup> 2Co 11:2

<sup>43</sup> Is 52:9

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*3. Standing facing the person to be confirmed, his hands joined, the priest says:*

P. **May the Holy Ghost** come down upon you, and may the power of the Most High God keep you free from every sin.

A. Amen.

*4. Then signing himself with the Sign of the Cross, he says:*

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

A. Who made Heaven and earth.

P. **Lord**, hear my prayer.

A. And let my cry come to Thee.

P. **The Lord** be with you.

A. And also with you.

*5. With his hands stretched out towards the candidate he says:*

P. **Let us** pray:

Almighty, Everlasting God, Who has given new life through water and the Holy Ghost to this Thy servant and granted (him) forgiveness of all (his) sins, send down upon (him) from Heaven, the Holy Ghost the Paraclete with His sevenfold gifts.

A. Amen.

P. **The Spirit** of wisdom and of understanding.

A. Amen.

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

A. Amen.

P. **The Spirit** of knowledge and of piety.

A. Amen.

P. **Fill** him (her) with the Spirit of reverent fear of Thyself and in Thy goodness mark him (her) out for Eternal Life with the Sign of the Cross ✠ of Christ. Through the same Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee for ever.

A. Amen.

*6. The priest enquires the name of the candidate, he dips his right thumb into the Chrism and with his right hand upon the candidate's head he makes the Sign of the Cross, with his thumb, upon his forehead saying:*

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P. *N.* I sign you with the sign of the ✠ Cross and I confirm you with the Chrism of salvation. In the name of the ✠ Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy ✠ Ghost.

A. Amen.

*He strikes him lightly on the cheek, saying:*

P. Peace be with you.

*7. The priest cleanses the candidate's forehead with cotton-wool. He then cleanses his own fingers with a little crumbled bread and washes them. The bread, the water and the cotton wool used must be taken to the church and disposed of in the way prescribed for such things.*

*8. The priest then says the Antiphon:*

P. Confirm, O God, what Thou hast wrought in us,  
from Thy holy temple in Jerusalem.

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

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

P. Confirm, O God, what Thou hast wrought in us,  
from Thy holy temple in Jerusalem.

*9. With hands joined, the priest faces the person confirmed and says:*

P. Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy.

A. And grant us Thy salvation.

P. Lord, hear my prayer.

A. And let my cry come unto Thee.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

*With hands still joined he says:*

P. Let us pray:

O God Who didst give Thy Holy Spirit to the Apostles and didst will that through them and through those who should come after them, He should be given to the rest of the faithful; look favorably upon this humble fulfilment of our office, and grant

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that the same Holy Ghost, coming into the heart of him (her) whose forehead we have marked with Sacred Chrism and signed with the Sign of the Holy Cross, may dwell therein, and make of it a living temple of His glory. Who lives and reigns for ever.

A. Amen.

*10. Then he says:*

P. Thus shall every man be blessed who fears the Lord.

*Turning to the person confirmed, and making the Sign of the Cross over him, he says:*

P. May the Lord bless ✠ you from Sion,  
and all the days of your earthly life  
keep before your eyes the treasures of the Heavenly Jerusalem.  
And may Eternal Life be yours.

A. Amen.

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*After the Gospel, the Sealing of the Marriage Bond takes place.  
All stand, including the bride, and groom.*

*First the priest asks the bridegroom:*

P. *N.*, do you take *N.*, here present, for your lawful wife, according to the rite of our Holy Mother, the Church?

Groom: I do.

*Then the priest asks the bride:*

P. *N.*, do you take *N.*, here present, for your lawful husband, according to the rite of our Holy Mother, the Church?

Bride: I do.

*The consent of one does not suffice; it must be given by both and expressed in words, if they can speak, or by equivalent signs, personally or through a proxy.*

*After the mutual consent of the contractants has been given, the Priest directs them:*

P. Now join your right hands and say after me:

Groom: I, *N.N.*, take you, *N.N.*, for my lawful wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

Bride: I, *N.N.*, take you, *N.N.*, for my lawful husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

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P. By the authority of the Church

I ratify and bless the bond of marriage you have contracted.

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

A. Amen.

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- P. I call upon all of you here present  
to be witnesses of this holy union which I have now blessed.  
“For this cause shall a man leave father and mother,  
and shall cleave to his wife, and they two shall be in one flesh.  
Therefore now they are not two, but one flesh.  
What therefore God has joined together,  
let no man put asunder.”<sup>44</sup>

*Then he sprinkles them with Holy Water.*

*Next the priest Blesses the Wedding Rings.*

*Turning toward the spouses, says:*

- P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.  
A. Who made heaven and earth.  
P. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
A. And let my cry come unto Thee.  
P. The Lord be with you.  
A. And with your spirit.  
P. Let us pray: Bless, ✠ O Lord, these rings,  
which we are blessing ✠ in Thy Name,  
so that they who wear them,  
keeping faith with each other in unbroken loyalty,  
may ever remain at peace with Thee according to Thy will,  
and may live together always in mutual love.  
We ask this in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
A. Amen.

*Then he sprinkles the rings with Holy Water.*

### **Giving of the Rings**

- P. Now that you have sealed your marriage truly in Jesus Christ,  
give these wedding rings to each other.

*Turning to the groom he says:*

- P. Give this wedding ring to your bride, saying after me:  
*The groom takes the bride's ring from the priest and places it on  
the bride's ring finger, saying after the priest:*

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<sup>44</sup> Mt 19:5,6

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Groom: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Take and wear this ring as a sign of our marriage vows.

*The bride takes the groom's ring from the priest and places it on the groom's ring finger, saying after the priest:*

Bride: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Take and wear this ring as a sign of our marriage vows.

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

*Then the priest adds:*

P. **Strengthen**, O God, what Thou have wrought in us.

A. From Thy holy temple, which is in Jerusalem.

P. **Lord**, have mercy.

A. Christ, have mercy.

P. **Lord**, have mercy.

P. Let us together pray as Jesus taught us:

A. **Our Father**, Who art in Heaven,  
hallowed be Thy Name:

Thy Kingdom come:

Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread:

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation.

But deliver us from evil. Amen.<sup>45</sup>

P. **Save** Thy servants.

A. Who trust in Thee, our God.

P. **Send** them help, O Lord, from Thy Sanctuary.

A. And sustain them from Sion.

P. **Be** a tower of strength for them, O Lord.

A. Against the attack of the enemy.

P. **O Lord**, hear my prayer.

A. And let my cry come to Thee.

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<sup>45</sup> Mt 6:9-13

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P. The Lord be with you.  
A. And with your spirit.

P. LET us pray:  
We beg Thee, O Lord, to look on these Thy servants,  
and graciously to uphold the institution of marriage,  
established by Thee for the continuation of mankind,  
so that they who have been joined together by Thy authority,  
may remain faithful together by Thy gracious help,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
A. Amen.

*Next, with his hands elevated and extended above the spouses to  
bless them, the priest says, all responding:*

P. May almighty God bless you by the Word of His mouth,  
and unite your hearts in the enduring bond of pure love.  
A. Amen.

P. May you be blessed in your children,  
and may the love that you lavish on them  
be returned a hundredfold.  
A. Amen.

P. May the peace of Christ dwell always in our hearts,  
and in your home.  
May you have true friends to stand by you,  
both in joy and in sorrow.  
May you be ready with help and consolation  
for all those who come to you in need.  
And may the blessings promised to the compassionate,  
descend in abundance on your house.  
A. Amen.

P. May you be blessed in your work and enjoy its fruits.  
May cares never cause you distress,  
nor the desire for earthly possessions lead you astray,  
but may your hearts' concern be always

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for the treasures laid up for you in the life of Heaven.

A. Amen.

P. **May** the Lord grant you fullness of years,  
so that you may reap the harvest of a good life, and,  
after you have served Him with loyalty in His Kingdom on earth,  
may He take you up into His Eternal Dominions in Heaven.

*And, with his hands joined:*

Father, we ask this in our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son,  
Who lives and reigns with Thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Ghost, One God, forever and ever.

A. Amen.

*Facing the spouses, who kneel, he says the following prayers  
over them:*

P. **Let us** pray:

Listen with favor, O Lord, to our prayers,  
and graciously uphold the institution of marriage  
established by Thee for the continuation of the human race,  
so that they who have been joined together by Thy authority,  
may remain faithful together by Thy help.

Father, we ask this in our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son,  
Who lives and reigns with Thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Ghost,  
Eternal Triune God, forever and ever.

A. Amen.

P. **Let us** pray:

O God, by Thy mighty power,  
Thou made all things where before there was nothing.  
Thou put in order the beginnings of the universe  
and formed for man, made to Thine image,  
an inseparable helpmate, woman.  
Thou gave woman's body its origin from man's flesh,  
to teach that it is never right to separate her

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from the one being from whom it has pleased Thee to take her.<sup>46</sup>

O God, Thou consecrated the union of marriage,  
making it a sign so profound  
as to prefigure in the marriage covenant  
the mystery of Christ and the Church,  
the eternal unity of man in God, and God in man.<sup>47</sup>

O God, Thou join woman to man and give to that society,  
the first to be established,  
the blessing which alone was not taken away  
in punishment for original sin or in the doom of the Flood.

Look with kindness on this Thy servant  
who is to be joined to her husband  
in the companionship of marriage  
and who seeks to be made secure by Thy protection.

May this yoke that she is taking on herself  
be one of love and peace.

May she be faithful and chaste, marrying in Christ,  
and may she always imitate the holy women.

May she be the beloved of her husband, as was Rachel,<sup>48</sup>  
wise, as was Rebecca,<sup>49</sup>  
long-lived and loyal, as was Sara.<sup>50</sup>

May the author of sin have no mastery over her  
because of her acts.

May she hold firm to Faith and the Commandments.

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<sup>46</sup> Gn 2:18-23

<sup>47</sup> Gn 2:24

<sup>48</sup> Gn 29:18

<sup>49</sup> Gn 27:1-46

<sup>50</sup> Gn 23:1

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Faithful to one embrace,  
may she flee from unlawful companionship.  
By firm discipline may she fortify herself  
against her weakness.

May she be grave in her modesty,  
honorable in her chastity,  
learned in the teachings of Heaven.

May she be rich in children,  
may she prove worthy and blameless,  
and may she attain in the end to the peace of the blessed,  
the Kingdom of Heaven.

May she and her husband together  
see their children's children to the third and fourth generation  
and enjoy the long life that will fulfill their desires.

May you see the love of Jesus in each other.  
May you be the faithful example of the Holy Family,  
being the example of Holy Mary and Blessed Saint Joseph,  
and may you grow in wisdom and age and grace  
with God and men.<sup>51</sup>

Father, grant this in our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son,  
Who lives and reigns with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost,  
Eternal Triune God, forever and ever.

A. Amen.

*Then the priest continues the Nuptial Mass.  
After Mass, before the priest blesses the people, he turns to the  
spouses and says:*

P. May the God of Abraham,  
the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob be with you,  
and may He fulfill in you His blessing,  
so that you may see your children's children

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<sup>51</sup> Lk 2:52

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to the third and fourth generation  
and afterward possess everlasting and boundless life.<sup>52</sup>

Father, grant this in our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son,  
Who lives and reigns with Thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Ghost,  
Eternal Triune God, forever and ever.

A. Amen.

*After he sprinkles them with Holy Water and says:*

P. May the Blessings of the Holy Trinity,  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
remain in you all the days of your life.

A. Amen.

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<sup>52</sup> Gn 17:7

## The Sacrament of Holy Orders

Thou art a Priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek. Ps 109:4

*The celebrant, along with the ordinands enter the church in solemn procession. The ordinands go to the places reserved for them, while the celebrant proceeds to the Altar, and begins Mass, and continues until after the Second reading.*

### The Ordination Ceremony

*Ordination begins before the Gospel, when the celebrant delivers the instruction on the Priesthood in the Eternal Virgin Eucharistic Church.*

**Dearly** beloved brethren and sons in the Lord:  
you are about to be ordained to the order of the Priesthood of God.  
Strive to receive it worthily, and having received it,  
discharge its duties in a praiseworthy manner... *etc.*

### The Ordination

**MC. Let** all who are to be ordained come forward.

*The ordinands rise, go before the Altar and kneel. They are dressed in amice, alb, cincture, maniple, and stole. On their left arm they carry a folded chasuble.*

*The MC presents all the candidates to the celebrant, requesting him to ordain them:*

**MC. Our Holy** Mother the Church,  
request that you ordain the deacons here present  
to the office of Priesthood of God.

*The celebrant inquires:*

**P. Do you** know them to be worthy?

**MC. As** far as human frailty allows to know,  
I know and I testify that they are worthy of the charge of this  
office.

**P. Thanks** be to God.

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### **The Prostration and the Litany of the Saints.**

**P.** Do you candidates to the Priesthood of God,  
seek His Divine assistance in all things?

**Ordinands:** We prostrate ourselves before Almighty God,  
seeking His mighty guidance.

*The ordinands prostrate themselves on the floor of the Sanctuary, as a sign of their unworthiness and need of Divine assistance. The celebrant and all others who assist kneel in their places.*

*The celebrant recites the Litany of the Saints, the choir and all assisting clerics answer. The whole Church Triumphant is called upon to intercede with God that He may give worthy ministers to the Church Militant here on earth.*

Lord, have mercy on us.

*Christ, have mercy on us.*

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

*Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of Heaven,

*Have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

*Have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Ghost,

*Have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God,

*Have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary,

*Pray for us.*

Holy Mother of God,

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Holy Virgin of virgins,

“

St. Joseph,

“

St. Michael,

“

St. Gabriel,

“

St. Raphael,

“

All ye holy Angels and Archangels,

“

All ye holy orders of blessed Spirits,

“

All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,

“

All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,

“

All ye holy Disciples of the Lord,

“

All ye holy Innocents,

“

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All ye holy Saints of God,	<i>Make intercession for us.</i>
Be merciful,	<i>Spare us, O Lord.</i>
Be merciful,	<i>Graciously bear us, O Lord.</i>
From all evil,	<i>Deliver us, O Lord.</i>
From all sin,	“
From Thy wrath,	“
From a sudden and unprovided death,	“
From the snares of the devil,	“
From anger and hatred and every evil will,	“
From the spirit of fornication,	“
From lightning and tempest,	“
From the scourge of earthquakes,	“
From plague, famine, and war,	“
From everlasting death,	“
Through the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation,	“
Through Thy coming,	“
Through Thy birth,	“
Through Thy baptism and holy fasting,	“
Through Thy Cross and passion,	“
Through Thy death and burial,	“
Through Thy holy resurrection,	“
Through Thine admirable ascension,	“
Through the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete,	“
In the day of judgment,	“
We sinners,	<i>Beseech Thee, hear us.</i>
That Thou would spare and pardon us,	<i>We beseech Thee, hear us.</i>
Thou would pardon us,	“
That Thou would bring us to true penance,	“
That Thou would vouchsafe to:	
Govern and preserve Thy holy Church,	“
Preserve all orders of the Church in holy religion,	“
Humble the enemies of Thy Holy Church,	“
Give Thy peace and true faith to kings and princes, civil and religious,	“
Grant Thy peace and Holy unity to the whole world,	“
Call back to the unity of the Church	
all who have strayed from her fold,	“

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Guide all unbelievers  
    into the light of the Gospel of the Third Testament,      “  
Confirm and preserve us in Thy holy service,      “  
That Thou would lift up our minds to Heavenly desires,      “  
That Thou would render eternal blessings to all our benefactors,      “  
That Thou would deliver  
    our souls, and the souls of our brethren, and relatives,      “  
That Thou would deliver  
    the souls of our benefactors from eternal damnation,      “  
That Thou would vouchsafe to give and preserve the fruits of the  
earth,      “  
That Thou would vouchsafe  
to grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed,      “

*Here the celebrant rises and blesses the ordinands prostrate in the Sanctuary and says:*

That Thou would vouchsafe to ✠ bless these elect,  
That Thou would vouchsafe to ✠ bless and ✠ sanctify these elect,  
That Thou would vouchsafe to ✠ bless, ✠ sanctify,  
and ✠ consecrate these elect.

*The celebrant kneels again, and the litany is continued to the end.*

That Thou would vouchsafe graciously to hear us, Son of God.  
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, *Spide, hear us, O Lord.*  
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,      *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*  
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, *And, have mercy on us.*  
Christ, hear us.      *Christ, graciously hear us.*  
Lord, have mercy on us.      *Christ, have mercy on us,*  
Lord, have mercy on us.

*After the litany the ordinands rise.*

## The Individual Call

**MC.** Let those who are to be ordained to the order of the priesthood  
come forward: *N.N.*, etc.

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*Those to be ordained first are called by name. All others return to their places until the time for their ordination arrives.*

*When called, each one answers **PRESENT**, goes before the Altar, and kneels.*

### **The Bestowal of the Office of Priesthood.**

*The celebrant imposes both his hands upon each ordinand without saying any prayer, and after him all priests present do the same. Then the celebrant and all priests raise their right hands and hold them extended over the candidates for a few moments.*

*Then the celebrant, holding his right hand extended prays:*

**P.** Let us pray:

O Lord, Thou instructed us on the importance and sanctity of ordaining men to the priesthood:

“Impose not hands lightly upon any man, neither be partaker of other men’s sins. Keep thyself chaste.”<sup>53</sup>

By the power and authority vested in me,  
I ordain these men into Thy Priesthood.

From henceforth and forever, they are Priests of God,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.<sup>54</sup>

We thank Thee Almighty God, for these Thy Priests,  
and thank Thee that Thou send Thy Spirit from on High,  
filling these Thy Priests with Thy Graces.

We thank Thee that each of them believes in his heart that:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me,”<sup>55</sup>

in Christ Jesus, our Lord, Blessed Sacrament, Holy Eucharist,  
Who lives and reigns, Eternal Triune God, forever and ever.

**A.** Amen.

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<sup>53</sup> 1T 5:22

<sup>54</sup> Ps 109:4

<sup>55</sup> Is 61:1

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*The celebrant turns to the Altar and says:*

P. Let us pray:

*The assistants:* Let us bend our knees. (*The assistants genuflect, then say*):

A. Arise.

*Again the celebrant turns to the newly ordained Priests and prays:*

P. Hear us, we beseech Thee, Lord our God,

and pour out upon these Thy servants, Thy ✠ blessings as they receive

the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon them,  
for they shall be witnesses unto Thee in Jerusalem,  
and even to the uttermost part of the earth.<sup>56</sup>

We thank Thee in our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son,  
Blessed Sacrament, Holy Eucharist,  
Who lives and reigns with Thee  
in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, God,

*The following is said by the celebrant, with his arms extended:*  
forever and ever.

A. Amen.

P. We beseech Thee, Almighty Father,

invest these Thy servants with the dignity of Thy Priesthood.

Do Thou renew in their hearts the spirit of holiness,

that they may hold the office of Priesthood,

which they have received from Thee, O Lord,

and by their lives be an example of perfect conduct,

leading all whom they meet into Thy Eternal Kingdom

in Eucharistic Unity,

in Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Blessed Sacrament, Holy Eucharist,

Who lives and reigns with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost,  
Eternal Triune God, forever and ever.

A. Amen.

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<sup>56</sup> Ac 1:8

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### **Investiture with the Priestly Vestments.**

*The celebrant sits. The ordained are now vested with the priestly vestments. The celebrant arranges the **STOLE** of each one, which up to now was worn over the left shoulder, in the manner in the form of a cross. In doing this he says:*

**P.** Receive the priestly Stole, symbol of the dignity and power, the garb of immortality, which was lost by the sin of the first parent, and though unworthy to approach the sacred rite of Christ, may you with I, yet earn His everlasting joy.

*Then the celebrant vests the candidates with the **CHASUBLE** in such a manner that only the front part hangs down and the back part remains folded, saying at the same time:*

**P.** Bear ye the yoke of Jesus Christ our Lord, and learn of Him, because He is meek, and humble of heart, for His yoke is sweet, and His burden light,<sup>57</sup> may you bear it, so that you obtain His grace.

*The ordained answers:* Thanks be to God.

*The newly ordained kneel, and the celebrant prays:*

**P.** O Almighty Father, Author of all holiness, grant to Thy newly ordained Priests of Thee our God, the gift of bringing all people who will be saved, into Eucharistic Unity in Thee, by making the way clear to Paradise, and open the gates to all who persevere.

While Judaism yielded thirty fold,  
and Christianity yielded sixty fold,  
By Thy grace, help Eucharistic man  
to yield the promised hundred fold.<sup>58</sup>

Grant this in Christ Jesus, Thy Son, our Lord,

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<sup>57</sup> Mt 11:29,30

<sup>58</sup> Mt 13:23

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Holy Eucharist, Blessed Sacrament,  
Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost,  
Eternal Triune God, forever and ever.

A. Amen.

*The celebrant turns to the Altar, kneels and intones the following  
which is continued by the choir.*

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator come  
From Thy bright celestial throne!  
Come, take possession of our souls  
And make them all Thine own!

Thou Who art called the Paraclete,  
Best Gift of God above,  
The Living Spring, the Living Fire,  
Sweet Unction, and True Love!

Thou Who art sevenfold in Thy grace,  
Finger of God's right hand,  
His Promise, teaching little ones  
To speak and understand!

O guide our minds with Thy blest Light,  
With love our hearts inflame,  
And with Thy strength, which never decays,  
Confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our hellish foe,  
True peace unto us bring,  
And through all perils guide us safe  
Beneath Thy sacred wing.

Through Thee may we the Father know,  
Through Thee the Eternal Son,  
And Thee the Spirit of Them Both,  
Thrice blessed Three in One.

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Now to the Father and the Son  
Who rose from death, be glory given,  
With Thee, O Holy Comforter  
Henceforth by all in earth and Heaven.

A. Amen.

### **The Anointing of the Hands.**

*After the first stanza the celebrant seats himself. He places a cloth or towel over his lap. The newly ordained approach, and kneeling before him, one by one, they hold their hands for the anointing in such manner that the palms are turned upward and the sides and little fingers touch each other. The celebrant dips his thumb into the holy oil, draws a line from the thumb of the right hand to the index finger of the left and from the thumb of the left hand to the index finger of the right, and then anoints the whole of both palms. While doing this he pronounces the following prayer:*

P. We beseech Thee, O Lord, to consecrate and sanctify these hands by this unction and our ✠ blessing.

*The anointed answers:* Amen.

P. That whatsoever they shall bless may be blessed,  
and whatsoever they shall consecrate be consecrated and sanctified,  
in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*The anointed answers:* Amen.

*Then, keeping his hands joined, the newly ordained goes to the side of the Altar, where one of the assisting priests binds them together with a white cloth, leaving the fingers free. When all have been anointed, the celebrant purifies his thumb with crumbs of bread or water.*

### **Bestowal of the Power to Offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.**

*By the preceding rite of the imposition and the anointing of hands the newly ordained priests possess priestly powers. But the power to*

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*celebrate Mass, to change bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is such a tremendous, awe-inspiring power, that a special rite is employed to express its bestowal and to bring more fully into realization what has been received.*

*The newly ordained priests again approach the celebrant and kneel before him. A chalice containing wine and water, and the paten with a host lying on it, is presented to each; whereupon the ordained in his right hand, takes the paten between the index and the middle finger, touching with index finger the paten and host, and with the middle finger and thumb of his left hand, he takes the cup of the chalice, while the celebrant says:*

**P. Receive** the power to offer sacrifice to God  
and to celebrate Holy Mass for the living as well as for the dead.  
In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*The ordained answers:* Amen.

**Mass resumes with the reading of the Gospel, continuing until after Holy Communion.**

*From the Offertory on, the newly ordained priests say the Mass together with the celebrant, so that their ordination Mass is really their first Mass.*

**After Holy Communion of the Ordination Ceremonies continue.**

*The newly ordained priests have finished their first Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. They are 'other Christs' and the special friends of Jesus.*

*After the celebrant has taken the ablution, he washes his hands, standing on the epistle side, he intones the following responsories, which are then continued by the choir. If there is no choir present, the celebrant reads:*

**P. I will** not now call you servants but My friends,  
for you have known all things  
whatsoever I have wrought in the midst of you.<sup>59</sup>

**A. Alleluia.**

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<sup>59</sup> Jn 15:15

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P. **Receive** in you the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete,  
He It is Whom the Father will send you.<sup>60</sup>

A. Alleluia.

P. **You** are My friends if you do the things that I command you.  
Receive in you the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete.<sup>61</sup>

A. Alleluia.

P. **Glory** be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
He it is Whom the Father will send you.<sup>62</sup>

A. Alleluia.

### **The Profession of Faith.**

*Having said this responsory, the celebrant goes to the middle of the Altar and turns to the newly ordained priests, who standing before the Altar, recite the Apostles' Creed, publicly professing the faith which they will preach to the world, saying:*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,<sup>63</sup>  
the Creator of heaven and earth;<sup>64</sup>  
and in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord;<sup>65</sup>  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,<sup>66</sup>  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,<sup>67</sup>  
was crucified,<sup>68</sup>  
died,<sup>69</sup>

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<sup>60</sup> Jn 14:16

<sup>61</sup> Jn 16:7

<sup>62</sup> Jn 15:26

<sup>63</sup> Jn 14:1

<sup>64</sup> Gn 1:1

<sup>65</sup> Ac 8:37

<sup>66</sup> Lk 1:35

<sup>67</sup> Mk 15:15

<sup>68</sup> Mk 15:24

<sup>69</sup> Mk 15:37

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and was buried.<sup>70</sup>  
He descended into Hell;<sup>71</sup>  
the third day He arose again from the dead;<sup>72</sup>  
He ascended into Heaven, sits at the right hand of God,  
the Father Almighty;<sup>73</sup>  
from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.<sup>74</sup>  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,<sup>75</sup>  
the Eternal Virgin Eucharistic Church,<sup>76</sup>  
the communion of saints,<sup>77</sup>  
the forgiveness of sins,<sup>78</sup>  
the resurrection of the body,<sup>79</sup>  
and Life Everlasting. Amen.<sup>80</sup>

### **Bestowal of the Power to Forgive Sins**

*Because of the excellence of the power to forgive sins, a special ceremony is employed to express its bestowal upon the priest. It is fitting that this should be done after the offering of that Holy Sacrifice by which Christ has made atonement for the sins of all mankind and reconciled us with His Heavenly Father.*

*The celebrant seats himself. The newly ordained come up and kneel before him, he breathes on them, lays his hands on each one and says:*

**P. Receive ye** the Holy Ghost,  
whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them,

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<sup>70</sup> Mk 15:46

<sup>71</sup> 1P 3:19

<sup>72</sup> Mk 16:6

<sup>73</sup> Mk 16:19

<sup>74</sup> Ac 10:42

<sup>75</sup> Jn 14:26

<sup>76</sup> Mt 16:18; 2Co 11:2

<sup>77</sup> Mk 9:3

<sup>78</sup> Jn 20:23

<sup>79</sup> Lk 14:14

<sup>80</sup> Jn 3:16

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and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained.<sup>81</sup>

### **The Unfolding of the Chasuble.**

*Then the celebrant unfolds the back part of the CHASUBLE, saying:*

**P.** May the Lord clothe you with the robe of innocence and perfection.

### **The Promise of Obedience.**

*Now the celebrant takes both hands of the ordained into his own and asks:*

**P.** Do you promise me and your superiors, reverence and obedience?

*The priest answer:* I promise.

*Then the celebrant, still holding the newly ordained priest's hands within his own, kisses him on the right cheek, saying:*

**P.** The peace of the Lord be always with you. Amen.

*The priest answer:* Amen.

### **The Final Admonition.**

*The celebrant seats himself and addresses the newly ordained priests kneeling before him.*

**P.** Dearly beloved Priests of God, carefully consider the Order which you have received today and the burden which has been laid upon your shoulders.

At the Fall, in the act of disobedience, man fell from grace,<sup>82</sup> and the creature, made to God's Own image was destroyed.

In the Sacrament of Baptism, the Priest of God is given the authority and power to lead the way for fallen man to be washed and renewed in God's peace.<sup>83</sup>

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<sup>81</sup> Jn 20:22,23

<sup>82</sup> Gn 3:24

<sup>83</sup> Gn 8:11

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Man continued to sin,  
but God instituted the Sacrament of Confessions,  
so that the Priest of God in God's authority and power,  
could forgive sins,  
allowing man to become immaculate again in God.<sup>84</sup>

At the Last Supper, Jesus gave to His Priests, the power and authority  
to consecrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion,  
allowing man to return to holy co-union in God.<sup>85</sup>

God recognized in man that the spirit is willing,  
but the flesh is weak, and so,  
God gave to His selected Priests the power and authority  
to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation,  
allowing man to receive the Spirit of God,  
that is, the Holy Ghost, back into his life.<sup>86</sup>

At the Fall, the evil one intruded in marriage,  
breaking the unity of man and woman,  
and so, God established the Sacrament of Matrimony.<sup>87</sup>  
He gave to the Priest of God,  
the power and authority to consecrate man and woman  
in holy wedded unity in each other,  
symbolic of the unity of God and man.<sup>88</sup>

At the Fall, man broke priestly relationship with God, and,  
because of his enslavement to the devil,  
he could no longer minister in God's creation.  
Through the Sacrament of the Holy Order of Priesthood,  
God gave to the Priest of God, the power and authority

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<sup>84</sup> Jn 20:22,23

<sup>85</sup> Mt 26:26-28

<sup>86</sup> Lk 24:49

<sup>87</sup> Mk 10:9

<sup>88</sup> Jn 17:23

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to minister to Him in purity and in truth.<sup>89</sup>

At the Fall, man incurred the sin of death when he disobeyed God,  
and became subject to the eternal death of Satan.  
God gave to the Priest of God, the power and authority  
to administer the Sacrament of Extreme Unction,  
for man to come to the lasting and highest anointing,  
Eternal Life.<sup>90</sup>

Priest of God,  
I send you forth now in the power and authority of Jesus Christ.  
Receive the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.  
Receive the meek, for they shall possess the land.  
Comfort them that mourn, for they shall be comforted.  
Minister to them that hunger and thirst after justice,  
for they shall have their fill.  
Bless the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.  
Bless the clean of heart, they shall see God.  
Bless the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of  
God.  
Bless those that suffer persecution for justice' sake,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.  
Blessed shall you be when they shall revile you, and persecute  
you,  
and speak all that is evil against you, untruly, for the sake of  
Jesus,  
be glad and rejoice for your reward is very great in Heaven,  
for so they persecuted the prophets that were before you.<sup>91</sup>

Priest of God, go bear fruit that will last,  
exercising your authority and power.

May the blessing of the Almighty God,

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<sup>89</sup> Lk 22:19,20

<sup>90</sup> Lk 7:11-15

<sup>91</sup> Mt 5:3-12

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the ✠ Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy ✠ Ghost, descend upon you,  
to Whom be honor, and glory, forever and ever.

A. Amen.

(**Benedictio** Dei omnipotentis, Pa ✠ tris, et Filii ✠, et Spiritus ✠  
Sancti

descendat super vos; Cui est honor, et gloria, per omnia saecula  
saeculorum.

A. Amen).

*The Mass resumes with the reading of the Eucharistic Thanksgiving  
Prayer and continues to the Final Blessing.*

## **Extreme Unction**

*(Also called The Anointing of the Sick; The Last Rites)*

There are two areas in the Sacrament of the Sick which are detailed below, Holy Viaticum, and Extreme Unction:

### **What is Holy Viaticum?**

Holy Viaticum is Holy Eucharist given to the sick in immediate danger of death. It is called ‘Viaticum’ because it is the food to sustain them during their journey into eternity. Viaticum should be given to them without delay, lest they should die without this great mystical benefit. Jesus said: “Amen, amen, I say unto you, except you eat the Flesh of the Son of man and drink His Blood, you shall not have Life in you.”<sup>92</sup>

Holy Communion is Holy Eucharist and is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Without Him, the soul is dead. Jesus said: “I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No man comes to the Father, but by Me.”<sup>93</sup>

### **What is Extreme Unction?**

Extreme Unction is the outpouring of the Graces of the Holy Ghost into the soul of those in danger of death. Extreme Unction remits all forgotten mortal sins, and when the sick person is unable to go to Confession, the effects of this Sacrament are the same as if the person made a full and contrite Confession.

Extreme Unction gives special help to the soul to resist the evil attacks by the devil in the final moments of the life of the soul. It also releases the soul from a part of the temporal punishment due to sin.

The matter of the Sacrament of Extreme Unction is Oil, consecrated by the bishop. It signifies the unction of the Holy Ghost with which by this means, the soul of the endangered person is able to withstand the final attacks by the evil one against it.

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<sup>92</sup> Jn 6:54

<sup>93</sup> Jn14:6

The conditions for receiving Extreme Unction are:

1. A state of grace, and sorrow for any past sins. If possible, the Sacrament of Confessions should be made before hand, or an act of Contrition.
2. Total trust in God, and abandonment to His Divine Will.

*It is the responsibility of the priest to ask God if the person is to be healed and return to life, or to go before Him in judgement. Jesus will give him the answer. Jesus may allow the sick person to make the choice, but this option may not be possible due to the condition of that person.*

*If the person chooses to go before God in judgement, the priest has the responsibility to prepare that soul for judgement, if this is the will of God.*

### **The Sacrament of Holy Viaticum**

1. The sick room should be clean and tidy. In it there should be:
  - a) a table covered with a white cloth, and on the table
  - b) a dish containing six swabs of cotton wool and
  - c) some morsels of bread for cleansing the priest's fingers after contact with the holy oil;
  - d) water, for washing his hands, and a towel;
  - e) a lighted wax candle.
2. A cross without a haft (*pole*), and Holy Water, may be carried in the procession to the house. The priest must carry the holy oils himself.

*As the priest enters the place where the sick person is, he says:*

**P.** Peace be to this house.

**A.** And all who dwell therein.

*He places the Blessed Sacrament on a table, having first spread the Corporal on it, and sprinkles the room with Holy Water, saying:*

Thou shall sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be cleansed,  
Thou shall wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy.”<sup>94</sup>

*He repeats:*

Thou shall sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be cleansed,  
Thou shall wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.  
Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy.”

P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

A. Who has made Heaven and earth.<sup>95</sup>

P. O Lord, hear my prayer;

A. And let my cry come unto Thee.<sup>96</sup>

P. The Lord be with you,

A. And with your spirit.<sup>97</sup>

P. Let us pray:

Hear us O Holy Lord,  
Father Almighty and Eternal God,  
and grant to send Thy holy angel from Heaven,  
to watch over, cherish, protect, visit,  
and guard all them that dwell in this house.  
Through Christ Jesus our Lord.

A. Amen.

*After this prayer the priest draws near the sick person and if necessary, hears his Confession.*

1. *If possible, the sick person says the 'I confess... 'and the 'Lord I am not worthy... 'with the priest.*

2. *If Holy Communion is given as Viaticum, then instead of the 'I Confess... 'and the 'Lord I am not worthy...' the priest says:*

P. Receive, brother (or sister),

the Viaticum of the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and may He keep you from the malignant foe,  
and bring you to Life everlasting. Amen.

*Final prayer:*

P. Let us pray:

O Holy Lord,

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<sup>94</sup> Ps 50:9,3

<sup>95</sup> Ps 123:8

<sup>96</sup> Ps 101:2

<sup>97</sup> 1Co 3:16

Father Almighty and Eternal God,  
we beseech Thee in faith  
that the Holy Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son,  
may profit our brother *(or sister)*,  
who has received It as an everlasting remedy for body and soul,  
Who with Thee,  
lives and reigns for ever and ever.

A. Amen.

*Before leaving, the priest makes the sign of the Cross over the sick person with the Blessed Sacrament, in silence. If there are no Particles left, then he blesses him with his hand.  
The priest drinks the water in which he has purified his hands.*

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3. On arriving the priest enters the room of sick person, saying::

P. Peace be upon this house.

4. *He lays the holy oil upon the table prepared for it, and putting on a surplice and a violet stole, if he is not wearing them already, he offers the sick person the crucifix to kiss. He then sprinkles the person, the whole room, and all present with Holy Water in the form of a cross saying:*

P. Sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be cleansed.

Wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

*This can be omitted when the Anointing follows immediately on Viaticum.*

*If the sick person desires to make a confession the priest hears him and absolves him. Then he speaks kindly to him, telling him, if time allows, the power of this Sacrament; putting heart into him and hope of Eternal Life.*

5. *Afterwards he says:*

P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

A. Who made Heaven and earth.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

O Lord Jesus Christ, as we humbly enter this house may unending peace of mind enter it with us. In it may all things prosper; may nothing disturb it, may charity abound in it, may all be ever well with it. Let no evil spirit draw near, but let Angels bring peace and drive discord far away. Teach us to hold Thy Holy Name, O Lord, in honour; give Thy ✠ blessing to all we say and do. Sanctify us as we enter humbly into this house: Thou Who art holy and so good to us, Thou Who lives with the Father and the Holy Ghost for ever.

A. Amen.

P. Let us ask Our Lord Jesus Christ and earnestly beg Him to ✠ bless this dwelling and all within it, and to give them a good

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Angel from Heaven to watch over them, and the grace to know by serving Him the treasures hidden in His law. May He turn away from them whatever has power to harm them. May He leave them no cause for fear or uneasiness of mind; and may He have them all in His safe keeping. Who lives and reigns for ever.

A. Amen.

P. Let us pray:

P. Graciously hear us, Holy Lord and Father, Almighty and Eternal God, and in Thy goodness send Thy holy angel from Heaven to watch over all who dwell in this house. May his coming put new heart in them; may he protect them and be with them to defend them from all harm. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

6. *If time does not allow all the foregoing prayers to be said they may be omitted, either wholly or in part. Then the Confiteor etc. is said and the priest replies* May Almighty God have mercy on you...May the almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon...

7. *The priest urges those who are present to pray for the sick person and to recite the Rosary. Then with his right hand outstretched over the head of the sick person he says:*

P. In the Name of the ✠ Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy ✠ Ghost, may all the devil's power in you be extinguished as we lay our hands upon you, and call upon the glorious Mother of God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, upon St Joseph her glorious Spouse, and upon the Angels, Archangels, Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Virgins, and all the Saints together to intercede for you. Amen.

8. *He dips his thumb into the holy oil and anoints the sick person in the form of a Cross in the manner indicated below, saying as he does so:*

*Upon the EYELIDS.*

P. Through this holy ✠ anointing and his most tender mercy

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may the Lord forgive you whatever sins you have committed through your sense of sight. Amen.

*After each anointing, he wipes away the oil with cotton wool.*

### *On the EARS:*

Through this holy ✠ anointing and his most tender mercy may the Lord forgive you whatever sins you have committed through your sense of hearing. Amen.

### *On the NOSTRILS:*

Through this holy ✠ anointing and his most tender mercy may the Lord forgive you whatever sins you have committed through your sense of smell. Amen.

### *On the MOUTH, with closed lips:*

Through this holy ✠ anointing and his most tender mercy may the Lord forgive you whatever sins you have committed through your sense of taste and through your ability to speak.

Amen.

### *On the HANDS:*

Through this holy ✠ anointing and his most tender mercy may the Lord forgive you whatever sins you have committed through your sense of touch. Amen.

*A priest is anointed on the back of the hands, not upon the palm.*

### *On the FEET:*

Through this holy ✠ anointing and his most tender mercy may the Lord forgive you whatever sins you have committed through your ability to walk. Amen.

*The anointing of the feet may be omitted for any sufficient reason.*

- 9. When all is done, the priest wipes his thumb with a morsel of bread and washes his hands; the water and the bread are put either into the sacrarium or into the fire.*

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*Then he says:*

P. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Our Father...*(Silently)*

P. And lead us not into temptation.

A. But deliver us from evil.

P. Save Thy servant.

A. Who puts his (her) trust in Thee, my God.

P. Send him (her) help from Thy holy place, O Lord.

A. And defend him (her) out of Sion.

P. Be to him (her), Lord, a tower of strength.

A. Against the face of the enemy.

P. May the enemy have no advantage over him (her).

A. Nor the son of iniquity have power to hurt him (her).

P. Lord hear my prayer.

A. And let my cry come unto Thee.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

Lord God, Thou didst say through Thy Apostle James: "Is any man sick among you? Let him bring in the priests of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick man, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he be in sins they shall be forgiven him."<sup>98</sup> We earnestly ask therefore of Thee our Redeemer to bring to this Thy servant the grace of the Holy Ghost as a healing remedy for all his (her) ills. Bind up his (her) wounds; forgive his (her) sins; rid him (her) of all anguish of mind and body.

Restore in Thy mercy, full health to his (her) body and soul,  
so that with Thy help he (she) may be well again,  
and able to take up his (her) work again and his (her) duties in  
life.

Who lives and reigns for ever.

A. Amen.

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<sup>98</sup> Jm 5:14,15

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P. Let us pray:

We beg of Thee, O Lord, to turn Thy eyes towards *N.* Thy servant lying here weak and weary. Warm with new life the soul Thou didst create in (him); and if for (his) own good Thou hast made (him) suffer, let (him) feel now that Thy healing hand has taken (his) suffering away. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

P. Let us pray:

Holy Lord and Father, Almighty and Eternal God,  
Who dost pour into broken human bodies,  
the healing grace of Thy own blessing,  
and in a thousand ways  
dost show Thy care for what Thy hands have made,  
be good to us and draw near, as we call upon Thy Name.

Deliver Thy servant from his sickness. Give (him) health anew.  
Stretch out Thy hand and set (him) on his feet again.  
Put strength into (him),  
and keep (him) safe under Thy powerful protection.  
Give (him) back again to Thy holy Church;  
and may all henceforth be well with (him).  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*10. The priest will speak to the sick person before leaving, instructing him how to prepare to die a good death and overcome the temptations of the devil.*

*11. Then he will make sure that there is Holy Water in the room and a crucifix placed where the sick person can see it easily and if possible hold it in his hands and kiss it.*

*12. The members of the household will be told to warn the priest when the patient's condition grows worse. He will come then and say the prayers for a departing soul. If death is imminent, the priest, before leaving, will solemnly commend the patient's soul*

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*to God.*

### **Blessing at the Hour of Death**

- 1. The priest, wearing a surplice and purple stole over his cassock, enters the sick room and says Peace be upon this house, etc. With Holy Water he sprinkles the sick person, the room, and the bystanders, saying the Antiphon: Sprinkle me, etc.*
- 2. If the sick person desires to make his confession the priest hears him and absolves him; otherwise he makes an act of contrition with him. He speaks to him of the meaning and effect of this blessing, exhorts him to call upon the Holy Name of Jesus at least in his heart, to bear willingly the trials and crosses of his illness in expiation of his past life, and to offer himself to God, resigned to whatever God's will may be, ready to accept even death itself, when the time comes, as a punishment he well deserves for the sins he has committed.*

### **Act of Charity and Resignation**

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, save me. I love Thee with all my heart. I take from Thy hands my illness and all I have to suffer; and when Thou call me at last, I will accept even my death from Thee to make up for my sins.

- 3. He speaks words of comfort to him and gives him hope that by God's great goodness he may be granted full pardon of his sins and come quickly to Eternal Life.*

*4. Then he says:*

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

**A.** Who made Heaven and earth.

*Antiphon.*

**P.** Remember not the wrong-doing of this Thy servant, O Lord, and punish him no more for his sins.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Our Father...(silently)

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P. **And** lead us not into temptation.

A. But deliver us from evil.

P. **Save** Thy servant.

A. Who puts (his) trust in Thee, my God.

P. **Lord**, hear my prayer.

A. And let my cry come unto Thee.

P. **The** Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. **Let us** pray:

O God, always ready to pardon, Father of mercies, God of all consolation, Whose will it is that no one who believes and hopes in Thee should lose his soul; in Thy manifold mercy turn Thy pitying eyes towards this Thy servant **N.**, for unfeigned faith and Christian hope commend (him) to Thee. Look kindly upon (him) and save (him). Through the sufferings and death of Thy Son, show Thy clemency and wipe out the record of (his) sins; that when the time comes for (him) to leave this world (he) may find in Thee a lenient Judge, and be worthy to be admitted into Eternal Life, cleansed from every stain by the precious Blood of that same Son of Thine.

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*5. One of those assisting the priest recites the Confiteor, to which the priest replies May the Almighty God etc. in the usual. This can be omitted when the Blessing follows immediately on Viaticum or the Anointing.*

*Then the priest continues:*

P. **May** our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God, Who gave to His apostle Peter the power of binding and loosing, in His loving mercy accept your confession and put about your shoulders again the robe of sonship which was given you at your Baptism.

And now in virtue of the faculty given to me, I grant you full remission of all your sins.

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

A. Amen.

P. **Through** the sacred mysteries of man's redemption may God Almighty free you, both in this life and in the next, from all the penalties He would have exacted from you for your sins. May He open the gates of Paradise to you and lead you in, to enjoy unending happiness.

A. Amen.

P. **May** Almighty God bless you, Father, Son, ✠ and Holy Ghost.

A. Amen.

*6. If the sick person is so near to death that there is no time to recite the Confiteor and the prayers that follow, the priest gives the Blessing at once, saying:*

P. **In virtue** of the faculty given to me by Almighty God I grant you full remission of all your sins.

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

A. Amen.

*and the rest as above from #5.*

*7. In very urgent cases it suffices to say:*

P. **In virtue** of the faculty given to me by the Almighty God I grant you full remission of all your sins, and I bless you.

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

A. Amen.

*8. When the Blessing is given to more than one at the same time, all is said in the plural.*

## **Prayers for the Dying**

*1. The priest goes to the deathbed vested in surplice and purple stole and accompanied, if possible, by a server carrying Holy*

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*Water. Entering the room he says:*

P. Peace be upon this house.

A. And upon all who dwell herein.

*He sprinkles the dying man, the bed, and the bystanders with Holy Water, saying:*

P. Sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be cleansed.  
Wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

2. *He gives the dying man the crucifix to kiss, and speaks to him of the confident hope of salvation which he should have. Then he places the crucifix where the dying person may see it and derive hope through gazing upon it.*

3. *A candle is lighted and all kneel to recite the Litany.*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Holy Mary,

pray for him (or her).

Every holy Angel and Archangel,

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Holy Abel,

“

Every member of the Heavenly choirs,

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Holy Abraham,

“

St John the Baptist,

“

St Joseph,

“

Every holy Patriarch and Prophet,

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St Peter,

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St Paul,

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St Andrew,

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St John,

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Every holy Apostle and Evangelist,

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Every holy disciple of our Lord,

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Every holy Innocent,

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St Stephen,

“

St Laurence,

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Every holy Martyr,

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St Sylvester,

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St Gregory,	“
St Augustine,	“
Every holy Bishop and Confessor,	“
St Benedict,	“
St Francis,	“
St Camillus,	“
St John of God,	“
Every holy Monk and Hermit,	“
St Mary Magdalen,	“
St Lucy,	“
Every holy Virgin and Widow,	“
Every Saint of God,	Intercede for him (or her).
Be merciful to him (or her),	Spare him (or her),
	O Lord.
Be merciful to him (or her),	Deliver him (or
	her), O Lord.
Be merciful to him (or her),	“
From thy wrath,	“
From the danger of death,	“
From an evil death,	“
From the pains of hell,	“
From all evil,	“
From the power of the devil,	“
By thy Nativity,	“
By thy Cross and Passion,	“
By thy Death and Burial,	“
By thy glorious Resurrection,	“
By thy wonderful Ascension,	“
By the grace of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter,	“
In the day of Judgement,	“
We sinners,	we beseech Thee, hear us
That thou wilt spare him (or her) ,	we beseech Thee, hear us.
Lord, have mercy.	
Christ, have mercy.	
Lord, have mercy.	

**P.** *Go forth*, O Christian soul, out of this world,

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in the Name of God the Father Almighty, Who created you;  
in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God,  
Who suffered for you;  
in the Name of the Holy Ghost, Who was poured out upon you;  
in the name of the holy and glorious Mary, Virgin Mother of  
God;  
in the name of blessed Joseph her most chaste Spouse;  
in the name of the angels, archangels, thrones, and dominations;  
in the name of the principalities and powers;  
in the name of the virtues and of the cherubim and seraphim;  
in the name of the patriarchs and prophets,  
of the holy apostles and evangelists,  
of the holy martyrs, confessors, monks, and hermits,  
of the holy virgins, and of all the saints of God;  
may peace be yours this day and your home in holy Sion.  
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

**P.** God of Mercy, God of pity, again and again Thy mercy blots out the sins of penitent sinners, and wipes away the stain of their offences. Look kindly therefore upon this Thy servant **N.** and forgive the wrong (he) has done Thee, for with all his heart (he) owns that (he) has done it, and only asks for pardon. Human weakness and the devil's deceits have wrought much evil in (his) soul. Undo the harm they did and make (him) again a sound member of the Church. Hear (his) sighs, O Lord, see (his) tears, and pity (him). (He) has no other hope than in Thy mercy. Show (him) that mercy, therefore, and take (him) back again. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

**P.** Dear brother (sister), I commend you to Almighty God, and I commit you to His keeping. You came from His hands; from the dust of the earth He fashioned you; and now, when you have paid the common debt of man by death, may you go back to Him. When your soul shall leave your body, may angels in their splendor come to welcome you. May the apostles rise from their

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twelve thrones of judgement to meet you; may the triumphant army of white-robed martyrs give you greeting.

May the glorious throng of those who have served Christ, and are now resplendent in glory, gather round you; may the choir of holy virgins welcome you; and may you find eternal rest among the patriarchs.

May St Joseph, dear patron of the dying, teach you to have great confidence.

May Mary the Holy Mother of God turn her eyes in loving kindness towards you.

May Christ Jesus smile upon you and welcome your coming; and may He appoint a place for you among those who stand ever near Him.

May you never know the horrors of the outer darkness, the anguish of the flames, the racking of eternal torment.

May the devil and his angels be forced to make way for you, and as you come with God's angels about you, may he tremble with fear and flee into the deep abyss of unending night.

Let God arise and his enemies be scattered, and let all who hate Him flee before His face.

Let them disappear like smoke. As wax melts in the fire's heat, so let sinners perish before the face of God, while the just sit at His festive table and rejoice in His sight. Let all the legions of hell be confounded and put to shame, and let no minister of Satan dare to stand against you.

May Christ, Who suffered the torments of the Cross for you, free you from the torments of the damned.

May Christ, Who chose to die for you, free you from eternal death.

May Christ, the Son of the Living God, find a place for you in the bright fields of Paradise, and may He, True Shepherd that He is, number you among His

flock.

May He blot out all your sins

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and cast your lot among the Saints at His right hand.  
May you look upon your Redeemer face to face;  
may you be ever in His presence,  
and may your happy eyes behold Him for what He is.  
May you have your home among the blessed;  
and may you drink in the beauty of Almighty God  
in bliss for all eternity.

A. Amen.

P. **Receive** Thy servant, Lord,  
into the place among those whom Thou hast saved,  
which (he) hopes for from Thy mercy.

A. Amen.

P. **Deliver** the soul of Thy servant, Lord, from every danger of hell,  
from the bonds of punishment, and from every suffering.

A. Amen.

P. **Deliver** the soul of Thy servant, Lord,  
as Thou didst deliver Enoch and Elijah from mankind's common  
end.

A. Amen.

P. **Deliver** the soul of Thy servant, Lord,  
as Thou didst deliver Noah from the flood.

A. Amen.

P. **Deliver** the soul of Thy servant, Lord,  
as Thou didst deliver Abraham from Ur of the Chaldeans.

A. Amen.

P. **Deliver** the soul of Thy servant, Lord,  
as Thou didst deliver Job from his sufferings.

A. Amen.

P. **Deliver** the soul of Thy servant, Lord,  
as Thou didst deliver Isaac from the sacrificial knife  
and from the hand of Abraham his father.

A. Amen.

P. **Deliver** the soul of Thy servant, Lord, as Thou didst deliver Lot  
from the overthrow of Sodom, and from the flames.

A. Amen.

P. **Deliver** the soul of Thy servant, Lord, as Thou didst deliver

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Moses from the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt.

A. Amen.

P. **Deliver** the soul of Thy servant, Lord,  
as Thou didst deliver Daniel from the lions' den.

A. Amen.

P. **Deliver** the soul of Thy servant, Lord,  
as Thou didst deliver the three young men from the furnace  
and from the hand of a wicked king.

A. Amen.

P. **Deliver** the soul of Thy servant, Lord,  
as Thou didst deliver Susannah from her false accusers.

A. Amen.

P. **Deliver** the soul of Thy servant, Lord,  
as Thou didst deliver David from the hand of King Saul  
and from the hand of Goliath.

A. Amen.

P. **Deliver** the soul of Thy servant, Lord,  
as Thou didst deliver Peter and Paul from their imprisonment.

A. Amen.

P. **And** as Thou didst deliver

Thy holy virgin and martyr Thecla from her threefold ordeal of  
torture,

so now deliver the soul of this Thy servant and bring him to  
the everlasting enjoyment with Thee of all the good things of  
Heaven.

A. Amen.

P. **We** commend to Thy keeping the soul of Thy servant **N.**, O Lord,  
and we beg of Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world,  
Who came down to this earth in pity for (him),  
to find a resting place for (him) in the bosom of the patriarchs.

Acknowledge (him) as Thine, dear Lord, for (he) came from Thy  
hands, and was created by Thee alone, the living and true God,  
not by any false divinity. There is indeed no other God than  
Thou, nor anyone who can do the things that Thou can do.

Let (his) soul be filled with joy, O Lord, as (he) stands before

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Thee: forget all (his) past wrongdoing, and the excesses into which angry passion or evil desires have led (him). For although (he) sinned (he) did not deny Thee, but always believed firmly in the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost: (he) was zealous for God's honour and faithfully worshiped God Who made all things.

Remember no more the sins of (his) youth, O Lord, and the wrong (he) did when (he) knew no better, but be mindful of (him) in the brightness of Thy glory, according to Thy great mercy.

May the Heavens be opened to (him).

May the angels rejoice with (him).

Receive Thy servant, Lord, into Thy Kingdom.

May Michael the holy Archangel,  
worthy prince of the Heavenly armies, receive (him).

May the holy Angels of God come to meet him,  
and lead (him) into the Heavenly Jerusalem.

May blessed Peter the Apostle,

to whom the keys of the Kingdom were given, open the gate to (him).

May St Paul, who was the chosen bearer of the Gospel,  
be there to help (him).

May St John, the chosen apostle of God,  
to whom were revealed the hidden things of Heaven,  
intercede for (him).

May all the Apostles,

to whom was granted authority to rule the Church, pray for (him).

May all those Saints of God intercede for (him), those chosen Souls who suffered torments in this world to defend the Name of Christ. So may our Lord Jesus Christ grant that when (he) has cast off the shackles of the body (he) may come to the glory of the Kingdom of Heaven. Who lives and reigns for ever.

A. Amen.

**P.** *May* Mary the Virgin Mother of God, kind comforter of all in distress, commend to her Son the soul of this His servant *N.* *May*

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she be to (him) at this moment a true mother; and thus may (he) overcome the fear of death and go forward, happy and in her company, to the place (he) has always longed for in his Heavenly home.

A. Amen.

P. **Saint** Joseph, patron of the dying, I come to you to ask your help. Earnestly I commend to you the soul of this servant **N.** now in (his) agony, for at your own happy passing Jesus and Mary stood near, a twofold assurance of salvation. Through your intercession may (he) be delivered from the snares of the devil and from everlasting death, and be found worthy of eternal happiness. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*If the dying person remains still in his agony the Gospel of St John 17:1-26, may be read (and the Passion also according to St John).*

These things Jesus spoke, and lifting up His eyes to Heaven, He said: “Father, the hour is come. Glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son may glorify Thee. As Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He may give Eternal Life to all whom Thou hast given Him. Now this is Eternal Life: That they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom Thou hast sent. I have glorified Thee on the earth, I have finished the work which Thou gave Me to do. And now glorify Thou Me, O Father, with Thyself, with the glory which I had, before the world was, with Thee.

I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou hast given Me out of the world. Thine they were, and to Me Thou gave them. And they have kept Thy word. Now they have known that all things which Thou hast given Me are from Thee, because the words which Thou gave Me, I have given to them. And they have received them and have known in very deed that I came out from Thee, and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I pray for them. I pray not for the world, but for them whom Thou hast given Me, because they are Thine. And all My things are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am

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glorified in them.

And now I am not in the world, and these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name whom Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, as We also are. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name. Those whom Thou gave Me have I kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition, that the scripture may be fulfilled. And now I come to Thee, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy filled in themselves. I have given them Thy word, and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, as I also am not of the world I pray not that Thou should take them out of the world, but that Thou should keep them from evil. They are not of the world, as I also am not of the world. Sanctify them in truth. Thy word is truth. As Thou hast sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for them do I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. And not for them only do I pray, but for them also who through their word shall believe in Me. And they have kept Thy word. That they all may be one, as Thou, Father, in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. And the glory which Thou hast given Me, I have given to them, that they may be one, as We also are One. I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one, and the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast also loved Me. Father, I will that where I am, they also whom Thou hast given Me may be with Me, that they may see My glory which Thou hast given Me, because Thou hast loved Me before the creation of the world. Just Father, the world has not known Thee, but I have known Thee. And these have known that Thou hast sent Me. And I have made known Thy Name to them and will make it known, that the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

### **At the Expiry**

- 1. When the moment of death draws near, then all who stand at the bedside should pray with great earnestness, and upon their knees. If the dying person is able, he should say: Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. If he cannot, someone standing near, or the priest himself, should*

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*do so in a clear voice; and so, too, for the prayers which follow, repeating them frequently close to the dying man's ear:*

- A. Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.  
Lord Jesus Christ, receive my soul.  
Holy Mary, pray for me.  
Mary, mother of grace, mother of mercy,  
defend me from the enemy; receive me at the hour of death.  
Saint Joseph, pray for me.  
Saint Joseph, with your blessed Virgin Spouse,  
open wide for me the arms of God's mercy.  
Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.  
Jesus, Mary, Joseph, assist me in my last agony.  
Jesus, Mary, Joseph, may I sleep and take my rest in peace with you.

*2. When the soul has left the body then is said:*

- P. **Come** to his (her) aid, every saint of God go out to meet (him), every angel of God. Take (his) soul and offer it in the sight of God's majesty.
- A. May Christ Who called you away take you to Himself, and may angels lead you into Abraham's bosom.
- P. **Take** (his) soul and offer it in the sight of God's majesty.
- A. Eternal rest grant to (him), O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon (him).  
Offer (his) soul in the sight of God's majesty.
- P. **Lord**, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Our Father...*(Silently)*
- P. **And** lead us not into temptation.
- A. But deliver us from evil.
- P. **Eternal** rest grant to him ✠ O Lord.
- A. And let perpetual light shine upon (him).
- P. **From** the gate of hell.
- A. Deliver (his) soul, O Lord.
- P. **May** (he) rest in peace.
- A. Amen.

- P. Lord, hear my prayer.  
A. And let my cry come unto Thee.  
P. The Lord be with you.  
A. And also with you.  
P. Let us pray:

We commend to Thee, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, *N*. Although to this world (he) is dead, yet to Thee may (he) still live; and the sins (he) has committed in this life through human frailty, do Thou in Thy merciful goodness forgive. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*If the dead man was a priest or bishop, the title should be added to his name.*

- 3. The dead body should be laid out with a small crucifix clasped in the hands, upon the breast. And from time to time all who are able should kneel nearby and pray for the dead man's soul.*

### **Funeral Service**

- 1. The body of the deceased person is to be brought to the Church for the funeral service. The priest who accompanies the body to the Church, must wear a black stole over his surplice. He may wear a cope.*

*The procession is formed as follows: confraternities go first, then the processional Cross, followed by the clergy, regular and secular, who walk two by two according to rank, devoutly reciting the following Psalms. The coffin is carried behind the Priest, and then is followed by the mourners, who pray silently for the soul of the departed.*

*It often happens that there is no procession from the dead person's house. In this case the Priest should go to the Church door and there sprinkle the corpse saying the antiphon **Thou, Lord** and the psalm **Out of the depths** as indicated below.*

- 2. Before the procession sets out, the priest sprinkles the coffin with Holy Water, saying:*

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P. **Thou**, Lord, wilt keep record of our iniquities,  
Master, who has strength to bear it.

Out of the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

Let Thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.  
If Thou, O Lord, shall observe iniquities, Lord who shall endure it?

For with Thee there is merciful forgiveness,  
and by reason of Thy law I have waited for Thee, O Lord.  
My soul has relied on His word, my soul has hoped in the Lord.  
From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord..

Because with the Lord there is mercy,  
and with Him plentiful redemption.  
And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.<sup>99</sup>  
Eternal rest give to him (her), O Lord.

A. And let perpetual light shine upon him (her).

*The priest repeats the whole Antiphon:*

P. **If Thou**, Lord, wilt keep record of our iniquities,  
Master, who has strength to bear it?

*Then the corpse is carried out and priest recites:*

P. **The** bones that lie in the dust shall thrill with joy before the Lord.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy.

And according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies  
blot out my iniquity.

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

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

To Thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before Thee,  
that Thou may be justified in Thy words,  
and may overcome when Thou art judged.

For behold I was conceived in iniquities,

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<sup>99</sup> Ps 129

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and in sins did my mother conceive me.  
For behold Thou have loved truth,  
the uncertain and hidden things of Thy wisdom  
Thou hast made manifest to me.  
Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed,  
Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.  
To my hearing Thou shall give joy and gladness,  
and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice.  
Turn away Thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.  
Create a clean heart in me, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within my soul.  
Cast me not away from Thy face,  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.  
I will teach the unjust Thy ways,  
and the wicked shall be converted to Thee.  
O Lord, Thou will open my lips,  
and my mouth shall declare Thy praise.  
For if Thou had desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it,  
with burnt offerings Thou will not be delighted.  
A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit,  
a contrite and humbled heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.  
Deal favorably, O Lord, in Thy good will with Sion,  
that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.  
Then shalt Thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations and  
whole burnt offerings, then shall they lay calves upon Thy  
Altar.<sup>100</sup>

Eternal rest give to him (her), O Lord.

A. And let perpetual light shine upon him (her).

*If the journey is a long one, the Gradual Psalms may be recited or the Psalms from the Office of the Dead. At the end of each is said: Eternal rest etc. The recitation of the Psalms should continue gravely, distinctly, until the procession arrives at the Church.*

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<sup>100</sup> Ps 50

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*3. At the entrance to the Church the Antiphon is repeated:*

**P.** The bones that lie in the dust shall thrill with joy before the Lord.

*When all have entered the Church, the cantors begin and the rest follow:*

Come to (his) aid, every saint of God;  
go out to meet (him), every angel of the Lord.

Take (his) soul and offer it in the sight of God's majesty.

**P.** *May* Christ, Who called you away, take you to Himself,  
and may angels lead you into Abraham's bosom.

Take (his) soul and offer it in the sight of God's majesty.

Eternal rest grant to (him), O Lord, and let perpetual light shine  
upon (him). Offer (his) soul in the sight of God's majesty.

*4. The coffin is set down in the middle of the Church, with the foot towards the Altar; unless the deceased be a priest, in which case the head is towards the Altar. Candles are lighted about the body, and if possible the Office of the Dead should be recited immediately.*

*If however, the Office and Mass are to follow later or on the next day, after the* Come to (his) aid...*there is said:*

**P.** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Our Father, etc., *with the Versicles and Prayer below (No. 5), the latter with the short ending* Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Then:*

**P.** Eternal rest grant to (him), O Lord.

**A.** And let perpetual light shine upon (him).

**P.** *May* (he) rest in peace.

**A.** Amen.

*5. At the end of the Office of the Dead, after the Benedictus Antiphon, there is said kneeling:*

**P.** Our Father...

**P.** And lead us not into temptation.

**A.** But deliver us from evil.

**P.** From the gate of hell.

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A. Deliver (his) soul, O Lord.

P. **May** (he) rest in peace.

A. Amen.

P. **Lord** hear my prayer.

A. And let my cry come unto Thee.

P. **The** Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. **Let us** pray:

Absolve, we beseech thee, O Lord,  
the soul of Thy servant *N.* from every bond of sin;  
that (he) may live again in the glory of the resurrection  
and breathe the air of Paradise among Thy Saints and elect.  
Through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord,  
Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost,  
one God, world without end.

A. Amen.

*If the dead man was a priest or bishop, the title should be added to his name.*

*After the Prayer, if this is not immediately followed by the burial or Mass or Absolution, there are added: Eternal rest, etc. and May they rest in peace.*

*6. Normally, while Lauds are being said, the priest and sacred ministers vest to celebrate Requiem Mass (RQ) for the deceased.*

*7. Afterwards the celebrant, putting aside the chasuble, vests in a cope, the Deacon and Subdeacon retaining all their vestments. The Subdeacon takes the Cross, and, preceded by the bearers of the incense and Holy Water, goes to the head of the coffin and stands there between two acolytes with lighted candles.*

*The rest of the clergy gather about the bier with lighted candles. The celebrant, with the Deacon on his left, after bowing to the Altar, stands at the foot of the coffin, the bearers of incense and Holy Water standing behind him towards the left. He recites the following*

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### *prayer:*

- P. Enter not into judgement with Thy servant, O Lord, for no man will ever stand guiltless in Thy presence unless Thou forgive him all his sins. Let not Thy sentence fall heavily, therefore, upon one whom the sincere prayer of Christian faith commends to Thee; but help (him) rather with Thy grace. Thus may (he) deserve to be spared now the weight of Thy vengeance, who while (he) yet lived was marked with the sign of the Holy Trinity:  
Who lives and reigns for ever.  
A. Amen.

### *8. Then is sung by Cantors and Choir "C":*

- C. Deliver me, Lord, from everlasting death on the day when the Heavens and the earth are to be shaken to their foundations, as Thou come to judge the world by fire.  
P. I tremble with fear when I think upon the heart-searching there must be and upon Thy wrath let loose upon mankind.  
C. When the Heavens and the earth are to be shaken to their foundations.  
P. A day of wrath must that day be, a day of disillusion and despair; a day to overshadow all other days, and a day of dreadful bitterness.  
C. As Thou come to judge the world by fire.  
P. Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
Deliver me, etc. *is repeated as far as Judge the world by fire.*

- 9. While this Responsory is being repeated, the Priest, assisted by the Deacon, puts incense into the thurible and blesses it in the usual way.*

*The Cantor and first choir sing:* Lord, have mercy.

*The second choir replies:* Christ, have mercy.

*All sing together:* Lord, have mercy.

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*10. The priest intones:*

**P.** Our Father...

*And all continue the prayer in a subdued voice.*

*Meanwhile the priest goes round the coffin, sprinkling it with Holy Water, three times on the left side and three times on the right, bowing deeply as he passes before the Altar and the Cross (genuflecting if the Blessed Sacrament is present).*

*After returning to his original position, he takes the thurible and censens the coffin in a similar manner.*

*Then he says:*

**P.** And lead us not into temptation.

**A.** But deliver us from evil.

**P.** From the gate of hell.

**A.** Deliver (his) soul, O Lord.

**P.** May (he) rest in peace.

**A.** Amen.

**P.** Lord hear my prayer.

**A.** And let my cry come unto Thee.

**P.** The Lord be with you.

**A.** And also with you.

**P.** Let us pray:

O God Who art ready always to be merciful and to spare, we humbly make this prayer to Thee on behalf of Thy servant **N.** whom Thou hast commanded today to depart this life. Deliver (him) not into the hands of the enemy; thrust (him) not out of Thy mind for ever; but bid Thy holy Angels receive (him) and lead (him) home to Paradise. And because (he) hoped and believed in Thee, may (he) never feel the pains of hell, but possess the joys of Heaven through all eternity.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A.** Amen.

*11. When the prayer is ended the corpse is taken to the cemetery if burial is to follow immediately. On the way, or here at the same*

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*place if the burial is not to take place until later, the clergy sing:*

Antiphon:

May the Angels lead you into Paradise.  
May the Martyrs await your coming  
and bring you into the holy city, the Heavenly Jerusalem.  
May a choir of Angels welcome you,  
and with the poor man Lazarus of old,  
may you enjoy eternal rest.

*12. Then, even if the corpse has not been taken to the cemetery, the priest continues the burial rite as follows. He intones the antiphon:*

**P. I am** the Resurrection and the Life.

He who believes in Me though he is dead will live on,  
and whoever has life and has faith in Me, to all eternity will not die.

Canticle of Zachary

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, because He has visited and wrought the redemption of His people. And has raised up a horn of salvation to us, in the house of David His servant. As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, who are from the beginning: “Salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all that hate us. To perform mercy to our fathers and to remember His holy testament. The oath, which He swore to Abraham our father, that He would grant to us, that being delivered from the hand of our enemies, we may serve Him without fear, in holiness and justice before Him, all our days.” And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Highest, for you shall go before the face of the Lord, to prepare His ways, to give knowledge of salvation to His people, unto the remission of their sins. Through the depths of the mercy of our God, in which the Orient from on high has visited us, to enlighten them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to direct our feet into the way

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of peace.”<sup>101</sup>

P. **Eternal** rest grant to (him), O Lord.

A. And may perpetual light shine upon (him).

*If the journey is a long one the psalm* Out of the depths...*should be recited and other psalms from the office of the dead. Each psalm should end with* Eternal rest give to (him), O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon (him).

*At the cemetery gate the antiphon is repeated:*

P. **I am** the Resurrection and the Life.

He who believes in Me though he is dead will live on,  
and whoever has life and has faith in Me, to all eternity will not die.

*13. If the grave is not blessed the priest blesses it, saying:*

P. **Let us** pray:

O God, through whose merciful pity the souls of the faithful are at rest, in Thy goodness ✠ bless this grave, and appoint an Angel to watch over it; and absolve the souls of all whose bodies lie here from every bond of sin that binds them: that they may rejoice with Thy Saints for ever in Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*If the grave is to hold only one body the prayer will be recited thus: absolve the soul of whose body lies here from every bond of sin that binds (him); that (he) may rejoice.*

*He sprinkles and then incenses first the coffin and then the grave.*

*If the grave has already been blessed, the blessing of the grave and the sprinkling and incensing of the coffin are all omitted.*

*14. The priest says:*

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<sup>101</sup> Lk 1:68-79

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P. Lord, have mercy.

*The choir answers:* Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*The priest:*

Our Father...(silently)

*Meantime he sprinkles the coffin.*

P. And lead us not into temptation.

A. But deliver us from evil.

P. From the gate of hell.

A. Deliver (his) soul, O Lord.

P. May (he) rest in peace.

A. Amen.

P. Lord, hear my prayer.

A. And let my cry come unto Thee.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

We ask Thee, O Lord, to show this mercy to Thy servant who is dead, that (he) be not made to suffer for any wrong (he) may have done; for (he) always desired to do Thy will. And as the true faith numbered (him) here among those who served Thee, so let Thy mercy find (him) hereafter a place among the choirs of Angels. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*The celebrant makes the Sign of the Cross over the coffin, saying:*

P. Eternal rest grant to (him), O Lord.

A. And let perpetual light shine upon (him).

*The cantors sing:* May (he) rest in peace.

A. Amen.

*The celebrant says:*

P. May (his) soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

A. Amen.

*Then, for a conclusion, may be added the following Prayer for those who are present.*

P. Grant, O God, that while we lament the departure of this Thy

servant, we may always remember that we are most certainly to follow him (her). And give us grace to prepare for that last hour by a good life, that we may not be surprised by a sudden and unprovided death, but be ever watching, that, when Thou shalt call, we may, with the bridegroom, enter into eternal glory: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May Mary the most merciful Virgin Mother of God, kindest comforter of them that mourn, commend to her Son the soul of this His servant (handmaid), that through her maternal intercession, he (she) may overcome the dread of death and, with her as guide, joyfully reach his (her) longed for home in the Heavenly fatherland. Amen.

### **Burial of Young Children**

*Wherever possible there should be a place of burial reserved for the bodies of baptized children who have died in infancy.*

- 1. The priest wears a surplice and a white stole. He sprinkles the coffin and says:*
- P.** May the Name of the Lord be blessed, now and forever.

Praise the Lord, ye children, praise ye the Name of the Lord.  
Blessed be the Name of the Lord, from henceforth now and for ever.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same,  
the Name of the Lord is worthy of praise.

The Lord is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens.

Who is as the Lord our God, Who dwells on high,  
and looks down on the low things in heaven and in earth?

Raising up the needy from the earth,  
and lifting up the poor out of the dunghill,  
that He may place him with princes, with the princes of His people.

Who makes a barren woman to dwell in a house,

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the joyful mother of children.<sup>102</sup>

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

*2. While the body is carried to the Church the following prayer is said taken from Psalm 118..*

Ah, blessed they, who pass through life's journey unstained,  
who follow the law of the Lord!  
Ah, blessed they who study His decrees,  
make Him the whole quest of their hearts!  
As for the wrong-doers, they leave His ways untrodden.  
Above all else it binds us, the charge Thou have given us to keep.  
Ab, how shall my steps be surely guided  
to keep faith with Thy covenant?  
Attentive to all Thy commandments, I go my way undaunted.  
A true heart's worship Thou shall have,  
Thy just awards prompting me.  
All shall be done Thy laws demand,  
so Thou will not forsake me utterly.  
Blest shall he keep his youth unstained, who is true to Thy trust.  
Be Thou the whole quest of my heart;  
never let me turn aside from Thy commandments.  
Buried deep in my heart, Thy warnings shall keep me clear of sin.  
Blessed art Thou, O Lord; teach me to know Thy will.  
By these lips let the awards Thou make ever be recorded.  
Blithely as one that has found great possessions, I follow Thy  
decrees.  
Bethinking me still of the charge Thou give, I will mark Thy  
footsteps.  
Be Thy covenant ever in my thoughts, Thy words kept in  
memory.

Glory be to the Father...

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<sup>102</sup> Ps 112

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P. *May* the Name of the Lord be blessed, now and for ever.

*At the Church:*

P. *This* child shall receive a blessing from the Lord  
and mercy from God his salvation,  
because he is the offspring of those who seek the Lord.

The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof,  
the world, and all they that dwell therein.  
For He has founded it upon the seas,  
and has prepared it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend into the mountain of the Lord,  
or who shall stand in His holy place?  
The innocent in hands, and clean of heart,  
who have not taken his soul in vain,  
nor sworn deceitfully to his neighbour.  
He shall receive a blessing from the Lord,  
and mercy from God his Saviour.  
This is the generation of them that seek Him,  
of them that seek the face of the God of Jacob.  
Lift up your gates, O ye princes, and be ye lifted up, O eternal  
gates,  
and the King of Glory shall enter in.  
Who is this King of Glory?  
The Lord Who is strong and mighty.  
The Lord mighty in battle.  
Lift up your gates, O ye princes, and be ye lifted up, O eternal  
gates,  
and the King of Glory shall enter in.  
Who is this King of Glory?  
The Lord of hosts, He is the King of Glory.<sup>103</sup>  
Glory be to the Father.

P. *This* child shall receive a blessing from the Lord

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<sup>103</sup> Ps 23

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and mercy from God his salvation,  
because he is the offspring of those who seek the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Our Father, (silently) *while he sprinkles the body.*

P. **And lead** us not into temptation.

A. But deliver us from evil.

P. **Because** of my innocence Thou hast taken me to Thyself.

A. And Thou hast secured for me a place for ever in Thy presence.

P. **The Lord** be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. **Let us** pray:

O God, Almighty and yet so gentle! To children who die after the new birth of Baptism Thou give Eternal Life there and then, though no merit of theirs has earned it; and we are confident that Thou hast given it to the soul of this child today. Through the prayers of the ever blessed Virgin Mary and of all Thy saints, purify our minds and keep us close to Thee in this life, and make us hereafter companions of these happy children in Paradise. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*As the body of the child is carried to burial, or here in the same place if the body is to be buried later, there is recited:*

P. **Let** young men and maidens, old men and boys together, give praise to the Lord's Name.

Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise ye Him in the high places.

Praise ye Him, all His angels, praise ye Him, all His hosts.

Praise ye Him, O sun and moon: praise Him, all ye stars and light.

Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens:

and let all the waters that are above the heavens praise the Name of the Lord.

For He spoke, and they were made:

He commanded, and they were created.

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He has established them for ever, and for ages of ages:  
He has made a decree, and it shall not pass away.  
Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all ye deeps:  
Fire, hail, snow, ice, stormy winds, which fulfil His word:  
Mountains and all hills, fruitful trees and all cedars:  
Beasts and all cattle: serpents and feathered fowls:  
Kings of the earth and all people: princes and all judges of the  
earth:  
Young men and maidens: let the old with the younger,  
praise the Name of the Lord:  
For His Name alone is exalted.  
The praise of Him is above Heaven and earth:  
and He has exalted the horn of His people.  
A hymn to all His saints to the children of Israel,  
a people approaching to Him. Alleluia.<sup>104</sup>

Glory be to the Father.

- P. Let young men and maidens, old men and boys together,  
give praise to the Lord's Name.  
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Our Father, *as far as*:

- P. And lead us not into temptation.  
A. But deliver us from evil.  
P. Suffer little children to come to me.  
A. For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.  
P. The Lord be with you.  
A. And also with you.  
P. Let us pray:

Almighty everlasting God, lover of all that is holy and pure, Who  
in Thy mercy hast deigned to call the soul of this child to the  
Kingdom of Heaven to-day, be merciful also to us; and through  
the merits of Thy holy passion and the prayers of the ever blessed  
Virgin Mary, and of all the Saints, bring us, too, to that same  
Kingdom to rejoice unendingly with Thy Saints and elect. Who

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<sup>104</sup> Ps 148

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lives and reigns for ever.

A. Amen.

*3. The priest sprinkles the body with Holy Water, and censes it and the grave in the same. Then the body is buried.*

## Blessings

*When blessing persons or things generally, it is fitting that the priest should wear a surplice over his cassock, and a stole. He always blesses standing and with head uncovered.*

### **Blessing of an Expectant Mother**

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

**A.** Who made Heaven and earth.

**P.** Save Thy servant.

**A.** Who puts her trust in Thee, my God.

**P.** Be to her, Lord, a tower of strength.

**A.** Against the face of the enemy.

**P.** May the enemy have no advantage over her.

**A.** Nor the son of iniquity have power to hurt her.

**P.** Send her help from Thy holy place, O Lord.

**A.** And defend her out of Sion.

**P.** Lord, hear my prayer.

**A.** And let my cry come unto Thee.

**P.** The Lord be with you.

**A.** And also with you.

**P.** Let us pray:

Almighty Eternal God, Thou hast enabled those who have the true faith to acknowledge the glory of Thy Eternal Trinity, and to adore Thee as one only God in power and majesty. We pray, therefore, that this Thy handmaid *N.* may find in that same firm faith, strength in all adversity. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A.** Amen.

**P.** Let us pray:

O Lord God, Creator of all things, mighty and greatly to be feared, just and merciful, good and loving as no one else can be, Who didst free Israel from every evil, and didst look lovingly upon our forefathers and stretch out to them the hand of Thy Spirit to sanctify them; Who didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mary, that through the power of the Holy Ghost she might be a worthy dwelling-place for Thy Son; Who did fill John the Baptist with the Holy Ghost and cause him to

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rejoice in his mother's womb; receive the sacrifice of a contrite heart and the longing desire of Thy handmaid *N.* as she humbly asks that no harm may befall the child Thou gave her to conceive. Show Thy care for what is Thine. Ward off from her all the evil that her heartless enemy would do to her. With Thy own compassionate hand to help her in her labour, may her offspring see the light of day and be a healthy child, who shall live to be born again to grace, and to serve Thee continually thereafter and merit Eternal Life.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*Then the priest sprinkles the woman with Holy Water and says:*

**P.** May God have mercy on us, and bless us,  
may He cause the light of His countenance to shine upon us,  
and may He have mercy on us.  
That we may know Thy way upon earth, Thy salvation in all  
nations.

Let people confess to Thee, O God, let all people give praise to  
Thee.

Let the nations be glad and rejoice,  
for Thou judge the people with justice,  
and direct the nations upon earth.

Let the people, O God, confess to Thee,  
let all the people give praise to Thee.

The earth has yielded her fruit.

May God, our God bless us,

May God bless us, and all the ends of the earth fear Him.<sup>105</sup>

Glory be to the Father....

**P.** Let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost.

A. Let us praise and magnify Him for ever.

**P.** God has given His angels charge over you.

A. To keep you in all your ways.

**P.** Lord, hear my prayer.

A. And let my cry come unto Thee.

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<sup>105</sup> Ps 66

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P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

Visit, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this house and banish from it and from this handmaid of Thine *N.* all snares of the enemy. Let Thy holy angels dwell herein to keep her and her child in peace, and let Thy blessing ✠ be always upon her. Save them, Almighty God, and let Thy own brightness ever shine upon them. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

P. May the blessing of Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Ghost, come down upon you and upon your child, and ever remain with you.

A. Amen.

### Blessing of a Woman after Childbirth

*1. The priest, vested in surplice and a white stole, and accompanied by an assistant carrying the Holy Water, goes to the Church door, where the woman, kneeling and holding a lighted candle, awaits him. He sprinkles her with Holy Water and says:*

P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

A. Who made Heaven and earth.

P. This woman shall receive a blessing from the Lord and mercy from God Who has saved her, for she is of the number of those who seek the Lord.

The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof,  
the world, and all they that dwell therein.

For He has founded it upon the seas,  
and has prepared it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend into the mountain of the Lord,  
or who shall stand in His holy place?

The innocent in hands, and clean of heart,  
who have not taken his soul in vain,  
nor sworn deceitfully to his neighbour.

He shall receive a blessing from the Lord,

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and mercy from God his Saviour.

This is the generation of them that seek Him,  
of them that seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your gates, O ye princes, and be ye lifted up, O eternal  
gates,

and the King of Glory shall enter in.

Who is this King of Glory?

The Lord Who is strong and mighty. The Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your gates, O ye princes, and be ye lifted up, O eternal  
gates,

and the King of Glory shall enter in.

Who is this King of Glory?

The Lord of hosts, He is the King of Glory.<sup>106</sup>

Glory be to the Father.

- P. **This** woman shall receive a blessing from the Lord  
and mercy from God Who has saved her,  
for she is of the number of those who seek the Lord.

*2. Then he gives her to hold the end of his stole hanging from his left  
shoulder and says:*

- P. **Come** into the temple of God.  
Adore the Son of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Who has given to you the blessing of motherhood.

*3. She kneels before the Altar and prays, thanking God for all that  
He has done for her.*

*The priest continues:*

- P. **Lord**, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Our Father, *as far as:*

- P. **And** lead us not into temptation.

A. But deliver us from evil.

- P. **Save** Thy servant.

A. Who puts her trust in Thee, my God.

- P. **Send** her help from thy holy place, O Lord.

A. And defend her out of Sion.

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<sup>106</sup> Ps 23

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- P. **May** the enemy have no advantage over her.  
A. Nor the son of iniquity have power to hurt you (her).  
P. **Lord**, hear my prayer.  
A. And let my cry come unto Thee.  
P. **The** Lord be with you.  
A. And also with you.  
P. **Let us** pray:

Almighty Eternal God, when the Blessed Virgin Mary became a mother, Thou didst change thereby the pangs of childbirth into joy. Look kindly, therefore, upon this happy woman, Thy handmaid, who comes now to Thy holy Church to offer her thanks to Thee. And when this life is ended may both she and her child prove worthy, through the merits and prayers of that same Blessed Mary, to be given the joys of eternity. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*4. Then he sprinkles her again with Holy Water, saying:*

- P. **May** the peace and blessing of Almighty God,  
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Ghost,  
come down upon you and ever remain with you.  
A. Amen.

## **Blessing of Husband and Wife after Twenty-five or Fifty Years of Married Life**

- 1. The following is the ceremony to be observed when a husband and wife desire to thank God publicly for twenty-five or fifty years of married life together. The priest, vested for Mass, addresses them briefly and celebrates Mass for them. This Mass may be either the Votive Mass of the Blessed Trinity or of Our Lady, adding to the prayer of the Mass, under one conclusion, the prayer in thanksgiving.*
- 2. After Mass the celebrant turns towards the husband and wife, says over them the following prayers:*
- P. **Thus** shall every man be blessed, who fears the Lord..

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Blessed are all they that fear the Lord, that walk in His ways.  
For you shall eat the labors of your hands,  
blessed are you, and it shall be well with you.  
Your wife as a fruitful vine, on the sides of your house.  
Your children as olive plants, round about your table.  
Behold, thus shall the man be blessed that fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you out of Sion,  
and may you see the good things of Jerusalem all the days of your life.  
And may you see your children's children, peace upon Israel.<sup>107</sup>  
Glory be to the Father...

Thus shall every man be blessed, who fears the Lord.

P. **Send** them help from thy holy place, O Lord.

A. And defend them out of Sion.

P. **Lord**, hear my prayer.

A. And let my cry come unto Thee.

P. **The** Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. **Let us** pray:

Stretch forth Thy hand, O Lord, towards Thy faithful servants and help them from Thy Heavenly throne. Thus may they seek Thee wholeheartedly; and provided it is good for them, may they obtain whatever they shall ask of Thee.

Almighty Everlasting God, look kindly upon these Thy servants who have come to Thy Church with joy in their hearts to thank Thee; and as they have put their trust in Thee alone, grant that they may receive abundantly the riches of Thy grace. May they be ever one in love; and when the journey of life is ended, may they come at last (with all their children) to unending happiness in Thee.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*3. Then is sung or recited the hymn Te Deum, (page 141), to which the priest intones. At the end he says:*

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<sup>107</sup> Ps 127

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P. Let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost.

A. Let us praise and magnify him for ever.

P. Lord, hear my prayer.

A. And let my cry come unto Thee.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

Great and Almighty God, Whose mercy has no limit, Whose goodness knows no end, for all Thou hast given us we thank Thee from our hearts: yet ask one favour more. Turn not away now from those who have gained what they asked of Thee; but rather make them ready for rewards that still await them in the life that is to come.

O God, Who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Ghost, grant that, by the gift of the same Spirit, we may be always truly wise, and ever rejoice in His consolation.

O God, Thou dost not allow any man who hopes in Thee to suffer more than he can bear, but rather Thou give ear to his prayer as a father hears his son. We thank Thee for having heard and answered our petitions; and as dutiful children we ask that Thou would keep us always from all harm. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*4. Then he sprinkles the husband and wife with Holy Water, saying:*

P. May the blessing of Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Ghost,

come down upon you and ever remain with you.

A. Amen.

*Finally he says:*

P. Go in peace and the Lord be always with you.

A. Amen.

## **Blessing of a Child**

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

A. Who made Heaven and earth.

**P.** Our God is a God of mercy.

A. A Lord who keeps watch over little ones.

**P.** Lord, hear my prayer.

A. And let my cry come unto Thee.

**P.** The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

**P.** Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, begotten before time began, but choosing to be born in time as a human Child, Thou loved the innocence of tender years; and when children were brought to Thee, Thou held them in Thy arms and blessed them. So with Thy tenderest blessing, bless this child now. Let no evil warp (his) mind; but as (he) grows in age and wisdom and grace, may (he) always be a joy to Thee. Who lives and reigns for ever.

A. Amen.

*Then the Priest sprinkles the child or children with Holy Water and says:*

**P.** May the peace and blessing of Almighty God,

Father, Son ✠ and Holy Ghost,

come down upon you and ever remain with you.

A. Amen.

## **Blessing of Children**

*This blessing is used particularly when children are brought in a group to be blessed in Church*

*The children should be at the Church at the appointed time, accompanied by their parents or their teachers. They should be arranged in orderly groups, the boys on one side and the girls on the other. The priest addresses them, briefly and simply.*

*Then standing and facing them he says:*

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

A. Who made Heaven and earth.

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**P.** Praise the Lord, you who are children;  
praise the Name of the Lord.

Praise the Lord, ye children, praise ye the Name of the Lord.  
Blessed be the Name of the Lord, from henceforth now and for  
ever.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same,  
the Name of the Lord is worthy of praise.

The Lord is high above all nations, and His glory above the  
heavens.

Who is as the Lord our God, Who dwells on high,  
and looks down on the low things in heaven and in earth?

Raising up the needy from the earth,  
and lifting up the poor out of the dunghill,  
that He may place him with princes, with the princes of His  
people.

Who makes a barren woman to dwell in a house,  
the joyful mother of children.<sup>108</sup>

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

*The antiphon Praise the Lord, you...is repeated.*

*This psalm may be omitted when the number of children is small or  
when the blessing is given in less solemn form.*

*When it is ended the priest says:*

**P.** Suffer little children to come to me.

**A.** For of such is the kingdom of Heaven.

**P.** Their Angels

**A.** Always see the face of their Heavenly Father.

**P.** May the enemy have no advantage over them.

**A.** Nor the son of iniquity have power to hurt them.

**P.** Lord, hear my prayer.

**A.** And let my cry come unto Thee.

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<sup>108</sup> Ps 112

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P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, when children were brought to Thee, Thou took them into Thine arms, and laid Thy hands on them, and blessed them, and said: 'Suffer little children to come to Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven; and their Angels stand before My Father and see Him face to face.' Look therefore on these children here; see how innocent they are; see how their parents cherish them: and use our hands this day to bless ✠ them.

May they go forward in Thy grace and mercy; may they find their happiness in Thee; may they make Thee the object of their love: may they approach Thee with respectful fear, and keep Thy commandments: and may they come at last to the happiness we all desire for them.

Through Thee Who are the Saviour of the world, living and reigning with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God for ever.

A. Amen.

P. Let us pray:

May the prayer of the Blessed Virgin Mary keep all harm from this family: and as they kneel devoutly before Thee, do Thou, O Lord, keep watch for them against the enemies of their souls.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

P. Let us pray:

O God Who in Thy Providence hast sent angels to watch over us, hear us as we pray. Keep us safe through their protection, and give us happiness for ever in their company.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*Then, making the Sign of the Cross over the children, he blesses them saying:*

P. May God, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Ghost, bless you and have your minds and hearts always in His keeping.

A. Amen.

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*The priest sprinkles the children with Holy Water.*

### **Blessing of Sick Children**

*Sick children who have come to the use of reason, and therefore may be anointed, are to be helped in the way described in the visitation of the sick with due regard to their age and mental development. For younger children, the following prayers may be used.*

*The priest enters the sick-room and says:*

**P.** Peace be upon this house.

**A.** And upon all who dwell herein.

*In silence he sprinkles the sick child and the bed and the whole room with Holy Water.*

*Then he recites* Ps 112 above, with Glory be to the Father.

*Afterwards he says:*

**P.** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Our Father, *as far as:*

**P.** And lead us not into temptation.

**A.** But deliver us from evil.

**P.** Our God is a God of mercy.

**A.** A Lord Who keeps watch over little ones.

**P.** Suffer little children to come to Me.

**A.** For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

**P.** Lord, hear my prayer.

**A.** And let my cry come unto Thee.

**P.** The Lord be with you.

**A.** And also with you.

**P.** Let us pray:

Under Thy care, O God, all things grow up and when they are fully grown they are by Thee established. Stretch out Thy hand, therefore, to this young servant of Thine, stricken with sickness at such a tender age. Let sturdy health be given back to (him). May (he) live out (his) full span of years. And may (he) never cease to do Thee loyal and grateful service all the days of (his) life.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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A. Amen.

P. Let us pray:

Father of Mercy, God of all consolation, Who shows in so many ways Thy loving care of what Thou hast created, and in Thy goodness pour Thy healing grace not alone into the soul of man but into (his) very body: raise this child we beg of Thee from (his) bed of sickness and restore (him) to Thy holy Church, and to his parents, that thus (he) may grow in grace and wisdom in Thy sight and in the sight of men throughout all the days of a long life. May (he) serve Thee in justice and holiness, and may (he) ever render thanks to Thee for Thy mercy to (him). Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

P. Let us pray:

O God, Thou give to angels and men in a wonderful way each their own work to do. Grant in Thy mercy that the life of this child may be supported and strengthened by those who in Heaven are ever near Thy throne. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*Having said the last prayer, the priest lays his right hand on the head of the child and says:*

P. They shall lay their hands upon the sick and they shall be healed. May Jesus, son of Mary, Saviour and Lord of the World, through the merits and intercession of His holy Apostles Peter and Paul and of all the Saints, be kind to you and show you His favour. Amen.

*The priest blesses the sick child, saying:*

P. The blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, ✠ and Holy Ghost, come down upon you, and ever remain with you.

A. Amen.

*Then he sprinkles the child with Holy Water.*

## **Blessing of an Adult Who Is Sick**

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*As the priest enters the sick room he says:*

P. Peace be upon this house.

A. And upon all who dwell herein.

*He draws near to the person who is sick, and continues:*

P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

A. Who made Heaven and earth.

P. Lord, hear my prayer.

A. And let my cry come unto Thee.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

O Lord Jesus Christ, as we humbly enter this house, may Thy peace and Thy pity enter with us. Banish hence all the wickedness of the devil: let Angels of peace draw near to keep such discord as destroys the souls of men from finding any place within these walls. Through us, dear Lord, may all men know the greatness of Thy Holy Name. Bless the time we spend here. For Thou are Holy and good; and with the Father and the Holy Ghost Thou live for ever.

A. Amen.

P. Let us pray:

Look kindly, Lord, upon Thy servant here, suffering and ill: comfort (him) since Thou created (him); and having punished (him) now for his sins, in mercy set (him) soon upon (his) feet again. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

P. Let us pray:

We ask of Thee, merciful Lord, comfort of those who believe in Thee, that as we come all unworthy to the sick bed of this servant of Thine, in Thy goodness Thou also would come; as Thou came to the mother of Peter's wife. Be with (him), and help (him); and when (his) health is restored, may his voice be raised in Thy Church to Thee in thanksgiving; Who lives and reigns for ever.

A. Amen.

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*He holds his right hand over the person who is sick, and says:*

P. **May** our Lord Jesus Christ be with you to defend you,  
within you to keep you,  
before you to lead you,  
behind you to guard you,  
above you to bless you.  
Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost lives and reigns for ever.  
A. Amen.

P. **May** the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son ✠ and Holy  
Ghost, come down upon you and ever remain with you.  
A. Amen.  
*Then he sprinkles the sick person with Holy Water.*

### **Blessing of Holy Water**

*The blessing of waters is composed of exorcisms and prayers which date back to the beginning of the Church. It may precede the Mass. The Priest who is going to say Mass, wearing an alb or surplice and purple stole, blesses the water as follows:*

P. **In** the Name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

A. Amen.

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

A. Who has made Heaven and earth.<sup>109</sup>

P. **As** the hart pants after the fountains of living water,  
so my soul pants after Thee, O God.  
My soul has thirsted for the living God,  
when shall I come and appear before the face of God?<sup>110</sup>

A. My tears have been my bread day and night,  
while they say to me every day: Where is thy God?

*The priest then blesses the baptismal water.*

### **The Blessing of Salt**

P. **“Whatsoever** sacrifice you offer, you shall season it with salt:  
neither shall you take away the salt of the covenant of your God

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<sup>109</sup> Ps 123:8

<sup>110</sup> Ps. 41:2

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from your sacrifice. In all your oblations you shall offer salt.”<sup>111</sup>

“Elisha said: Bring me a new vessel, and put salt into it. And when they had brought it, he went out to the spring of the waters, and cast the salt into it, and said: Thus says the Lord: I have healed these waters, and there shall be no more in them death or barrenness. And the waters were healed unto this day, according to the word of Elisha, which he spoke.”<sup>112</sup>

### *Exorcism of the salt:*

P. I exorcize you, created element of salt, by the living ✠ God, by the true ✠ God, by the holy ✠ God, by God who by the hand of Elisha the prophet, mingled you with water, in order that the barrenness thereof might be healed; that you may be made salt from which the evil spirit has been cast out, for the health of the faithful, and may bring to all who partake of you, wholeness of soul and body: and that there may be banished from the place in which you have been sprinkled, every kind of hallucination and wickedness, or craft of devilish deceit, and every unclean spirit, in the name of Him who will come to judge the living and the dead and the world by fire.

A. Amen.

P. Let us pray:

We humbly pray Thee, O God, in Thy boundless mercy and love for us, to ✠ bless and ✠ sanctify this created element of salt, which Thou has given to mankind for their use, that it may make for health of mind and body to all who partake of it, and that everything touched or sprinkled with it may be freed from all uncleanness, and from all assaults of the wicked spirits. We ask this in our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who lives and reigns with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, forever and ever.

A. Amen.

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<sup>111</sup> Lv 2:13

<sup>112</sup> 4K 2:20-22

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### **The Blessing of Water**

P. “**And** they came into Marah, and they could not drink the waters of Marah because they were bitter: whereupon he gave a name also agreeable to the place, calling it Marah, that is, bitterness. And the people murmured against Moses, saying: What shall we drink? But he cried to the Lord, and He showed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, they were turned into sweetness.”<sup>113</sup>

“And he shall take Holy Water in an earthen vessel, and he shall cast a little earth of the pavement of the Tabernacle into it.”<sup>114</sup>

- P. **As the** hart pants after the fountains of living water,  
so my soul pants after Thee, O God.  
My soul has thirsted for the living God,  
when shall I come and appear before the face of God?<sup>115</sup>
- A. My tears have been my bread day and night, while they say to me every day: Where is your God?

*With hands joined, he says:*

Almighty Father God,  
Thou give us grace through sacramental signs,  
which tell us of the wonders of Thy unseen power.

In baptism we use Thy gift of water,  
which Thou have made a rich symbol  
of the grace Thou give us in this Sacrament.

At the very dawn of creation  
Thy Spirit breathed on the waters,  
making them the wellspring of all holiness.<sup>116</sup>

Thou made the waters of the great flood

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<sup>113</sup> Ex 15:23-25

<sup>114</sup> Nu 5:17

<sup>115</sup> Ps. 41:2

<sup>116</sup> Gn 1:2

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to be a sign of the waters of baptism,  
that make an end of sin and  
a new beginning of immaculacy.<sup>117</sup>

Through the waters of the Red Sea  
Thou led Israel out of slavery,  
to be an image of God's holy people,  
set free from sin by baptism.<sup>118</sup>

In the waters of the Jordan  
Thy Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Spirit.<sup>119</sup>

Thy Son willed that water and blood  
should flow from His side  
as He hung upon the Cross.<sup>120</sup>

After His resurrection He told His disciples:  
"Go, teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."<sup>121</sup>

Almighty Father,  
look now with love upon Thy Church,  
and by the power of the Holy Ghost,  
give to this water the grace of Thy Son Jesus.<sup>122</sup>

Thou created man in Thy own likeness:<sup>123</sup>  
cleans him from sin in a new birth of innocence  
by water and the Holy Ghost.<sup>124</sup>

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<sup>117</sup> Gn 7:23

<sup>118</sup> Ex 14:29

<sup>119</sup> Mt 3:16

<sup>120</sup> Jn 19:34

<sup>121</sup> Mt 28:19

<sup>122</sup> 1Jn 5:7,8

<sup>123</sup> Gn 1:26

<sup>124</sup> Col 2:12-14

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*Here he divides the water in the form of a Cross.*

Let all unclean spirits, by Thy command, O Lord, depart far from hence: let all the malice of diabolical deceit be entirely banished: let no power of the enemy prevail here: let him not fly about to lay his snares: let him not creep in by his secret artifice: let him not corrupt this place with his infection.

*Exorcism of the water:*

- P. I exorcize you, created element of water,  
in the Name of God ✠ the Father Almighty,  
and in the Name of Jesus ✠ Christ His Son our Lord,  
and in the power of the Holy ✠ Ghost;  
that you may be able to uproot  
and cast out entirely that enemy himself,  
together with his rebel angels,  
by the power of the same Lord Jesus Christ,  
Who will come to judge the living and the dead and the world by  
fire.  
A. Amen.

*Here he touches the water with his hand.*

May this holy and innocent creature be free from all the assaults of the enemy, and purified by the removal of all his malice. May it be a living fountain, a regenerating water, a purifying stream: that all people, creatures and places, that are sprinkled with this saving water, may obtain, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, the grace of a perfect cleansing, free from all evil.

*Here he makes the Sign of the Cross thrice over the water, saying:*

Wherefore I bless you, O creature of water, by the living ✠ God, by the true ✠ God, by the holy ✠ God, by that God who in the beginning separated you by His word from the dry land, and whose Spirit moved over you.

*He divides the water with his hands, and throws some of it towards the four quarters of the world, saying:*

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Our God made you flow from the fountain of Paradise, and commanded you to water the whole earth with the four rivers.<sup>125</sup> Who, changing thy bitterness in the desert into sweetness, made you fit to drink,<sup>126</sup> and produced you out of a rock to quench the thirst of the people.<sup>127</sup>

I bless you also by our Lord Jesus Christ, His only Son, Who in Cana of Galilee changed you into wine, by a wonderful miracle of His power.<sup>128</sup> Who walked upon you dry-foot,<sup>129</sup> and was baptized in you by John in the Jordan.<sup>130</sup> Who made you flow out of His side together with His blood,<sup>131</sup> and commanded His disciples that such as believed should be baptized in you, saying: “Go, teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”<sup>132</sup>

O Lord, Our Almighty God, mercifully assist us who observe this command, graciously breathe upon us.<sup>133</sup>

*He breathes thrice upon the water in the form of a cross, saying:*  
Do Thou with Thy mouth bless these pure waters: that besides their virtue of cleansing the body, they may also be effectual for the purifying of the soul.

*Here the priest plunges the Pascal Candle in the water three times, saying each time in a higher tone:*  
May the virtue of the Holy Ghost descend into this water.<sup>134</sup>

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<sup>125</sup> Gn 2:10

<sup>126</sup> Ex 15:23

<sup>127</sup> Ex 17:6

<sup>128</sup> Jn 2:7-11

<sup>129</sup> Mt 14:25

<sup>130</sup> Mk 1:9

<sup>131</sup> Jn 19:34

<sup>132</sup> Mt 28:19

<sup>133</sup> Jn 20:22

<sup>134</sup> Gn 1:2

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*Then breathing thrice upon the water, he goes on:*

And make the whole substance of this water fruitful, unto regeneration.

*He holds the candle in the water:*

May all who are buried with Christ  
in the death of Baptism

rise also with Him to newness of life,<sup>135</sup>

and always protected with the sprinkling of this Holy Water.

We ask this in Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*Here the Pascal Candle is taken out of the water, and lowering a wooden Crucifix into the water he says:*

P. May this blessed wood by which Justice came,<sup>136</sup> bless this water, in the Name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

A. Amen.

*Then the people are sprinkled with the blessed water.*

*After this, the priest pours some Oil of Anointing (of Salvation, of Sanctification, of Unction, and of Catechumens) into the water, in the form of a cross saying:*

May this water be sanctified and made fruitful by the Oil of Salvation,<sup>137</sup> for such as are born anew therein unto Life Everlasting.

And may this infusion of the Chrism of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Ghost the Comforter, be made in the Name of the Most Holy Trinity.

May this mixture of the Chrism of sanctification, and of the Oil of unction, and of this Holy Water, be made in the Name of the ✠ Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the ✠ Holy Ghost.

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<sup>135</sup> Col 2:12

<sup>136</sup> Ws 14:7

<sup>137</sup> Ps 44:8

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A. Amen.

P. Let us pray:

O God, who for the salvation of mankind has appointed water to be the foundation of Thy greatest sacraments, graciously hear our prayers, and fill this element of water, which has in manifold ways been purified, with Thy power and blessing ✠ so that this creature of Thine, may be used in the sacred rites, and endowed with Divine Grace, to drive away devils and to cast out diseases; that whatever, in the houses or possessions of the faithful, shall be sprinkled by this water, may be freed from everything unclean and hurtful.

Let no spirit of pestilence or baleful breath abide therein. Let all the snares of the enemy who lie in wait for us be driven forth, and let everything that threatens the safety or peace of the dwellers therein be banished by the sprinkling of this water; so that the health which they seek by calling upon Thy Holy Name may be guarded from all assault. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who lives and reigns with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

A. Amen.

*Here the Priest shall put the blessed salt three times into the water crosswise, saying, once only:*

P. Let salt and water mingle together in the Name of the ✠ Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy ✠ Ghost.

A. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ is in thee.<sup>138</sup>

A. And also in thee.<sup>139</sup>

P. Let us pray:

O God, the Giver of invincible strength and King of irresistible power, ever wonderful in triumph, Who holds in check the power of the enemy, Who overcomes him fiercely going about as a

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<sup>138</sup> Apoc 22:21

<sup>139</sup> Ga 6:18

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roaring lion, Who by Thy might gains the victory over all his guile, we humbly pray and beseech Thee, O Lord, to look upon this Thy creature of salt and water, (*lowering the Pascal Candle into the water*) to bless it ✠ in Thy mercy, and sanctify it with the dew of Thy loving-kindness: we pray that wherever it shall be sprinkled, and Thy Holy Name shall be invoked in prayer, every assault of the unclean spirit may be baffled, the poison of the serpent cast out, and the presence of the Holy Ghost everywhere vouchsafed to us who entreat Thy mercy. We ask this in our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

A. Amen.

### Blessing of Candles

*on the Feast of St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr*

P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

A. Who made Heaven and earth.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

Almighty God, so good towards us, Who by Thy Word alone did create the world and all things in it; whose will it was that that same Word by Whom all things were made should become incarnate to make mankind anew; Who art great and whose greatness knows no bounds; Who art to be feared and still art worthy of all praise; Who can do things past all our comprehension; the glorious martyr and bishop St. Blaise openly declared the faith he had from Thee, and, fearless in the face of torture, happily won from Thee the palm of martyrdom. Thou didst give him many graces in return; and among them one which was to be for him alone; that he might bring relief by Thy power from all diseases of the throat. We beg Thy Majesty, therefore, not to regard our guilty lives but to be appeased by his merits and prayers, and in Thy goodness to ✠ bless and ✠ sanctify this wax which Thou hast created, and to infuse into it Thy grace ✠ that through the merits of his sufferings all whose necks this wax shall

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touch may be freed, if they have faith in Thee, from every disease of the throat. Healthy and happy again, may they thank Thee in Thy holy Church, and praise Thy glorious Name, that Name which is blessed for ever. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*He sprinkles the candles with Holy Water.*

*Then the priest, holding two candles in the form of a cross touches each person in turn on the throat, beneath the chin, as they kneel before the Altar, saying meanwhile:*

P. Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God keep you free from all harm to your throat, and from all other harm besides.

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

A. Amen.

### **Blessing of Houses** *during Eastertide*

*1. The priest, vested in a surplice and white stole, accompanied by a minister bearing a vessel of water blessed during the Paschal Vigil, goes to the houses, sprinkling them with this blessed water.*

*Entering the house he says:*

P. Peace be upon this house.

A. And upon all who dwell herein.

*2. Then he sprinkles the main rooms of the house and the occupants, saying meanwhile:*

P. I saw water issuing from the right side of the temple, alleluia, and all to whom that water came were saved and they shall continue to sing: alleluia, alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord; the Lord is gracious, His mercy endures for ever.<sup>140</sup>

P. Glory be to the Father.

*The Antiphon I saw water...is repeated.*

*Then he says:*

P. Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy, alleluia.

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<sup>140</sup> Ps 117:1

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A. And grant us Thy salvation, alleluia.

P. Lord, hear my prayer.

A. And let my cry come unto Thee.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

Graciously hear us, Holy Lord and Father, Almighty and Eternal God: and whereas in the flight from Egypt Thou did divert the angel of death from the Hebrew houses signed with the blood of that lamb which was a figure of our own Pasch in which Christ is immolated, so now in Thy goodness send Thy holy angel from Heaven to watch over all who dwell in this house. May his coming put new heart in them; may he protect them, and be with them to defend them from all harm.

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*3. The above rite is used even if the blessing of houses takes place on any other day of Paschal tide.*

### **Blessing of Houses** *at other times than Easter*

*1. The priest who is to bless the house enters and says:*

P. Peace be upon this house.

A. And upon all who dwell herein.

*Then he sprinkles the main rooms of the house, saying meanwhile:*

P. Sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be cleansed.

Wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

Ps. Have mercy on me, O God, as Thou art ever rich in mercy.

P. Glory be to the Father...

*The antiphon Sprinkle me...is repeated.*

P. Lord, hear my prayer.

A. And let my cry come unto Thee.

P. The Lord be with you.

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A. And also with you.

P. **Let us pray:**

Graciously hear us, Holy Lord and Father, Almighty and Eternal God: and in Thy goodness send Thy holy angel from Heaven to watch over all who dwell in this house. May his coming put new heart in them; may he protect them and be with them to defend them from all harm. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

### **Consecration of the Family to the Sacred Heart**

*The priest blesses in the home the statue or picture of the Sacred Heart, using the formula given above. He then sets up the picture or statue in a prominent place and all present recite the Apostles' Creed.*

*All recite the Act of Consecration:*

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thou hast revealed to Blessed Margaret Mary Thy desire to reign over Christian families. Behold us, therefore, assembled here to-day to proclaim Thy absolute dominion over our family. We desire henceforth to shape our lives in accordance with Thy life, to cultivate at our hearth those virtues to which Thou hast promised peace here below, and to allow no place to that worldly spirit which Thou hast condemned.

Thine it will be to reign in our minds by the simplicity of our faith and in our hearts by love for Thee alone, a love whose flame we intend to keep brightly burning by the frequent Confessions and reception of the Holy Eucharist. Deign, O Divine Heart, to preside over us when we are gathered together, to bless our spiritual and temporal affairs, to banish our cares, to sanctify our joys, and to lighten our sorrows. If anyone of us should ever, alas, offend Thee, remind him, O Divine Heart, that Thou have nothing but kindness and mercy for the repentant sinner.

And when the hour of parting comes and death shall bring bereavement to our home, then both those who are to be called away and those who are to be left will be resigned to Thy eternal decrees.

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One thought shall uphold us, that a day will come when our family, reunited in Heaven, will extol Thy glories and Thy goodness for ever.

May the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the glorious Patriarch, Saint Joseph, present to Thee this our consecration, and keep us mindful of it all the days of our lives.

Hail, Sacred Heart of Jesus, our King and Father!

### **Blessing of Flocks and Herds**

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

**A.** Who made Heaven and earth.

**P.** The Lord be with you.

**A.** And also with you.

**P.** Let us pray:

Lord God, King of Heaven and earth, Word of the Father, all things made to give us life and strength have come to us through Thee. Look kindly on us, lowly as we are: and as Thou have been with us in our work and helped us in our needs, so now in Thy great goodness bless ✠ these flocks and herds with a blessing from Heaven. Watch over them; keep harm from them; give the growth in number that time can bring: and give Thy servants grace besides that time will not diminish; that they may thank Thee for Thy goodness, and praise and glorify Thy Name: Thou Who live and reign for ever.

**A.** Amen.

**P.** In the Name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Ghost.

**A.** Amen.

*The animals are sprinkled with Holy Water.*

### **Blessing of a Foundation Stone**

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

**A.** Who made Heaven and earth.

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P. **The** Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. **Let us** pray:

O God in Whom each worthwhile project finds beginning and from Whom it takes its growth as it moves towards fulfilment, grant us this, we ask of Thee, as we set out to do this task that lies before us, with the honour of Thy Holy Name ever in our thoughts, guide us as a wise Father; so that what we are commencing now may be worthily completed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

**The stone is sprinkled with Holy Water.**

### **Blessing of a House or of Any Similar Place**

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

A. Who made Heaven and earth.

P. **The** Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. **Let us** pray:

Lord God Almighty, bless ✠ this house (place); and may all who dwell in it be sound in body, clean of heart, and strong to overcome all evil; may they be humble and good, meek and law abiding; and may they ever be grateful to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost: and may this blessing rest upon this house(place) both now and always, and upon all who dwell in it.

A. Amen.

**The house is sprinkled with Holy Water.**

### **Blessing of a School**

*The Priest enters the school and sprinkles the rooms with Holy Water, saying:*

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

A. Who made Heaven and earth.

P. **The** Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. **Let us** pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, Thou commanded Thine Apostles to pray

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when they entered any house, that peace might come upon it. Use us, therefore, now to sanctify ✠ this building where children are to come to school. May salvation come to it as it came when Thou entered the house of Zachaeus. Command Thy angels to guard it and to drive from it all the powers of the devil. Fill the teachers with knowledge, wisdom and the fear of God. Cherish its pupils and give them such grace that their minds may grasp what they are taught, their hearts ponder it and their behaviour proclaim it. May all who dwell here serve Thee in every virtue and be received one day into their eternal home in Heaven. We ask this of Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, living now and reigning God for all eternity.

A. Amen.

### **The More Solemn Blessing of a School**

*On the day and at the hour appointed the officiating Priest and the Clergy who are to assist him vest in white, either in the presbytery or at some other suitable place. Then, preceded by the school children, by the choir, and by the cross-bearer with the cross, and followed by the School Faculty and by the rest of the faithful, they go in procession to the Church, while the bells are pealed and suitable hymns, are sung. The Priest, kneeling at Altar, intones the Veni Creator, and the choir continues it to the end. If there is no Church nearby the Veni Creator and the versicles and prayers which follow are sung at the place where the Clergy have vested.*

*When the hymn is ended the following is sung:*

P. Lord have mercy.

A. Christ have mercy.

P. Lord have mercy.

Our Father...

P. And lead us not into temptation.

A. But deliver us from evil.

P. Lord, hear my prayer.

A. And let my cry come unto Thee.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

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P. **Let us** pray:

O God, Who has taught the hearts of the faithful with the light of the Holy Ghost; grant us in that same Spirit to be always truly wise, and ever to enjoy His consolation.

O God, to Whom every heart is an open book, to Whom a silent wish is known as if spoken aloud, and from Whom no secret thought is hidden: infuse Thy Spirit into us and cleanse our inmost thoughts; that we may bestow our blessing worthily, and Thy people be the better for it.

We beg of Thee, O Lord, to show us always what to do, and to help us as we do it: that every prayer and deed of ours may always begin from Thee, and through Thee be happily concluded. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

P. **Suffer** little children to come to Me.

A. For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

P. **Let us** pray:

Almighty, Everlasting God, turn Thy eyes towards Thy little children. Pour into their hearts the grace of the Holy Ghost. Enlightened by Him and taught by Him, may they always know Thy good pleasure, and grow in wisdom as they grow in age and grace.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

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

A. Who made Heaven and earth.

P. **Let** us go forward in peace.

A. In the Name of Christ. Amen.

*Then, while the children sing and the bells are pealed again, the Priest goes in procession to the School he is to bless. He stands before the outer door and sings:*

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- P. Peace be upon this house.  
A. And upon all who dwell herein.

*He intones the antiphon:* Sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord, I...

*The Choir continues in psalm tone:*

and I shall be cleansed: wash me,  
and I shall be made whiter than snow.

Have mercy on me, O God, as Thou art ever rich in mercy.  
Glory be to the Father etc.

*The antiphon is repeated.*

*Meantime the Priest sprinkles with Holy Water the outer walls of the School, or at least of the front of it.*

*This done he sings:*

- P. The Lord be with you.  
A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

Almighty and Merciful God, Who has given this power to Thy priests, that what is well and truly done by them is as if done by Thee; we ask that what we visit now Thou Thyself wilt visit, and what we bless Thou Thyself wilt bless ✠. As we humbly enter here, through the merits of Thy saints may the enemy of souls be put to flight, and angels of peace find entrance.

Holy Lord and Father Almighty, hear the prayer of Saint Ignatius and Saint Aloysius, and bless ✠ this dwelling; bless ✠ our going into it; bless ✠ our footsteps as we cross the threshold: as Thou didst bless the home of our fathers before us, of Abraham, of Isaac and of Jacob. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*All now enter the School. As the Priest enters the Assembly Hall he sings:*

P. Peace be to this house.

*The Choir reply:*

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A. And upon all who dwell herein.

*He goes forward with the Clergy and Choir to a table covered with a white cloth, upon which, between two candles, rests a Crucifix. He sings:*

P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

A. Who made Heaven and earth.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

Hear our prayer, Holy Lord and Father, Almighty and Eternal God, and send Thy holy Angel from Heaven to watch over all who dwell here and over all who teach or are taught here. May his coming put new heart in them; and may he protect them and be with them to defend them from all harm. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

P. Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, Thou said to Thine disciples: ‘When you have found entry to a house, give greeting and say: ‘Peace be to this house.’ May that peace come now upon this School; upon all who frequent it, upon all who teach or are taught in it. Make them strong in Thy service; give them true liberty of soul. Fill the teachers with knowledge and wisdom, and the fear of God. Give the pupils Thy grace in full measure: that their minds may grasp what they are taught, their hearts ponder it, and their behaviour proclaim it. May thy Holy Name be ever held in honour. Bless this School, ✠ and hallow it as we enter it. And may the Angels of light ever dwell within its walls, to protect this School and all who frequent it, all who teach or are taught in it.

We ask this in Thy Name,

Who lives and reigns Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for ever.

A. Amen.

*The Priest intones Sprinkle me...and the choir continue. Meantime*

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*he sprinkles the interior walls of the room with Holy Water: then, returning to the table, he puts incense into the thurible and blesses it, saying:*

P. Through the prayer of the Archangel Michael, standing at the right hand of the Altar of incense, and of all the holy Angels, bless ✠ this incense, Lord, and accept its fragrance. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*He takes the thurible and incenses the room, while the choir sing the following antiphon and psalm.*

P. May this incense which Thou hast blessed rise up to Thee, O Lord; and may Thy mercy come down upon us. Let my prayer be directed as incense in Thy sight; the lifting up of my hands, as evening sacrifice. Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth: and a round about my lips. Incline not my heart to evil words; to make excuses in sins. With men that work iniquity: and I will not communicate with the choicest of them.<sup>141</sup>

Glory be to the Father etc.

*When he has completed the incensing, the Priest stands before the Crucifix, and sings:*

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

Visit this building, Lord, and drive from it all snares of the enemy: may Thy Angels dwell in it, to keep in peace all who frequent it, all who teach or are taught in it: and may Thy blessing be upon it always.

Bless ✠ this School, Lord, that there may be within it health and holiness, strength resplendent, humility and goodness, meekness and gentleness, docility and obedience, and gratitude to God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

May this blessing be upon all this ground and building; and may

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<sup>141</sup> Ps 140:2-4

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the sevenfold grace of the Holy Ghost come upon all who frequent it, all who teach or are taught in it. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*The Priest takes the Crucifix to the place prepared for it and says:*

P. Mark this School, Lord, with the sign of Thy protection: may the avenging Angel never enter here. In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

A. Amen.

*Towards the Crucifix:*

P. Let us pray:

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who in every part of Thy dominion art fully present and the origin of all that is accomplished there: heed our prayer, and be Thou Thyself the Warden of this School. Let nothing hurtful ever rear its head herein; but with the Cross as their strength and the Holy Ghost within them, may all live in the happy bondage that yields its freedom up to Thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

P. Let us pray:

Be with us, Lord our God:  
and ever keep from harm those whose trust is in Thy Holy Cross.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*When all is done, the priest makes the sign of the Cross in blessing over the room and all present, and says:*

P. May the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son ✠ and Holy Ghost, come down upon this School, upon all who frequent it, upon all who teach or are taught in it; and may this blessing ever remain with them.

A. Amen.

*This done, the procession returns to the Church while the bells are*

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*pealed and the children sing hymns; and there Mass of the day or feast is celebrated.*

### **Blessing of Crops and Vineyards**

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

**A.** Who made Heaven and earth.

**P.** The Lord be with you.

**A.** And also with you.

**P.** Let us pray:

We ask Thee, dear Lord God Almighty, in Thy goodness to let Thy blessing ✠ fall like welcome rain upon these growing crops; since it has pleased Thee, mingling sunshine and showers, to bring them into being and to nourish them. Make the fruit of this earth of Thine to ripen and be gathered in harvest: make Thy people ever thankful for Thy gifts. So may Thou fill the hungry with abundance of good things from the richness of the soil, and the needy and the poor may praise and glorify Thy Name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A.** Amen.

*They are sprinkled with Holy Water.*

### **Blessing of Candles**

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

**A.** Who made Heaven and earth.

**P.** The Lord be with you.

**A.** And also with you.

**P.** Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, hear our earnest prayer and bless ✠ these candles. Pour out on them a Heavenly blessing having power from Thy Holy Cross ✠ and because Thou gave them to men to banish darkness, may such a blessing come upon them through the sign of the holy Cross ✠ that, wherever their light shines, or wherever they maybe, all the powers of darkness may yield place to them and shake with fear and flee in terror from those dwelling places with all their sorry crew; and never dare to trouble any more those who serve Thee, their Almighty God Who lives and reigns for ever.

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A. Amen.

*The candles are sprinkled with Holy Water.*

### Blessing of a Ship

P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

A. Who made Heaven and earth.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

Give a kindly ear to our prayer, O Lord, and raise Thy hand in blessing ✠ over this ship, and over all who will ever sail in her; as once Thou blessed the Ark of Noah borne on the surface of the Flood. Give them Thy hand to clasp, as Thou gave it to Peter when he walked upon the sea. Send an Angel from Heaven to ward off peril from this ship and from all who are on board. Let no harm befall them as they serve Thee, but do Thee Thyself take care of them, giving them always a prosperous voyage and a safe harbor. And when they have done all they set out to do and have taken ship once more, bring them in Thy goodness safely home. Who lives and reigns for ever.

A. Amen.

*The ship is sprinkled with Holy Water.*

### Blessing of a Vehicle

P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

A. Who made Heaven and earth.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

Hear our prayer, Lord God, and raise Thy hand in blessing ✠ over this carriage (or vehicle). Command Thy holy Angels to be near it, keeping danger far away from all who travel by its means. As Thou gave faith and grace, through Thy Levite Philip, to the Ethiopian who sat in his chariot reading Thy holy word; so now point out to those who are carried by this vehicle the way that leads to salvation. May Thy grace enable them ever to travel to good purpose: and when at last life's journey is over and

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adventuring is done, may everlasting happiness be theirs.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*The vehicle is sprinkled with Holy Water.*

### Blessing of Any Object

*for which no special blessing is to be found in the Ritual.*

P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

A. Who made Heaven and earth.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

O God by Whose word all things are sanctified, pour out Thy ✠ blessing upon this product of Thy creating hand. And when any man, grateful for Thy gift of it, shall use this thing as Thou hast commanded and desired, may this invocation of Thy Holy Name draw down upon him from Thee, well being for his body and safe-keeping for his soul. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*He sprinkles it with Holy Water.*

### Blessing of Priestly Vestments

P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

A. Who made Heaven and earth.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

Almighty Eternal God, Who through Thy servant Moses commanded that holy vestments be made for glory and for beauty,<sup>142</sup> to be fashioned for the honour of Thy Name, that the High Priest, priests and Levites might fittingly stand before Thy face to worship Thee, in Thy goodness heed our prayer.

Through our humble ministration bless ✠ these priestly garments, and pour out grace upon them; that they may be vestments henceforth, blessed for use in the sacred ceremonial of Thy

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<sup>142</sup> Ex 28:2

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worship. And as Thy bishops, priests and Levites wear these sacred vestments, may they find strength against the onslaughts and temptations of the devil.

May they worship Thee worthily and well, giving themselves wholly to Thy service and finding therein their never ending joy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*He sprinkles them with Holy Water.*

### **Blessing of Any One Priestly Vestment**

P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

A. Who made Heaven and earth.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

Almighty God, bountiful with gifts, lavish with blessings, give strength to these hands of ours, humbly we beg of Thee, to bestow Thy blessing now, and with the power of the Holy Ghost to bless ✠ this amice (*or this alb - this girdle this stole - this maniple - this tunicle - this dalmatic - this chasuble - this cope - this humeral veil*): and grant that those who wear it in Thy service may themselves be sanctified thereby. May they stand in holiness before Thee, without blemish or reproach; and may Thy mercy ever strengthen and support them.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*He sprinkles the vestment with Holy Water.*

### **Blessing of Altar Cloths**

P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

A. Who made Heaven and earth.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

Lord God almighty, forty days Thou did teach Moses how to furnish the Tabernacle of the Covenant and what linen he must fashion for use there; and Beseleel and Ooliab then wove it all

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and made it.<sup>143</sup> In Thy goodness bless ✠ these linen cloths (*this linen cloth*) to cover and dress the Altar of Thy Glorious Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Who lives and reigns with Thee for ever.

A. Amen.

*He sprinkles them with Holy Water.*

### **Blessing of a Corporal**

P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

A. Who made Heaven and earth.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

Kind and gentle Lord, Whose greatness no tongue can tell,  
Whose hidden truths unfold themselves in the wonder of Thy worship, sanctify this Corporal of linen cloth with Thy blessing ✠ that there may be consecrated on it the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee for ever.

A. Amen.

*He sprinkles it with Holy Water.*

### **Blessing of a Pall**

P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

A. Who made Heaven and earth.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

Almighty Everlasting God, in Thy goodness bless ✠ this Pall, to cover the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee for ever.

A. Amen.

*He sprinkles it with Holy Water.*

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<sup>143</sup> Ex 31:1-10

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### **Blessing of a Purificator, Finger Towels**

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

**A.** Who made Heaven and earth.

**P.** The Lord be with you.

**A.** And also with you.

**P.** Let us pray:

Lord, heed our prayer. Bless ✠ these linen cloths (*this linen cloth*) which have (has) been made to be used with the Sacred Chalice. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A.** Amen.

*He sprinkles the Purificator (s) with Holy Water.*

### **Blessing of Tabernacle or Vessel to Hold the Blessed Sacrament**

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

**A.** Who made Heaven and earth.

**P.** The Lord be with you.

**A.** And also with you.

**P.** Let us pray:

Almighty, Great and Everlasting God, be pleased to bless ✠ this Tabernacle (*or vessel*), fashioned as a resting place for the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, and set it apart from any other use. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A.** Amen.

*He sprinkles it with Holy Water.*

### **Blessing Sacred Vessels, Church Furnishings, Altar in General**

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

**A.** Who made Heaven and earth.

**P.** The Lord be with you.

**A.** And also with you.

**P.** Let us pray:

Almighty and Everlasting God, by Whom the sordid is cleansed, from Whom what is clean receives luster, we invoke Thy omnipotent power. Confound all evil spirits and drive them far away that the vessel and furnishings here laid before Thee, hallowed by Thy blessing ✠ may be used henceforth in the ministration of Thy Church and Altar.

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Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*He sprinkles them with Holy Water.*

### Blessing of a Cross or Crucifix

1. *The priest says:*

P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

A. Who made Heaven and earth.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

We ask Thee, Holy Lord and Father, Almighty and Eternal God, in Thy goodness ✠ bless this cross, that through it mankind may to be given strength again, faith may be made firm and good deeds multiplied, and souls may find redemption. May it comfort us and protect us and defend us when our enemies most bitterly assail us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

P. Let us pray:

Bless ✠ this cross, O Lord Jesus Christ, for by means of the Cross Thou didst wrest the world from the power of demons and didst overcome, by Thy sufferings, him who brought sin into the world and rejoiced when man first left the way of God's commandment and ate of the forbidden tree.

*(He sprinkles the cross with Holy Water.)*

May this cross be sanctified in the Name of the ✠ Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy ✠ Ghost. And so may those who pray and bow their heads before it in homage to their Lord, find therein health and well being for their body and soul.

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

2. *The priest, followed by any who care to do so, kneels in adoration before the cross and devoutly kisses it.*

### Blessing of Statues and Pictures of Our Lord, of the Blessed

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Virgin, or any other Saint

*The blessing may be given privately by any priest.*

*For the blessing of a statue or picture of our Lord Jesus Christ:*

P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

A. Who made Heaven and earth.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

Almighty eternal God, Thou hast allowed pictures and statues of Thy Saints to be painted and carved, so that as often as we look upon them with our bodily eyes, we may recall with our more inward eyes their deeds and their sanctity and learn to imitate them. In Thy goodness, therefore, bless ✠ and sanctify this picture (*statue*) fashioned to honour and to recall Thy only Son our Lord Jesus Christ to our minds; and grant to all who honour and invoke the aid of Thine only begotten Son with this picture (*statue*) before their eyes, that they may obtain grace from Thee in this life and everlasting glory in the next, by His merits and His power with Thee. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*He sprinkles the picture or statue with Holy Water.*

*For the blessing of a statue or picture of Our Lady:*

P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

A. Who made Heaven and earth.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

Almighty Eternal God, Thou hast allowed pictures and statues of Thy Saints to be painted and carved, so that as often as we look upon them with our bodily eyes, we may recall with our more inward eyes their deeds and their sanctity and learn to imitate them. In Thy goodness, therefore, bless ✠ and sanctify ✠ this picture (*statue*) fashioned to honour and to recall the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, to our minds; and grant to all who honour and invoke the aid of the Ever Blessed Virgin with this picture (*statue*) before their eyes, that

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they may obtain grace from Thee in this life and everlasting glory in the next, by the merits of that same Ever Blessed Virgin and her power with Thee. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*He sprinkles the picture or statue with Holy Water.*

*For the blessing of a statue or picture of any other Saint:*

P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

A. Who made Heaven and earth.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

Almighty Eternal God, Thou hast allowed pictures and statues of Thy Saints to be painted and carved, so that as often as we look upon them with our bodily eyes, we may recall with our more inward eyes their deeds and their sanctity and learn to imitate them. In Thy goodness, therefore, bless ✠ and sanctify ✠ this picture (*statue*) fashioned to honour and to recall Thy blessed Apostle or Martyr or Bishop or Confessor or Virgin or Holy Woman *N.* to our minds; and grant to all who honour and invoke the aid of the glorious Apostle or Martyr or Bishop or Confessor or Virgin or Holy Woman with this picture (*statue*) before their eyes, that they may obtain grace from Thee in this life and everlasting glory in the next, by the merits of that same Saint and his (*her*) power with Thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*He sprinkles the picture or statue with Holy Water.*

## Blessing the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

*This is a shorter form, for the greater convenience of the Priest; it may be used, when the ceremony is performed privately, or when a considerable number of persons are to be received.*

*While the person to be clothed with the habit kneels before him, the priest, vested over his cassock in a surplice and a white stole or in a stole without the surplice, says:*

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- P. Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy.  
A. And grant us Thy salvation.  
P. Lord, hear my prayer.  
A. And let my cry come unto Thee.  
P. The Lord be with you.  
A. And also with you.  
P. Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, with Thy own hand sanctify ✠ this habit which Thy servant is to wear for love of Thy Virgin Mother Mary of Mount Carmel. Through the prayer of that holy Mother may he (she) who wears it be protected from his (her) soul's enemy and remain in Thy grace until death.

Who lives and reigns for ever.

A. Amen.

*He sprinkles the habit with Holy Water, and then clothes each person separately, saying:*

- P. Take this holy habit. Ask the Blessed Virgin that through her merits you may wear it and never dishonor it; that it may keep you from all evil and bring you to Life Everlasting.  
A. Amen.

*Then he says:*

- P. Using the power given to me, I make you a sharer in all the spiritual good works which, by the mercy of Jesus Christ, the Religious of Mount Carmel shall ever do.

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

A. Amen.

- P. May Almighty God bless you ✠, He Who made Heaven and earth and has now numbered you among the Confraternity of our Lady of Mount Carmel. Of her we ask that, when you come to die, she will crush the head of the serpent of old; that your birthright, the palm of victory and the crown of glory may be yours for ever. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*The one receiving the scapular is sprinkled with Holy Water.*

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*To bless the habit only, the versicles and the first prayer are used.*

### **Blessing Rosary Beads (Short Form)**

**P.** That the Virgin Mother of God may be praised and glorified, that the life and death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ may be remembered and thought upon, may these Rosary Beads be blessed ✠ and sanctified ✠, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Ghost.

**A.** Amen.

### **Rite for Setting up the Stations of the Cross**

*The priest, vested in surplice and violet stole, and assisted by at least one server to bring him, when needed, the Holy Water and incense, goes to the Altar, and there briefly addresses the people, reminding them that the pious custom of making the Stations of the Cross is a devotion to be encouraged beyond most others, because of its great value to the spiritual life. Then he kneels on the lowest step; and he intones, and the choir continues, the following hymn.*

### ***Veni, Creator Spiritus***

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come  
From Thy bright Heavenly Throne,  
Come, take possession of our souls,  
And make them all Thy own.

Thou who art called the Paraclete,  
Best gift of God above,  
The Living Spring, the Living Fire,  
Sweet unction and true love.

Thou Who art sevenfold in Thy grace,  
Finger of God's right hand;  
His promise, teaching little ones  
To speak and understand.

O guide our minds with Thy blest light,

*Blessings*

With love our hearts inflame;  
And with Thy strength, which ne'er decays,  
Confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our deadly foe;  
True peace unto us bring;  
And through all perils lead us safe  
Beneath Thy Sacred wing.

Through Thee may we the Father know,  
Through Thee the Eternal Son,  
And Thee the Spirit of Them Both,  
Thrice-blessed Three in One.

All glory to the Father be,  
With His co-equal Son:  
The same to Thee, great Paraclete,  
While endless ages run.

**P'** **Come**, O Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of the faithful

**A.** And enkindle in us the fire of Thy love.

**P.** **Send** forth Thy Spirit, and we shall be created.

**A.** And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.<sup>144</sup>

**P.** **Let us pray:**

Oh God, who by the light of the Holy Ghost, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, keep all harm, Lord, far away from these people who are kneeling humbly before Thee, and defend them from the enemies that lie in wait for them.

Prompt our actions, Lord, with Thy holy inspirations, and carry

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<sup>144</sup> Ps 103:30

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them on with Thy gracious assistance: that every prayer and work of ours may begin from Thee, and through Thee be happily ended.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*Then follows the blessing of the pictures or plaques, if there are such.*

P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

A. Who made Heaven and earth.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

Almighty and Eternal God, Who hast allowed us to make pictures and statues of Thy Saints, that with images of them before our eyes we may ponder their deeds and their holiness, and shape our lives according to theirs; bless ✠ these images now: for we made them to honour and keep in mind our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son. Remember His ever pleading merits with Thee; and to all who do so honour Him and invoke His aid with these images before their eyes, give grace in this life and glory in the next. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*The priest sprinkles them with Holy Water and incenses them. In a private chapel the incensation may be omitted.*

*Then the priest blesses the fourteen crosses, which must be made of wood:*

P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

A. Who made Heaven and earth.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

We ask Thee, Holy Lord and Father, Almighty and Eternal God, in Thy goodness to bless ✠ these crosses, that through them mankind may be given strength again, faith may be made firm

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and good deeds multiplied, and souls find redemption. May they comfort us and protect us and defend us when our enemies most bitterly assail us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

P. Let us pray:

Bless ✠ these crosses, O Lord Jesus Christ, for by means of a cross Thou did wrest the world from the power of demons and did overcome, by Thy sufferings, him who bringing sin into the world rejoiced when the first man left the way of God's commandment and ate of the forbidden tree.

*Then the priest sprinkles them with Holy Water, saying:*

May these crosses be sanctified in the Name of the Father ✠ and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy ✠ Ghost. And so may those who pray and bow their heads before them in homage to their Lord, find therein health and well-being for their body and soul.

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*Where there is a procession the following hymns are sung:*

### ***Vexilla Regis***

Abroad the regal banners fly,  
Now shines the Cross's mystery;  
Upon it Life did death endure,  
And yet by death did life procure.  
Who, wounded with a direful spear,  
Did, purposely to wash us clear  
From stain of sin, pour out a flood  
Of precious Water mixed with Blood.

That which the prophet-king of old  
Hath in mysterious verse foretold,  
Is now accomplished, whilst we see  
God ruling nations from a tree.  
O lovely and refulgent Tree,  
Adorned with purple majesty;  
Culled from a worthy stock, to bear

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Those limbs which sanctified were.

Blest Tree, whose happy branches bore  
The wealth that did the world restore;  
The beam that did that Body weigh  
Which raised up hell's expected prey.  
Hail Cross, our hope; on thee we call,  
Who keep this mournful festival;

Grant to the just increase of grace,  
And every sinner's crimes efface.

Blest Trinity, we praises sing  
To Thee, from whom all graces spring;  
Celestial crowns on those bestow  
Who conquer by the Cross below.

***Stabat Mater***

At the Cross her station keeping,  
Stood the mournful Mother weeping,  
Close to Jesus to the last.

By the Cross with Thee to stay,  
There with Thee to weep and pray  
Is all I ask of Thee to give.

Wounded with His ev'ry wound,  
Steep my soul till it has swoon'd  
In His very Blood away.

O, how sad and sore distressed  
Was that Mother, highly blest,  
Of the sole begotten One!

Make me feel as thou hast felt  
Make my soul to glow and melt  
With the love of Christ my Lord.

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O Thou Mother! Font of love!  
Touch my spirit from above,  
Make my heart with thine accord.

Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled,  
She beheld her tender Child  
All with bloody scourges rent.

Let me mingle tears with thee  
Mourning Him Who mourned for me  
All the days that I may live.

Can the human heart refrain  
From partaking in her pain,  
In that Mother's pain untold?

Let me, to my latest breath,  
In my body, bear the death  
Of that dying Son of thine.

Crist above in torment hangs,  
She beneath beholds the pangs  
Of her dying glorious Son.

For the sins of His own nation,  
Saw Him hang in desolation  
Till His Spirit forth He sent.

Virgin of all virgins blest,  
Listen to my fond request:  
Let me share thy grief divine.

Through her heart His sorrow sharing,  
All His bitter anguish bearing,  
Now at length the sword has passed.  
Is there one who would not weep

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Whelmed in miseries so deep,  
Christ's dear Mother to behold?

P. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.

A. Because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

P. Let us pray:

O God, Who by showing us the sufferings of Thy Son, hast taught us to find happiness through the Cross: grant that we who go with Him in mind and heart to Calvary, may follow close behind Him when He triumphs. Who lives and reigns with Thee for ever.

A. Amen.

*The Priest goes to where the first Station is to be erected; and kissing reverently both the Cross and the picture, either he himself or someone for him places them in position. This done, he reads the meditation and the prayers appropriate to the Station. He repeats this procedure for all the 14 Stations following.*

*Then he intones the Te Deum:*

### **Te Deum**

We praise Thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship Thee: the Father ever lasting.  
To Thee all angels cry aloud: the Heavens and all the powers therein:  
To Thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.  
The glorious choir of the Apostles,  
The admirable company of the Prophets,  
The white-robed army of Martyrs praise Thee.  
The Holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee,  
The Father of infinite majesty.  
Thy adorable, true, and only Son:  
And the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

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Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.  
Thou art the Eternal Son of the Father.  
When Thou didst take upon Thee to deliver man,  
Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.  
When Thou had overcome the sting of death,  
Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.  
Thou sits at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that Thou shalt come to be our judge.

*(Here it is usual to kneel.)*

We pray Thee, therefore, help Thy servants,  
whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Precious Blood.  
Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in everlasting glory.  
O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thy inheritance.  
Govern them, and lift them up for ever.  
Day by day we bless Thee.  
And we praise Thy Name for ever: yea, for ever and ever.

Deign, a Lord, this day, to keep us without sin.  
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let Thy mercy be shown to us, as we have hoped in Thee.  
In Thee have I hoped, O Lord: let me not be confounded for ever.

P. Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

A. Let us praise and magnify Him for ever.

P. Let us pray:

Great and Almighty God, Whose mercy has no limit, Whose goodness knows no end, for all Thou hast given us we thank Thee from our hearts: yet ask one favour more. Turn not away now from those who have gained what they asked of Thee; but rather make them ready for rewards that still await them in the life that is to come.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*Then the priest blesses those present with a cross. The crosses and the pictures may be hung privately, without ceremony, by anyone at all either before or after they have been blessed by the priest; but they are to be blessed at the place where they have been or will be*

*erected.*

*After setting up the Stations the priest signs a statement to certify that he has done this. This statement is preserved in the archives of the Church or chapel.*

### **Exorcism Prayer**

In Jesus we seal this Holy Church, against all wicked spirits who may try to hear or see, know or understand, what we think, say, or do, and bind them to silence and inactivity, and cast them into the deep recesses of hell.

We join with Saint Michael the Archangel, in battle, waging war against the wickedness and the snares of the devil, and all the evil spirits, who prowl throughout the world, seeking the ruin of souls.<sup>145</sup>

In Jesus, we render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's,<sup>146</sup> we attack and destroy the synagogue of Satan, pull down all his ramparts and strongholds, where he dwells,<sup>147</sup> and pour darkness upon the seat of his power.<sup>148</sup>

By the authority and power given to the Eucharistic Church, we call and unite the entire Mystical Body of Christ,<sup>149</sup> to join in battle against all the forces of evil, and cast the antichrist, and the false prophet,<sup>150</sup> and the red dragon, who is the devil himself, along with all his evil spirits, down into hell, into the fire burning with brimstone, where they shall be tormented day and night forever and ever.<sup>151</sup>

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<sup>145</sup> 1P 5:8

<sup>146</sup> Mk 12:17

<sup>147</sup> Apoc 2:9,13

<sup>148</sup> Apoc 16:10

<sup>149</sup> Apoc 19:14

<sup>150</sup> Apoc 19:20

<sup>151</sup> Apoc 20:9,10

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In the power and authority of Jesus,  
we render to God the things that are God's.  
We take back all the kingdoms of the world,  
and the power and the glory of them,  
which were given to the devil by Adam and Eve,<sup>152</sup>  
and restore them all to Thee, our God and Father.<sup>153</sup>

We also deliver ourselves into Thy hands,  
so that Thee our God, may be All and in all.<sup>154</sup>  
To the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
be glory and magnificence, empire and power,  
before all ages, and now, and for all ages of ages. Amen.<sup>155</sup>

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<sup>152</sup> Lk 4:6

<sup>153</sup> 1Co 15:24

<sup>154</sup> 1Co 15:28

<sup>155</sup> Jude 1:25