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## PREFACE.

IT was agreed in the General Chapter of 1936 that the Committee for Liturgical Matters should edit a book containing the various forms and services in use in the English Congregation of the Society, with such corrections as might be found necessary.

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THE ADMISSION OF A POSTULANT.

*The Guest-master (or, if need be, another Father) shall lead the candidate to kneel before the Father Superior, seated in his stall, and shall say :*

Reverend Father, N.M. [Priest] asks your blessing, and permission to test his vocation under the rule of our Society.

*The Superior shall say :*

My son, we are willing to receive thee. May the Lord confirm thee in thy purpose, and grant thee thy heart's desire.

*Then if there are others to be admitted, the first shall move aside and the next be presented, and so with each.*

*Then the Superior shall say :*

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, to receive with the fulness of thy blessing *this thy servant*, that *he* may seek thee with *his* whole heart, and, if it should be thy will, obtain a place in thy service in this Society. Strengthen *him* in the paths of thy Commandments, and grant *him* thy perpetual guidance, that serving thee faithfully here below, *he* may in the end attain to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon *thee* and remain with *thee* for ever. *Amen.*

*Each shall then take his place as a Postulant.*

## THE RECEPTION AND CLOTHING OF A NOVICE.

A table shall be prepared in the Sanctuary, on which shall be placed the habit, girdle, and cord of the Postulant who is going to be received as a Novice, and holy water with a sprinkler. The altar candles shall be lighted.

The Postulant who is to be received shall sit in his accustomed place.

The Father Superior General shall be vested in a surplice, with cope and stole of the colour of the day, and shall be attended by the Father Assistant, wearing a surplice.

The Officiant, kneeling in the midst before the Altar, shall say :

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

Then shall all say together the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, etc.

Then shall the Officiant say :

**G**OD, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit ; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort ; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Then shall be sung Veni, Creator Spiritus, in English, all remaining on their knees.

Then shall follow the Litany of the Holy Ghost.

The Litany being ended, the Officiant shall seat himself in a chair placed in the midst of the Sanctuary, the rest of the Community standing.

Then the Master of the Novices, or if necessary another Father present, shall lead the Postulant to the midst of the Choir, and shall cause him to kneel down, facing the Officiant ; and the presenting Father shall say :

Reverend Father, N.M. [Priest] humbly desires to be admitted on probation into the Society of Saint John the Evangelist, that he may thereby the more be enabled to grow in holiness, and to advance the glory of God and the salvation of men.

Superior. What seekest thou ?

Postulant. I seek God's mercy, and admission to your Society.

Then if there are others who are to be received as Novices, the presenting Father shall cause the Postulant who has just been presented to move to one side, and shall lead the next in order to the centre ; and the same form shall be used ; and so on until all have been presented. And the presenting Father shall remain with the Novice (or Novices) till the end of the service.

Then the Officiant shall say :

**D**EARLY beloved in Christ, thou must consider well with thyself what are the difficulties of that life which thou seekest. Take heed lest those words be spoken to thee : Thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Cultivate therefore within thyself a spirit of detachment from the world which passeth away, that thou mayest do the will of God and abide for ever. Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. Purge out of thyself the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eye, and the pride of life. Continue in the love of him that calleth thee, that thou mayest bring forth much fruit. If thou wilt have fellowship with him, thou must seek that honour which cometh from God only. Therefore must thou gladly accept humiliations, rejoice in privations, and bring thy body and soul into subjection to the leadings of grace, that so the wicked one may not touch thee. Whom I love, I rebuke and chasten, saith the Lord Jesus Christ. Fear, therefore, none of those things which thou shalt be called to suffer. Bear all things and have patience, and for his Name's sake labour diligently and faint not. He shall keep thee from the hour of temptation which shall come upon the world. Yea ! if thou hast but a little strength and wilt keep his Word and not deny his Name, he will set before thee an open door and no man can shut it.

Art thou able to drink of his Cup, and to be baptized with his Baptism ? Great is his promise to him that overcometh : I will grant him to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

If thou wilt serve the Lord, thou must prepare thyself for temptation. Abide therefore in him, that when he shall appear we may have confidence and not be ashamed before

him at his coming. Hold fast that which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. To him that overcometh shall that crown be given, but he that putteth on his armour must not boast himself as he that putteth it off.

Remember the words of our holy Patron : Look to yourselves that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. Take up *thy* cross daily and follow Christ. He that saith he abideth in him, ought himself also so to walk even as he walked.

Glory be to him who hath put it into *thy heart* to desire to be his disciple. *Thou hast* not chosen him, but he hath chosen *thee*. *Mayest thou* bring forth much fruit. Regard not *thy life* unto the death, but evermore be faithful to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ.

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*Then shall the presenting Father lead the Postulant (or, if there be several, the one first presented) to the Officiant, and cause him to kneel before him. Then shall the Officiant put to him these questions following :*

*Superior.* Wilt thou seek in all things to live for the glory of God, and the salvation of souls ?

*Postulant.* I will.

*Superior.* Wilt thou show due reverence and obedience to those who shall be set over thee in this Society, as long as thou shalt remain amongst us ?

*Postulant.* I will.

*Superior.* Wilt thou endeavour to carry out the purposes of this Society, and to accomplish the works which shall be assigned to thee ?

*Postulant.* I will endeavour so to do.

*Then the Father Superior shall take hold of the right hand of the Postulant, and shall say :*

I receive thee, *N.M.*, on probation into our Society, and may he who hath begun a good work in thee, accomplish the same unto the day of Christ.

*Then if there are others, the presenting Father shall cause the newly-received Novice to kneel on one side, and shall present the next in order in the same manner, until all have been received.*

*Then shall the Officiant stand up and say :*

**P**RAISED be God for that he hath given *thee* grace to choose so good a part ; for one day in the courts of the

Lord is better than a thousand. May God give *thee* the will and the strength to persevere in this *thy* holy resolution, to follow the rules of this Society, and to serve him faithfully and devotedly all the days of *thy* life. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house, O Lord ; they will be always praising thee. For the Lord God is a light and defence : the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

℣. O how plentiful is thy goodness which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee ;

℞. And that thou hast prepared for them that put their trust in thee, even before the sons of men.

℣. Thou shalt hide them privily by thine own presence from the provoking of all men ;

℞. Thou shalt keep them secretly in thy tabernacle from the strife of tongues.

℣. O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me ;

℞. And bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

℣. One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require ;

℞. Even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

℣. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth ;

℞. But according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

℣. I look for the Lord, my soul doth wait for him ;

℞. In his word is my trust.

℣. O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy ;

℞. And with him is plenteous redemption.

℣. The Lord be with you,

℞. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and merciful God, from whom alone cometh every good and holy desire ; we bless thee, because thou hast drawn the *heart* of *this* thy *servant* to seek thee and thy holy service in the fellowship of this Society. We beseech thee to shed abroad in *his heart* the gifts of thy grace abundantly ; to remove from *him* all which offendeth thee, or doth hinder *him* from persevering in thy service ; to give *him* true charity, purity, and devotion ; to instruct *him* in all holy discipline ; and to grant that being enriched by thy

grace, and enkindled with the fire of thy love, *he* may fulfil *his* course with joy, and be presented blameless before thee at the last day ; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** LORD Jesu Christ, who hast given us a perfect example in thy most holy life ; mercifully grant unto *this* thy servant that, being cleansed from all *his* sins, *he* may learn to take thy yoke upon *him*, and to be meek and lowly of heart, bearing *his* cross and following thee along the thorny road which leadeth to eternal life. Give *him* grace to devote *himself*, body and soul, to thy service ; to give thee *his* whole heart ; to bear all contrary things with patience and humility ; to yield up *his* will to thee, and to study to unite *it* entirely with thine ; to labour diligently to make *his* calling and election sure, setting *his* affections on things above, and forgetting those things which are behind, that so *he* may press forward earnestly to attain those rewards which thou hast promised to them which love thee and faithfully serve thee ; and *his* life being here hid in thee, *he* may enjoy thy peace in this world, and in the world to come everlasting rest and joy ; where thou with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**O** GOD, who hast been pleased that thine only Son should empty himself, taking the form of a servant, and that laying aside his Majesty he should clothe himself with the miseries of our mortal condition ; bless, we beseech thee, and sanctify *this* our brother, whom we have received as a member of our Society ; that *he*, taking its outward garb, may divest *himself* of the pomps and vanities of the world, and so be clothed with Christ as to be found worthy of being clad in heaven with the precious robe of immortality, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Then the Father Assistant shall bring to the Father Superior the Habit and Girdle of the new Novice ; and when the Superior delivers them, he shall say to him :*

The Lord put off from thee the old man and his deeds, and put on thee the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

*And if more than one Novice is to be clothed, the Habit and Girdle shall be given to each in the same manner.*

*Then the presenting Father shall conduct him (or them) out of the Chapel, to put on the Habit and Girdle.*

*During their absence one or more of the following Psalms shall be sung, as time may permit, with this Antiphon :*

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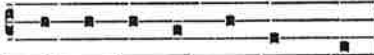


FOR my breth-ren.

PSALM 20. *Exaudiat te.*



THE Lord hear thee in the day of trou-ble : the name of the



God of Ja- cob de- fend thee.

2. Send thee help from the sanctu-a-ry : and strengthen thee *out* of Sion ;

3. Remember all thy *of*-ferings : and accept thy *bürnt*-sacrifice ;

4. Grant thee thy heart's de-*sire* : and ful-*fil* all thy mind.

5. We will rejoice in thy salvation, and triumph in the Name of the Lord our God : the Lord perform all *thy* petitions.

6. Now know I that the Lord helpeth his Anointed, and will hear him from his holy *hea*-ven : even with the wholesome strength of his right hand.

7. Some put their trust in chariots, and some in *hor*-ses : but we will remember the Name of the Lord our God.

8. They are brought down and *fal*-len : but we are ri-*sen*, and stand upright.

9. Save, Lord, and hear us, O King of *hea*-ven : when we *call* upon thee.

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

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world with-*out* end. Amen.

PSALM 122. *Laetatus sum.*

**I** WAS glad when they said unto *me* : We will go into the *hou*se of the Lord.

2 Our feet shall stand in thy *gates* : — O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a *ci*-ty : that is at u-*ni*-ty in itself.

4 For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord : to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the *Na*me of the Lord.

5 For there is the seat of *judge-ment* : even the seat of the *house* of David.

6 O pray for the peace of *Je-ru-salem* : they shall *pros-per* that love thee.

7 Peace be within thy *walls* : and plenteousness with-*in* thy palaces.

8 For my brethren and companions' *sakes* : I will wish *thee* prosperity.

9 Yea, because of the house of the Lord our *God* : I will *seek* to do thee good.

Glory be, etc.

PSALM 150. *Laudate Dominum.*

○ PRAISE God in his *ho-liness* : praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him in his noble *acts* : praise him according to his *ex-cel-lent* greatness.

3 Praise him in the sound of the *trum-pet* : praise him up-*on* the lute and harp.

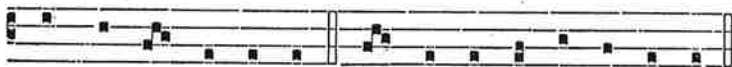
4 Praise him in the cymbals and *dan-ces* : praise him up-*on* the strings and pipe.

5 Praise him upon the well-tuned *cym-bals* : praise him upon the *loiid* cymbals.

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



FOR my breth-*ren*\* and com-*pan-ions*' *sakes*: I will



wish thee *pros-per- i- ty*. (*pros-per- i- ty*, *al-le-lu-ia*.)

*On their return, the Novice (or Novices) shall be led by the presenting Father to the step of the Sanctuary, and shall kneel there. If there be more than one Novice, they shall be placed in order of seniority.*

*Then the Cord (or Cords) shall be laid on the Altar, and blessed by the Officiant, facing eastward and saying :*

Ÿ. O Lord, hear our prayer.

R7. And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

○ GOD, the Giver of all good gifts, and the plentiful Bestower of all benedictions, vouchsafe to bl<sup>ess</sup> and sanctify *this Cord* ; and grant unto *this thy servant* who shall wear *it*, that *he* may be holy both in body and spirit ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*At the conclusion of the prayer, the Officiant sprinkles the Cord(s) thrice with holy water.*

*Then the Officiant shall deliver the Cord to the Novice, saying :*

Take this Cord, and wear it next to thy body, as a memorial of the obligations which are upon thee, as long as thou remainest in our holy Brotherhood.

*And if there be more than one Novice, the Cord shall be delivered to each with the same words.*

*Then standing in the midst of the Sanctuary and still facing the same way, the Officiant shall say :*

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

R7. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

○ HEAVENLY Father, we beseech thee in thy mercy evermore to strengthen and defend *this thy servant*, that *he*, serving thee in purity of mind and body, in poverty of spirit, and in childlike obedience, may share in the reward of those hundred and forty and four thousand who follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth ; through the merits and mediation of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon *thee*, and remain with *thee* for ever. *Amen.*

*After a pause for silent prayer, the Master of the Novices shall conduct each new Novice to the place in Chapel which he is to occupy. The Superior, rising, sees the Novices go to their places, before he retires from the Sanctuary.*

THE BLESSING OF THE HABIT BEFORE THE  
TAKING OF FIRST ANNUAL VOWS.

*On the eve of the admission of a Candidate for Profession to his First Annual Vows, the Habit shall be blessed by the Father Superior after Compline according to the ensuing form.*

*The Habit shall be laid upon the Altar, near the south end, holy water shall be provided, and the altar candles lighted. The Father Superior shall wear a surplice, with stole of the colour of the day, and shall be assisted by a Server wearing a surplice. The Novice shall kneel at the step of the Sanctuary.*

*The Father Superior kneeling before the Altar, the Lesser Litany shall be said.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, etc.

*Then shall be said :*

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

*All standing up except the Novice, the Father Superior shall go up to the Altar and bless the Habit, facing eastward and saying :*

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

℞. Who hath made heaven and earth.

℣. O Lord, hear our prayer.

℞. And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

VOUCHSAFE, we beseech thee, Almighty God, to bless and hallow *this Habit*, and grant that thy servant,

receiving this symbol of separation from the world, may be enabled to live the more faithfully united unto thee in thy love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Father Superior then sprinkles the Habit thrice with holy water.*

*Then shall the Father Superior come down from the Altar, the Habit shall be brought to him, and he shall deliver it to the Novice, saying :*

Receive this Habit, the symbol of thy separation from the world.

*If more than one Habit has been blessed, each shall be delivered after the same manner.*

℣. The Lord be with you.

℞. And with thy spirit.

℣. Let us bless the Lord.

℞. Thanks be to God.



THE TAKING OF FIRST ANNUAL VOWS BY A  
CANDIDATE FOR PROFESSION.

*A table shall be prepared in the Sanctuary, on which shall be placed the girdle that is to be blessed, and holy water. A pen and ink shall also be provided. The altar candles are lighted.*

*The Father Superior General is to be vested in amice, alb, and crossed stole, and shall be attended by the Brother serving at the celebration of the Holy Communion.*

*The Father Superior kneeling before the Altar shall say :—*

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

Our Father, etc.

**G**OD, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit ; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort ; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Then shall be sung Veni, Creator Spiritus, all remaining on their knees.*

*Then shall follow the Litany of the Holy Ghost.*

*The Litany being ended, the Father Superior shall go to the Vestry, and put on the maniple and chasuble.*

*At the celebration of the Holy Communion the service for the Feast of St. John the Evangelist shall ordinarily be used.*

*At the conclusion of the Creed, the server shall place a chair in the midst of the Sanctuary for the Father Superior, who shall seat himself therein, the rest of the community remaining standing. The Father Assistant shall come from his stall and attend upon the Father Superior.*

*The Master of the Novices will lead the Novice who is to be admitted to make his Annual Vows to the Father Superior and shall cause him to kneel before him, and shall present him in these words :—*

Reverend Father, I present unto you this Novice, *N.M.* [Priest], who desires to bind himself by vow to live during this coming year in Poverty, Chastity and Obedience in our Society, and has been duly approved according to the Statutes of the Society.

*Superior.* My son, what desirest thou of the Lord ?

*Novice.* My Father, I desire grace and mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ to devote myself to his service in this holy Society in Poverty, Chastity and Obedience, and to this end I ask to be allowed to pledge myself.

*Superior.* For how long art thou willing to be bound ?

*Novice.* I desire to bind myself during the coming year.

*If there are others to be admitted to these vows, the presenting Father shall lead the next in order to the officiant and the same form shall be used ; and so on, until all have been presented.*

*Then shall the Father Superior say :—*

*Wilt thou be diligent to frame thy life, thy temper, thy conversation according to the doctrine of Jesus Christ, seeking only and wholly to follow him, according to the tenour of the obligation whereby thou desirest to be bound ?*

*Novice.* By the help of God, I will.

*Superior.* *Wilt thou reverently obey all who by the Constitutions of this Society shall be set over thee in the Lord, following their godly admonitions and all the appointed rules ?*

*Novice.* By the help of God, I will.

*Superior.* *Wilt thou endeavour to live in loving Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience as becometh the discipleship of him whom Jesus loved ?*

*Novice.* By the help of God, I will.

*Superior.* *Wilt thou give thyself to prayer and holy meditation and all the duties of a religious life with true devotion and earnest perseverance ?*

*Novice.* By the help of God, I will.

*Superior.* We are willing to admit *thee* to make these vows for the space of one year.

*Then shall the Superior stand up and say :—*

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hath given *thee* the will and purpose to do all these things, grant unto *thee* strength and power to fulfil the same, and may he accomplish in *thee* all the good pleasure of his will to the well-being of this Society and to *thine* everlasting peace.

*Then the Father Superior shall again seat himself ; and the Father Assistant shall receive from the Novice the paper*

containing the formula of his Vows ; and the Novice shall read it from the paper, as follows :—

I . . . do hereby yield and give myself to Almighty God, and do promise to him, before the whole company of heaven, and in the presence of this congregation, and to thee, Reverend Father, that I will live throughout this coming year in the observance of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience, according to the Rule of this Society.

Then shall the Novice sign the formula of his Annual Vows, adding the date, and the Father Superior shall also sign it and place it upon the altar. And if there be more than one to take the Vows, the same shall be done with each.

Then the Father Superior shall return to his place and say:

℣. O Lord, save *this* thy servant ;  
R7. Who putteth his trust in thee.  
℣. O Lord, send *him* help from thy holy place ;  
R7. And strengthen *him* out of Sion.  
℣. Be thou to *him* a strong tower ;  
R7. From the face of *his* enemy.  
℣. Let not the enemy be able to do *him* violence ;  
R7. Nor the son of wickedness hurt *him*.  
℣. O Lord, hear our prayer.  
R7. And let our cry come unto thee.  
℣. The Lord be with you.  
R7. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst call unto thy service whom thou wouldest, and didst train them in the way of knowledge and of love, we pray thee that thou wouldest receive this thy servant, our brother . . . , who hath now bound himself by vow to thee. Grant unto *him* the spirit of true devotion, of brotherly love and of worship toward thee, that *he* may grow in grace, and going from strength to strength may be enabled to give *himself* to thee in complete and perfect sacrifice, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, whose blessed Son took upon him the form of a servant, and came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his live a ransom for many, accept the loving purpose of *this* thy servant, who, trusting to thy call, seeketh to devote *himself* to thee in holy Religion. Grant *him* so zealously to fulfil all that *he* hath now undertaken

that *he* may find an abiding place in our Society, if it be thy will, and persevering in the life of the Counsels may be counted worthy to enter into the joy of *his* Lord, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

Then shall the Father Superior go up to the Altar, and, the girdle being placed upon it, he shall bless it as follows :—

℣. Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
R7. Who hath made heaven and earth.  
℣. O Lord, hear our prayer.  
R7. And let our cry come unto thee.

BLESS, O Lord, we beseech thee, *this Girdle* which thy servant shall assume in token of the Vows wherewith *he* hath bound himself to thine obedience, and grant that *he* may be found faithful in those things that *he* hath promised, for thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Then shall the Father Superior sprinkle the girdle thrice with holy water. And having again seated himself, the Father Assistant shall bring to him the Girdle which has been blessed, and he shall deliver it to the Father or Brother, saying :

Receive this Girdle, the token of the obligations wherewith thou art bound by the vows which thou hast taken ; and may he give thee grace to persevere in this thy holy purpose.

Then shall the Father Assistant help the Father or Brother to put on the Girdle. Then the Father Superior shall stand up and, laying his hands upon his head, say :

The Lord bless thee and keep thee ; the Lord make his face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee : the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon thee and give thee peace, now and ever. Amen.

And the same shall be done for each one who has taken his Vows.

Then the Father Superior shall turn to the altar, and a short pause shall be made for silent prayer.

Then the Father Assistant shall lead the Father or Brother to his stall.

After this the Celebration of the Holy Communion shall proceed, and all shall communicate with those who have taken their First Vows.

THE RENEWAL OF ANNUAL VOWS BY A  
CANDIDATE FOR PROFESSION.

*The Renewal of Vows shall take place at such time as the Father Superior General or Father Provincial shall direct.*

*A chair shall be set before the Altar, the altar candles shall be lighted, and a pen and ink and blotting paper shall be placed at hand.*

*The Father Assistant, or another of the Fathers, shall attend upon the Officiant. Both shall wear surplices, and the Officiant also a stole of the colour of the day.*

*After private prayer, the Officiant shall seat himself, and the Father Deputy Assistant (or another Father) shall lead the Candidate to him, cause him to kneel before him, and present him in these words :*

Reverend Father, I present unto you Father [or Brother] N.M., who has been living during the past year in our Society under Vows of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience, and desires now to renew these same Vows for another period of twelve months, and has been duly approved according to the Statutes of the Society.

*Then shall the Officiant say,*

My son, what desirest thou of the Lord ?

*Answer.* My Father, I desire grace and mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ to devote myself afresh to his service in this holy Society in Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience. And to this end I ask to be allowed to renew my Vows for a further period of time.

*Officiant.* For how long art thou willing to be bound ?

*Answer.* I desire to bind myself throughout the coming year.

*Others (if any) shall be presented in the same way, the first moving aside.*

*Then the Officiant shall say,*

We are willing to admit thee to renew thy vows.

*And standing up, he shall say the prayer following :*

ALMIGHTY God, who hath given thee the will and purpose to do all these things, grant unto thee strength and power to fulfil the same. And may he accomplish in thee all the good pleasure of his will, to the well-being of this Society and to thine everlasting peace. Amen.

*Then the Officiant shall again seat himself ; and the assisting Father shall receive from the Candidate the paper containing the formula of his Vows ; and the Candidate shall read it from the paper as follows.*

I, N.M. [or Brother N.] do hereby yield and give myself to Almighty God, and do promise to him, before the whole company of heaven, and in the presence of this congregation, and to thee, Reverend Father, that I will live throughout the coming year in the observance of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience, according to the Rule of this Society.

*Then shall the Candidate sign the formula of his Annual Vows, adding the date, and the Officiant shall also sign it and place it upon the Altar. And if there be more than one Candidate renewing his Vows, each shall do as above.*

*Then turning to the Candidate(s), the Officiant shall say :*

℣. O Lord, save this thy servant.

℞. Who putteth his trust in thee.

℣. O Lord, send him help from thy holy place.

℞. And strengthen him out of Sion.

℣. Be thou to him a strong tower.

℞. From the face of his enemy.

℣. Let not the enemy be able to do him violence.

℞. Nor the son of wickedness hurt him.

℣. O Lord, hear our prayer.

℞. And let our cry come unto thee.

℣. The Lord be with you.

℞. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst call unto thy service whom thou wouldest, and didst train them in the way of knowledge and of love ; we pray thee that thou wouldest receive this thy servant our brother N.M., who hath bound himself anew to thee. Grant unto him the spirit of true devotion, of brotherly love, and of worship toward thee, that he may grow in grace, and, going from strength to strength, may be enabled to give himself to thee in complete and perfect sacrifice ; who livest and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray.

ACCEPT, O Lord, we beseech thee, the loving purpose of *this thy servant*, who, trusting in thy call, *seeketh* to devote *himself* afresh to thee in holy prayer and service. Grant *him* so zealously to fulfil all that *he hath* now undertaken, that *he* may find an abiding place in our Society, and, persevering in the life of the Counsels, may be counted worthy to enter into the joy of *his* Lord; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*The Blessing.*

THE Lord bless *thee* and keep *thee*; the Lord make his face to shine upon *thee*, and be gracious unto *thee*; the Lord lift up his countenance upon *thee*, and give *thee* peace; now and for evermore. *Amen.*

*Then the Officiant shall turn to the Altar, and a short pause shall be made for silent prayer. After this, the Candidate shall return to his stall in choir.*

## THE BLESSING OF A HABIT BEFORE A PROFESSION.

*On the eve of the Profession of a Father or Brother, the Habit shall be blessed by the Father Superior after Compline as follows.*

*The Habit shall be placed upon the Altar, near the south end, holy water shall be provided, and the altar candles lighted. The Father Superior shall wear a surplice, with a stole of the colour of the day, and shall be assisted by a Server in surplice. The Novice or Candidate for Profession shall kneel at the step of the Sanctuary.*

*The Father Superior kneeling before the Altar, the Lesser Litany shall first be said.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, etc.

*Then shall be said :*

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

*All then standing up except the Novice, the Father Superior shall go up to the Altar and bless the Habit, facing eastward and saying :*

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

℞. Who hath made heaven and earth.

℣. O Lord, hear our prayer.

℞. And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst deign to put on the clothing of our mortality; We humbly beseech thy boundless loving-kindness that thou wouldest vouchsafe to bless and hallow *this Habit*, the token of separation from the world; and grant unto *this thy servant*, who is resolved to live henceforth in the holy estate of Religion, that as *he* outwardly *weareth* its garb, so *he* may be

inwardly clothed with thy righteousness, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Then shall the Father Superior seat himself, and the Habit which has been blessed shall be brought to him, and he shall deliver it to the newly-Professed, saying :*

Receive this Habit, the symbol of thy separation from the world ; and may our Lord Jesus Christ so enable thee to live in faith and holiness, that hereafter thou mayest be found of him in peace without spot and blameless. *Amen.*

*If more than one is to be Professed, each shall be given his Habit after the same manner.*

*Ps.* The Lord be with you.

*R.* And with thy spirit.

*Ps.* Let us bless the Lord.

*R.* Thanks be to God.

## THE PROFESSION OF A FATHER OR LAY BROTHER.

*A table shall be prepared in the Sanctuary, on which shall be placed the girdle that is to be blessed, and holy water (except for a Candidate for Profession whose girdle has been already blessed). A pen and ink shall also be provided. The altar candles are lighted.*

*The Father Superior General shall be vested in amice, alb, and crossed stole, and shall be attended by the Father Assistant, wearing a surplice.*

*The Father Superior, kneeling before the Altar, shall say :*

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

*Then shall all say together the Lord's Prayer.*

*Our Father, etc.*

*Then shall the Father Superior say :*

**G**OD, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Then shall be sung Veni, Creator Spiritus, in English, all remaining on their knees.*

*Then shall follow the Litany of the Holy Ghost.*

*The Litany being ended, the Father Superior shall be conducted to the Vestry, and shall put on the maniple and chasuble.*

*At the Celebration of the Holy Communion, the service for the feast of S. John the Evangelist shall ordinarily be used.*

*At the conclusion of the Creed, a chair shall be placed in the midst of the Sanctuary, and the Father Superior shall seat himself therein, the rest of the Community remaining standing.*

*Then the Master of the Novices shall lead to the Father Superior the Novice who is to be professed, and shall cause him to kneel before him, and shall present him with these words :*

Reverend Father, I present unto you this Novice, *N.M.* [Priest], who has been duly elected by the Chapter, entreating you to admit him for Profession in our Society.

*Then the Father Superior shall address the Novice as follows :*

My son, what desirest thou of the Lord ?

*Novice.* My Father, I desire grace and mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ to devote myself to his service in this holy Society, in Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience, for the rest of my life in this world, and I pray you, Reverend Father, in the Name of God, to receive me into your Society.

*Superior.* Art thou thoroughly determined upon this thy holy purpose ?

*Novice.* Reverend Father, this is the prayer which I desire to lay upon the Altar of God.

*Then shall he put the prayer into the hands of the Father Superior, who shall hold the same open for him that he may read it aloud.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, I, *N.M.*, although unworthy of thy Divine regard, nevertheless relying upon thine infinite mercy and pity, and impelled with the desire of serving thee in a life of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience, do humbly seek from thine infinite goodness and clemency by the Blood of Jesus Christ, that by the fire of the Holy Ghost thou wilt receive this offering of myself, as a sacrifice of a sweet-smelling savour, through the fragrance of his Divine merits ; and as thou hast given me a good will to desire and to offer, so I pray thee also to give me abundance of grace to accomplish that which I shall promise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Then the Father Superior shall give back to the Novice the paper on which the prayer and the formula of Profession are written, and shall say :*

May Almighty God grant thee so to live according to this prayer that thou mayest attain eternal life. Amen.

*Novice.* O stablish me according to thy word that I may live, and let me not be disappointed of my hope.

*Superior (rising).* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost ;

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

*Then if there are others the Master of the Novices shall cause the one just presented to kneel on one side, and shall present the next in order in the same manner, until all have been presented.*

*Then shall the Father Superior, being seated, put to the Novice (or Novices) the following questions.*

*Wilt thou* be diligent to frame thy life, thy temper, thy conversation according to the doctrine of Jesus Christ, seeking only and wholly to follow him in this state of life to which, as we trust, he in his Providence hath called thee ?

*Novice.* By the help of God, I will.

*Wilt thou* reverently obey all who by the Constitutions of this Society shall be set over thee in the Lord, following their goodly admonitions and all the appointed rules ?

*Novice.* By the help of God, I will.

*Wilt thou* endeavour to live in loving Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience, as becometh the discipleship of him whom Jesus loved ?

*Novice.* By the help of God, I will.

*Wilt thou* give thyself to prayer and holy meditation, and to all the duties of a Religious Life, with true devotion and earnest perseverance ?

*Novice.* By the help of God, I will.

*Then shall the Father Superior stand up and say the prayer which follows over the Novice (or Novices).*

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hath given thee the will and purpose to do all these things, grant unto thee strength and power to fulfil the same ; and may he accomplish in thee all the good pleasure of his will, to the well-being of this Society and thine everlasting peace. Amen.



*Then the Father Superior shall again seat himself ; and the Novice (or if there be more than one, each Novice in turn) shall make his Profession and be admitted after the manner following. The Father Assistant shall receive from the Novice the paper containing the formula of his Profession ; and the Father Assistant shall hold it open, so that the Novice can conveniently read from it ; and the Novice, putting his hands into the hands of the Father Superior, shall make his Profession, reading from the paper as follows :*

**I**, *N. M.*, make my Profession and promise to Almighty God, before the whole company of heaven, and in the presence of this congregation, and to thee, Reverend Father, the Superior General of the Society of S. John the Evangelist, and to thy successors in this office, that I will live in the perpetual observance of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience, according to the Rule of this Society.

*[In the absence of the Superior General, the following form of Profession shall be used.*

**I**, *N. M.*, make my Profession and promise to Almighty God, before the whole company of heaven, and in the presence of this congregation, and to thee, Reverend Father, as representing the Superior General of the Society of S. John the Evangelist, and to his successors in that office, that I will live in the perpetual observance of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience, according to the rule of this Society.]

*Then shall the Father Assistant give the paper to the Father Superior, and shall fetch from the table the pen and ink ; and the newly-Professed shall sign his Profession, appending the date ; and the Father Superior shall also sign it, and shall place it signed upon the Altar, and turning round he shall say :*

Be thou faithful unto death, and the Lord shall give thee the crown of life.

*Then the Father Superior shall seat himself, and shall take hold of the right hand of the newly-Professed, and shall say :*

I admit thee, *N. M.*, to be one of the Fathers [or Brothers] of the Society of S. John the Evangelist, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

*Then the Father Superior shall stand up, and shall say over the newly-Professed :*

*V.* O Lord, save *this thy servant ;*  
*R.* Who putteth his trust in thee.  
*V.* O Lord, send *him* help from thy holy place ;  
*R.* And strengthen *him* out of Sion.  
*V.* Be thou to *him* a strong tower ;  
*R.* From the face of *his* enemy.  
*V.* Let the enemy have no advantage of *him ;*  
*R.* Nor the wicked approach to hurt *him.*  
*V.* O Lord, hear our prayer.  
*R.* And let our cry come unto thee.  
*V.* The Lord be with you.  
*R.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, who by thy Co-eternal Son hast created all things, and hast vouchsafed through the mystery of his Incarnation to renew the world grown old in sin ; We pray thee that thou wouldest vouchsafe so to look upon *this thy servant*, our brother, *N. M.*, who hath pledged himself by a solemn vow at our hands to live henceforth a dedicated life in Poverty Chastity, and Obedience, that, renewed in the spirit of *his* mind, *he* may put off the old man with his deeds, and put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. We ask this for the sake of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

**O** LORD Jesu Christ, who art the Way without which no man goeth to the Father ; We humbly beseech thy mercy that thou wouldest withdraw *this thy servant* from fleshly desires, and lead *him* in the narrow and safe way of rule and discipline. And as thou didst vouchsafe to call sinners, saying, Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you : grant that this voice of thy calling may sound so loud within *him*, that laying down the burden of *his* sins, and tasting how sweet thou art, *he* may be sustained by thy consolation ; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**O** HOLY Spirit, who hast vouchsafed to reveal thyself to mankind as God and Lord ; We humbly beseech thy loving-kindness that as thou breathest where thou willest, so thou wouldst inspire the love of holy devotion in *this thy*

*servant, our brother, N.M.; that as he is created by thy wisdom, he may be ruled also by thy Providence, and that thine anointing may teach him all things. Grant him to be so truly turned from the vanity of the world, that stablished in brotherly love he may of thy help so righteously, devoutly, and godly fulfil with true humility and obedience what he beginneth to-day of thine inspiration, that constantly persevering in his holy resolve he may obtain everlasting life; through thy mercy, who with the Father and the Son livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.*

*The following section is omitted for a Candidate for Profession whose Girdle has been already blessed.*

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*The Father Superior standing at the Altar, shall bless the Girdle (or Girdles), then to be placed upon it, as follows :*

*Ps. O Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Rj. And let our cry come unto thee.*

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, who to redeem the bond-servant didst will that thy Son should be bound by the hands of ungodly men; bless, we beseech thee, *this Girdle*; and grant that thy servant who is to be girt therewith may unceasingly remember that he is bound to fulfil the threefold vow which he hath taken. We ask this for the sake of the same our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*Then shall the Father Superior seat himself, and the Father Assistant shall bring to him the Girdle which has been blessed, and the Father Superior shall deliver it to the newly-Professed saying :*

*Receive this Girdle, the token of the obligations wherewith thou art bound in the life to which God hath called thee; and may he day by day bind thee closer to himself, until thou shalt appear before his face in the heavenly Jerusalem. Amen.*

*Then the Father Assistant shall help the newly-Professed to put on the Girdle.*

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*If more than one have been Professed, each shall be given his girdle in the same manner.*

*Then the Father Superior shall stand at the step, and the Father Assistant shall hold the book, and the Father Superior*

*shall lay his hands upon the head of the newly-Professed, and shall bless him (or bless them severally) as follows :*

**G**RACE be unto thee and peace from him which is, and which was, and which is to come, and from the Seven Spirits which are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the Faithful Witness, and the First-begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth. *Amen.*

*Then the Father Superior shall turn to the Altar, and say :*

*Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own Blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

*Here a short pause shall be made for silent prayer, after which all shall rise, and the Father Assistant shall lead the newly-Professed to his stall in the upper row. Then the Father Assistant shall return to his stall, and the Father Superior shall read the Offertory Sentence and continue the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.*

*While the oblations are being prepared, the chair and table shall be removed.*

*It is convenient that the whole Community should communicate with the newly-Professed Father.*



## THE ELECTION, INSTITUTION AND INSTALLATION OF A SUPERIOR GENERAL.

*About a week before the earliest mail day on which Agenda papers of the electing Chapter have to be sent to any of the houses of the Society beyond the sea, the Father Assistant General shall, in consultation with the Father Superior General, if he be alive, and with his Council, draw up the list of Fathers, eligible for election, all of whom, except those marked with an asterisk, shall also be entitled to vote at the Chapter, and no others. This list shall be used as the Ballot Paper in the election, and the Assistant General shall take care that a copy of the list be sent to every member of the Chapter having a right to vote, so that he may receive it at least five weeks before the Chapter is to be held.*

*The voting-papers sent to absent Fathers shall be of a different colour from that of those used by the Fathers present in Chapter on the day of election, so that in case of necessity the two kinds of voting-papers may be easily distinguished.*

1. *On the morning of the day, appointed for the election of the Superior General, the Holy Eucharist shall be celebrated after Prime in the House-Chapel, in the presence of all the Fathers of the Society who are to take part in the election, and of as many of the other members of the Community as can conveniently be present. The Father Assistant Superior General, as being the Officer appointed to preside at the election, shall celebrate, and all the electors shall communicate at this service. The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for Tuesday in Whitsun week are to be used, omitting in the Collect the words as at this time unless it be in Whitsun Week.*

2. *Later on in the day, when the Chapel is being prepared for the meeting of Chapter, a table shall be placed in the eastern part of the Choir, immediately in front of the Altar, and on it shall be put the box for receiving the Votes. On the Altar shall be placed a large Bible; and there shall be a chair with arms on the south side of the Sanctuary.*

3. *Each of the members of the Chapter shall be provided with pieces of paper of similar shape, containing the authorized list of professed Fathers having a vote in Chapter and eligible for election. (See the opening paragraph above.)*

4. *The Father Assistant, or, in his absence, the senior officer of the Society, present, shall preside, and shall invite the Chapter to give itself to prayer. Silence shall be kept for a space, and then the Veni Creator shall be recited by the Chapter, and the presiding Father shall say the Collect for Whitsunday.*

5. *Two scrutineers shall then be elected by the Chapter*

6. *The presiding Father and the two scrutineers shall go up to the table.*

7. *The presiding Father shall kneel before the table, the two scrutineers standing at the north side of it, the junior scrutineer being nearest to the Altar.*

8. *The presiding Father shall give his voting paper to the senior scrutineer, by whom it shall be placed in the box.*

9. *The presiding Father shall then rise and shall stand at the south side of the table.*

10. *The senior scrutineer shall kneel before the table, and shall give his paper to the presiding Father, who shall place it in the box; after which the scrutineer shall rise and return to the north side of the table.*

11. *The junior scrutineer shall kneel and vote in a similar way, giving his vote to the presiding Father, and then returning to the north side.*

12. *The presiding Father shall kneel and give the votes of the absent members one by one to the senior scrutineer, who shall place them one by one in the box.*

13. *The presiding Father and the two scrutineers shall remain standing by the table to the south and north; and one by one in order of seniority, beginning from the highest, the members of the Chapter shall come up to the table, kneel before it, and give their voting-paper to the presiding Father, who shall place each paper in the box in the presence of the scrutineers.*

14. *After the voting-paper has been placed in the box, the Father who has just been voting shall rise and return to his place.*

15. *When all have voted, the presiding Father shall return to his stall, and the two scrutineers shall take the box and go to the place appointed for them, and there count the votes.*

16. *When the counting is finished, the scrutineers shall return to their places in Chapel, all present standing up.*

17. *The senior scrutineer shall declare the result of the balloting, as follows :—*

*If one of the Fathers has received the necessary majority, the senior scrutineer shall first state the number of Fathers that there are in the Society, who have a right to vote, and the total number of those who have actually voted, and the number required for any particular Father in order that an election may take place, and he shall then say :—*

*“The Reverend Father X. Y. has received a clear majority of the votes of [such Fathers as have a right to vote in Chapter] [the members of the Committee], and he is therefore duly elected to be our Father Superior General.”*

*And the Chapter shall respond :—“Thanks be to God.”*

*If all the votes cast [except one\*] have been in favour of one Father, the senior scrutineer shall inform the Chapter that the election was unanimous. Otherwise he shall make no statement in regard to the numbers who voted for this or that Father.*

*If no Father has received the necessary majority, the senior scrutineer, after stating the number of Fathers who have a right to vote, and the total number of those who have actually voted, and the number required in order that an election may take place, shall go on to say :—*

*“No Father has received a clear majority.*

*The Reverend Father A. B. has received . . . . votes, namely . . . . votes from Fathers present, and . . . . votes from absent Fathers.*

*The Reverend Father C. D. has received, etc.*

*The Reverend Father E. F. has received, etc.”*  
*and so on.*

18. *In the event of no Father receiving the necessary majority, the senior scrutineer shall hand back to the presiding Father the votes of absent members ; and then a second, and if necessary a third and fourth, ballot shall be taken according to the order of proceedings already described, and in accordance with the directions of Statute X.*

*If then there has been no election, a Committee shall be appointed in accordance with Statute X.*

*The Committee shall ballot in the Chapel, after deliberation if they so desire, the scrutineers performing their proper functions, whether they be members of the Committee or not. Only, in the latter case, they will of course give no vote.*

\*The reason for the exception lies in the fact that, presumably, the elected Father did not vote for himself. No account should be taken of the words within brackets, if the late Superior General is re-elected.

19. *If the case occur that the senior scrutineer is elected to be the Superior General, the announcement of election shall be made by the junior scrutineer.*

20. *If the late Superior General is re-elected, the Presiding Father and the two Fathers next to him in dignity shall go to the Superior General's cell, and shall announce to him his re-election, and shall beg him to come back to the Chapter to be instituted to his office.*

21. *If the late Superior General is not re-elected, and if some Father present in Chapter has been elected, immediately after the announcement of the election, the Father next in dignity to the Presiding Father shall go to the late Superior General's cell, and shall ask him to come back, and take his place in choir, according to his natural position by seniority, so that he may be present at the institution of his successor. If the Father next in dignity to the Presiding Father shall have been elected Superior General, the provisions of this rule shall be carried out by the Father next below him.*

22. *During the absence of the Fathers or Father, who have to go to the late Superior General to make one or other of these announcements, the table shall be removed, the altar candles shall be lighted, and the bell shall be rung with twelve strokes to summon the choir-novices and the lay-brothers, both professed and novices, who shall be present at the Institution and Installation.*

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#### THE INSTITUTION AND INSTALLATION OF THE SUPERIOR GENERAL.

23. *If the late Superior General is re-elected, as soon as he comes to the door of the Chapel, the presiding Father, who shall have put on a surplice and stole outside the Chapel, shall take him by the hand and shall lead him to the chair placed on the South side of the Sanctuary ; and the two Fathers next in dignity to the Presiding Father shall follow behind, and shall stand on either side of the chair ; and the Superior General-Elect shall seat himself in the chair. And the Presiding Father, standing before him, shall say :—*

Reverend Father, art thou willing to take the oath ?

*Answer.* I am willing.

Wilt thou solemnly promise and swear to rule the Society of S. John the Evangelist and all the members thereof during thy term of office, in accordance with the Statutes, the By-laws, and the Rule of Life of the said Society ?

*Answer.* I solemnly promise so to do.

Wilt thou be strict in maintaining the discipline of the Society, and in reforming whatever may have become relaxed or impaired through neglect or mishap ?

*Answer.* I will endeavour so to do by God's help.

Dost thou promise to rule by the law of kindness and equity, and not by favour or with harshness ?

*Answer.* I do so promise by the help of God.

Wilt thou be a careful and wise steward of the goods and property of the Society, and employ them for the use of the Church, of the Society, of your brethren, of the poor, and of strangers, and always in accordance with the Statutes of the Society ?

*Answer.* I will, God being my helper.

*Then the Presiding Father shall go to the Altar. And the Superior General Elect, accompanied by the other two Fathers, one on either side, shall go to the midst of the Sanctuary before the Altar ; and the Superior General Elect shall kneel down. And the Presiding Father shall take from the Altar the Bible, and shall open it at the beginning of the Gospel according to S. John, and shall tender it, open, to the Superior General Elect as he kneels in the Sanctuary, who shall lay his right hand upon the Holy Gospel, saying these words :—*

The things which I have here before promised, I will perform and keep. So help me God !

*Then the Superior General Elect shall kiss the Book. After which the Presiding Father shall replace it upon the Altar, and taking the Superior General Elect by the hand shall lead him to the Superior General's stall, the two attendant Fathers following behind. And the Superior General Elect shall stand close to the stall, and the Presiding Father standing near him and taking his hand shall say :—*

By the authority committed to me, I institute thee into the office of Superior-General of the Society of S. John the Evangelist ; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

24. *Then the Presiding Father shall place the re-elected Superior General in the stall, and shall cause him to sit down therein.*

25. *If the late Superior General has died, or is not re-elected, but some Father present in Chapter is elected, the choir-novices and lay-brothers having been summoned and having taken their places, and the table having been removed, the Presiding Father, having put on a surplice and stole, shall go to the Superior General Elect's stall, and taking him by the hand shall lead him to the chair in the Sanctuary, and the two Fathers next in dignity shall attend upon the General Elect ; and the oath shall be administered, and the institution and installation shall be carried out according to the directions set forth in the preceding paragraphs.*

26. *If the Presiding Father is elected to be the Superior General, he shall be instituted by the Father next to himself in dignity.*

27. *If some absent Father is elected, the Institution and what follows must be postponed until his arrival at the Mother House. In that case, after the election has been announced, the Presiding Father shall adjourn the Chapter, and shall then, himself, go to the late Superior General's cell, and inform him of the results of the election.*

28. *As soon as the new General is placed in his stall, all the Fathers in order of seniority, beginning with the Presiding Father, shall, one by one, kneel on both knees before the new Superior General, and shall kiss his right hand. The same shall be done in due order by (1) the Choir-novices, (2) the Professed Lay-brothers, (3) the Lay-novices.*

29. *Then Te Deum shall be sung ; after which the Presiding Father shall say :—*

Let us give thanks to God for the election of our Father Superior General, and let us pray that he may be filled with power, love, and wisdom from on high.

*Then the brethren shall kneel down, and for a space offer their thanksgivings and prayers in silence.*

*Then the Presiding Father shall rise from his knees, and, standing near the Superior General's stall, shall say the following Thanksgiving and Prayer :—*

**O** LORD, our God and Father, who art the Guide of thy children amid the dangers and difficulties of their earthly pilgrimage, we thank thee because thou hast given

to us and to our Society a head and a leader; we beseech thee to fill him continually with the presence of the Holy Ghost the Comforter; conform him in all things to the image of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; detach him completely from the world and from the desire thereof; make him wise and understanding and humble and tender and strong; and grant unto us and to all our brothers that, living in godly concord under his rule, we may in all things grow up into Christ our Supreme Head, and accomplish the work which thou willest us to fulfil. We offer these our thanksgivings and prayers through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

*At the conclusion of the Prayer the Presiding Father shall divest himself of his stole and surplice, and the brethren rising from their knees shall seat themselves.*

*The Father Superior General shall address to those assembled some words appropriate to the occasion; and then, all kneeling, he shall conclude with a Collect and the Blessing.*

## THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ASSISTANT SUPERIOR GENERAL.

*The altar candles shall be lighted.*

*The Father to be appointed Assistant Superior General shall kneel at the step of the Sanctuary.*

*The Father Superior General, or in his absence a Father specially deputed by him, wearing a surplice with a stole of the colour of the day, shall kneel before the Altar, and say:*

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

*Then shall be said or sung the hymn Veni Creator Spiritus.*

*The Officiant shall then stand up, and say:*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, etc.

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

*All then rising except the Father who is to be made Assistant Superior General, the Officiant turns to him and says as follows:*

Dost thou promise to yield due obedience to thy Superior, and to exercise thy authority without favour or partiality?

*Answer.* I will, God helping me.

Wilt thou use thy authority for the maintenance of due order and discipline according to the Rule of our Society?

*Answer.* By the help of God I will.

*Officiant.* Wilt thou endeavour to set an example of regularity and fervent observance of the Rule?

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

*Then shall the Officiant say,*

The Almighty God for his dear Son's sake grant thee the strength and the grace to fulfil what thou hast now undertaken, according to the good pleasure of his Will. *Amen.*

*Then shall the Officiant add,*

We appoint\* thee, Father . . . . . to the Office of Assistant Superior General in this Society, ✕ in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

*The Blessing.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ bless ✕ thee, strengthen thee by his Grace for the charge now committed to thee, and make thee an instrument of his Glory, to the praise of his holy Name. *Amen.*

*Then, all kneeling, the Officiant standing and turning to the Altar shall say,*

Let us pray.

*Prayer for Guidance.*

O GOD, who hast ordained the services of thine elect, dividing severally to every man as thou wilt, and by whose mercy this Society has been constituted, we humbly commend to thy special care this our dear Father, now chosen to fulfil the office of Assistant Superior General of our Society, that he may be guided and blessed by thee in this solemn charge now committed to him, and be enabled to fulfil it to the glory of thy holy Name and his own everlasting peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, hear our prayers and pour the Spirit of thy blessing upon this thy servant . . . . . that, hallowed by thy heavenly bounty, he may both attain thy divine gifts and be an example unto others in good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE humbly beseech thine Almighty power, O Lord, that thou wouldst graciously pour the gift of thy benediction upon this thy servant, whom thou hast been pleased to call to an holy office, and bestow upon him such grace that he may under thy guidance keep entire that which he receives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*\*If the Official is not the Superior General himself, he shall say, By the authority of the Father Superior General, we appoint etc.*

MAY thy blessing, O Lord, rest upon thy servant, and abide in him, to his great comfort and to the renewal and strengthening in him of all the gifts of thy grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Prayer for Divine Protection.*

O MOST gracious Lord, who alone canst keep us from falling and enable us to fulfil thy holy will, we commend our dear Father to thy most gracious care. Give him grace so that loving thee and thy will above all things, he may in suchwise surrender himself, his will, his desires, his thoughts, and his affections, that all his service may be for the peace and well-being of those committed to his charge. Shed abroad in his heart such fervency of zeal, such devotion and holiness, that, when thou visitest him in judgement, he may render up his account with joy, and receive the full recompense of the reward promised to all who faithfully love and serve thee; through thy merits, O blessed Jesus, to whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

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

*The Blessing.*

THE blessing of God Almighty, ✕ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*



## THE APPOINTMENT OF A PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR.

*The altar candles shall be lighted.*

*The Father to be appointed to the office shall kneel at the step of the Sanctuary.*

*All kneeling, the Father Superior General (or his delegate), wearing surplice and stole, shall say :*

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

*The hymn Veni Creator shall be said or sung.*

*The Officiant shall rise, and say :*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, etc.

Let us pray.

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

*All rising, except the Father to be admitted, the Officiant shall say :*

Dost thou promise to fulfil thy charge with due obedience and loyalty to the Superior General, or other constituted authority ?

*Answer.* I do promise, God helping me.

Wilt thou be diligent to observe the Statutes and Rule of our Society, to promote its objects, and to watch over and foster the same, within thy charge ?

*Answer.* By the grace of God, I will.

Dost thou promise to rule with equity and kindness, not by favour nor with harshness ?

*Answer.* I do so promise.

Wilt thou be a careful and wise steward of the goods and property of the Society within thy jurisdiction, administering all for the glory of God and in accordance with our Statutes ?

*Answer.* I will, God being my helper.

*Officiant.* The Almighty God, for his dear Son's sake, grant thee the strength and the grace to fulfil what thou hast now undertaken, according to the good pleasure of his will.

*Then the Officiant, if he is the Superior General, says,*

We appoint thee, Father . . . ., to the office of Provincial Superior of our Society in . . . . ✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

*[But if a deputy, the Officiant says,*

By the authority of the Father Superior General, we appoint thee, etc.]

*The Blessing.*

**O**UR Lord Jesus Christ bless ✠ thee, strengthen thee by his grace for the charge now committed to thee, and make thee an instrument of his glory, to the praise of his Holy Name. *Amen.*

*Then, all others kneeling, the Officiant shall turn to the Altar and say :—*

Let us pray.

*Prayer for Guidance.*

**O** GOD, who hast ordained the services of thine elect, dividing to every one severally as thou wilt, and by whose mercy this Society has been constituted ; we humbly commend to thy special grace and protection this our dear Father, that he may be blessed and guided by thee in the office now committed unto him, and be enabled to fulfil it to the glory of thy Name and his own everlasting peace ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Prayer for Grace.*

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, who knowest the secrets of all hearts, and hast compassion on the necessities of thy children ; we beseech thee to give this our Father grace according to his need, to endue him with wisdom, patience, humility, and heavenly love, that, having thee for his continual Helper and Defender, he may please thee in all his ways ;

through thy merits, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end.  
*Amen.*

*Prayer for Divine Protection.*

**O** MOST gracious Lord, who alone canst keep us from falling, and enable us to fulfil thy holy will; we commend this our dear Father to thy most gracious care. Give him grace so that, loving thee and thy will above all things, he may in suchwise surrender himself, his will, his desires, his thoughts, and his affections, that all his service may be for the promotion of thine honour and the peace and well-being of those committed to his charge. Shed abroad in his heart such fervency of zeal and devotion and holiness that, when thou visitest him in judgement, he may render up his account with joy, and receive the full recompense of the reward promised to all who faithfully love and serve thee; through thy merits, O blessed Jesus, to whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory for ever and ever.  
*Amen.*

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

*The Blessing.*

*The newly appointed Provincial Superior shall then take his proper stall.*

THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT AT THE MOTHER HOUSE.

*The altar candles shall be lighted.*

*The Father to be appointed to the office shall kneel at the step of the Sanctuary.*

*All kneeling, the Father Superior General or his representative, wearing surplice and stole, shall say :*

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

*The hymn Veni Creator shall be said or sung.*

*The Officiant shall rise, and say :*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, etc.

Let us pray.

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

*All rising except the one to be admitted to office, the Officiant shall say :*

Dost thou promise to be faithful in the fulfilment of thine office ?

*Answer.* By the help of God, I will.

Wilt thou be careful and zealous in such charges as may be committed to thee ?

*Answer.* I will, God helping me.

Wilt thou endeavour to set an example of regularity and fervent observance of the Rule ?

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

*Officiant.* May Almighty God, for his dear Son's sake, grant thee strength and grace to fulfil thine undertaking according to the good pleasure of his will.

*Then the Officiant, if he is the Superior General, says :—*

We appoint thee, Father . . . . ., to the office of Deputy Assistant at the Mother House of our Society. ✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

*[If a representative of the Superior General officiates, he says,*

By the authority of the Father Superior General, we appoint, etc.]

*The Blessing.*

OUR Lord Jesus Christ bless ✠ thee, strengthen thee by his grace for the charge now committed to thee, and make thee an instrument of his Glory, to the praise of his Holy Name. Amen.

*Then, all others kneeling, the Officiant shall turn to the Altar and say :*

Let us pray.

MOST gracious Lord, who alone canst keep us from falling and enable us to fulfil thy holy will, we commend our dear Father to thy most gracious care. Give him grace so that, loving thee and thy will above all things, he may in suchwise surrender himself, his will, his desires, his thoughts, and his affections, that all his service may be for the peace and well-being of those committed to his charge. Shed abroad in his heart such fervency of zeal, such devotion and holiness, that, when thou visitest him in judgement, he may render up his account with joy, and receive the full recompense of the reward promised to all who faithfully love and serve thee ; through thy merits, O blessed Jesus, to whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory world without end. Amen.

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

*The Blessing.*

*The newly appointed Father shall then go to his proper Stall.*

## THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MASTER OF THE NOVICES.

*The altar candles having been lighted, the Father Superior General, or his specially deputed representative, wearing surplice and stole, having prayed before the Altar, shall rise and turn to the choir.*

*The Assistant Superior General, accompanied by another of the Professed Fathers, shall lead the Father to be appointed to office to the step of the Sanctuary, where he shall kneel, and they return to their stalls.*

*The Officiant turns again to the Altar, and, he and all present kneeling, he shall say :*

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

*Then shall be said or sung the Veni Creator hymn.*

*The Officiant standing facing the Altar shall say :*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, etc.

Let us pray.

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

*Then, all rising, except the Novice-Master-designate, the Officiant shall say to him :*

Wilt thou give all diligence thyself to observe, and to teach and to cause to be observed, the Rules and holy customs of this Society by the Novices committed to thy charge, training them in the laws of the Religious Life, and leading them on to the more complete consecration of themselves to their Lord ?

*Answer.* I will endeavour to do so with the help of God.



Wilt thou be careful to be impartial in thy judgement of the vocation of those who enter the Novitiate?

*Answer.* By the help of God I will.

Wilt thou with single heart and purpose faithfully cherish the spirit of loyalty to the Church and to our Society in those committed to thy charge?

*Answer.* By the help of God I will.

*Then shall the Officiant say:*

The Almighty God for his dear Son's sake grant thee the strength and the grace to fulfil what thou hast now undertaken, according to the good pleasure of his Will. *Amen.*

*Then shall the Officiant add:*

We appoint\* thee, Father . . . . . to the office of Master of the Novices in this Society, ✠ in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

*The Blessing.*

OUR Lord Jesus Christ bless ✠ thee, strengthen thee by his grace for the charge now committed unto thee, and make thee an instrument of his glory to the praise of his Holy Name. *Amen.*

*Then, all kneeling, the Officiant standing and turning to the Altar shall say:*

Let us pray.

*Prayer for Guidance.*

GOD, who hast ordained the services of thine elect, dividing severally to every man as thou wilt, and by whose mercy this Society has been constituted, we humbly commend to thy special care this our dear Father now chosen to fulfil the office of Master of the Novices in this Society, that he may be guided and blessed by thee in this solemn charge now committed unto him, and be enabled to fulfil it to the glory of thy holy Name and his own everlasting peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Prayer for Grace.*

LORD Jesus Christ, who knowest the secrets of all hearts, and hast compassion on the necessities of thy children, we beseech thee to give to our Father grace

\* If the Officiant is not the Superior General himself, he shall say, By the authority of the Father Superior General, we appoint, etc.

according to his need, and to endue him with wisdom, patience, humility, and heavenly love, that, having thee for his continual Helper and Defender, he may please thee in all his ways; through thy merits, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

MAY thy blessing, O Lord, rest upon thy servant and abide in him, to his great comfort, and to the renewal and strengthening in him of all the gifts of thy grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Prayer for Divine Protection.*

MOST gracious Lord, who alone canst keep us from falling, and enable us to fulfil thy holy will, we commend our dear Father to thy most gracious care. Give him grace so that, loving thee and thy will above all things, he may in suchwise surrender himself, his will, his desires, his thoughts, and his affections, that all his service may be for the peace and well-being of those committed to his charge. Shed abroad in his heart such fervency of zeal, such devotion and holiness, that, when thou visitest him in judgement, he may render up his account with joy, and receive the full recompense of the reward promised to all who faithfully love and serve thee; through thy merits, O Blessed Jesus, to whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory world without end. *Amen.*

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

*The Blessing.*

*The newly appointed Novice Master shall then take his proper stall.*

## THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SUPERIOR OF A BRANCH HOUSE.

*The altar candles having been lighted, the Father Superior General, or his specially deputed representative, wearing surplice and stole, having prayed before the Altar, shall rise and turn to the choir.*

*The Assistant Superior General, accompanied by another of the Professed Fathers, shall lead the Father to be appointed to office to the step of the Sanctuary, where he shall kneel, and they return to their stalls.*

*The Officiant turns again to the Altar, and, he and all present kneeling, he shall say :*

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

*Then shall be said or sung the Veni Creator hymn.*

*The Officiant standing facing the Altar shall say :*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, etc.

Let us pray.

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

*Then, all rising, except the Father who is to be made a Superior, the Officiant shall say to him :*

Dost thou promise to observe the Rule of our Society, and to instruct thy brethren to do the like ?

*Answer.* I do so promise, God helping me.

Dost thou promise to rule with equity and kindness, not by favour or with harshness, but setting a good example to thy brethren ?

*Answer.* I do so promise.

*Then shall the Officiant say :*

The Almighty God for his dear Son's sake, grant thee the strength and the grace to fulfil what thou hast now undertaken according to the good pleasure of his will. *Amen.*

*Then shall he add :*

We appoint\* thee, Father . . . . . to the office of Father Superior of the Branch House of this Society in . . . . . ✠ in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

*The Blessing.*

**O**UR Lord Jesus Christ bless ✠ thee, strengthen thee by his grace for the charge now committed to thee, and make thee an instrument of his glory to the praise of his holy Name. *Amen.*

*Then, all others kneeling, the Officiant shall turn to the Altar and say :*

Let us pray.

*Prayer for Guidance.*

**O** GOD, who hast ordained the services of thine elect, dividing to everyone severally as thou wilt, and by whose mercy this Society has been constituted, we humbly commend to thy special grace and protection this our dear Father, that he may be blessed and guided by thee in the office now committed unto him, and be enabled to fulfil it to the glory of thy Name and his own everlasting peace ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Prayer for Grace.*

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, who knowest the secrets of all hearts, and hast compassion on the necessities of thy children, we beseech thee to give this our Father grace according to his need, and to endue him with wisdom, patience, humility, and heavenly love, that, having thee for his continual Helper and Defender, he may please thee in all his ways ; through thy merits, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

\* If the Officiant is not the Superior General himself, he shall say, By the authority of the Father Superior General we appoint, etc.

*Prayer for Divine Protection.*

**O** MOST gracious Lord, who alone canst keep us from falling, and enable us to fulfil thy holy will, we commend this our dear Father to thy most gracious care. Give him grace so that, loving thee and thy will above all things, he may in suchwise surrender himself, his will, his desires, his thoughts, and his affections, that all his service may be for the promotion of thine honour and the peace and well-being of those committed to his charge. Shed abroad in his heart such fervency of zeal and devotion and holiness that, when thou visitest him in judgement, he may render up his account with joy, and receive the full recompense of the reward promised to all who faithfully love and serve thee; through thy merits, O Blessed Jesus, to whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

*The Blessing.*

THE ITINERARY.

*Said kneeling, in choir, before Brethren depart on a journey.*

**D**EARLY beloved brethren, let us beseech with earnest prayer our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the straight path of them that journey, and the unwearied salvation of them that sojourn, that he may bless *this* his servant, our dear Father, in the way in which *he* is setting out, and make *him* strong in bodily vigour, and still mightier in spiritual counsels, that *he* may be obedient to the Divine will, and prosperously finish the journey which *he* is about to begin.

*Antiphon.* May the Almighty and merciful Lord direct.

*Benedictus.* St. Luke i.

**B**LESSED be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of his servant David;  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets: which have been since the world began;  
That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hands of all that hate us;  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember his holy Covenant;  
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham: that he would give us;  
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies: might serve him without fear;  
In holiness and righteousness before him: all the days of our life.  
And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people: for the remission of their sins,  
Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be, etc.

*Ant.* May the Almighty and merciful Lord direct our *Father* in the way of peace and prosperity, and may the holy angels accompany *him*, that in peace and joy *he* may safely reach *his* journey's end. [Alleluia.]

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, etc.

℣. O Lord, save thy *servant* ;

℞. Who *putteth his* trust in thee.

℣. Send *him* help from thy Sanctuary ;

℞. And strengthen *him* out of Sion.

℣. Be unto *him*, O Lord, a tower of strength ;

℞. From the face of the enemy.

℣. Let no evil happen unto *him* ;

℞. Nor let the son of wickedness approach to hurt *him*.

℣. Blessed be the Lord daily ;

℞. And the God of our salvation make *his* journey

prosperous.

℣. Shew us thy ways, O Lord ;

℞. And teach us thy paths.

℣. O that our ways were made so direct ;

℞. That we might keep thy statutes.

℣. May the crooked ways be made straight ;

℞. And the rough places plain.

℣. The Lord shall give his angels charge over thee ;

℞. To keep thee in all thy ways.

℣. O Lord, hear our prayer.

℞. And let our cry come unto thee.

℣. The Lord be with you.

℞. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who madest the children of Israel to go dry-shod through the midst of the sea, and who shewedst the way to the Magi by the leading of a star ; grant unto thy *servant*, our dear *Father*, we beseech thee, a prosperous journey and a quiet time, that with thine angel as *his* companion, *his* guardian and *his* guide, *he* may reach the place whither *he* would go, and at length attain unto the haven of everlasting salvation :

O GOD, who didst lead Abraham thy servant out of Ur of the Chaldees, and preservedst him unhurt through the days of his pilgrimage, we pray thee take *this* thy *servant* under thy protection. Be unto *him*, O Lord, help in setting out ; solace by the way ; shadow in the heat ; covering in the storm ; comfort in the cold ; support in weariness ; guardian in danger ; staff in slippery places ; and haven in shipwreck, that thou being *his* ruler and guide *he* may safely reach *his* journey's end :

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation, that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help :

GRANT, we beseech thee, O Almighty God, that thy household may walk in the way of salvation, and by following the counsels of John the Forerunner may come in safety unto him whom he preached, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

℣. Let us go forth in peace.

℞. In the Name of the Lord. *Amen.*

*The Father Superior stands up, and gives the Blessing.*

THE blessing ✠ of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon *thee* and remain with *thee* evermore. *Amen.*

A THANKSGIVING AFTER A JOURNEY.

*Said kneeling in choir.*

LET us give thanks to Almighty God for the safe arrival home of our dear *Father*.

*Antiphon.* Thy loving-kindness.

Psalm 23. *Dominus regit me.*

THE Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.  
2 He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

3 He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me ; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

6 But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be, etc.

*Ant.* Thy loving-kindness shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. [Alleluia.]

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, etc.

℣. Praise the Lord, ye servants.

℞. O praise the Name of the Lord.

℣. Who is like unto the Lord that hath his dwelling so high ?

℞. And yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth.

℣. O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness.

℞. And declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men.

℣. The Lord be with you.

℞. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and merciful Lord, who hast separated us unto thyself, and united us in one holy Brotherhood ; pour forth thy grace, we beseech thee, on us thy servants, and accept our thanksgivings for the safe journey of *this* our dear *Father* (or *Brother*). Renew *him* in vigour both of body and soul, strengthen *him* in entire dedication of *himself* to thy service, and make us all to be of one heart and mind in the fellowship of thy love ; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

*The Father Superior gives the Blessing standing.*

THE blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon *thee*, and remain with *thee* evermore. *Amen.*

*When this Office is said for a Father returning to a house of which he is the Superior, the Officiant shall be the Father next in rank, and the Blessing shall be given by the Superior himself to those present.*

## THE BURIAL OF A FATHER OR BROTHER.

The funeral shall ordinarily take place two days after death, but if possible not on a Sunday or Principal Festival.

During the afternoon or evening before the funeral, the Body, having been placed in a coffin, shall be brought to the ground-floor of the house, or to the cloister, for the solemn procession to the church. The coffin shall be laid on a bier, and covered with a violet pall.

### THE CARRYING OF THE BODY TO THE CHURCH.

The procession shall be headed by the Cross and two candles or torches, the bearers of these wearing albs, and the Father Superior, or Officiant in his absence, a surplice and black stole. The brethren shall carry lighted candles. Juniors shall go first, after the Cross, but the cantors shall be placed where most suitable to lead the singing. For the prayers before starting, all look towards the bier.

The Officiant, standing at the head of the bier and looking towards it (that is, towards the direction the procession will take), shall first say :

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

Our Father. The Lord's Prayer is continued secretly, during which the Officiant sprinkles the Body with holy water thrice, to his front and towards left and right. He then says :

V. And lead us not into temptation.  
 R7. But deliver us from evil.  
 V. Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord.  
 R7. And let light perpetual shine upon him.  
 V. From the gates of hell.  
 R7. Deliver his soul, O Lord.  
 V. I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord.  
 R7. In the land of the living.  
 V. The Lord be with you.  
 R7. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant unto the soul of this thy servant the remission of all his sins, that through devout supplications he may obtain

the pardon which he always desired ; who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reignest, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Body shall then be borne in procession to the Church by the brethren, the Officiant preceding the bier and saying the Sentences of the Burial Service.


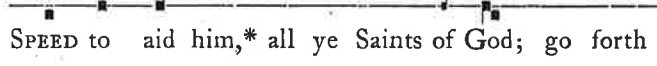
**I** AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord : he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live : and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. *S. John 11. 25, 26.*

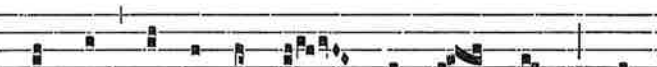
**I** KNOW that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God : whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another. *Job 19. 25, 26, 27.*

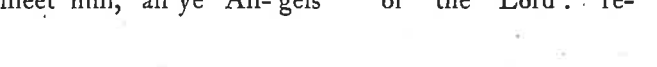
**W**E brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away ; blessed be the name of the Lord. *I Tim. 6. 7. Job 1. 21.*

The following antiphon and psalm are then sung, while the procession proceeds to the choir of the Church.

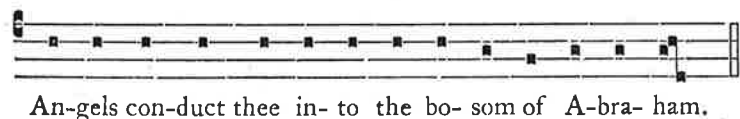
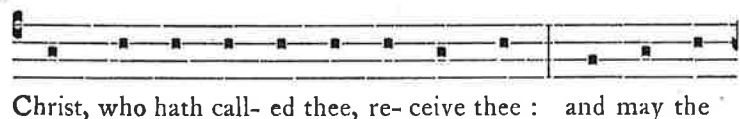
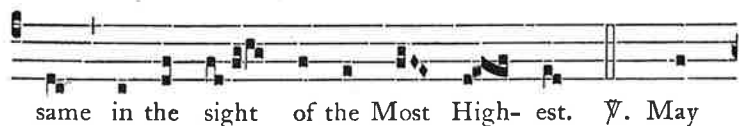
### Subvenite.

ANT.   
 i. 12   
 SPEED to aid him,\* all ye Saints of God; go forth

  
 to meet him, all ye An-gels of the Lord : re-

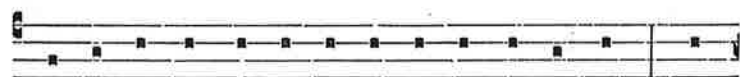
  
 ceiv- ing his spi- rit, and pre-sent-ing the



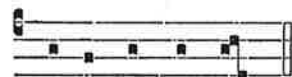


*The antiphon (without the *Ps.*) is repeated here and after each verse of the psalm, which is sung without Glory be to the Father.*

PSALM 130. *De profundis.*



OUR of the deep have I call- ed un- to thee, O Lord : —



*L*ord hear my voice.

Speed to aid him, etc.

2. O let thine ears consi- der well: the voice of my complaint.

Speed to aid him.

3. If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done a- miss : O Lord, who may abide it ?

Speed to aid him.

4. For there is mercy with thee : therefore shalt thou be feared.

Speed to aid him.

5. I look for the Lord ; my soul doth wait for him : in his word is my trust.

Speed to aid him.

6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, be - fore the morning watch.

Speed to aid him.

7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mer - cy : and with him is plente - ous redemption.

Speed to aid him.

8 And he shall redeem Is - ra - el : — from all his sins.

Speed to aid him.

*Six candlesticks with lighted candles shall stand in the midst of the choir, with space between them for the bier and for passage. The Cross and candle bearers at the head of the procession shall pass beyond these, and turn round to face the bier while it is being placed between the candles ; after which they shall set the Cross aside, take the candles to the sacristy, and take their places in choir.*

*The Community as they enter choir shall pass into their stalls. The Body, still on the bier and covered with the pall, shall be placed between the candles, with the foot of the coffin towards the Altar.\* Two kneeling desks shall be prepared in the choir, west of the bier, to be used subsequently by the watchers.*

*The following Lesson shall then be read, without any announcement of title or conclusion.*

2 COR. iv. 16.

**F**OR which cause we faint not ; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory ; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen : for the things which are seen are temporal ; but the things which are not seen are eternal. For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven : if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened : not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. There-

*\* This was always the rule, with no distinction for persons, till the modern custom arose of turning a Priest's body the opposite way. The old rule is still maintained in the Latin Church by such a Religious Order as the Dominican Friars, who in all cases lay the body in Choir ita ut facies Defuncti Altare respiciat.*

fore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (for we walk by faith, not by sight :) we are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgement-seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

*Or else the lesson 1 Cor. xv, 20, as in the Prayer Book.*

*Vespers of the Dead shall then be said in choir.*

#### THE NIGHT-WATCH IN CHURCH.

*From the conclusion of Vespers of the Dead until the first Mass next morning (the day of the funeral), watch shall be kept by the Body without intermission, except while Office is being said in choir.*

*There shall if possible be at least two watchers, kneeling at desks in the midst of the choir near the head of the bier. It is an ancient custom that the watchers recite the Psalter together, each pair taking it up at the place reached by those before them.*

*During the time when the Body is present in the choir, the only offices which shall be said in the choir shall be the Office of the Dead, and similarly at the High Altar only the Requiem service shall be used. Other services, such as Mattins and Evensong of the day, and Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist apart from Requiems, shall be held in the chapel of the Holy Name or at some other side Altar.*

*Later on in the evening, after Compline in the house, the Brethren shall return to the Church and shall say Mattins and Lauds of the Dead in choir, Corpore præsentè. (Between Easter and Trinity, only one Nocturn, according to the day of the week, is said at Mattins).*

*During the rest of the Night-watch, it shall suffice that two of the six candles by the Body be kept burning. But in the morning all six shall be kept burning until the funeral procession leaves the choir.*

#### THE SERVICE IN THE CHURCH ON THE MORNING OF THE BURIAL.

*At the time appointed for the service, the Community, wearing surplices and having candles for lighting at the proper times, shall assemble in the choir.*

*The Altar having been prepared and the altar candles lighted, High Mass of Requiem is begun, the Confession being said without the Psalm Judica me. The Altar is not censed at the Introit.*

*The single Collect, O God, whose property, is said, with the Christian or Religious name of the deceased but no surname nor title. The Sequence Dies irae is sung after the Tract, and at about its twelfth verse the Sacred Ministers go up to the Altar. The Deacon says his private prayer but does not ask the Celebrant's blessing before singing the Gospel. Incense is not used, and the two acolytes do not carry their candles, but lead the procession for the Gospel with joined hands.*

*The candles of the Brethren in choir are lighted for the Gospel, and held during it.*

*The usual responses to the Gospel are made, but after it the Celebrant is not censed, and the Subdeacon places the Gospel book on the Altar without presenting it to be kissed.*

*The Sermon, if any, shall be preached after the Gospel. The Deacon and Sub-deacon stand in line at the centre while the Celebrant sings The Lord be with you and reads the Offertory Sentence. At the preparation of the Oblations, the water cruet is not presented for the Priest's blessing. He blesses incense, and censes the Oblation and Altar, and is himself censed but no one else.*

*Candles are held by the acolytes at the Sanctus and Consecration and incense is used at the Consecration, as usual. The candles of the Brethren in choir are lighted during the Preface and held from the Sanctus till the Ablutions. After The Lord be with you at the end of the service, instead of the Priest giving the Blessing, the Deacon, facing east, sings, May they rest in peace. Answer, Amen. The Last Gospel is read aloud.*

*The Sacred Ministers shall then go to the Sedilia and take off their maniples, and the Celebrant exchange the chasuble for a cope. Preceded by the thurifer and an acolyte with holy water, they come to the centre, bow, and turn to the bier, standing at its foot, the Deacon on the Celebrant's right and the thurifer and acolyte beside him. The Cross and candle bearers are at the head of the bier, facing east, and leaving a wide space between for the Celebrant and Ministers to go round the bier. The Brethren in choir again have their candles lighted, and keep them so for the subsequent procession to the grave.*



The Celebrant shall say :

Let us pray for the soul of our Father *N.N.* (or our Brother *N.*), and for the souls of all the faithful departed.

Note that in the above case, though not in the prayers, the surname as well as the Christian name of the Father shall be used.

Then shall the Choir sing :



KY-RI- E e- ley-son. Chri- ste e- ley- son. Ky- ri-



e e- ley-son.

The Celebrant blesses incense during the Kyrie, and then sings aloud on one note :

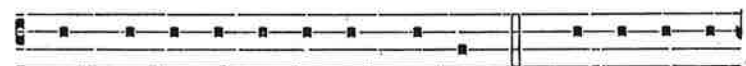
Our Father.

The rest of the Lord's Prayer is said silently while the coffin is sprinkled and censed.

For the sprinkling with holy water, the Deacon hands the sprinkler to the Celebrant, and holds his cope on the right, the Sub-deacon on the left. They go round the bier, beginning on the left of the Body, that is, towards the Celebrant's right, and he sprinkles the Coffin thrice on that side. At the head, the Deacon being in advance and the Sub-deacon behind the Celebrant as they come round the Coffin, they turn towards the Cross, each where he stands, the Deacon and Sub-deacon turning inward. They bow together to the Cross, turn back to the bier the same way, and go down its other side, the Celebrant again sprinkling the Coffin three times.

At the feet again, the Celebrant gives up the sprinkler, the Deacon hands him the censer, and the Coffin is censed after the same manner as the sprinkling.

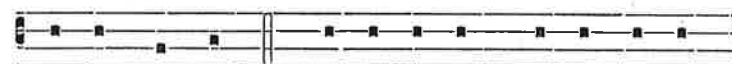
Then shall the Celebrant, standing at the foot of the bier and facing it, sing as follows :



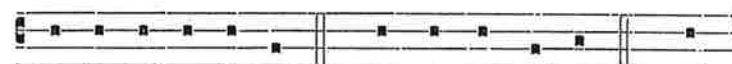
∇. AND lead us not in- to temp-ta-tion. R̄. But de- li- ver



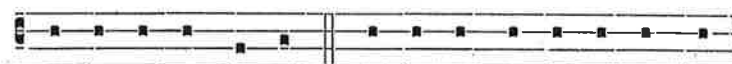
us from e- vil. ∇. En-ter not in- to judg-ment with thy



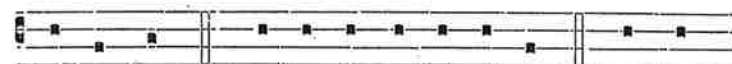
ser-vant, O Lord. R̄. For in thy sight shall no man liv-



ing be jus- ti- fi- ed. ∇. From the gates of hell. R̄. De-



li- ver his soul, O Lord. ∇. I be- lieve to see the good-ness



of the Lord. R̄. In the land of the liv- ing. ∇. O Lord,



hear our prayer. R̄. And let our cry come un- to thee.



∇. The Lord be with you. R̄. And with thy spi- rit.

Let us pray.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us, and grant to the soul of thy servant *N.M.*, whom thou hast called out of this world, a place in the region of peace and light, and a share in the companionship of thy saints ; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

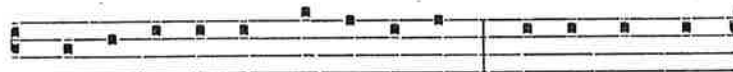

After a short pause, the Sacred Ministers shall retire to the sacristy, preceded by the candle bearers, but the crucifer with the Cross shall remain at the head of the bier. The acolytes shall then return with torches for the outdoor procession, and resume their places by the Cross.

During a hymn, the Father Superior, or in his absence his representative as Officiant for the funeral, shall enter in a cope, and when he has bowed to the Altar, the Cross-bearer and acolytes shall turn westward and take up a position under the rood screen. At a further signal they shall move down into the nave far enough for the procession to form behind them; six pall-bearers shall take position by the bier, and the rest of the Brethren, juniors first, shall come out of their places in choir and form behind the Cross. The thurifer shall go before the Cross, the Officiant at the rear of the procession, before the Coffin. Holy water shall also be brought with the Procession.




When all is ready and the procession starts, the follow Antiphon is presented, and the Psalm is sung in passing through the nave.

ANT.   
 vij. I  
 IN-TO Pa- ra- dise.

PSALM 114. *In exitu Israel.*

  
 WHEN Is- ra- el came out of E-gypt: and the house of  
  
 Ja- cob from 'a-mong the *stränge* peo- ple.

- 2 Judah was his *sanc*-tuary: and Israel *his* dominion.
- 3 The sea *saw* that, and fled: *Jor-dan* was driven back.
- 4 The mountains *skip*-ped like rams: and the little *hills* like young sheep.
- 5 What aileth thee, O thou sea, *that* thou fleddest: and thou Jordan, *that thou* wast driven back?
- 6 Ye mountains, that ye *skip*-ped like rams: and ye little *hills*, like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, thou earth, at the *pre*-sence of the Lord: at the presence of the *God* of Jacob.
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a *stand*-ing water: and the flint-stone in-*to* a springing well.  
 Rest eternal: grant *un*-to him, O Lord.  
 And let *light* perpetual: *shine* upon him.

ANT.   
 IN-TO Pa- ra- dise\* may the An-gels car- ry thee.  
  
 In-to their as-sem-bly may the Mar-tyrs re-ceive thee,  
  
 and bring thee at last in-to the ho-ly ci-ty, Je-ru- sa-lem.

THE SERVICE AT THE GRAVE.

The Cross-bearer and candle bearers shall stand at the foot, and the Officiant at the head, of the grave. The Brethren shall stand round in a circle, with the relations of the deceased, if present, near the foot of the grave, and seniors of the Community near the head, where the Officiant is.

When the coffin has been laid beside the grave, the Officiant shall bless incense, then sprinkle both the coffin and grave with holy water, and cense them.

While the Body is being made ready and is being let down into the grave, the Officiant shall say:

MAN that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death,

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee.

Then shall he also say, while earth shall be cast upon the Body (in form of a cross) by one standing by :

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God of his great mercy to take unto himself the soul of our dear brother here departed : we therefore commit his body to the ground ; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust ; in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ ; who shall change our vile body, that it may be like unto his glorious body, according to the mighty working, whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself.

Then shall be said or sung :

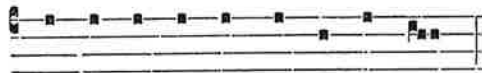
ANT.   
iii. 5

I heard a voice.

*Benedictus Dominus. St. Luke i.*



BLES-SED be the Lord God of Is-ra-el : for he hath vi-



sit- ed and re-deem-ed *his* peo- ple.

2 And hath raised up a might sal-va-tion for us : in the house of his ser-vant David.

3 As he spake by the mouth of his ho-ly Prophets : which have been since *the* world began :

4 That we should be saved *from* our enemies : and from the hands of all *that* hate us :

5 To perform the mercy promised to *our* forefathers : and to remember his ho-ly covenant.

6 To perform the oath which he sware to our fore-fa-ther Abraham : that he *would* give us :

7 That we, being delivered out of the *hand* of our enemies : might serve him *with-out* fear ;

8 In holiness and righteous-ness before him : all the days of our life.

9 And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest : for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to *pre-pare* his ways :

10 To give knowledge of salvation un-to his people : for the remission of their sins :

11 Through the tender *mer-cy* of our God : whereby the Day-spring from on high hath vi-sit-ed us :

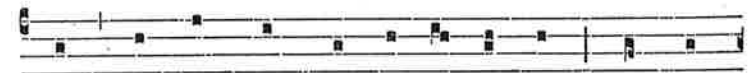
12 To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the sha-dow of death : and to guide our feet into *the* way of peace.

Rest e-ternal - grant un-to him, O Lord.

And let *light* perpetual : shine *up-on* him

ANT. 

I heard a voice\* from hea-ven, say-ing un-to me :



Write, from hence-forth bless- ed are the dead which die



in the Lord. Ev-en so, saith the Spi- rit, for they rest



from their la- bours.

Then the Priest shall say :

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

*Priest.*

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity : We give thee hearty thanks, for that it hath pleased thee to deliver this our brother out of the miseries of this sinful world ; beseeching thee that it

may please thee, of thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of thine elect, and to hasten thy kingdom; that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us (by his holy Apostle Saint Paul) not to be sorry, as men without hope, for them that sleep in him: We meekly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him, as our hope is this our brother doth; and that, at the general Resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight, and receive that blessing, which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world: Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

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

*Then shall be said without note, by all together:*

PSALM 130. *De profundis.*

**O**UT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

2 O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint.

3 If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?

4 For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared.

5 I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him: in his word is my trust.

6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord: before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy: and with him is plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel: from all his sins.

Rest eternal: grant unto him, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon him.

*Then shall follow,*

*V.* May his soul dwell at ease.

*R.* And his seed inherit the land.

*V.* I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord.

*R.* In the land of the living.

*V.* Enter not into judgement with thy servant, O Lord.

*R.* For in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

*V.* The Lord be with you.

*R.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

**W**E commend to thee, O Lord, the soul of thy servant our Brother, that, having died unto the world, he may live unto thee; and whatsoever sins he hath committed through human frailty in this mortal life, do thou wash away by the pardon of thy most merciful love; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**M**AY his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

*Before leaving, the Officiant shall sprinkle the Coffin in the grave with holy water, and the Brethren and others may come up in turn and do the same, if they will.*

THE BLESSING OF THE CROSS OVER THE  
GRAVE OF A FATHER OR BROTHER.

*The Cross over a new Grave is ordinarily blessed in conjunction with the annual Commemoration at the Graves at Cowley S. John, by the Father Superior, vested and attended as for the Commemoration (see the next Office).*

*Standing before the Cross, the Officiant says :*

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

R7. Who hath made heaven and earth.

℣. The Lord be with you.

R7. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord Jesu Christ, vouchsafe to bless ✠ and sanctify ✠ this image of the Holy Cross which is set up above the grave of our Father (or Brother) *N.M.*; and through thy victory upon the Cross do thou bring us to rejoice with him in thine eternal kingdom, where with the Father and the Holy Ghost thou livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Here incense is blessed, and the Cross is sprinkled with holy water, and censed.*

THE ANNUAL COMMEMORATION AT THE  
GRAVES OF THE BRETHREN BURIED AT  
COWLEY S. JOHN.

*The Father Superior, or his representative as Officiant, shall wear a surplice with white stole and cope, and be attended by two acolytes.*

*If the new Cross over a grave is to be blessed, there shall also be incense and holy water, and the preceding service of Blessing shall be used, before the general Commemoration.*

*At the Commemoration the Officiant, standing facing the middle of the grave-plot, shall begin as follows, but the Invocation in the Name etc. is omitted if this service follows immediately after that of blessing a Cross over a grave.*

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

LET us commend to the mercy of God the souls of Richard Meux Benson, our Father and Founder; our Fathers:—  
George Seymour Hollings,  
Gerald Speirs Maxwell,  
George Congreve,  
Nalbro Frazier Robinson,  
David Procter (novice),  
Frederic Augustus Douglas Noel,  
Charles Hedgman Turner,  
William Hawks Longridge,  
Albert Edward Tovey,  
Oswald Charles Barton,

And our Brothers:—

Walter,  
Maynard,  
John,  
James,  
Herbert,  
William,

Who lie buried in this sacred place. On whose souls, and on all true Christian souls, may Christ have mercy. *Amen.*

PSALM 130. *De profundis.*

Out of the deep etc., p. 66.

℣. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.  
℞. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

Our Father, etc.

℣. O Lord, hear our prayer,  
℞. And let our cry come unto thee.  
℣. The Lord be with you.  
℞. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

WE yield thee most high praise and hearty thanks, O Lord, for that thou didst vouchsafe to call thy servant Richard Meux Benson to be our Founder and our Father, and hast blessed his holy work and purpose. We beseech thee to grant to him, and to our other Brethren departed, the heavenly crown of everlasting joy. And as thou hast called us likewise to thy service, enable us also by thy grace to be faithful unto death, that we all may be one in thee everlastingly, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Then shall be sung,*

*Te Deum laudamus.*

WE praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.  
To thee all Angels cry aloud : the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubin, and Seraphin : continually do cry,  
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth ;  
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.  
The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.  
The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.  
The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee ;  
The Father : of an infinite Majesty ;  
Thine honourable, true : and only Son ;  
Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.  
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man : thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.  
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the Glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.  
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants : whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.  
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.  
Day by day : we magnify thee ;  
And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.  
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.

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

*And the officiant shall say :*

℣. Let us bless the Lord.  
℞. Thanks be to God.

MAY the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

## THE LITANY OF THE HOLY GHOST.

**L**ORD, have mercy upon us.  
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

O God the Father, of Heaven ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Ghost ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one  
God ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O Holy Ghost, who proceedest from the Father and the Son ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O Holy Ghost, co-equal with the Father and the Son ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou Promise of the Father, most loving and most bounteous ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou Gift of the Most High God ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou Ray of Heavenly Light ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou Author of all good ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou Source of Living Water ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou Burning Love ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou Spirit of Truth and Power ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou Spirit of Counsel and Ghostly Strength ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou Spirit of Knowledge and True Godliness ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou Spirit of Holy Fear ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou Spirit of Compunction and Repentance ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou Spirit of Grace and Supplication ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou Spirit of Charity, Peace and Joy ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou Spirit of Patience, Longsuffering and Goodness ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou Spirit of Mildness, Gentleness and Faith ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou Spirit of Modesty, Purity and Chastity ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou Spirit of Adoption of the sons of God ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O Holy Ghost, the Comforter ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O Holy Ghost, the Sanctifier ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou who, when the earth was without form and void, wast  
brooding upon the face of the waters ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou by whose inspiration spake the holy men of old ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou who didst overshadow the Blessed Mary ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou who didst co-operate in the miraculous conception of  
the Son of God ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou who didst descend upon him at his Baptism ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou who on the Day of Pentecost didst appear, resting in  
fiery tongues upon the disciples ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou by whom we were born again ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou by whom we were anointed and sealed ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou who dwellest in us ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou who governest the Church ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Thou who fillest the whole world ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O Holy Ghost, we beseech thee to hear us ; and that it may  
 please thee to renew the face of the earth ;  
*We beseech thee to hear us.*

That it may please thee to shed abroad thy light in our hearts ;  
*We beseech thee to hear us.*

That it may please thee to inflame us with the fire of thy love ;  
*We beseech thee to hear us.*

That it may please thee to open to us the treasures of thy  
 grace ;  
*We beseech thee to hear us.*

That it may please thee to teach us to seek thy blessed gifts  
 according to thy will ;  
*We beseech thee to hear us.*

That it may please thee to enlighten us with thy heavenly  
 inspirations ;  
*We beseech thee to hear us.*

That it may please thee to keep us to thyself by thy powerful  
 attraction ;  
*We beseech thee to hear us.*

That it may please thee to grant to us that knowledge, which  
 is the one thing needful ;  
*We beseech thee to hear us.*

That it may please thee to help us to love and bear with each  
 other ;  
*We beseech thee to hear us.*

That it may please thee to lead us in the way of thy com-  
 mandments ;  
*We beseech thee to hear us.*

That it may please thee to make us obedient to thy in-  
 spirations ;  
*We beseech thee to hear us.*

That it may please thee to teach us to pray, and thyself to  
 pray within us ;  
*We beseech thee to hear us.*

That it may please thee to clothe us with love and compassion  
 towards our brethren ;  
*We beseech thee to hear us.*

That it may please thee to inspire us with a horror of evil ;  
*We beseech thee to hear us.*

That it may please thee to direct us in the practice of all good ;  
*We beseech thee to hear us.*

That it may please thee to give us the grace of all virtues ;  
*We beseech thee to hear us.*

That it may please thee to enable us to persevere in righteous-  
 ness ;  
*We beseech thee to hear us.*

That it may please thee to be thyself our everlasting Reward ;  
*We beseech thee to hear us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*Pour out thy Holy Spirit upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*Send forth on us the promised Spirit of the Father.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*Grant unto us the Spirit of peace.*

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

Create in us a clean heart, O God ;  
*And renew a right spirit within us.*

Let us pray.

**G**RANT, O Merciful Father, that thy Divine Spirit may  
 cleanse, enlighten, and inflame our hearts, that he may  
 refresh us with his Heavenly Dew, and may make us fruitful  
 in good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



A LITANY FOR THE SOCIETY OF S. JOHN  
THE EVANGELIST.

O GOD the Father, of heaven: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

*O God the Father, of heaven: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

*O God the Son, Redeemer of the world: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.*

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

*O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

*O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.*

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

*Spare us, good Lord.*

From all want of faith in thy power, wisdom, and goodness,

*Good Lord, deliver us,*

From all want of thy holy fear, and from forgetfulness of thy continual presence,

From all want of love to thee, and from blindness to thine excellence,

From all evil tempers, vain sorrow, and self-will,

From the vanity of worldly pleasure, and from anxiety about necessary business,

From the danger of spiritual decay, and lukewarmness, of surrendering essential principles, and of leaving our first love,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all impurity, whether in thought, word, or deed,  
From the deceit and violence of the devil,  
By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation,  
By thy birth and subjection to the law,  
By thine obedience to the Parents whom thou didst adopt, and by the toil of thy poverty,  
By thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,  
By thine endurance of contradiction, and by thy compassion for thine enemies,  
By thy perfect self-consecration, and by thy desire for the sanctification of thy Church,  
By thy watching in prayer, thine Agony and bloody Sweat,  
By thy Cross and Passion, thy Death and Burial,  
By thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension,  
By thy mediatorial intercession, and by the gift of the Holy Ghost,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God: and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way.

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to sanctify the Society of S. John the Evangelist for the advancement of thy glory.

That it may please thee to preserve all its Houses in sanctity and holy love.

That it may please thee to inspire all who have the rule in our Society with the fulness of thy heavenly Wisdom;

That it may please thee that those whom thou hast called into our Noviciates may live simply for thy glory, and seek to know and do thy will;

That it may please thee to give us an increasing spirit of mortification, that our religious dedication may not witness against us in the great day;

That it may please thee to illuminate us with thy Holy Spirit, that we may steadfastly defend the Faith once committed to the Saints against all the perversions which are round about us;

That it may please thee to nourish our hearts in the fellowship of thy Truth, so that by holy meditation we may be led onward in the experience of thy Love;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to enlarge our hearts with thine own boundless charity, so that we may minister thy gifts to the poor and needy according to their several needs ;

That it may please thee to give us prudence and intelligence wherewith to advise and relieve those who seek for counsel and assistance ;

That it may please thee to lift up our hearts in a spirit of prayer to thyself, that we may plead for thy Blessing upon those to whom we minister and upon all our efforts for their relief ;

That it may please thee to bless us in the work of Missions and Retreats, and for the accomplishment of every service to which we are called ;

That it may please thee to endue all the members of our Society with gifts of body, soul, and spirit, according to the requirements of their position ;

That it may please thee to sanctify the sickness of any that are suffering, and to restore them to perfect health and energy ;

That it may please thee to enable us to serve thee with cheerfulness when outward means are wanting, that it may be our joy to expect thy greater Blessing on the more complete dependence upon thyself ;

That it may please thee to give to each of us the grace of perseverance, that we may not be cast down by any devices of the enemy ;

That it may please thee to fill us with a holy courage and patient meekness, that we may count it all joy to suffer in any way for thy Name's sake ;

That it may please thee to give us a holy spirit of Confessorship humbly to meet all opposition which may come to us in the maintenance of thy Truth ;

That it may please thee to open our eyes to the contemplation of thy glory, so that we may not be deceived by earthly hopes and fears ;

That it may please thee to strengthen us for the endurance of martyrdom, should any of us receive so high a call ;

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That it may please thee to bless the Clergy, and to open the hearts of the people, of Cowley S. John, and to bring them all to the love of thy Holy Name ;

That it may please thee to provide the necessary means for perfecting the Churches and Schools in this Parish ;

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*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless our house in London, and to make it increasingly a source of spiritual life to priests and people ;

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That it may please thee to prosper the work of the Society in the United States of America, and to make our Houses centres of evangelization to many parts ;

That it may please thee to shew us how we may best serve the Church in that country, teach the ignorant, reclaim the indifferent, convert the sinful, and bear witness to thy holy religion ;

That it may please thee to guide and bless our work in universities, colleges, and schools ;

That it may please thee to bless the efforts which are being made to train the coloured people of America in the way of the Catholic Faith and discipline ;

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That it may please thee to bless our Brethren in Japan, that through their dedicated lives many may be drawn to follow in the way of the Counsels ;

That it may please thee to strengthen them in their witness for thee, and to inspire them with fervent zeal and love ;

That it may please thee to use them for the coming of thy kingdom in the East ;

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That it may please thee to bless our Canadian Province, and sanctify our Brethren for the building up of the Church in that land ;

That it may please thee to grant that, by their ministrations in every district, thy children may be made partakers of thy grace ;

That it may please thee that the scattered congregations of the Mission may be knit together in unity of faith and love, and rejoice in the fellowship of thy Church ;

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That it may please thee to bless the work of our Society in India, both amongst our own countrymen and amongst the Indian peoples ;

That it may please thee to grant that our organization at Bombay and Poona may be developed with spiritual power for the conversion of many souls ;

That it may please thee to give us facility of speech, that we may proclaim thy Truth to the peoples of India ;

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*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant us clearness of intuition, that we may exhibit the mystery of Incarnate Love in contrast with the degrading traditions of paganism and the speculations of false philosophy ;

That it may please thee to fill us with such holy joy in the work of our ministry that the heathen may rise out of their hopelessness, being assured that thou art with us of a truth ;

That it may please thee to make thy Love so manifest to them through our means that they may recognize our appeal as the voice of a heavenly Father whom they have not known before ;

That it may please thee to bring many to live devoted to thee in the Religious Vocation of thy Church, as their fathers were devoted in the bonds of superstition ;

That it may please thee to raise up men and women in India who shall revive the examples of primitive piety ;

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That it may please thee to manifest thy power throughout our Mission Stations in South Africa, so that many of the heathen may be brought to thy truth ;

That it may please thee to guard and guide the children of our African schools in holiness and truth ;

That it may please thee to bless our Homes for the native population that we may train them in habits of discipline and faith and love ;

That it may please thee to watch over our native converts isolated amidst the manifold temptations of their daily life ;

That it may please thee to preserve those who are brought to the Faith from the immoralities of the strangers around them ;

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That it may please thee to endue with thy heavenly wisdom those Bishops under whose government we have been called to work, and to bind us together in holy energy, sound discipline, and fearless charity ;

That it may please thee to bless the teachers in our Schools, and all who in any capacity are assisting us in our work for thee ;

That it may please thee to bless the Sisterhoods working in connection with our Society in various parts of the world, and to prosper their intentions ;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us an increasing consciousness of our separation from the world, that we may live for thee in the vows of a holy dedication ;

That it may please thee to call others to be partakers with us of the same benefits ;

That it may please thee to grant that by all that we are called to do or suffer the way may be prepared for the final manifestation of thy Glory ;

That it may please thee to bless with thy heavenly gifts all those who by their outward liberality have helped forward the work of our Society ;

That it may please thee to hear the prayers offered by many on our behalf, and to grant that they may be returned sevenfold into their bosom ;

That it may please thee to stablish our hearts, that in the day of manifestation we may find acceptance with thee ;

That it may please thee to grant that whether we live or die we may be thine, and that when we depart this life thou wouldest vouchsafe to receive our souls into thy hands ;

That it may please thee to grant that neither life nor death nor any other creature may be able to separate us from thy love ;

That it may please thee to bestow on the souls of our Brethren who have departed this life, rest and refreshment, and a foretaste of future bliss ;

That it may please thee to grant unto our Brethren departed and to us who remain in the flesh the continual succour of the intercession of thy Saints ;

That it may please thee to grant unto us and to them that we may for ever behold thy Face, and come to know thee as we are known.

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Son of God : we beseech thee to hear us.

*Son of God : we beseech thee to hear us.*

O Lamb of God : that takest away the sins of the world ;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God : that takest away the sins of the world ;  
*Hear us, good Lord.*

O Lamb of God : that takest away the sins of the world ;  
*Grant us thy peace.*

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

Our Father, etc.

- O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.  
*Neither reward us after our iniquities.*
- O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us.  
*As we do put our trust in thee.*
- O give us the comfort of thy help again.  
*And stablish us with thy free Spirit.*

Let us pray.

O GOD, who didst cause thy blessed Evangelist S. John so eminently to receive the love of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, grant unto us thy servants that we may evermore abide in that love, and accomplish thy holy will. Watch over the Society of S. John the Evangelist for good. Give thine elect angels charge concerning us, and make thy Holy Spirit to rule our hearts, that our lives may be holy, our prayers acceptable, our wants supplied, our words directed, and our work prospered, to the glory of thy Name; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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

## FOR THE ADMISSION OF OBLATES ON PROBATION

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

*After the customary prayers have been said silently, the Veni Creator shall be said or sung.*

*The Father Assistant shall present the candidate.*

Reverend Father N.M. . . . humbly desires to be admitted on probation as an Oblate of our Society that, while living in the world, he may be separate from it, and make his life an oblation for the service and glory of God.

My son, what seekest thou?

*Answer.* I seek the mercy of God and your permission, Reverend Father, to live under probation as an Oblate of your Society.

Will you endeavour to live faithfully in that observance of the principles of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience which is set forth in your Oblate rule?

*Answer.* I will endeavour so to do.

Will you strive to conform yourself to the mind and spirit of this Society into whose fellowship you seek to be admitted?

*Answer.* I will.

Will you seek for this purpose the guidance and help of the Superior of this Society or of the Father to whom he shall commit the care of the Oblates?

*The following question to be used only for priests, and such laymen as desire it.*

Do you desire to bind yourself for life under a vow of celibacy?

*Answer.* I do.

We permit you to bind yourself for a period of . . . from this day.

I . . . promise to almighty God, in the presence of the whole company of heaven, and before you, Reverend Father and the Brethren of this Community, that for the space of . . . I will live in celibacy, and be as one who has given a pledge for life, and will behave in all circumstances so that the maintenance of celibacy on my part may not be purchased at the cost of needless pain to others. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

*This form shall be written out by the one who takes the vow and signed by him and the Father who receives the vow.*

*The Father Superior shall then take the hand of the Probationer and say: We receive you . . . as an Oblate, under probation, of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, and may he who hath begun a good work in you accomplish the same unto the day of Christ.*

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

R7. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Ps. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

R7. From this time forth and for evermore.

Ps. Lord, hear our prayer.

R7. And let our cry come unto thee.

Ps. The Lord be with you.

R7. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who hast called us out of this world to follow in the blessed steps of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; grant unto this thy servant that he may be strengthened by his fellowship with this Society to live as one who desires to consecrate himself to thy service. May he never be distracted by the pleasures or overcome by the cares and anxieties of this world; may he ever live in such holy detachment from all temporal things, that, aided by the prayers of our holy patron St. John, he may at last attain to that eternal reward which thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to all who forsake the world and follow him; through the same:

Stir up, we beseech thee O Lord, and preserve amongst us the spirit of our Founder; that inspired by his teaching and following his example we may die unto the world and ever live unto thee to the glory of thy Name; through:

THE BLESSING

THE FORM OF RENEWAL by an Oblate of the Society of St. John the Evangelist of his Act of Self-oblation on the feast of St. John the Evangelist, December 27; or as near it as possible. Any priest may be authorized to receive this act of renewal if it is not possible to get to a house of the Society.

*Oblate.* Reverend Father. I . . . desire to renew my act of self oblation as an Oblate of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, that while living in the world I may be separate from it and make my life an oblation for the service and glory of God.

*Priest.* We receive the renewal of your act of self-oblation and may he Who hath begun a good work in you accomplish the same unto the day of Christ.

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

R7. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Ps. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

R7. From this time forth and for evermore.

Ps. Lord, hear our prayer.

R7. And let our cry come unto thee.

Ps. The Lord be with you.

R7. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful Father, Who hast called us out of the world to follow in the blessed steps of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; grant unto this thy servant that he may be strengthened by his fellowship with the Society of St. John the Evangelist to live as one who has consecrated himself to thy service. May he never be distracted by the pleasures or overcome by the cares and anxieties of this world; may he ever live in such holy detachment from all temporal things, that, aided by the prayers of our holy patron St. John, he may at last attain to that eternal reward which thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to all who forsake the world and follow him; through the same:

THE BLESSING

*Before the above versicles and responses shall be inserted the following form when a temporary vow of celibacy is taken, or renewed on or about December 27.*

*Priest.* Do you desire to bind yourself under a vow of celibacy?

*Oblate.* I do.



*Priest.* We permit you to bind yourself for a period of one year from to-day.

*Oblate.* I . . . promise to almighty God, in the presence of the whole company of heaven, and before you Reverend Father\*\* and the Brethren of this Community that for the space of one year I will live in celibacy and be as one who has given a pledge for life, and will behave in all circumstances so that the maintenance of celibacy on my part may not be purchased at the cost of needless pain to others. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*\*The words ' and the Brethren of this Community ' are for use in the Houses of the Society.

*This form shall be written out by the one who takes the vow and signed by him and by the Priest who receives the vow, adding the date. At each renewal it will be again signed as above and dated.*

#### OFFICE FOR ADMISSION TO FINAL OBLATURE

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

*After the customary prayers have been said silently, the Veni Creator shall be said or sung.*

*Ant.* I was glad Pss. 20 and 122 (see p. 7).

*Ant.* I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord.

*The Father Assistant shall present the candidate to the Father Superior, who will be seated before the altar.*

Reverend Father, N.M. (priest) having completed his period of probation, and having been duly accepted, desires to be admitted as an Oblate of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, that under the protecting care of the Society, and living so far as is possible according to its spirit, he may devote his life as an offering to God for his glory and his service.

*Then shall the Superior, addressing the candidate, examine him with questions.*

*Superior.* My son, what seekest thou?

*Candidate.* I seek the mercy of God, and acceptance by the Society of St. John the Evangelist, that as an Oblate of the Society and under its care I may devote my life wholly to the glory of God, serving him faithfully in all the duties of my state.

*Superior.* Have you considered carefully the very serious conditions imposed by this undertaking?

*Candidate.* I have considered them carefully, and believe that by the grace of God I shall be enabled to fulfil them.

*Superior.* Do you promise to almighty God that you will henceforth follow the holy Counsels by which Religious are bound, as they are interpreted for you by the rule of the Oblates?

*Candidate.* I do so promise, God being my helper.

*Superior.* Will you be faithful in your constant effort to conform yourself to the mind and inner spirit of the Society?

*Candidate.* I will do so to the utmost of my ability.

*Superior.* Will you be faithful to the conditions and regulations prescribed in the Rule of Oblates for the maintenance of the fellowship accorded by your association with the Society?

*Candidate.* I will do so, God helping me.

*Superior.* We receive you . . . as an Oblate of the Society of St. John the Evangelist in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

God who has given you the desire and the will to devote yourself to him wholly, and to make your life an offering of sacrifice and service, give you grace to fulfil that which you have proposed. He make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you, that your offering may be acceptable to him, through the merits of his Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

*Then shall the vow of Celibacy be administered for priests and such laymen as are permitted to take it.*

I . . . promise to almighty God, in the presence of the blessed Mary, virgin mother of our Lord, of blessed John the Evangelist, and of all the company of heaven, of thee, Reverend Father, and of the Brethren of this Society, that I will henceforth live in the state of celibacy, and that in all my outward conduct, as well as in thought and heart, I will bear myself as one whose life is thus separated unto God.

*Then shall the candidate make profession of his Oblature.*

I . . . do hereby offer my life to God in complete self-oblation for his glory and his service, to live my life according to those things that I have already promised, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Then when the Oblate has signed his name the order of service shall continue.*

THE BLESSING OF THE CORD

- ℣. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.  
℞. Who hath made heaven and earth.  
℣. O Lord, hear our prayer.  
&. And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray

**O** GOD, the giver of all good gifts, and the plentiful bestower of all benedictions, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify this cord; and grant unto this thy servant who shall wear it, that he may be holy both in body and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*At the conclusion of the prayer the officiant sprinkles the cord thrice with holy water. Then the officiant shall deliver the cord to the Oblate saying:*

Take this cord, and wear it next to thy body, as a memorial of the purity of heart wherewith thou must ever hereafter seek to abide in the love and service our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE BLESSING OF THE MEDAL

*All as above, but with the following prayer:*

O God, who dost bestow the treasures of thy love upon thy faithful disciple, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify this symbol of our holy patron; and grant that he who wears it may ever be mindful of his dedication and show forth the love of Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Then the officiant shall present the medal, saying:*

Take this medal, and wear it as a memorial of thy fellowship with us in detachment from the world, and in that holy love which is the end of our vocation.

*Candidate.* My heart is inditing of a good matter.

*Choir.* I will speak of the things which I have made unto the King.

*Candidate.* I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God.

*Choir.* And will make mention of his righteousness only.

*Candidate.* I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills.

*Choir.* From whence cometh my help.

*Then shall the Superior continue.*

- ℣. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.  
℞. Who hath made heaven and earth.  
℣. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.  
℞. From this time forth and for evermore.  
℣. Lord, hear our prayer.  
℞. And let our cry come unto thee.  
℣. The Lord be with you.  
℞. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray

**A**Lmighty and most merciful God, who hast called us from the world, that we should in all things follow in the steps of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, grant unto this thy servant, who has here offered his life in special dedication to thee, that by his fellowship, with us he may be strengthened in the continual fulfilment of those things which he has promised. Grant to him the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that he may not be distracted by the pleasures of the world or of the flesh, nor overcome by anxieties and cares. Enable him so to live in detachment from all things temporal, that aided by the prayers of our holy patron, St. John, he following the way of the holy cross may attain the crown of everlasting life, which thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to those who forsake all things and follow him; through the same:

Let us pray

**S**TIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, and preserve amongst us the spirit of our Founder; that inspired by his teaching and following his example, we may die unto the world and evermore live unto thee, to the glory of thy Name; through:

THE BLESSING



## THE MISSIONARY OFFICE.

*On the monthly Retreat Day (except those which are strict Fasts) the Missionary Office is said at the Mother House, the First Division after Compline on the eve, the Second after Terce or None and the third after Compline on the day.*

### THE FIRST DIVISION.

O GOD, make speed to save us.  
Ry. O Lord, make haste to help us.  
Glory be. Alleluia.

*[Instead of Alleluia from Septuagesima to Easter :  
To thee, O Lord, be glory ;  
King of endless majesty.]*

*The Hymn is sung in the First Division only.*

### HYMN.

O JESU, Lord, enthroned on high,  
To thee the suppliant nations cry :  
In Satan's bondage now they groan,  
But seek salvation from thy Throne.

'Tis thine, in promised Strife to tread  
With vengeance on the Serpent's head :  
On thee the eternal gifts shall rest ;  
In thee the nations all are blest.

'Tis thine, as David's Son and Lord,  
To reign in peace, by all adored.  
Thou, Virgin born, in toil didst live,  
Thou, Very God, new life dost give.

'Tis thine in Pentecostal love  
To shed thy Spirit from above :  
'Tis thine, still mindful of our need,  
The merits of thy Cross to plead.

O grant us by thy Spirit's might  
To gird our loins for constant fight,  
Fresh triumphs of thy Cross to find,  
Beat Satan down, and free mankind.

Inspire our lips, at thy command,  
Thy Life to breathe through every land :  
Give zeal and strength, through every race,  
To spread the glory of thy grace.

Prosper our work, direct our way,  
And speed Redemption's glorious day,  
That we at last, when sin shall cease,  
May gain the vision of thy Peace.

Amen.

*Antiphon.* Desire of me.

PSALM 2. *Quare fremuerunt?*

WHY do the heathen so furiously rage together : and why do the people imagine a vain thing?

2 The kings of the earth stand up, and the rulers take counsel together : against the Lord, and against his Anointed.

3 Let us break their bonds asunder : and cast away their cords from us.

4 He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh them to scorn : the Lord shall have them in derision.

5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath : and vex them in his sore displeasure.

6 Yet have I set my King : upon my holy hill of Sion.

7 I will preach the law, whereof the Lord hath said unto me : Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

8 Desire of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance : and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.

9 Thou shalt bruise them with a rod of iron : and break them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings : be learned, ye that are judges of the earth.

11 Serve the Lord in fear : and rejoice unto him with reverence.

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and so ye perish from the right way : if his wrath be kindled, (yea, but a little,) blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

Glory be, etc.

PSALM 19. *Caeli enarrant.*

THE heavens declare the glory of God : and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

2 One day telleth another : and one night certifieth another.

3 There is neither speech nor language : but their voices are heard among them.

4 Their sound is gone out into all lands : and their words into the ends of the world.

5 In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun : which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

6 It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again : and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7 The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul : the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

8 The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart : the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever : the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold : sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

11 Moreover, by them is thy servant taught : and in keeping of them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how oft he offendeth : O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me : so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart : be always acceptable in thy sight,

15 O Lord : my strength, and my redeemer.

Glory be, etc.

PSALM 24. *Domini est terra.*

THE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is : the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded it upon the seas : and prepared it upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord : or who shall rise up in his holy place?

4 Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart : and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the Lord : and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This is the generation of them that seek him : even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors : and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is the King of glory : it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors : and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is the King of glory : even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Glory be, etc.

*Ant.* Desire of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine Inheritance : and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.

*Ant.* Be still then.

PSALM 45. *Eructavit.*

**M**Y heart is inditing of a good matter : I speak of the things which I have made unto the King.

2 My tongue is the pen : of a ready writer.

3 Thou art fairer than the children of men : full of grace are thy lips, because God hath blessed thee for ever.

4 Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh, O thou most Mighty : according to thy worship and renown.

5 Good luck have thou with thine honour : ride on, because of the word of truth, of meekness, and righteousness ; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

6 Thy arrows are very sharp, and the people shall be subdued unto thee : even in the midst among the King's enemies.

7 Thy seat, O God, endureth for ever : the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

8 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity : wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

9 All thy garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia : out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

10 Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women : upon thy right hand did stand the queen in a vesture of gold, wrought about with divers colours.

11 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, incline thine ear : forget also thine own people, and thy father's house.

12 So shall the King have pleasure in thy beauty : for he is thy Lord God, and worship thou him.

13 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift : like as the rich also among the people shall make their supplication before thee.

14 The King's daughter is all glorious within : her clothing is of wrought gold.

15 She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needle-work : the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company, and shall be brought unto thee.

16 With joy and gladness shall they be brought : and shall enter into the King's palace.

17 Instead of thy fathers thou shalt have children : whom thou mayest make princes in all lands.

18 I will remember thy Name from one generation to another : therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee, world without end.

Glory be, etc.

PSALM 46. *Deus noster refugium.*

**G**OD is our hope and strength : a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved : and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea.

3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell : and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

4 The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God : the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.

5 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed : God shall help her, and that right early.

6 The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved : but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

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

8 O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord : what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

9 He maketh wars to cease in all the world : he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

10 Be still then, and know that I am God : I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

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

Glory be, etc.

PSALM 47. *Omnes gentes.*

**O** CLAP your hands together, all ye people : O sing unto God with the voice of melody.

2 For the Lord is high, and to be feared : he is the great King upon all the earth.

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

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

5 God is gone up with a merry noise : and the Lord with the sound of the trump.

6 O sing praises, sing praises unto our God : O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.

7 For God is the King of all the earth : sing ye praises with understanding.

8 God reigneth over the heathen : God sitteth upon his holy seat.

9 The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham : for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

Glory be, etc.

*Ant.* Be still then, and know that I am God : I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

*Ant.* Set up thyself.

PSALM 57. *Miserere mei.*

**B**E merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in thee : and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge, until this tyranny be over-past.

2 I will call unto the most high God : even unto the God that shall perform the cause which I have in hand.

3 He shall send from heaven : and save me from the reproof of him that would eat me up.

4 God shall send forth his mercy and truth : my soul is among lions.

5 And I lie even among the children of men, that are set on fire : whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

6 Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens : and thy glory above all the earth.

7 They have laid a net for my feet, and pressed down my soul : they have digged a pit before me, and are fallen into the midst of it themselves.

8 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed : I will sing, and give praise.

9 Awake up, my glory ; awake, lute and harp : I myself will awake right early.

10 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people : and I will sing unto thee among the nations.

11 For the greatness of thy mercy reacheth unto the heavens : and thy truth unto the clouds.

12 Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens : and thy glory above all the earth.

Glory be, etc.

PSALM 65. *Te decet hymnus.*

**T**HOU, O God, art praised in Sion : and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

2 Thou that hearest the prayer : unto thee shall all flesh come.

3 My misdeeds prevail against me : O be thou merciful unto our sins.

4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee : he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

5 Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation : thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

6 Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains : and is girded about with power.

7 Who stilleth the raging of the sea : and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens : thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

9 Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it : thou makest it very plenteous.

10 The river of God is full of water : thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

11 Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof : thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

12 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness : and thy clouds drop fatness.

13 They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness : and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

14 The folds shall be full of sheep : the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

Glory be, etc.

PSALM 67. *Deus misereatur.*

**G**OD be merciful unto us, and bless us : and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us ;

2 That thy way may be known upon earth : thy saving health among all nations.

3 Let the people praise thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise thee.

4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad : for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

5 Let the people praise thee, O God : let all the people praise thee.

6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase : and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

7 God shall bless us : and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

Glory be, etc.

*Ant.* Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens : and thy glory above all the earth.

☩. Let thy Hand be upon the Man of thy Right Hand.

Ry. And upon the Son of Man whom thou madest so strong for thine own Self.

#### LESSON I. Gen. xxii. 9.

AND they came to the place which God had told him of ; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham : and he said, Here am I.

And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him : for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns : and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh : as it is said to this day, In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen.

And the Angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,

And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son :

That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the

sand which is upon the sea shore ; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies ;

And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed ; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Ry. Thanks be to God.

☩. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

*Repeat.* I will lift up, etc.

☩. The mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it.

Ry. From whence cometh my help.

#### LESSON II. Is. lii. 7.

HOW beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace ; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation ; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth !

Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice ; with the voice together shall they sing : for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion.

Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem ; for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations ; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing ; go ye out of the midst of her ; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord.

For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight ; for the Lord will go before you ; and the God of Israel will be your rereward.

Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

As many were astonished at thee ; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men :

So shall he sprinkle many nations : the kings shall shut their mouths at him : for that which had not been told them shall they see ; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

But thou, etc.

☩. The earth shall be full of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

*Repeat.* The earth, etc.

℣. I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh.  
℞. As the waters cover the sea.

LESSON III. S. Matt. xxviii. 16.

**T**HEN the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

And when they saw him, they worshipped him : but some doubted.

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye therefore, and teach 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, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

But thou, etc.

℣. He shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the Throne of God and of the Lamb.

*Repeat, He shewed me, etc.*

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

℞. The river of the water of life proceedeth out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

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

℞. The river of the water of life proceedeth out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

*The Prayers as at the end of the Third Division, p. 111.*

THE SECOND DIVISION.

**O** GOD, make speed, etc.

*Antiphon.* The Lord gave the word.

PSALM 68. *Exurgat Deus.*

**L**ET God arise, and let his enemies be scattered : let them also that hate him flee before him.

2 Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away : and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God : let them also be merry and joyful.

4 O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name : magnify him that rideth upon the heavens, as it were upon an horse ; praise him in his Name JAH, and rejoice before him.

5 He is a father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows : even God in his holy habitation.

6 He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house, and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity : but letteth the runagates continue in scarceness.

7 O God, when thou wentest forth before the people : when thou wentest through the wilderness ;

8 The earth shook, and the heavens dropped at the presence of God : even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God, who is the God of Israel.

9 Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance : and refreshedst it when it was weary.

10 Thy congregation shall dwell therein : for thou, O God, hast of thy goodness prepared for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word : great was the company of the preachers.

12 Kings with their armies did flee, and were discomfited : and they of the household divided the spoil.

13 Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove : that is covered with silver wings, and her feathers like gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kings for their sake : then were they as white as snow in Salmon.

15 As the hill of Basan, so is God's hill : even an high hill, as the hill of Basan.

16 Why hop ye so, ye high hills? this is God's hill, in the which it pleaseth him to dwell : yea, the Lord will abide in it for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels : and the Lord is among them, as in the holy place of Sinai.

18 Thou art gone up on high, thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men : yea, even for thine enemies, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

19 Praised be the Lord daily : even the God who helpeth us, and poureth his benefits upon us.

20 He is our God, even the God of whom cometh salvation : God is the Lord, by whom we escape death.

21 God shall wound the head of his enemies : and the hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on still in his wickedness.

22 The Lord hath said, I will bring my people again, as I did from Basan : mine own will I bring again, as I did sometime from the deep of the sea.

23 That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thine enemies : and that the tongue of thy dogs may be red through the same.

24 It is well seen, O God, how thou goest : how thou, my God and King, goest in the sanctuary.

25 The singers go before, the minstrels follow after : in the midst are the damsels playing with the timbrels.

26 Give thanks, O Israel, unto God the Lord in the congregations : from the ground of the heart.

27 There is little Benjamin their ruler, and the princes of Judah their counsel : the princes of Zabulon, and the princes of Nephthali.

28 Thy God hath sent forth strength for thee : stablish the thing, O God, that thou hast wrought in us,

29 For thy temple's sake at Jerusalem : so shall kings bring presents unto thee.

30 When the company of the spear-men, and multitude of the mighty are scattered abroad among the beasts of the people, so that they humbly bring pieces of silver : and when he hath scattered the people that delight in war ;

31 Then shall the princes come out of Egypt : the Morians' land shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

32 Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms of the earth : O sing praises unto the Lord ;

33 Who sitteth in the heavens over all from the beginning : lo, he doth send out his voice, yea, and that a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe ye the power to God over Israel : his worship and strength is in the clouds.

35 O God, wonderful art thou in thy holy places : even the God of Israel, he will give strength and power unto his people ; blessed be God.

Glory be, etc.

PSALM 72. *Deus, judicium.*

**G**IVE the King thy judgements, O God : and thy righteousness unto the King's son.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Glory be, etc.

PSALM 76. *Notus in Judaea.*

**I**N Jewry is God known : his Name is great in Israel.

2 At Salem is his tabernacle : and his dwelling in Sion.

3 There brake he the arrows of the bow : the shield, the  
sword, and the battle.

4 Thou art of more honour and might : than the hills  
of the robbers.

5 The proud are robbed, they have slept their sleep : and  
all the men whose hands were mighty have found nothing.

6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob : both the chariot and  
horse are fallen.

7 Thou, even thou art to be feared : and who may stand  
in thy sight when thou art angry ?

8 Thou didst cause thy judgement to be heard from  
heaven : the earth trembled, and was still ;

9 When God arose to judgement : and to help all the  
meek upon earth.

10 The fierceness of man shall turn to thy praise : and the  
fierceness of them shalt thou refrain.

11 Promise unto the Lord your God, and keep it, all ye  
that are round about him : bring presents unto him that  
ought to be feared.

12 He shall refrain the spirit of princes : and is wonderful  
among the kings of the earth.

Glory be, etc.

*Ant.* The Lord gave the word : great was the company  
of the preachers.

*Ant.* The Lord is King.

PSALM 79. *Deus, venerunt.*

**O** GOD, the heathen are come into thine inheritance : thy  
holy temple have they defiled, and made Jerusalem  
an heap of stones.

2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be  
meat unto the fowls of the air : and the flesh of thy saints  
unto the beasts of the land.

3 Their blood have they shed like water on every side of  
Jerusalem : and there was no man to bury them.

4 We are become an open shame to our enemies : a very  
scorn and derision unto them that are round about us.

5 Lord, how long wilt thou be angry : shall thy jealousy  
burn like fire for ever ?

6 Pour out thine indignation upon the heathen that have  
not known thee : and upon the kingdoms that have not  
called upon thy Name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob : and laid waste his  
dwelling-place.

8 O remember not our old sins, but have mercy upon us,  
and that soon : for we are come to great misery.

9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy  
Name : O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins, for thy  
Name's sake.

10 Wherefore do the heathen say : Where is now their  
God ?

11 O let the vengeance of thy servants' blood that is shed :  
be openly shewed upon the heathen in our sight.

12 O let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before  
thee : according to the greatness of thy power, preserve thou  
those that are appointed to die.

13 And for the blasphemy wherewith our neighbours have  
blasphemed thee : reward thou them, O Lord, seven-fold  
into their bosom.

14 So we, that are thy people, and sheep of thy pasture,  
shall give thee thanks for ever : and will alway be shewing  
forth thy praise from generation to generation.

Glory be, etc.

PSALM 96. *Cantate Domino.*

**O** SING unto the Lord a new song : sing unto the Lord, all  
the whole earth.

2 Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name : be telling  
of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his honour unto the heathen : and his wonders  
unto all people.

4 For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised :  
he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols :  
but it is the Lord that made the heavens.

6 Glory and worship are before him : power and honour  
are in his sanctuary.

7 Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people :  
ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.

8 Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name :  
bring presents, and come into his courts.

9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness : let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

10 Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King : and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved ; and how that he shall judge the people righteously.

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad : let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.

12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it : then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.

13 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth : and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.

Glory be, etc.

PSALM 97. *Dominus regnavit.*

THE Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof : yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him : righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat.

3 There shall go a fire before him : and burn up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings gave shine unto the world : the earth saw it, and was afraid.

5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord : at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens have declared his righteousness : and all the people have seen his glory.

7 Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods : worship him, all ye gods.

8 Sion heard of it, and rejoiced : and the daughters of Judah were glad, because of thy judgements, O Lord.

9 For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth : thou art exalted far above all gods.

10 O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil : the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints ; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.

11 There is sprung up a light for the righteous : and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

12 Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous : and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

Glory be, etc.

*Ant.* The Lord is King ; the earth may be glad thereof : yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.

*Ant.* With righteousness.

PSALM 98. *Cantate Domino.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 With trumpets also and shawms : O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.

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

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

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

Glory be, etc.

PSALM 99. *Dominus regnavit.*

THE Lord is King, be the people never so unpatient : he sitteth between the cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet.

2 The Lord is great in Sion : and high above all people.

3 They shall give thanks unto thy Name : which is great, wonderful, and holy.

4 The King's power loveth judgement ; thou hast prepared equity : thou hast executed judgement and righteousness in Jacob.

5 O magnify the Lord our God : and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name : these called upon the Lord, and he heard them.

7 He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar : for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.

8 Thou heardest them, O Lord our God : thou forgavest them, O God, and punishedst their own inventions.

9 O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill : for the Lord our God is holy.

Glory be, etc.

PSALM 100. *Jubilate Deo.*

**O** BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

2 Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves ; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise : be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

4 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting : and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be, etc.

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

*Ps.* When thou lettest thy Spirit go forth, they shall be made.

*R.* And thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

LESSON I. Dan. vii. 9.

**I** BEHELD till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool : his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him : thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him : the judgement was set, and the books were opened.

I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake : I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away : yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him : his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

But thou, etc.

*Ps.* This Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world, for a witness to all nations.

*Repeat.* This Gospel, etc.

*Ps.* The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

*R.* For a witness unto all nations.

LESSON II. Zech. ix. 9.

**R**EJOICE greatly, O daughter of Zion ; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem : behold, thy King cometh unto thee : he is just, and having salvation ; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off : and he shall speak peace unto the heathen ; and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth.

As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water.

Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope : even to-day do I declare that I will render double unto thee ;

When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man.

And the Lord shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning : and the Lord God shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.

The Lord of hosts shall defend them ; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling-stones ; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine ; and they shall be filled like bowls, and as the corners of the altar.

And the Lord their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people : for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land.

For how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty ! corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids.

But thou, etc.

*Ps.* God hath chosen the weak things of this world to confound the mighty.

*Repeat,* God hath, etc.

*Ps.* If my kingdom were of this world then would my servants fight.

*R.* To confound the mighty.

LESSON III. Rev. xi. 15.

AND the seventh angel sounded ; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come ; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great ; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament : and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

But thou, etc.

℣. Fear not, little flock ; it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

*Repeat,* Fear not, etc.

℣. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for their's is the kingdom of Heaven.

Ry. It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

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

Ry. It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

*The Prayers as at the end of the Third Division, p. 111.*

THE THIRD DIVISION.

O GOD, make speed, etc.

*Antiphon.* The heathen shall fear.

PSALM 102. *Domine, exaudi.*

HEAR my prayer, O Lord : and let my crying come unto thee.

2 Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble : incline thine ear unto me when I call ; O hear me, and that right soon.

3 For my days are consumed away like smoke : and my bones are burnt up as it were a fire-brand.

4 My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass : so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 For the voice of my groaning : my bones will scarce cleave to my flesh.

6 I am become like a pelican in the wilderness : and like an owl that is in the desert.

7 I have watched, and am even as it were a sparrow : that sitteth alone upon the housetop.

8 Mine enemies revile me all the day long : and they that are mad upon me are sworn together against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes as it were bread : and mingled my drink with weeping ;

10 And that because of thine indignation and wrath : for thou hast taken me up, and cast me down.

11 My days are gone like a shadow : and I am withered like grass.

12 But thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever : and thy remembrance throughout all generations.

13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion : for it is time that thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.

14 And why ? thy servants think upon her stones : and it pitieth them to see her in the dust.

15 The heathen shall fear thy Name, O Lord : and all the kings of the earth thy majesty ;

16 When the Lord shall build up Sion : and when his glory shall appear ;

17 When he turneth him unto the prayer of the poor destitute : and despiseth not their desire.

18 This shall be written for those that come after : and the people which shall be born shall praise the Lord.

19 For he hath looked down from his sanctuary : out of the heaven did the Lord behold the earth ;

20 That he might hear the mournings of such as are in captivity : and deliver the children appointed unto death ;

21 That they may declare the Name of the Lord in Sion : and his worship at Jerusalem ;

22 When the people are gathered together : and the kingdoms also, to serve the Lord.

23 He brought down my strength in my journey : and shortened my days.

24 But I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of mine age : as for thy years, they endure throughout all generations.

25 Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth : and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure : they all shall wax old as doth a garment ;

27 And as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed : but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

28 The children of thy servants shall continue : and their seed shall stand fast in thy sight.

Glory be, etc.

PSALM 108. . *Paratum cor meum.*

**O** GOD, my heart is ready, my heart is ready : I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have.

2 Awake, thou lute, and harp : I myself will awake right early.

3 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people : I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

4 For thy mercy is greater than the heavens : and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

5 Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens : and thy glory above all the earth.

6 That thy beloved may be delivered : let thy right hand save them, and hear thou me.

7 God hath spoken in his holiness : I will rejoice therefore, and divide Sichern, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead is mine, and Manasses is mine : Ephraim also is the strength of my head.

9 Judah is my law-giver, Moab is my wash-pot : over Edom will I cast out my shoe, upon Philistia will I triumph.

10 Who will lead me into the strong city : and who will bring me into Edom ?

11 Hast not thou forsaken us, O God : and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts ?

12 O help us against the enemy : for vain is the help of man.

13 Through God we shall do great acts and it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

Glory be, etc.

PSALM 110. *Dixit Dominus.*

**T**HE Lord said unto my Lord : Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2 The Lord shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion : be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies.

3 In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee free-will offerings with an holy worship : the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning.

4 The Lord sware, and will not repent : Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedech.

5 The Lord upon thy right hand : shall wound even kings in the day of his wrath.

6 He shall judge among the heathen ; he shall fill the places with the dead bodies : and smite in sunder the heads over divers countries.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way : therefore shall he lift up his head.

Glory be, etc.

*Ant.* The heathen shall fear thy Name, O Lord : and all the kings of the earth thy Majesty.

*Ant.* The Lord's Name is praised.

PSALM 113. *Laudate, pueri.*

**P**RAISE the Lord, ye servants : O praise the Name of the Lord.

2 Blessed be the Name of the Lord : from this time forth for evermore.

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

4 The Lord is high above all heathen : and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high : and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth ?

6 He taketh up the simple out of the dust : and lifteth the poor out of the mire ;

7 That he may set him with the princes : even with the princes of his people.

8 He maketh the barren woman to keep house : and to be a joyful mother of children.

Glory be, etc.

PSALM 126. *In convertendo.*

**W**HEN the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion : then were we like unto them that dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter : and our tongue with joy.

3 Then said they among the heathen : The Lord hath done great things for them.

4 Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already : whereof we rejoice.

5 Turn our captivity, O Lord : as the rivers in the south.

6 They that sow in tears : shall reap in joy.

7 He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed : shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

Glory be, etc.

PSALM 128. *Beati omnes.*

**B**LESSED are all they that fear the Lord : and walk in his ways.

2 For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands : O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.

3 Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine : upon the walls of thine house.

4 Thy children like the olive-branches : round about thy table.

5 Lo, thus shall the man be blessed : that feareth the Lord.

6 The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee : that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long.

7 Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children : and peace upon Israel.

Glory be, etc.

*Ant.* The Lord's Name is praised : from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

*Ant.* All the kings of the earth.

PSALM 138. *Confitebor tibi.*

**I** WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart : even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name, because of thy loving-kindness and truth : for thou hast magnified thy Name and thy word above all things.

3 When I called upon thee, thou heardest me : and enduedst my soul with much strength.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord : for they have heard the words of thy mouth.

5 Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord : that great is the glory of the Lord.

6 For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly : as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me : thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

8 The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me : yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever ; despise not then the works of thine own hands.

Glory be, etc.

PSALM 149. *Cantate Domino.*

**O** SING unto the Lord a new song : let the congregation of saints praise him.

2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him : and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance : let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.

4 For the Lord hath pleasure in his people : and helpeth the meek-hearted.

5 Let the saints be joyful with glory : let them rejoice in their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their mouth : and a two-edged sword in their hands ;

7 To be avenged of the heathen : and to rebuke the people ;

8 To bind their kings in chains : and their nobles with links of iron.

9 That they may be avenged of them, as it is written : Such honour have all his saints.

Glory be, etc.

PSALM 150. *Laudate Dominum.*

**O** PRAISE God in his holiness : praise him in the firmament of his power.

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



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

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

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

6 Let everything that hath breath : praise the Lord.

Glory be, etc.

*Ant.* All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord : for they have heard the words of thy mouth.

*Ps.* All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship thee, O Lord :

*Ry.* And shall glorify thy Name.

#### LESSON I. Isaiah xlix. 5.

**A**ND now, saith the Lord that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord, and my God shall be my strength.

And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel : I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the Lord that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.

Thus saith the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee : and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages ;

That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth ; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places.

They shall not hunger nor thirst ; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them : for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted.

Behold, these shall come from far ; and, lo, these from the north and from the west ; and these from the land of Sinim.

But thou, etc.

*Ps.* In every place incense shall be offered unto my Name, and a pure offering : for my Name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of Hosts.

*Repeat,* In every place, etc.

*Ps.* And I will also take of them for Priests, and for Levites.

*Ry.* For my Name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of Hosts.

#### LESSON II. Romans x. 4.

**F**OR Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven ? (that is, to bring Christ down from above :)

Or, Who shall descend into the deep ? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

But what saith it ? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart : that is, the word of faith, which we preach ;

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness ; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek : for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed ? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard ? and how shall they hear without a preacher.

And how shall they preach except they be sent ? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things !

But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report ?

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.



But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

But thou, etc.

℣. Other sheep I have which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice: and there shall be one flock and one Shepherd.

*Repeat, Other sheep, etc.*

℣. Every one that is of the Truth heareth my voice.

℞. Them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice: and there shall be one flock and one Shepherd.

### LESSON III. St. Jn. xii. 20.

AND there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:

The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.

And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour; but for this cause came I unto this hour.

Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.

Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.

Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

But thou, etc.

℣. Thou art gone up on high, thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men.

*Repeat, Thou art gone, etc.*

℣. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

℞. Thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men.

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

℞. Thou hast led captivity captive and received gifts for men.

*In conclusion, the Prayers are said as follows:*

℣. The Lord be with you.

℞. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, etc.

Let us pray.

O GOD, Restorer and Governor of mankind, we beseech thee to grant that thy Church may continually be increased by the gathering in of new children to thee, and perfected by the increasing devotion of those who have been regenerated; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Then shall follow any of the Missionary Collects below.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

### MISSIONARY COLLECTS.

*For the Peace of the World.*

O LORD, we pray thee to subdue the evil passions of mankind, and grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For Bishops.*

O GOD, who rulest over thy people with fatherly love, give the spirit of wisdom to all who have received from thee the authority of government, that the welfare of thy

holy sheep may turn to the everlasting joy of their pastors ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For the Sanctification of the Clergy.*

O LORD, who delightest to effect by grace what the weakness of our nature cannot attain, illuminate the stewards of thy mysteries with thy indwelling purity, that in the work of the ministry their word may go forth as fire to purify the unclean, to enlighten the ignorant, and to quicken the dead ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For Priests sinking under a sense of Loneliness.*

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that those who are removed from visible communion with their brethren, remembering the invisible fellowship of thy saints who worship together with them around the altar of the Great High Priest, and keeping themselves as befits thy holy Temple, may have the eye of their understanding enlightened to contemplate thine ineffable glory, the source of purity and strength to all thy worshippers, the hope of our pilgrimage, and the joy of our everlasting Home : so that, being comforted of thee, they may be enabled to comfort others also in every tribulation, and may bring their flocks to take part in the general assembly of thy redeemed ; through the merits and mediation of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For the Unbaptized.*

HAVE mercy, thou God and Father of all, upon those who have not been admitted within thy covenant of grace. Draw them by thy Love, that they may seek the Water of Life. Give them boldness, that they may not be kept from thee by any fear of man, or prejudice of the natural heart, but, yielding themselves up to thy command, may escape the corruption which is in the world through lust, and be admitted to the participation of thy Divine Nature, as thine elect children ; through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

*For Catechumens.*

O LORD, the Creator of all, the Fountain of living Water, who by the laver of Baptism dost put away the sins of those to whom thou hast given grace, by the faith of the resurrection, to confess thee without fear of man ; fill these thy servants so full with thy Holy Spirit that Christ, being formed in their hearts, may be revealed within them as their life and joy. Hear us, O merciful Father, through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For Heathen Chiefs friendly to the Church.*

O LORD God Almighty, giver of all good things ; Protect, we beseech thee, thy servant, [ . . . ], his family, and descendants ; remember him, O Lord, for good, for the kindness which he has shewn to thy Church ; grant him a long continuance of health and well-being, preservation from evil and danger, children to many generations as the inheritors of his dignity ; and above all, grant that he and they may have that peace which passeth understanding, by a possession of the knowledge of thy truth in this world, and of life everlasting in that which is to come ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For those who are Destitute of the Means of Grace, in our Colonies and elsewhere.*

O ALMIGHTY God, shew pity on our brethren who are perishing for lack of opportunities of grace. Pardon them if, through desire of gain, they have unnecessarily forsaken the privileges of thy Church ; and grant that faithful priests, ministering to thine inheritance, may train the young, instruct the ignorant, tend the sick, win the hardened, reconcile the penitent, and perfect thy saints, to the glory of thy holy Name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For the Enemies and Revilers of the Church.*

O CHRIST, the Son of God, who didst bear the revilings of unbelieving men when they carried thee away to judgment ; Hear our prayer, and shew thy power, we beseech thee, towards the enemies of thy Church, that they who persecute thee daily in thy members, being converted to the mystery of the faith, may gratefully acknowledge along with us that thou wast delivered for the ungodly, and that the ungodly attain to righteousness by the glory of thy Passion, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

*For the Quickening of Zeal in Christians.*

O LORD our Saviour, who hast warned us that thou wilt require much of those to whom much is given ; Grant that we whose lot thou hast cast in so goodly a heritage may strive together the more abundantly by prayer, by almsgiving, and by every other appointed means, to extend to others what we so richly enjoy ; and as we have entered into the labours of other men, so to labour that in their turn other men may enter into ours, to the fulfilling of thy holy will and our own everlasting salvation. *Amen.*

## THE ADMISSION OF AN ASSOCIATE.

*The Father Superior or his representative, wearing surplice and stole, kneels before the Altar, and he who is to be admitted kneels at the Sanctuary step. The Cord to be blessed is placed on the Altar. \*Ant. and Psalm XX (opposite page)*

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

Our Father, etc.

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

*Standing before the candidate, the Superior shall say to him :*

Dost thou desire to be admitted an Associate of our Society, that thou mayest take part in the spiritual goods and prayers which, through the grace of God, are done among us?

*Answer.* I do.

*Then the Superior, taking him by the hand, shall say :*

We take you, *N.M.*, as an Associate of our Society, granting to you the spiritual partaking in all prayers, alms, and other good things which are done among us; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

*The Blessing of the Cord.*

*Ps.* Our help is in the Name of the Lord.  
*R.* Who hath made heaven and earth.  
*Ps.* O Lord, hear our prayer.  
*R.* And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, the Giver of all good gifts, and the plentiful Bestower of all benedictions, hear our prayers, and vouchsafe to bless \* and sanctify \* this Cord which this thy servant shall assume as a token of his association with the Society of S. John the Evangelist; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Then shall the Superior give him the Cord, saying :*

Take this Cord, and wear it as a memorial of the purity of heart wherewith thou must ever hereafter seek to abide in the love and service of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Then standing at the Altar, the Superior shall say :*

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who hast ordained the fellowship in good works upon the earth as a means of mutual edification whereby thy faithful people may help one another; give the fulness of thy blessing to all the Associates of this Society; and enable them, by means of their fellowship with us, to live the more detached from the world, and the more faithfully united unto thee in that holy love which is the end of our vocation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Blessing.*

**T**HE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with thee now and for evermore. *Amen.*

*Ant.* The Lord send thee help. PSALM XX  
*Exaudi te Dominus*

**T**HE Lord hear thee in the day of trouble: the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee;

Send thee help from the sanctuary: and strengthen thee out of Sion;

Remember all thy offerings: and accept thy burnt-sacrifice;

Grant thee thy heart's desire: and fulfil all thy mind.

We will rejoice in thy salvation, and triumph in the Name of the Lord our God: the Lord perform all thy petitions.

Now know I, that the Lord helpeth his Anointed, and will hear him from his holy heaven: even with the wholesome strength of his right hand.

Some put their trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the Name of the Lord our God.

They are brought down, and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.

Save, Lord, and hear us, O King of heaven: when we call upon thee.

Glory be . . . .

*\*Ant.* The Lord send thee help from the Sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Sion.

## MATTINS OF THE DEAD

*Mattins begins immediately with the first antiphon without any opening Versicles : in the Psalm the Gloria is omitted : lessons are read without benediction or announcement and without response at the end.*

*Mattins is said in full on All Souls' Day, and when the office is said specially for particular persons deceased except in Eastertide, when only one Nocturn of three Psalms and Lessons is said according to the day of the week.*

### FIRST NOCTURN [Monday and Thursday]

*Ant.* Make my way plain,\* O Lord my God : before thy face.  
PSALM v. *Verba mea.*

*Ant.* Turn thee,\* O Lord, and deliver my soul : for in death no man remembereth thee.

PSALM vi. *Domine, ne in furore.*

*Ant.* Lest he devour\* my soul like a lion : while there is none to help.

PSALM vii. *Domine, Deus meus.*

℣. From the gates of hell.

℞. Deliver their souls, O Lord.

Our Father, *said privately.*

### LESSON 1. JOB vii.

LET me alone ; for my days are vanity. What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him ? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him ? and that thou shouldest visit him every morning, and try him every moment ? How long wilt thou not depart from me, nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle ? I have sinned ; what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men ? why hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to myself ? And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity ? for now shall I sleep in the dust ; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I shall not be.

℞. I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that I shall rise at the latter day from the dust of the earth,\* and in my flesh shall I see God my Saviour. ℣. Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another. ℞. And in my . . .

### LESSON 2. CH. x.

MY soul is weary of my life ; I will leave my complaint upon myself ; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. I will say unto God, Do not condemn me ; shew me wherefore thou contendest with me. Is it good unto thee that thou shouldest oppress, that thou shouldest despise the work of thine hands, and shine upon the counsel of the wicked ? Hast thou eyes of flesh ? or seest thou as man seeth ? Are thy days as the days of man ? are thy years as man's days, that thou inquirest after mine iniquity, and searchest after my sin ? Thou knowest that I am not wicked ; and there is none that can deliver out of thine hand.

℞. Thou that didst raise up Lazarus out of the grave of corruption,\* do thou grant them, O Lord, a place of rest and of pardon. ℣. Thou that shalt come to judge the quick and dead, and the world by fire. ℞. Do thou . . .

LESSON 3.

THINE hands have made me and fashioned me together round about, yet thou dost destroy me. Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay ; and wilt thou bring me into dust again ? Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese ? Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews. Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.

Ry. Lord, when thou shalt come to judge the earth, where shall I hide myself from the wrath of thy countenance ? \*For in my life I have grievously sinned. V. For that which I have done I am in dread, and am ashamed before thee : when thou shalt come to judge, condemn me not. Ry. For in my life . . . Repeat Lord, when . . . sinned.

SECOND NOCTURN [Tuesday and Friday]

Ant. He shall feed me :\* in a green pasture.

PSALM xxiii. *Dominus regit.*

Ant. Remember not,\* O Lord : the sins and offences of my youth.

PSALM xxv. *Ad te, Domine.*

Ant. I believe\* verily to see the goodness of the Lord : in the land of the living.

PSALM xxvii. *Dominus illuminatio.*

V. The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

Ry. He will not be afraid of any evil tidings.

Our Father, *said privately.*

LESSON 4. JOB xiii.

ANSWER thou me. How many are mine iniquities and sins ? make me to know my transgression and my sin. Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and holdest me for thine enemy ? Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro ? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble ? For thou writest bitter things against me, and makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth. Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks, and lookest narrowly into all my paths ; thou settest a print upon the heels of my feet. And he, as a rotten thing, consumeth, as a garment that is moth eaten.

Ry. Woe is me, O Lord, for in my life I have grievously sinned : what in my trouble shall I do ? whither shall I flee but unto thee ? Have mercy upon me, O my God,\* when at the last day thou comest.

V. My soul also is sore troubled, but, Lord, be thou my helper. Ry. When . . .

LESSON 5. CH. xiv.

MAN that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down : he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. And dost thou open thine eyes

upon such an one, and bringest me into judgement with thee ? Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean ? not one. Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass ; turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day.

Ry. Remember not my sins, O Lord,\* when thou shalt come to judge the world by fire. V. Make my way plain, O Lord my God, before thy face. Ry. When . . .

LESSON 6.

THAT thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me ! If a man die, shall he live again ? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee : thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands. For now thou numberest my steps : dost thou not watch over my sin ?

Ry. Judge me not, O Lord, according to my deeds, for I have done naught worthy in thy sight ;\* wherefore I beseech thy majesty that thou, O God, wouldest do away mine offences. V. Wash me thoroughly, O God, from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin, for against thee only have I sinned. Ry. Wherefore . . . Repeat Judge . . . offences.

THIRD NOCTURN [Wednesday and Saturday]

Ant. O Lord,\* let it be thy pleasure to deliver me : make haste to help me.

PSALM xl. *Expectans expectavi.*

Ant. Heal my soul,\* O Lord : for I have sinned against thee.

PSALM xli. *Beatus qui intelligit.*

Ant. My soul is athirst\* for the living God : when shall I come to appear before the presence of God ?

PSALM xlii. *Quemadmodum.*

V. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

Ry. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Our Father, *said privately.*

LESSON 7. JOB xvii.

MY breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, the graves are ready for me. Are there not mockers with me ? and doth not mine eye continue in their provocation ? Lay down now, put me in a surety with thee ; who is he that will strike hands with me ? My days are past, my purposes are broken off, even the thoughts of my heart. They change the night into day : the light is short because of darkness. If I wait, the grave is mine house : I have made my bed in the darkness. I have said to corruption, Thou art my father : to the worm, Thou art my mother and my sister. And where is now my hope ? as for my hope, who shall see it ?

Ry. On me, who despite repentance sin daily, the fear of death is fallen : \*Because in the pit there is no redemption, have mercy upon me, O God, and save me. V. Save me, O God, for thy Name's sake, and deliver me in thy strength. Ry. Because . . .

LESSON 8. CH. xix.

MY bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth. Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends; for the hand of God hath touched me. Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh? Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book! that they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever! For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.

Ry. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,\* and let light perpetual shine upon them. V. Thou that didst raise up Lazarus out of the grave of corruption, do thou grant them rest, O Lord. Ry. And let . . .

LESSON 9. CH. x.

WHEREFORE then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me! I should have been as though I had not been; I should have been carried from the womb to the grave. Are not my days few? cease then, and let me alone, that I may take comfort a little, before I go whence I shall not return, even to the land of darkness and the shadow of death; a land of darkness, as darkness itself; and of the shadow of death, without any order, and where the light is as darkness.

*On days of 3 lessons.*

Ry. Deliver me, O Lord, from the paths of hell, thou that brakest the gates of brass, and visitedst hell, and gavest light to them that they might see thee,\* even they that dwelt in prison darkness. V. Crying aloud and saying, Thou hast come, O our Redeemer. Ry. Even . . . Repeat Deliver . . . darkness.

*On days of 9 lessons.*

Ry. Deliver me, O Lord, from eternal death in that most dreadful day,\* when the heavens and the earth shall be shaken,\* when thou shalt come to judge the world by fire. V. That day, that day of wrath, of calamity and misery, that great and very bitter day. Ry. When the heavens . . . by fire. V. In my sore plight what shall I say or do; I who can shew no good before so dread a Judge? Ry. When thou . . . V. Now, O Christ, have mercy, we implore thee, we beseech thee; thou that camest to save the lost, condemn not thy redeemed ones. Ry. When thou . . . Repeat. Deliver me . . . by fire.

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