

## COMMON OF DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

### 1

#### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Sir 15:5

In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth,  
and the Lord filled him  
with the spirit of wisdom and understanding  
and clothed him in a robe of glory (E.T. alleluia).

#### Or:

Ps 36:30-31

The mouth of the just man utters wisdom,  
and his tongue tells forth what is just;  
the law of his God is in his heart (E.T. alleluia).

#### Collect

Almighty and eternal God,  
who gave your holy Church  
blessed N. as Doctor (and Bishop),  
grant that what he taught  
when moved by the divine Spirit  
may always stay firm in our hearts;  
and just as by your gift we embrace him as our patron,  
may we also have him as our defender  
to entreat your mercy.  
Through our Lord.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

May the sacrifice which we gladly present  
on the feast day of blessed N.,  
be pleasing to you, O God,  
for taught by him,  
we, too, give ourselves entirely to you in praise.  
Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Lk 12:42

Behold a wise and faithful servant  
to distribute their allowance of food in due time (E.T. alleluia).

#### Or:

Cf. Ps 1:2-3

The man who ponders the law of the LORD day and night  
will yield his fruit in due season (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

Through Christ the teacher, O Lord,  
 instruct those you feed with Christ, the living Bread,  
 that on the feast day of blessed N. they may learn your truth  
 and express it in works of charity.  
 Through Christ our Lord.

2

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Dan 12:3

Those who are wise will shine brightly  
 like the splendor of the firmament  
 and those who lead the many to justice  
 shall be like the stars forever (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Cf. Sir 44:15, 14

Let the peoples recount the wisdom of the Saints,  
 and let the Church proclaim their praise.  
 Their names will live on and on (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

Lord God, who graciously imbued  
 blessed N. with heavenly doctrine,  
 grant, through his intercession,  
 that we may keep that same teaching faithfully  
 and express it in what we do.  
 Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we celebrate the divine mysteries,  
 O Lord, we pray:  
 may the Holy Spirit fill us with that light of faith  
 by which he constantly enlightened blessed N.  
 for the spreading of your glory.  
 Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. 1 Cor 1:23-24

We proclaim Christ crucified;  
 Christ, the power of God and the Wisdom of God (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

Refreshed by heavenly food,  
we humbly implore you, Lord,  
that, attentive to the teaching of blessed N.,  
we may abide at all times in thanksgiving  
for the gifts we have received.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMON OF VIRGINS

For a Virgin Martyr, pp. 000-000.

### I. For Several Virgins

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 147:12-14

Let the virgins praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his splendor is above heaven and earth (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Cf. Ps 44:16

The virgins to the King are escorted amid gladness and joy;  
they are led within the temple to the Lord and King (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

Bestow your mercy upon us, Lord, we pray,  
that, as we rejoice with loving devotion  
on the feast day of the Virgins blessed N. and N.,  
so by your gift may we know  
the eternal delight of their company.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we proclaim your wonders, O Lord,  
in the commemoration of the holy Virgins N. and N.;  
we bring you these offerings and prayers;  
grant, we ask,  
that, as their merits are pleasing to you,  
so, too, our dutiful service may find favor in your sight.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mt 25:10

The bridegroom has come,  
and the virgins who were ready  
have gone with him into the wedding feast (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Jn 14:21, 23

Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,  
and I will come to him and reveal myself to him (E.T. alleluia).

## Prayer after Communion

May the mysteries we have received, O Lord,  
on this feast day of the Virgins blessed N. and N.  
constantly rouse and enlighten us, we pray,  
so that we may stand ready for the coming of your Son  
and be admitted to his wedding feast on high.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**II. For One Virgin**

## 1

## Entrance Antiphon

Here is a wise virgin, from among the number of the prudent,  
who went forth with lighted lamp to meet Christ (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

How beautiful you are, O virgin of Christ,  
who were worthy to receive the Lord's crown,  
the crown of perpetual virginity (E.T. alleluia).

## Collect

Hear us, God our Savior,  
that as we rejoice  
in commemorating the Virgin blessed N.,  
we may be instructed  
by her loving devotion.  
Through our Lord.

## Prayer over the Offerings

As we proclaim your wonders, O Lord,  
in the Virgin blessed N.,  
we humbly implore your majesty  
that, as her merits are pleasing to you,  
so, too, our dutiful service may find favor in your sight.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mt 25:6

Behold, the Bridegroom is coming:  
Come out to meet Christ the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Cf. Ps 26:4

There is one thing I ask of the LORD, only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

Renewed by partaking of this divine gift,  
we pray, O Lord our God,  
that by the example of the blessed N.,  
bearing in our body the Death of Jesus,  
we may strive to hold fast to you alone.  
Through Christ our Lord.

2

Entrance Antiphon

Let us rejoice and exult for joy:  
for the Lord of all has shown his love  
for a holy and glorious virgin (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Here is a wise virgin  
whom the Lord found watching;  
when they took up their lamps  
she brought oil with her  
and when the Lord came  
she went in with him to the wedding feast (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

Lord God, who gave the holy Virgin N.  
gift upon gift from heaven,  
grant, we pray,  
that, imitating her virtues on earth,  
we may delight with her in the joys of eternity.  
Through our Lord.

Or, for a Virgin foundress:

Grant, O Lord our God,  
that the Virgin blessed N., your faithful spouse,  
may stir up in our hearts the flame of divine love,  
which she inspired in other virgins  
to the enduring glory of your Church.  
Through our Lord.

## Prayer over the Offerings

May we receive, O Lord, we pray,  
the effects of this offering dedicated to you,  
so that we may be cleansed from old earthly ways  
and, through the example of blessed N.,  
be renewed by growth in heavenly life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mt 25:4, 6

The five wise virgins brought flasks of oil with their lamps.  
Then at midnight, the cry went up:  
Behold, the Bridegroom is coming,  
go out to meet Christ the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

## Prayer after Communion

May the holy reception of the Body and Blood  
of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord,  
turn us away from the cares of this fallen world,  
so that, following the example of blessed N.,  
we may grow in sincere love for you on earth  
and rejoice to behold you for eternity in heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## 3

## Entrance Antiphon

Come, bride of Christ, receive the crown,  
which the Lord has prepared for you for eternity (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

For love of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
she despised the kingdom of the world  
and all worldly things (E.T. alleluia).

## Collect

O God, who declare that you abide in hearts that are pure,  
grant that, through the intercession of the Virgin blessed N.,  
we may be so fashioned by your grace  
that we become a dwelling pleasing to you.  
Through our Lord.

Or:

Hear our prayers, we ask, O Lord,  
that we who devoutly honor the virtue of the Virgin blessed N.  
may be worthy to abide in love of you  
and to grow in it always until the end.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, the homage of our humble service,  
which we present to you  
in commemoration of the Virgin blessed N.,  
and grant through the one unblemished sacrifice  
that we may constantly burn  
with devoted and holy love in your sight.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Lk 10:42

The wise virgin has chosen the better part,  
and it will not be taken from her (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Mt 25:6

At midnight, there was a cry,  
Behold, the bridegroom!  
Come out to meet him (E.T. alleluia)!

Prayer after Communion

Renewed by heavenly Bread,  
we humbly beseech your mercy, O Lord,  
that we who rejoice in commemorating blessed N.  
may obtain pardon for our offenses,  
health for our bodies,  
and grace and eternal glory for our souls.  
Through Christ our Lord.



## COMMON OF HOLY MEN AND WOMEN

The following Masses, if indicated for a particular category of Saints, are used for Saints of that category. Other Masses, however, may be used for all categories of Saints.

### I. For All Categories of Saints

#### A. For Several Saints

##### 1

#### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 144:10-11

May all your works thank you, O LORD,  
and all your Holy ones bless you.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,  
and declare your mighty deeds (E.T. alleluia).

#### Collect

Almighty and eternal God,  
who by glorifying the Saints,  
bestow on us fresh proofs of your love,  
graciously grant  
that, commended by their intercession,  
and spurred on by their example,  
we may be faithful in imitating  
your Only Begotten Son.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Give favorable hearing to our prayers, O Lord, we pray,  
and safeguard us through the intercession of your Saints,  
that we may give worthy service at your altar.  
Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 67: 4

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God;  
they shall exult with glad rejoicing (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Lk 12:37

Blessed are those servants  
whom the Lord finds vigilant on his arrival.  
Amen, I say to you,  
he will gird himself, set them at table,  
and proceed to wait on them (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

Almighty ever-living God,  
Father of all consolation and peace,  
grant your family,  
gathered to praise your name in celebration of the Saints,  
that, through the mysteries of your Only Begotten Son,  
which they have here received,  
they may obtain the pledge of eternal redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## 2

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 63:11

The just will rejoice in the LORD, and hope in him.  
All upright hearts will glory in their God (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

O God, who see that in our weakness we fail,  
mercifully restore us to your love  
through the example of your Saints.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, we pray, almighty God,  
that the humble offering we make in honor of your Saints  
may be pleasing to you  
and may purify us both in body and in mind.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 12:26

Whoever serves me must follow me,  
and where I am, there also will my servant be (E.T. alleluia).

## Prayer after Communion

On the heavenly birthday of your Saints, we pray, O Lord,  
that we who are nourished by the gift of this Sacrament,  
may delight for all eternity  
in the good things with which even now  
by your grace you nurture us.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## 3

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 91:13-14

The just will flourish like the palm tree,  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar,  
planted in the house of the LORD,  
in the courts of the house of our God (E.T. alleluia).

## Collect

May the prayer and integrity of the Saints,  
O Lord, we pray,  
obtain help for your faithful,  
that they may gain a share in the eternal inheritance  
of those whom they celebrate with devotion.  
Through our Lord.

## Prayer over the Offerings

Give to those who make  
sacrificial offerings at your altar, O Lord,  
that spirit of devotion  
which you instilled in your Saints,  
so that we may approach these sacred rites  
with a pure mind and a fervent heart  
and celebrate a sacrifice that is pleasing to you  
and ensures your favor for us.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

Mt 11:28

Come to me, all who labor and are burdened,  
and I will refresh you, says the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

## Prayer after Communion

May the communion of your Sacrament  
that we have consumed  
save us, O Lord, and confirm us  
in the light of your truth.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## 4

## Entrance Antiphon

Jer 17:7-8

Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,  
whose hope is the LORD.  
He is like a tree planted beside the waters  
that stretches out its roots to the stream:  
It fears not the heat when it comes (E.T. alleluia).

## Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that the example of your Saints  
may spur us on to a better life,  
so that we who celebrate the memory of blessed N. and N.  
may also imitate without ceasing their deeds.  
Through our Lord.

## Prayer over the Offerings

As we make our offerings at this sacred altar, O Lord,  
on the feast day of your Saints,  
we ask your mercy,  
that this oblation may render you supreme glory  
and win for us an abundance of your grace.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

Jn 15:9

As the Father loves me,  
so I also love you.  
Remain in my love (E.T. alleluia).

## Prayer after Communion

We pray, O Lord our God,  
that the divine mysteries  
which we celebrate in commemoration of your Saints,  
may bring about in us salvation and eternal peace.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## B. For One Saint

## 1

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 20:2-3

In your strength, O LORD, the just one rejoices;  
how greatly your salvation makes him glad!  
You have granted him his soul's desire (E.T. alleluia).

## Collect

O God, who in your Saints have given an example  
and brought us protection in our weakness  
to help us tread the path of salvation,  
mercifully grant  
that we who honor the heavenly birthday of blessed N.  
may through his (her) example make our way to you.  
Through our Lord.

## Prayer over the Offerings

Through the present oblation, O Lord,  
which we offer in commemoration of blessed N.,  
bestow on your faithful, we pray,  
the gifts of unity and peace.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mt 16:24

Whoever wishes to come after me,  
must deny himself,  
take up his cross,  
and follow me, says the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

Or, for those who served in public office:

Mt 6:33

Seek first the kingdom of God,  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things will be given you besides,  
says the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

## Prayer after Communion

May the Sacrament we have received, O Lord,  
in commemoration of blessed N.,  
sanctify our minds and hearts,  
that we may merit to be made sharers  
in the divine nature.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## 2

## Entrance Antiphon

Mal 2: 6

The law of truth was in his mouth;  
no dishonesty was found on his lips.  
He walked with me in integrity and peace,  
and turned many away from evil (E.T. alleluia).

## Collect

O God, who alone are holy,  
and without whom no one is good,  
command, we pray, through the intercession of blessed N.,  
that we be numbered among those  
who do not deserve to be deprived of your glory.  
Through our Lord.

## Prayer over the Offerings

May the sacrifices we offer to your majesty, O Lord,  
on this feast day of blessed N.  
be effective for our salvation  
and pleasing to you in your loving kindness.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

Mt 5:8-9

Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God (E.T. alleluia).

## Prayer after Communion

Nourished by these sacred gifts,  
we humbly implore you, Lord,  
that the homage of dutiful service  
which we render on the feast day of blessed N.  
may bring us an increase of your saving grace.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## II. For Monks and Religious

### A. For an Abbot

#### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 91:13-14

The just one will flourish like the palm tree,  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar,  
planted in the house of the LORD,  
in the courts of the house of our God (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Ps 36:30-31

The mouth of the just man utters wisdom,  
and his tongue tells forth what is right.  
The law of his God is in his heart (E.T. alleluia).

#### Collect

Grant us, O Lord,  
that amid the uncertainties of this world  
we may cling with all our heart  
to the things of heaven  
for through the Abbot blessed N.  
you have given us a model of evangelical perfection.  
Through our Lord.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Grant those who approach your altar, O Lord,  
that spirit of devotion  
with which the blessed Abbot N. was on fire,  
so that, pure of heart and fervent in charity,  
we may worthily offer sacrifice to you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Lk 12:42

Behold a faithful and prudent steward  
whom the Lord set over his household (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Mt 23:11

The greatest among you must be your servant,  
says the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

### Prayer after Communion

By the power of this Sacrament which we have received,  
renew our hearts, O Lord,  
so that, by the example of the Abbot blessed N.,  
being wise in the things above  
and not in the things of earth here below,  
we may merit to appear in glory with Christ.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

### B. For a Monk

#### Entrance Antiphon

Where brothers unite to glorify God,  
there the Lord will give blessing (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Cf. Ps 70:8, 23

Let my mouth be filled with your praise,  
my lips shall shout for joy, when I sing to you (E.T. alleluia).

#### Collect

O God, who in your kindness  
called your servant blessed N.  
to the following of Christ,  
grant, we pray, through his intercession,  
that, denying ourselves,  
we may hold fast to you with all our heart.  
Through our Lord.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray,  
the offerings made for the salvation of your people,  
so that, through the intercession of blessed N.,  
we may flee the enticements of sin  
and draw near to the company of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Lk 8:15

Those who keep God's word with a good and perfect heart  
patiently bring forth fruit (E.T. alleluia).



Or:

Cf. Ps 83:5

Blessed are those who dwell in your house;  
forever they will sing your praise (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

Grant our request, we pray, O Lord our God,  
that, defended by the protection of blessed N.,  
we may live by this Sacrament of your wisdom  
in serenity and moderation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### C. For a Nun

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 51:10

I am like a growing olive tree in the house of God.  
I trust in the mercy of God, for ever and ever (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

I despised the kingdom of the world and all worldly finery  
for love of my Lord, Jesus Christ,  
whom I have seen, whom I have loved,  
in whom I have believed, in whom has been my delight (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

O God, who called your handmaid blessed N.  
to seek you before all else,  
grant that, serving you,  
through her example and intercession,  
with a pure and humble heart,  
we may come at last to your eternal glory.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

We bring the offerings of our devotion  
to be consecrated by you, O Lord,  
in commemoration of blessed N.  
for by the consolation you give us in this life  
you show that we should not lose hope  
of what is promised for eternity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

Ps 44:2

My heart overflows with noble words.

To the king I address the song I have made (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Lk 10:42

One thing is necessary:

she has chosen the better part,

which shall not be taken away from her (E.T. alleluia).

## Prayer after Communion

Renewed, O Lord, at the wellsprings of salvation,

we humbly entreat you

that, through the intercession of blessed N.,

holding more closely day by day to Christ,

we may merit to be coheirs in his Kingdom of grace.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## D. For Religious

## 1

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 15:5

O LORD, it is you who are my portion and cup;

you yourself who secure my portion (E.T. alleluia).

Or, for a Woman Religious:

Cf. Hos 2:21-22

The Lord has taken her as his bride for ever

in faithfulness and mercy (E.T. alleluia).

## Collect

O God, by whose gift blessed N.

persevered in imitating Christ, poor and lowly,

grant us through his (her) intercession

that, faithfully walking in our own vocation,

we may reach the perfection

you have set before us in your Son.

Who lives and reigns with you.

## Prayer over the Offerings

Most merciful God,  
who were pleased to create in blessed N.  
the New Man in your image,  
the old having passed away,  
graciously grant, we pray,  
that, renewed like him (her),  
we may offer you  
the acceptable sacrifice of conciliation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mt 19:27-29

Amen I say to you:  
that you who have left all  
and followed me  
will receive a hundredfold  
and possess eternal life (E.T. alleluia).

Or, for a woman Religious:

Cf. Lam 3:24-25

The LORD is my portion:  
he is good to the soul that seeks him (E.T. alleluia).

## Prayer after Communion

By the power of this Sacrament, Lord, we pray,  
lead us always in your love,  
through the example of blessed N.,  
and bring to fulfillment the good work  
you have begun in us  
until the day of Christ Jesus.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## 2

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 23:5-6

These are the holy ones, who have received blessings from the LORD,  
and mercy from the God who saves them,  
such is the people who seek the LORD (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the LORD rejoice;  
turn to the LORD and his strength;  
constantly seek his face (E.T. alleluia).

## Collect

O God, who called blessed N.  
to seek your Kingdom in this world  
through the pursuit of perfect charity,  
grant, we pray, through his (her) intercession  
that we may advance with joyful spirit along the way of love.  
Through our Lord.

## Prayer over the Offerings

May these offerings of our service,  
placed on your altar to commemorate blessed N.,  
be acceptable to you, O Lord, we pray,  
and grant that, released from earthly attachments,  
we may have our riches in you alone.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

Ps 33:9

Taste and see that the LORD is good:  
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Mt 5:3

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (E.T. alleluia).

## Prayer after Communion

We pray, almighty God,  
that we who are fortified by the power of this Sacrament  
may learn through the example of blessed N.  
to seek you always above all things  
and to bear in this world the likeness of the New Man.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### III. For Those Who Practiced Works of Mercy

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Mt 25:34, 36, 40

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord:  
I was sick, and you visited me.  
Amen I say to you: whatever you did for one of these,  
the least of my brethren, you did it for me (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Ps 111:9

Open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm forever.  
His might shall be exalted in glory (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

O God, who have taught your Church  
to keep all the heavenly commandments  
by love of you as God and love of neighbor,  
grant that, practicing the works of charity  
after the example of blessed N.,  
we may be worthy to be numbered  
among the blessed in your Kingdom.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, the offerings of your people,  
and grant that we who celebrate  
your Son's work of boundless charity,  
may, by the example of blessed N.,  
be confirmed in love of you and of our neighbor.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 15:13

Greater love has no one, says the Lord,  
than to lay down his life for his friends (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Cf. Jn 13:35

This is how all will know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love for one another, says the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, O Lord,  
that we who are renewed by these sacred mysteries  
may follow the example of blessed N.,  
who honored you with tireless devotion  
and, by surpassing charity,  
was of service to your people.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Or:

Having fed upon the delights  
of the Sacrament of salvation, O Lord,  
we humbly implore your faithful love,  
that, imitating, by your grace,  
the charity of blessed N.,  
we may also be made partakers with him (her) in glory.  
Through Christ our Lord.

#### IV. For Educators

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Mk 10:14

Let the children come to me; do not prevent them,  
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Cf. Mt 5:19

Whoever obeys and teaches the commandments of the Lord  
will be called great in the kingdom of heaven, says the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

O God, who raised up blessed N. in your Church  
to show others the way of salvation,  
grant us, by his (her) example,  
so to follow Christ the master,  
that we may come with our neighbor into your presence.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

May the oblation made by your consecrated people  
in commemoration of blessed N.,  
be acceptable to you, we pray, O Lord,  
and grant that, by participation in this mystery,  
we may reflect the pattern of your love.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 18:3

Unless you turn and become like children,  
you will not enter the kingdom of heaven,  
says the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Jn 8:12

Whoever follows me does not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

May this holy meal give us strength, almighty God,  
so that, by the example of blessed N.,  
we may show in our hearts and by our deeds  
both fraternal charity and the light of truth.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## V. For Holy Women

For a Woman Martyr Saint, pp. 000-000.

### 1

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Prov 31:30, 28

The woman who fears the LORD will herself be praised.  
Her children have called her most blessed,  
her husband has sung her praises (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Cf. Prov 31:20, 27

She reaches out her hands to the needy,  
and extends her arms to the poor.  
She did not eat her food in idleness (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

O God, who gladden us each year  
with the feast day of blessed N.,  
grant, we pray, that we who are called to honor her  
may also follow her example of holy living.  
Through our Lord.

Or, for several:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that the revered intercession of blessed N. and N.  
may bring us heavenly aid,  
just as their wonderful lives  
point the way to salvation for us all.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

We bring you these sacrificial gifts, O Lord,  
to commemorate blessed N.,  
humbly entreating,  
that they may bestow on us  
both pardon and salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mt 13:45-46

The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant  
who travels in search of fine pearls,  
and who on finding one of great price  
sold everything and bought it (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

May the working of this divine Sacrament  
enlighten and inflame us, almighty God,  
on this feast day of blessed N.,  
that we may be ever fervent with holy desires  
and abound in good works.  
Through Christ our Lord.

2

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Prov 14:1-2

Behold a wise woman who has built her house.  
She feared the LORD and walked in the right path (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

O God, the exaltation of the lowly,  
who willed that blessed N. should excel  
in the beauty of her charity and patience,  
grant, through her merits and intercession,  
that carrying our cross each day,  
we may always persevere in love for you.  
Through our Lord.



Or:

Pour out upon us, Lord,  
the spirit of knowledge and love of you  
with which you filled your handmaid blessed N.,  
so that, serving you sincerely in imitation of her,  
we may be pleasing to you  
by our faith and our works.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings  
Look with favor, O Lord,  
on the sacrificial offering of your people,  
and what they devoutly celebrate  
in honor of blessed N.,  
may they experience in its power to save.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 12:50

Whoever does the will of my heavenly Father  
is my brother, and sister, and mother, says the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

We are replenished, O Lord, with the gifts  
we have received on the feast day of blessed N.;  
grant, we pray,  
that we may be purified by their effects  
and strengthened by the help they bring.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## RITUAL MASSES

Ritual Masses are prohibited on the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, on Solemnities, on days within the Octave of Easter, on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), on Ash Wednesday and on the weekdays of Holy Week. The norms given in the ritual books and in connection with the Masses themselves are to be observed.

## I. FOR THE CONFERRAL OF THE SACRAMENTS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

All the prayers given for a man may be adapted for a woman, with the necessary change of gender, or adapted for several individuals, with the necessary change to the plural.

### 1. FOR THE ELECTION OR ENROLLMENT OF NAMES

The rite of "election" or "enrollment of names" for catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil should be celebrated during the Mass of the First Sunday of Lent (pp. 000-000). If, for pastoral reasons, it is celebrated apart from this Sunday, the Mass that follows may be used with the color violet on any day except those listed in nos. 1-4 of the Table of Liturgical Days. The Mass of the Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent may also be used (pp. 000-000).

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the LORD rejoice;  
turn to the LORD and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

Collect

O God, who though you are ever the cause  
of the salvation of the human race  
now gladden your people  
with grace in still greater measure,  
look mercifully, we pray, upon your chosen ones,  
that your compassionate and protecting help  
may defend both those yet to be born anew  
and those already reborn.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Almighty everlasting God,  
who restore us by the Sacrament of Baptism  
to eternal life as we confess your Name,  
receive, we beseech you,  
the offerings and prayers of your servants  
and command that those who hope in you  
may have their desires fulfilled  
and their sins canceled out.  
Through Christ our Lord.

The Preface of the current liturgical time is said.

Communion Antiphon

Eph 1:7

In Christ, we have redemption by his blood,  
and forgiveness of our sins, in accord with the riches of his grace.

Prayer after Communion

May this Sacrament we have received  
purify us, we pray, O Lord;  
and grant your servants freedom from all blame,  
that those bound by a guilty conscience  
may glory in fullness of heavenly remedy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## 2. FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE SCRUTINIES

These Masses may be used with the color violet when the Scrutinies for the catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil are celebrated at the time proper for them, namely, on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. If, however, for pastoral reasons, the Scrutinies cannot take place on these Sundays, other appropriate weekdays may be chosen in Lent, or, whenever Baptism is to be conferred outside the Easter Vigil, also at other times of the year. Nevertheless, in the first Mass of the Scrutinies, the Gospel of the Samaritan Woman is always read, in the second, that of the Man born blind, in the third, that of Lazarus, as given respectively for the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent.

### A

#### For the First Scrutiny

##### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ez 36:23-26

When I display my holiness among you  
I shall gather you from all the lands  
and pour clean water upon you,  
and you will be made clean of all your impurities,  
and I shall give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

Or:

Cf. Is 55:1

Come to the waters, you who are thirsty, says the Lord;  
you who have no money, come and drink joyfully.

##### Collect

Grant, we pray, O Lord,  
that these chosen ones may come worthily and wisely  
to the confession of your praise,  
so that in accordance with that first dignity  
which they lost by original sin  
they may be fashioned anew through your glory.  
Through our Lord.

##### Prayer over the Offerings

May your merciful grace prepare your servants, O Lord,  
for the worthy celebration of these mysteries,  
and lead them to it by a devout way of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

The Preface of the Third Sunday of Lent is said (p. 000).

When the Roman Canon is used, in the section *Meménto, Domine* (Remember, Lord, your servants) there is a commemoration of the godparents, and the proper form of *Hanc ígitur* (Therefore, Lord, we pray), is said.

Proper form of *Meménto, Domine* (Remember, Lord, your servants):

Remember, Lord, your servants  
who are to present your chosen ones  
for the holy grace of your Baptism,

Here the names of the godparents are read out.  
and all gathered here,  
whose faith and devotion are known to you...

Proper form of *Hanc ígitur* (Therefore, Lord, we pray):

Therefore, Lord, we pray:  
graciously accept this oblation  
which we make to you for your servants,  
whom you have been pleased  
to enroll, choose and call for eternal life  
and for the blessed gift of your grace.  
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

When Eucharistic Prayer II is used, after the words and all the clergy, the following is added:

Remember also, Lord, your servants  
who are to present these chosen ones  
at the font of rebirth.

When Eucharistic Prayer III is used, after the words the entire people you have gained for your own, the following is added:

Assist your servants with your grace,  
O Lord, we pray,  
that they may lead these chosen ones by word and example  
to new life in Christ, our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 4:14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,  
the water I shall give will become in him a spring  
welling up to eternal life.

Prayer after Communion

Give help, O Lord, we pray,  
by the grace of your redemption  
and be pleased to protect and prepare  
those you are to initiate  
through the Sacraments of eternal life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

B  
For the Second Scrutiny

## Entrance Antiphon

Ps 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the LORD,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

## Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
give to your Church  
an increase in spiritual joy,  
so that those once born of earth  
may be reborn as citizens of heaven.  
Through our Lord.

## Prayer over the Offerings

We bring you with joy these offerings,  
which bring eternal remedy, O Lord,  
praying that we may both worthily revere them  
and present them to you, as is fitting,  
for those in need of salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

The Preface of the Fourth Sunday of Lent is said (p. 000).

The commemoration of the godparents in the Eucharistic Prayers takes place as above (p. 000) and, if the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of *Hanc igitur* (Therefore, Lord, we pray) is said, as in the First Scrutiny (p. 000).

## Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 9:11, 38

The Lord anointed my eyes;  
I went and I washed;  
I saw and I believed in God.

## Prayer after Communion

Sustain your family always in your kindness,  
O Lord, we pray,  
correct it, set it in order,  
protect it graciously under your rule,  
and in your unfailing goodness  
direct it along the way of salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.



C  
For the Third Scrutiny

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 17:5-7

The waves of death rose about me;  
the snares of the grave surrounded me.  
In my anguish I called to the LORD;  
and from his temple he heard my voice.

## Collect

Grant, O Lord, to these chosen ones  
that, instructed in the holy mysteries,  
they may receive new life at the font of Baptism  
and be numbered among the members of your Church.  
Through our Lord.

## Prayer over the Offerings

Hear us, almighty God,  
and grant that these your servants,  
in whom you have instilled  
the first fruits of the Christian faith,  
may be purified by the working of this sacrifice.  
Through Christ our Lord.

The Preface of the Fifth Sunday of Lent is said (pp. 000-000).

The commemoration of the godparents in the Eucharistic Prayers takes place as above (p. 000) and, if the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of *Hanc igitur* (Therefore, Lord, we pray) is said, as in the First Scrutiny (p. 000).

## Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 11:26

Everyone who lives and believes in me  
will never die, says the Lord.

## Prayer after Communion

May your people be at one,  
O Lord, we pray,  
and in wholehearted submission to you  
obtain this grace:  
that, safe from all distress,  
they may readily live out  
their joy at being saved  
and remember in loving prayer  
those to be reborn.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### 3. FOR THE CONFERRAL OF BAPTISM

The Sacraments of Christian Initiation are usually conferred on adults during the Vigil of the Holy Night of Easter. If, however, they are celebrated apart from the Paschal Solemnity because of necessity, this Mass may be used with the color white or a festive color on days when Ritual Masses are permitted.

This Mass may also be said for the conferral of the Baptism of infants, under the same conditions.

In this Mass, the Penitential Act, the Kyrie and the Creed are omitted. The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest), however, is said.

#### A

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Eph 4:24

Put on the new man,  
created in the image of God  
in righteousness and holiness of truth (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

O God, who bring us to participate in the mystery  
of the Passion and Resurrection of your Son,  
grant, we pray,  
that, strengthened by the spirit of adoption as your children,  
we may always walk in newness of life.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, who have graciously gathered into  
your priestly people  
those you have conformed to the likeness of your Son  
(and perfected with the seal of chrism),  
be pleased, we ask you, to look upon them  
as acceptable sacrifices  
and to receive them favorably  
together with the offerings of your Church.  
Through Christ our Lord.

During Easter Time, Preface II of Easter (p. 000) may be used, and during other periods of the year, Preface I of the Sundays in Ordinary Time (p. 000).

When the Roman Canon is used, in the section, *Meménto Domine* (Remember, Lord, your servants), there is a commemoration of the godparents:

Remember, Lord, your servants  
who have presented your chosen ones  
for the holy grace of your Baptism,

Here the names of the godparents are read out.

and all gathered here,  
whose faith and devotion are known to you...

In the Eucharistic Prayers, a commemoration of the newly baptized is included according to these formulas:

a) In Eucharistic Prayer I, the proper form of *Hanc igitur* (Therefore, Lord, we pray) is said:

Therefore, Lord, we pray:  
graciously accept this oblation of our service,  
that of your whole family,  
which we offer you  
also for those to whom you have been pleased to give  
the new birth of water and the Holy Spirit,  
granting them forgiveness of all their sins  
so as to find them in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
command, we pray, that their names be written  
in the book of the living.  
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

b) In the intercessions of Eucharistic Prayer II, after the words and all the clergy, the following is added:

Remember also, Lord, the newly baptized  
who, through Baptism (and Confirmation),  
have today been joined to your family,  
that they may follow Christ, your Son,  
with a generous heart and a willing spirit.  
Remember also our brothers and sisters...

c) In the intercessions of Eucharistic Prayer III, after the words whom you have summoned before you, the following is added:

Strengthen, we pray, in their holy purpose  
your servants who by the cleansing waters of rebirth  
(and the bestowing of the Holy Spirit)  
have today been joined to your people,  
and grant that they may always walk in newness of life.  
In your compassion, O merciful Father,  
gather to yourself all your children  
scattered throughout the earth.  
To our departed brothers and sisters...

d) In the intercessions of Eucharistic Prayer IV, the commemoration of the newly baptized is inserted in this way:

Therefore, Lord, remember now  
all for whom we offer you this sacrifice:  
especially your servant N. our Pope,  
N. our Bishop, and the whole Order of Bishops,  
and all the clergy.  
Be mindful, too, of those who take part in this offering,  
those gathered here before you,  
especially the newly baptized,  
whom today you have brought to new birth  
by water and the Holy Spirit,  
your entire people,  
and all who seek you with a sincere heart.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. 1 Jn 3:1

See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called and may truly be  
the children of God (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that, nourished with the Sacrament of your Son's Body and Blood,  
we may grow in the communion of his Spirit  
and in love for one another,  
and so, through ardent charity,  
reach the full stature of the Body of Christ.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

B

Entrance Antiphon

Tit 3:5, 7

God has saved us through the bath  
that gives rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit,  
that justified by his grace we may become heirs  
with the hope of eternal life (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

O God, who bring us to rebirth by the word of life,  
grant that, accepting it with a sincere heart,  
we may be eager to live by the truth  
and may bear abundant fruits of fraternal charity.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Open the door to your supper, O Lord,  
for those who approach the bread that is prepared  
and the wine that has been mixed,  
so that, celebrating the heavenly banquet with gladness,  
we may be numbered as fellow citizens of the Saints  
and members of your household.  
Through Christ our Lord.

During the Easter Time, Preface II of Easter (p. 000) may be used, and during other periods of the year, Preface I of the Sundays in Ordinary Time I (p. 000).

In the Eucharistic Prayers there are proper intercessions (pp. 000-000).

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. 1 Jn 3:2

Now we are God's children,  
and what we shall be has not yet been revealed (E.T. alleluia).

### Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord,  
that by the power of this Sacrament  
we, who have proclaimed in celebration  
the glorious mystery of your Son's Death and Resurrection,  
may also profess it by our manner of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

#### 4. FOR THE CONFERRAL OF CONFIRMATION

This Mass is used, with the color red or white, or a festive color, at the conferral of Confirmation on days when Ritual Masses are permitted. The *Glória in excélsis* (Glory to God in the highest) is said. The Creed, however, is omitted.

##### A

Entrance Antiphon

Ez 36:25-26

Thus says the Lord:

I will pour clean water upon you  
and I will give you a new heart;  
a new spirit I will place within you (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty and merciful God,  
that the Holy Spirit coming near  
and dwelling graciously within us,  
may make of us a perfect temple of his glory.  
Through our Lord.

Or:

Fulfill for us your gracious promise,  
O Lord, we pray, so that by his coming  
the Holy Spirit may make us witnesses before the world  
to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

Other prayers to be used at choice (p. 000).

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive in your mercy, O Lord,  
the prayers of your servants,  
and grant that,  
being conformed more perfectly to your Son,  
they may grow steadily in bearing witness to him  
as they share in the memorial of his redemption,  
by which he gained for us your Holy Spirit.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Holy Spirit (pp. 000-000) or Preface II (p. 000) may be used.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of *Hanc igitur* (Therefore, Lord, we pray) is said:

Therefore, Lord, we pray:  
graciously accept this oblation of our service,  
that of your whole family,  
which we offer you  
also for those reborn in Baptism,  
whom you have been pleased to confirm  
by bestowing the Holy Spirit:  
in your mercy, we pray, keep safe in them your grace.  
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

When Eucharistic Prayer II is used, after the words and all the clergy, the following is added:

Remember also, Lord, your servants  
whom you have been pleased to confirm today  
by bestowing the Holy Spirit:  
keep them, we pray, in your grace.

When Eucharistic Prayer III is used, after the words the entire people you have gained for your own, the following is added:

Remember also, Lord,  
your servants reborn in Baptism  
whom you have been pleased to confirm  
by bestowing the Holy Spirit:  
in your mercy, we pray, keep safe in them your grace.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Heb 6:4

Rejoice in the Lord,  
all you who have been enlightened,  
who have tasted the gift from heaven  
and have been made sharers in the Holy Spirit (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

Accompany with your blessing  
from this day forward, O Lord,  
those who have been anointed with the Holy Spirit  
and nourished by the Sacrament of your Son,  
so that, with all trials overcome,  
they may gladden your Church by their holiness  
and through their works and their charity  
foster her growth in the world.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Solemn Blessing at the End of Mass

The Bishop, with hands extended over the newly confirmed, says:

May God the Father almighty bless you,  
whom he has made his adopted sons and daughters  
reborn from water and the Holy Spirit,  
and may he keep you worthy of his fatherly love.

R/. Amen.

May his Only Begotten Son,  
who promised that the Spirit of truth would abide in his Church,  
bless you, and confirm you by his power  
in the confession of the true faith.

R/. Amen.

May the Holy Spirit,  
who kindles the fire of charity in the hearts of disciples,  
bless you and lead you blameless and gathered as one,  
into the joy of the Kingdom of God.

R/. Amen.

And he blesses all the people, adding:

And may almighty God bless all of you who are gathered here:  
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit,

R/. Amen.

Or:

## Prayer over the People

The Bishop, with hands extended over the newly confirmed and the people, says:

Confirm, O God,  
what you have brought about in us,  
and preserve in the hearts of your faithful  
the gifts of the Holy Spirit:  
may they never be ashamed  
to confess Christ crucified before the world  
and by devoted charity  
may they ever fulfill his commands.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit  
come down upon you and remain with you for ever.

R/. Amen.



## B

## Entrance Antiphon

Rom 5:5; cf. 8:11

The love of God has been poured into our hearts  
through the Spirit of God dwelling within us (E.T. alleluia).

## Collect

Graciously pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,  
we pray, O Lord,  
so that, walking in oneness of faith  
and strengthened by the power of his love,  
we may come to the measure of the full stature of Christ.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

Other prayers to be used at choice (p. 000).

## Prayer over the Offerings

Accept graciously these your servants, O Lord,  
together with your Only Begotten Son,  
so that, signed with his Cross and with a spiritual anointing,  
they may constantly offer themselves to you  
in union with him  
and merit each day a greater outpouring of your Spirit.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Holy Spirit (pp. 000-000) or Preface II (p. 000) may be used.

In the Eucharistic Prayers there are proper intercessions (p. 000).

## Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 33:6, 9

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
Taste and see that the LORD is good.  
Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him (E.T. alleluia).

## Prayer after Communion

Instruct, O Lord, in the fullness of the Law  
those you have endowed with the gifts of your Spirit  
and nourished by the Body of your Only Begotten Son;  
that they may constantly show to the world  
the freedom of your adopted children  
and by the holiness of their lives  
exercise the prophetic mission of your people.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Solemn Blessing or Prayer over the People (p. 000).

## C

## Other Prayers to be used if appropriate

## Collect

May the Paraclete who proceeds from you,  
we pray, O Lord,  
enlighten our minds,  
and lead us into all truth,  
just as your Son has promised.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

## Prayer over the Offerings

Accept the oblation of your family,  
we pray, O Lord,  
that those who have received the gift of the Holy Spirit  
may keep safe what they have received  
and come to eternal rewards.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Prayer after Communion

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,  
and in your kindness,  
make those you have nourished  
by this one heavenly bread,  
one in mind and heart.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## II. FOR THE CONFERRAL OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Whenever Holy Anointing is conferred during Mass, on days when Ritual Masses are permitted, the Mass for the Sick (pp. 000-000) may be used with the color white.

All the prayers given for a man may be adapted for a woman, with the necessary change of gender; in addition, those expressed in the plural may be used for individuals, with the necessary change to the singular.

At the end of Mass, a formula of blessing chosen from those that follow may be used.

May God the Father bless you.

R/. Amen.

May the Son of God heal you.

R/. Amen.

May the Holy Spirit shed light upon you.

R/. Amen.

May God guard your body  
and save your soul.

R/. Amen.

May he enlighten your heart  
and lead you to life on high.

R/. Amen.

And may almighty God bless all of you who are gathered here:  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

Or:

May the Lord Jesus Christ be with you to defend you.

R/. Amen.

May he go before you to lead you and behind you to guard you.

R/. Amen.

May he look upon you, keep you safe and bless you.

R/. Amen.

And may almighty God bless all of you who are gathered here:  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

### III. FOR THE ADMINISTERING OF VIATICUM

This Mass may be used with the color white on days when Ritual Masses are permitted.

All the prayers given for a man may be adapted for a woman, with the necessary change of gender; in addition, those expressed in the plural form may be used for individuals, with the necessary change to the singular.

#### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat,  
and satisfied them with honey from the rock (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Cf. Is 53:4

Truly the Lord has borne our infirmities,  
and he has carried our sufferings (E.T. alleluia).

#### Collect

O God, whose Son is for us the way, the truth and the life,  
look lovingly upon your servant N.  
and grant that, trusting in your promises  
and strengthened by the Body of your Son,  
he (she) may journey in peace to your Kingdom.  
Through our Lord.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Look graciously on our sacrifice, holy Father,  
that it may present to you the Paschal Lamb  
whose Passion has unlocked the gates of paradise,  
and by your grace lead your servant N.  
to the gift of eternal life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion Antiphon

Jn 6:54

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
has eternal life, says the Lord,  
and I will raise him on the last day (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Col 1:24

In my flesh I am completing what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ  
on behalf of his body, which is the Church (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

O Lord, eternal health and salvation  
of those who believe in you,  
grant, we pray, that your servant N.,  
renewed by heavenly food and drink,  
may safely reach your Kingdom of light and life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## IV. FOR THE CONFERRAL OF HOLY ORDERS

### 1. FOR THE ORDINATION OF A BISHOP

This Ritual Mass may be used with the color white or a festive color, except on Solemnities, on the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, on days within the Octave of Easter, and on Feasts of the Apostles. When these days occur, the Mass of the day is said.

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#### For the Ordination of one Bishop

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Lk 4:18

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
for he has anointed me  
and sent me to preach the good news to the poor,  
to heal the broken-hearted.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who out of the abundance  
of your untold grace alone  
choose to set your servant and Priest N.  
over your Church of N. on this day,  
grant that he may carry out worthily  
the office of Bishop,  
and, under your governance in all things,  
may he direct by word and example  
the people entrusted to his care.  
Through our Lord.

Or, especially when a non-residential Bishop is ordained:

O God, eternal Shepherd,  
who, governing your flock with watchful care,  
choose to join N., your servant and Priest,  
to the College of Bishops this day,  
grant, we pray, that by his holiness of life  
he may everywhere prove  
to be a true witness to Christ.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

The Creed is said in accordance with the rubrics; the Universal Prayer is omitted.

### Prayer over the Offerings

If the newly ordained Bishop presides at the Liturgy of the Eucharist, he says:

We offer you the sacrifice of praise, O Lord,  
for the deepening of our service of you,  
so that what you have conferred, unworthy as we are,  
you may graciously bring to fulfillment.  
Through Christ our Lord.

If, however, the principal ordaining Bishop presides at the Liturgy of the Eucharist, he says:

May this oblation, O Lord,  
presented for your Church  
and for N., your servant and Bishop,  
become an offering acceptable to you;  
and for the good of the flock,  
may he whom you have raised up  
among your people to be High Priest  
be endowed, by your gift,  
with apostolic virtues.  
Through Christ our Lord.

This Preface may be said:

Preface: The Priesthood of Christ and the ministry of Priests.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For by the anointing of the Holy Spirit  
you constituted your Only Begotten Son  
High Priest of the new and eternal covenant,  
and by your wondrous plan were pleased to decree  
that his one Priesthood should continue in the Church.

For Christ not only adorns with a royal priesthood  
the people he has made his own,  
but with a brother's goodness he also chooses men  
to become sharers in his sacred ministry  
through the laying on of hands.

They are to renew in his Name  
the sacrifice of human redemption,  
to set before your children the paschal banquet,  
to lead your holy people in charity,  
to nourish them with your word,  
and to strengthen them with the Sacraments.

As they give up their lives for you  
and for the salvation of their brothers and sisters,  
they strive to be conformed to the image of Christ himself,  
and offer you a constant witness of faith and love.

And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,  
we, too, give you thanks as in exultation we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Mention of the newly ordained Bishop is made according to the following formulas:

a) In Eucharistic Prayer I, the newly ordained Bishop says the proper form of *Hanc igitur* (Therefore, Lord, we pray):

Therefore, Lord, we pray:  
graciously accept this oblation of our service,  
that of your whole family,  
which we make to you  
for me, too, your unworthy servant,  
whom you have been pleased to raise to the Order of Bishops;  
in your mercy, we pray, keep safe your gifts in me,  
so that what I have received by divine commission  
I may fulfill by divine assistance.  
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

Another Bishop, however, says:

Therefore, Lord, we pray:  
graciously accept this oblation of our service,  
that of your whole family,  
which we make to you  
also for your servant N.,  
whom you have been pleased to raise to the Order of Bishops;  
in your mercy, we pray, keep safe your gifts in him,  
so that what he has received by divine commission  
he may fulfill by divine assistance.  
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)



b) In Eucharistic Prayer II, after the words we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, the newly ordained Bishop says:

Remember, Lord, your Church,  
spread throughout the world,  
and bring her to the fullness of charity,  
together with N. our Pope  
(and N. our Bishop),  
and me, your unworthy servant,  
whom you have willed to provide today as shepherd for the Church (of N.),  
and all the clergy.  
Remember also our brothers and sisters . . .

Another Bishop, however, says:

Remember, Lord, your Church,  
spread throughout the world,  
and bring her to the fullness of charity,  
together with N. our Pope  
and N. our Bishop,  
(and your servant N.),  
whom you have willed to provide today as shepherd for the Church (of N.),  
and all the clergy.  
Remember also our brothers and sisters . . .

c) In Eucharistic Prayer III, after the words advance the peace and salvation of all the world, the newly ordained Bishop says:

Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity  
your pilgrim Church on earth,  
with your servant N. our Pope  
(and N. our Bishop),  
and me, your unworthy servant,  
who have been ordained today as shepherd for the Church (of N.),  
with the Order of Bishops, all the clergy,  
and the entire people you have gained for your own.  
Listen graciously to the prayers of this family . . .

Another Bishop, however, says:

Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity  
your pilgrim Church on earth,  
with your servant N. our Pope  
and N. our Bishop,  
(and your servant N.),  
who has been ordained today as shepherd for the Church (of N.),  
with the Order of Bishops, all the clergy,  
and the entire people you have gained for your own.  
Listen graciously to the prayers of this family . . .

d) If the proper Preface is not used, Eucharistic Prayer IV may be said; in the intercessions of this prayer, after the words to the praise of your glory, the newly ordained Bishop says:

Therefore, Lord, remember now  
all for whom we offer you this sacrifice:  
especially your servant N. our Pope,  
(N. our Bishop),  
and me, your unworthy servant,  
whom today you have been pleased to choose  
for the service of your people,  
with the whole Order of Bishops,  
and all the clergy.  
Be mindful also of those who take part in this offering,  
those gathered here before you,  
your entire people,  
and all who seek you with a sincere heart.  
Remember also  
those who have died in the peace of your Christ . . .

Another Bishop, however, says:

Therefore, Lord, remember now  
all for whom we offer you this sacrifice:  
especially your servant, N. our Pope,  
N. our Bishop,  
(and this your servant N.),  
whom today you have been pleased to choose  
for the service of your people,  
with the whole Order of Bishops,  
and all the clergy.  
Be mindful also of those who take part in this offering,  
those gathered here before you,  
your entire people,  
and all who seek you with a sincere heart.  
Remember also  
those who have died in the peace of your Christ . . .

Communion Antiphon

Jn 17:17-18

Holy Father, consecrate them in the truth.  
As you sent me into the world,  
so I sent them into the world, says the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

### Prayer after Communion

If the newly ordained Bishop presides at the Liturgy of the Eucharist, he says:

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,  
the healing work of your mercy,  
and graciously perfect and sustain us,  
so that in all things we may please you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

If, however, the principal ordaining Bishop presides at the Liturgy of the Eucharist, he says:

By the power of this Sacrament, O Lord,  
increase the gifts of your grace  
in N., your servant and Bishop,  
that he may serve you worthily in the pastoral ministry  
and receive the eternal rewards of a faithful steward.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Solemn Blessing at the End of Mass

If the newly ordained Bishop presides at the Liturgy of the Eucharist, he imparts the following blessing, with hands extended over the people:

O God, who care for your people with gentleness  
and rule them in love,  
endow with the Spirit of wisdom  
those to whom you have handed on authority to govern,  
that from the flourishing of a holy flock  
may come eternal joys for its shepherds.  
R/. Amen.

As in your majestic power  
you allot the number of our days  
and the measure of our years,  
look favorably upon our humble service  
and confer on our time  
the abundance of your peace.  
R/. Amen.

Give a happy outcome to the tasks  
that through your grace you have laid upon me,  
whom you have raised to the rank of Bishop;  
make me pleasing to you in the fulfillment of my duties,  
and so guide the heart of people and pastor,  
that the obedience of the flock may never fail the shepherd  
nor the care of the shepherd be lacking for the flock.  
R/. Amen.

And he blesses all the people, adding:

And may almighty God bless all of you who are gathered here:  
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit,  
R/. Amen.

If, however, the principal ordaining Bishop presides at the Liturgy of the Eucharist, he imparts the following blessing, with hands extended over the newly ordained Bishop:

May the Lord bless you and keep you;  
and as he has willed to set you  
as High Priest over his people,  
so may he make you happy in this present life  
and grant you a share  
in the happiness that is eternal.  
R/. Amen.

May God grant that the clergy and people  
he has chosen to unite by his gracious help  
be happily governed by his providence  
and your stewardship  
for many years to come.  
R/. Amen.

May they obey God's commandments,  
freed from adversity,  
and may they abound in all that is good,  
submitting in faith to your ministry,  
so that they may enjoy  
peace and tranquility in the present age  
and with you be found worthy  
to share the company of the citizens of eternity.  
R/. Amen.

And he blesses all the people, adding:

And may almighty God bless all of you who are gathered here:  
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit,  
R/. Amen.