
The Form of Consecrating a Church.

The Bishop is to be received at the west door, or at some other part of the Church, or Churchyard, which is most convenient for his entrance, by some of the principal inhabitants.

At the place where the Bishop is received, a petition is to be delivered to him by some one of the persons who receive him, praying that he will consecrate the Church.

The Petition is to be read by the Secretary.

The Bishop, his Chaplains, the Preacher, and the Minister who is to read Divine Service, together with the rest of the Clergy, if any other be present, enter the Church, and repair to the Vestry, where, as many as are to officiate put on their several habits; during which time, the Parishioners are to repair to their seats, and the middle ile is to be kept clear.

As soon as the Church is quiet, the Bishop and his Chaplains, with the Preacher and the Minister who is to officiate, and the rest of the Clergy, if any other be present, return to the west door, and go up the middle ile to the Communion Table, repeating the 24th Psalm alternately, as they go up, the Bishop one verse, and they another.

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1. **T**HE 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.

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