

The Bishop may answer, Take heed that the children (or persons) whom you present unto us be sufficiently instructed and duly prepared for the blessing of our Heavenly Father in answer to prayer and through the laying on of hands in confirmation.

The Priest may say: I have instructed them and examined them and believe them so to be.

The Bishop may say: Brethren, in the name of the Lord we bid these children (or these persons) welcome who are presented to us by your clergyman as having been sufficiently instructed and prepared for the blessing of the Lord in confirmation.

The Bishop shall then direct that the Pre'ace be read.

Hymns suitable before the laying on of hands:

THE DEDICATION OF A BIBLE AND LECTERN.

O Blessed Lord, who graciously acceptest the gifts of Thy people for the improvement of Thy House, and in memory of Thy faithful servants, we humbly beseech Thee to receive and bless this Lectern and this Bible, and to grant that those who read and those who hear Thy Holy Word from this place may learn to love and worship Thee in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE DEDICATION OF A FONT.

O Lord Jesu Christ, who didst ordain that all of every order and degree in every land should be born in baptism of water and of the spirit, we beseech Thee to