

The Gospel, St. John x., v. 11 to 17, or John ii. v. 13.

11. I am the Good Shepherd : the Good Shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.
12. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth : and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.
13. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.
14. I am the Good Shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.
15. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father : and I lay down my life for the sheep.
16. And 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 Fold and One Shepherd.

After which the Nicene Creed shall be said or sung.

The Sermon.

The Sermon being ended, and the offertory sentences read, and the alms reverently presented by the Bishop, any new Vessels for the Holy Communion shall be brought to the Bishop, who shall humbly present them on the Holy Table, and say the following Prayer :

MOST blessed Lord, accept, we beseech Thee, of the oblation we make unto Thee of these Vessels, which we humbly dedicate to thy Divine Service at thy Holy Table. And as we now give them up wholly to thy use in the ministration of the Holy Communion of Christ's body and blood, so we pray thee to receive them for thine own. Preserve them from being any way profaned ; and being here set apart and consecrated by our office and ministry to thy service, let them always continue to be so employed, through Jesus Christ Our only Lord and Saviour. AMEN.

The Bishop shall then place on the Holy Table, as much bread and wine as he shall think sufficient after which shall be said the Prayer for the whole estate of Christ's Church militant here on earth and, the rest of the service for Holy Communion.