

Then shall the Bishop say :

Take thou (ye) authority to exercise the office of Lay Reader in the Church of God, and mayest thou (ye) a wise setter forth of the Word of God, and mayest thou (ye) by His grace fulfil this thy charge with a pure heart and mind ; and be made partaker of the glory of them who turn many to righteousness.

Hear the words of the Gospel by S. Luke in Ch. iv. at 16 v.

THE BISHOP.—The Lord be with you, etc.

O Thou Good Shepherd of Thy sheep, who wilt not that any should perish, but that all should be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth. Be with these and all Thy servants who are in any way seeking Thy lost sheep in the wilderness of this sinful world ; let Thy love and patience be shown forth in their lives and conversation ; Thy tenderness and compassion in their words and actions, that they may turn many souls to Thee, and kindle in other hearts a desire to serve Thee more actively and earnestly in Thy Church. And grant to us all, that being knit together in one communion and fellowship, we may appear with Thee in everlasting glory.

Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*

BENEDICTION.

INTRODUCTION TO THE ORDER OF CONFIRMATION.

The Bishop sitting in his chair may be addressed by the Priest thus:—

Reverend Father in God, I present unto you these children (or these persons) for the apostolic rite of confirmation.