

your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father Who is in heaven. And as the apostle Paul speaks. In the midst of a depraved and perverse nation, shine like lights in the world, holding fast the word of life. Let, therefore, your loins be girt, and let burning lamps be in your hands, that ye may be the children of light. But what that light is which the Apostle so strongly enjoins, he himself shows by adding, For the fruit of light is in all goodness, and justice, and truth. Be, therefore, careful in all justice, goodness, and truth, that you may enlighten yourselves, and others, and the Church of God. For then will you worthily administer wine and water in the Sacrifice of God, if you yourselves are a sacrifice offered unto God by a chaste life and good works: which may the Lord grant of His mercy.

After this, the Bishop takes a candlestick with an extinguished candle in it, and gives it to all of them, that all may touch it successively with their right hands whilst he says,

Receive the candlestick with the candle, and know that you have been adopted to light the candles of the church in the name of the Lord. R. Amen.

Then he takes and gives them an empty cruet, which in like manner they must touch, saying generally to all,

Receive the cruet to minister wine and water, for the Eucharist of the Blood of Christ, in the name of the Lord. R. Amen.

Afterwards, whilst they still remain kneeling, the Bishop standing with his mitre towards them, says,

Dearly beloved brethren, let us heartily beseech God the Father Almighty, that he may deign to bless these His servants in the order of Acolytes, inasmuch as, bearing before themselves in their hands a visible light, they may also give a spiritual light by their morals, with the assistance of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who, with Him and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, God, for ever and ever. R. Amen.

Then the Bishop turning himself to the altar, and having put down his mitre, says, standing,

Let us pray.

The assistants say,

Let us bend the knee.

R. Arise.

Then the Bishop turning towards them as they kneel, says

Holy Lord, Almighty Father, eternal God, Who by Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, and His Apostles, has sent into this world the light of Thy brightness, and Who, that thou mightest blot out the ancient hand-writing of our death, didst will that he should be nailed to the standard of the most glorious Cross, and that blood and water should flow from His side for the salvation of the human race: deign to bless these Thy servants for the office of Acolytes, that they may faithfully

minister at Thy altars, to furnish light to Thy Church, and to supply wine and water for making the Blood of Christ Thy Son, in the oblation of the Eucharist. Inflame, O Lord, their minds and hearts with the love of Thy grace, that, being enlightened by the face of thy splendour, they may serve Thee in the holy Church. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Let us pray.

Holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, who didst order Moses and Aaron, that the lamp should be lit in the tabernacle of the testimony: deign to bless these Thy servants, that they may be Acolytes in Thy Church. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Let us pray.

Almighty, everlasting God, fountain of light and source of goodness, Who, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, the True Light, has enlightened the world, and by the mystery of His passion has redeemed it: deign to bless these Thy servants, whom we consecrate for the office of Acolytes, begging Thy clemency, that Thou wouldst illumine their minds with the light of knowledge, and water them with the dew of Thy piety, that so they may achieve, with Thy aid, the ministry which they have received, and deserve to attain to an eternal reward, Through the same Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

After this, directed by the Archdeacon, the ordained return to their places.

OF THE ORDINATION OF SUBDEACONS.

The Acolytes being ordained, the Bishop having resumed his mitre, goes to his throne, or to the foldstool on the Epistle side; where sitting with his mitre on they bring him the book and candle, and he reads the fourth Gradual or fourth Alleluia if it be within the Octave of Pentecost. In the mean time the Gradual or Alleluia is sung by the Choir. Which ended, the Bishop rises, and having put away his mitre, and turned to the Altar, sings the fifth Collect. Then he sits and resumes his mitre, and the fifth Lesson is sung. In the mean time two Chaplains with book and candle, draw near to the Bishop who reads the Lesson. Which read, the Bishop returns to his seat before the middle of the Altar; and the Archdeacon turning to them who are to be ordained, says,

Let them who are to be ordained Subdeacons draw near.

And the Notary calls each of them, saying,

N. to the title of N. Church.

N. to the title of his patrimony.

Brother N. professed of the Order N. to the title of poverty.

And so of the others, and each as he is called, says, Present, and goes towards the Bishop.

Every one to be ordained Subdeacon should have, an Amice on, not, however, over his head, an Alb, and a Girdle: in his left hand he should have a Maniple, a Tunicle over his left arm, and a candle in his right hand.

All that are to be ordained Subdeacons, standing and acqui-