

of Lectors. that, by assiduity of reading, they may be instructed and directed, and that they may say what things are to be done, and in work fulfil what they say : that in both, by the examples of their holiness, they may consult the benefit of the Church. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son : Who liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. R. Amen.

Afterwards, directed by the Archdeacon, the ordained return to their places.

OF THE ORDINATION OF EXORCISTS.

The Lectors being ordained, the Bishop, having resumed his mitre, goes to his throne, or to the faldstool on the Epistle side; where, while he sits with his mitre on they bring him the book and candle, and he reads the second Gradual, or second Alleluia if it be within the Octave of Pentecost. In the mean time the Gradual or Alleluia is sung by the choir.-- When ended the Bishop rises, and having put off his mitre, turning to the Altar, sings the third Collect. Then he sits and resumes his mitre. The third Lesson is read. In the mean time two Chaplains draw near before the Bishop with book and candle, and he reads the Lesson. Which ended, he returns to the faldstool before the Altar, and sits with his mitre on. The Exorcists are called by the Archdeacon in the usual manner:

Let them who are to be ordained to the office of Exorcists draw near.

And they are one by one called by name by the Notary as above. When they kneel down before the Bishop with candles in their hands, he admonishes them, saying,

Dearly beloved children, ye who are about to be ordained for the office of Exorcists, ought to know what you undertake. For the duty of an Exorcist is to cast out devils, and to tell the people that he who does not communicate should give place, and likewise to pour out water is part of his ministration. You receive, therefore, power to place your hands on the possessed, and by the imposition of your hands, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and by the words of exorcism, the foul spirits are banished, from defile bodies possessed. Study, therefore, that as you expel devils from the bodies of others, so you may cast out all wickedness and uncleanness from your own bodies; lest ye succumb to them whom you drive away from others by your ministry. Learn by your office to subdue vice, lest there be any thing in your manners which the enemy should be able to claim as his. For then rightly will you command devils in others, when first you overcome their manifold wickedness in yourselves. Which may God grant you to do by His Holy Spirit.

After this, the Bishop gives them the book, of Exorcisms which they touch with their right hands, and says,

Receive and commit it to memory, and have power to place your hands on the possessed, either baptized or catechumens.

Afterwards, when all are devoutly kneeling, the Bishop standing with his mitre on, says,

Dearly beloved brethren, let us humbly beseech

God, the Father Almighty, that He may deign to bless these His servants for the office of Exorcists: that they may be spiritual rulers for casting out devils from bodies possessed, together with all their manifold wickedness. Through His only Son our Lord Jesus Christ: who, together with Him, liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. R. Amen.

Then laying down his mitre, and turning to the Altar, he says,

Let us pray.

The assistants add,

Let us bend the knee.

R. Arise.

And then, turning to those ordained whilst they are on their knees, he says,

Holy Lord, Father Almighty, eternal God, deign to bless these Thy servants for the office of Exorcists: that through the imposition of hands and their oral ministry, they may have power and command to restrain unclean spirits; that they may be approved physicians of Thy Church, being confirmed by the grace of healing and heavenly power. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son: Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, for ever and ever. R. Amen.

Then those ordained, directed by the Archdeacon, return to their places.

OF THE ORDINATION OF THE ACOLYTES.

The Exorcists being ordained, the Bishop having resumed his mitre, goes to his throne or to the faldstool on the Epistle side; where sitting with his mitre on, when they bring him the book and candle he reads the third Gradual, or the third 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 taken off his mitre, turning to the Altar, sings the fourth Collect. Then he sits, resumes his mitre, and the fourth Lesson is sung. In the mean time two Chaplains draw near with book and candle before the Bishop, who reads the Lesson. Which read, the Bishop returns to the faldstool before the Altar, where he sits with his mitre on. The Acolytes are called by the Archdeacon.

Let them who are to be ordained to the office of Acolyte draw near.

Then they are called by name by the Notary, as above.— When they kneel down before the Bishop with candles in their hands, he admonishes them, saying,

Dearly beloved children, ye who are about to take upon you the office of Acolytes, weigh what you undertake. It is the duty of Acolyte to carry the candlestick, to light the candles of the Church, to administer wine and water for the Eucharist. Endeavour, therefore, worthily to acquit yourselves in the office you have undertaken. For you will not be able to please God, if, bearing in your hands the light before Him, you should serve the works of darkness, and by this give examples to others of bad faith. But as the Truth saith, Let