

Our Father, &c.

¶ *Bishop, or Minister,*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who didst lay in Zion a precious Corner-Stone, not made with hands, bless this stone, for the foundation of this house to be erected to the Glory of thy Holy Name, and grant that they who shall faithfully offer to Thee of their substance for the furtherance of this pious work, may be preserved in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Person who lays the Stone shall say,*

IN the faith of Jesus Christ, we lay the foundation stone, in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

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HERE let true faith, the fear of God, and brotherly love, ever remain; this place is dedicated to prayer, and to the praise of our most holy Saviour Jesus Christ, who ever liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Here a Hymn may be sung.*

Let us pray.

O GOD, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, sanctify

and build up these walls to thy honor and glory Let the light of thy holy presence ever shine upon them. And may thy Holy Church, built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone, fitly framed together, and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, grow unto a Holy Temple in the Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, who wisely orderest all things, both in heaven and earth; to thy merciful protection we commend the workmen employed in this building. Let thy fatherly hand ever be over them; keep them from all evil, accident, hurt or hindrance, and from all unfaithful, profane, or unholy words or deeds; that the work now begun, may by thy blessing on their labor, be brought to a happy end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ASSIST us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Address.*

¶ *Hymn.*

¶ *Benediction.*