

Then he mingles the salt with the water, saying:—

‘May this salt and water be mixed together, in the name of the Father, † and of the Son, † and of the Holy † Ghost. Amen.

V. ‘The Lord be with you.

A. ‘And with thy spirit.

‘Let us pray.

‘O God, the author of invincible power, King of an empire that cannot be overcome, and for ever magnificently triumphant; who restrainest the forces of the adversary, who defeatest the fury of the roaring enemy, who mightily conquerest his malicious wiles: we pray and beseech thee, O Lord, with dread and humility, to regard with a favourable countenance, this creature of salt and water, to enlighten it with thy bounty, and to sanctify it with the dew of thy fatherly goodness, that wheresoever it shall be sprinkled, all infestation of the unclean spirit may depart, and all fear of the venomous serpent may be chased away, through the invocation of thy holy name; and that the presence of the Holy Ghost may be everywhere with us; who seek thy mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ; &c.

The water having been thus blessed, the Bishop approaches the middle cross, and having been unmitred, he begins the following antiphon in the 7th tone, which is taken up by the choir.

Thou wilt sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop and I shall be cleansed; thou shalt wash me and I shall be made whiter than snow.

After which, the whole of the 50th

Psalm. Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy, &c., with glory be to the Father, &c. at the end is sung, and the above antiphon repeated.

During the Antiphon and Psalm the Bishop having received the mitre, goes round and walks through the whole extent of the cemetery, beginning at the right, and sprinkles the Blessed Water throughout. Having gone through the entire he returns to the Cross which is before the large cross and unmitred, says—

Let us pray.

O God, the Creator of the universe, Redeemer of mankind, and admirable disposer of all creatures, visible and invisible, we beseech Thee, with suppliant voice and pure heart, that thou would vouchsafe to purify, to bless †, and sanctify † this cemetery, wherein after the career of this life the bodies of thy servants are destined to repose; and also that Thou who through thy great mercy grantest the remission of all their sins to those who confide in Thee, wouldst give to their bodies which rest in this burial place, awaiting the sound of the Archangels trumpet, the full enjoyment of eternal felicity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

He then incenses the Cross, and places on its summit one of the three lighted candles. He also places the two others on the two arms of the cross. Which being done, he advan-