

for the people ; intercede for the clergy ; make supplication for the devout female sex ; let all experience thy help, who celebrate thy holy commemoration.

V. Pray for us, O holy mother of God !

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech thee, O Lord God ! that we, thy servants, may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body ; and that by the glorious intercession of Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, we may be delivered from present sorrows, and come to eternal joys, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Then is said one of the following Anthems according to the time :

The Anthem from the first Sunday of Advent to the Purification, inclusively.

Alma Redemptoris.

MOTHER of Jesus, Heaven's open gate,
Star of the sea, support the fallen state
Of mortals ; thou whose womb thy Maker
bore,

And yet, strange thing, a virgin as before ;
Who didst from Gabriel's hail, this news re-
ceive,

Repenting sinners by thy prayers relieve.