

The Bishop rises, and all the others kneel, while he says,

O God the Author of all sanctification, to Whom belong true consecration and the fulness of blessing; do Thou, O Lord, pour down upon these Thy servants the grace of Thy blessing that by the gravity of their actions and the example of their lives they may prove themselves elders, based upon the teaching which Paul taught to Titus and Timothy; that meditating on Thy law by day and night they may believe what they read, teach what they believe, and imitate what they teach; that they may shew in themselves an example of justice, constancy, and mercy, and the other virtues; by their admonishing may confirm others in the same; that they may preserve pure and unspotted the gift of their ministry, and for the good of Thy people may their immaculate blessing change bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Thy Son; and that by their unshaken charity they may rise with a pure conscience, a lively faith and full of the Holy Ghost in the day of the just and eternal judgment of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. Through the same Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. R. Amen.

Then the Bishop, without his mitre, turns to the Altar, and begins the following hymn, which is continued by the Choir,

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator come,
From Thy celestial Throne:
Come, take possession of our souls,
And make them all thine own.

Thou Who art call'd the Paraclete,
The Gift of God above;
The living Spring, the Heavenly Fire,
Sweet: Unction, Light, and Love.

Thou Who art sevenfold in Thy grace;
Finger of God's right hand;
His Promise, teaching little ones
To speak and understand.

Oh! guide our minds with Thy blest light,
With love our hearts inflame,
And with Thy strength, which ne'er decays,
Confirm our mortal frame.

Grant us Thy peace from Ghostly foes,
Thy servants, Lord, defend;
And lest from Thee our steps should stray,
Thy saving guidance lend.

Through Thee may we the Father know,
Through Thee the eternal Son,
And Thee the Spirit of Them both,
Thrice blessed Three in One.

All glory to the Father be,
And to His risen Son,
The like to Thee, great Paraclete,
While endless ages run.
Amen.

While the last six verses are being sung the Bishop anoints the hands of all those to be ordained, while they kneel before him in the form of a cross, saying,

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to consecrate and sanctify this unction and our blessing. R. Amen.

Then making the sign of the cross upon the hands of each one, he says,

That whatsoever they shall bless, may be blessed; and whatsoever they shall consecrate may be consecrated and sanctified, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. R. Amen.

The Bishop now closes the hands of each, which are tied with white linen by one of his attendants.

On giving the Communion with wine and water, and the Paten with a host therein, the Bishop says,

Receive thou the power of offering sacrifice to God, and of celebrating Mass, as well for the living as for the dead. R. Amen.

Here the Bishop washes his hands, after which he returns to his throne, on the faldstool on the Epistle side of the Altar, where, sitting with his mitre on, he reads the last verse of the Tract, Sequence, or Alleluia, which is also sung by the Choir. The Gospel is sung by one of the newly ordained Deacons, and the Mass proceeds according to the customary order. After the offertory the Bishop sitting at the faldstool receives of each of the newly ordained Priests, Deacons, and others, according to their order, the offering of lighted candles, which they present to him, two and two, humbly kneeling upon their knees. The faldstool is now removed, and the Bishop proceeds with the Mass. And those who have been ordained Priests, kneeling before the Altar, repeat the service of the Mass after the Bishop, who reads it in a voice sufficiently audible to be heard by them.

The Secret for the ordained, which is said with the Secret of the day, is,

Do Thou, O Lord, we beseech Thee, so work in Thy mysteries, that we may offer unto Thee these gifts with worthy mind's. Through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. R. Amen.

After the prayer 'Domine Jesu Christe,' the Bishop kisses the Altar, and gives the Pax to one of them who have been ordained, saying, Pax tecum. He replies, Et cum spiritu tuo, and then gives the Pax to the next of those who have been ordained, who again gives it to the next, and so on till all have received it.

After the Bishop has communicated himself, but before he has received the ablutions, the Priests, Deacons, and Subdeacons come and kneel before the Altar. Then the Bishop after having made a reverence to the Sacrament, turns to them from the Gospel side, while the Deacons and Subdeacons say with a humble voice,

I confess to God, &c.

The Bishop,

May Almighty God be merciful unto you, forgive your sins, and bring you to life everlasting. R. Amen.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and absolution and remission of all your sins. R. Amen.

The Priests do not say the Confession or receive the Absolution as they celebrate with the Bishop.

Those who have been ordained new go to the highest step