

*Then the Bishop kneeling, says the following prayer.*

**O** ETERNAL God, mighty in power, and of majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands, and who yet hast been graciously pleased to promise thy especial presence in whatever place even two or three of thy faithful servants shall assemble in thy name, to offer up their praises and supplications unto thee; vouchsafe, O Lord, to be present with us, who are here gathered together, with all humility and readiness of heart, to consecrate this place to the honour of thy great name; separating it from henceforth from all unhallowed, ordinary, and common uses, and dedicating it to thy service, for reading thy holy word, for celebrating thy holy sacraments, for offering to thy Glorious Majesty the sacrifices of prayer and thanksgiving, for blessing thy people in thy name, and for the performance of all other holy ordinances: Accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and bless it with such success, as may tend most to thy glory, and the furtherance of our happiness both temporal and spiritual, thro' Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

*After this, let the Bishop stand up, and turning his face toward the Congregation, say :*

**R**EGARD, O Lord, the supplications of thy servants; and grant, that whosoever shall be dedicated to thee in this house by baptism, may be sanctified with the holy ghost, delivered from thy wrath and eternal death, and received as a living member of Christ's church, and may ever remain in the number of thy faithful and elect children. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that they who at this place shall in their own persons renew the promises and vows made by their sureties for them at their baptism, and thereupon shall be confirmed by the Bishop, may receive such a measure of thy holy spirit, that they may be enabled faithfully to fulfil the same, and grow in grace unto their lives end. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall receive in this place the blessed sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, may come to that holy ordi-