

APPENDIX 1

PRAYERS OF PREPARATION

Priest: ✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Servers: Amen.

Priest: I will go unto the altar of God.

Servers: Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

At Masses for the Dead and during Passiontide, the following Psalm is omitted.

Psalm 43. Iudica me, Deus

Priest: Give sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people; O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

Ministers: For thou art the God of my strength; why hast thou put me from thee? and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresses me?

Priest: O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

Ministers: And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness; and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.

Priest: Why art thou so heavy, O my soul? and why art thou so disquieted within me?

Ministers: O put thy trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Priest: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Ministers: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Priest: I will go unto the altar of God.

Ministers: Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

Priest: Our help is in the ✠ Name of the Lord.

Ministers: Who hath made heaven and earth.

At the discretion of the Priest, the following forms of the *Confiteor* may be omitted, and the Preparatory Prayers may continue then with the versicle, Wilt thou not turn again.

Priest: I confess to Almighty God, to Blessed Mary ever-Virgin, to Blessed Michael the Archangel, to Blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, brethren, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed; [he strikes his breast thrice] by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Wherefore I beg Blessed Mary ever-Virgin, Blessed Michael the Archangel, Blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brethren, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Ministers: May Almighty God have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life.

Priest: Amen.

The Priest then stands upright, and the Ministers repeat:

Ministers: I confess to Almighty God, to Blessed Mary ever-Virgin, to Blessed Michael the Archangel, to Blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to thee, Father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed; [they strike their breast thrice] by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Wherefore I beg Blessed Mary ever-Virgin, Blessed Michael the Archangel, Blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Angels and Saints, and thee, Father, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life.

Ministers: Amen.

Priest: The almighty and merciful Lord grant unto us pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of our sins.

Ministers: Amen.

Priest: Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, O God?

Ministers: That thy people may rejoice in thee.

Priest: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Ministers: And grant us thy salvation.

Priest: O Lord, hear my prayer.

Ministers: **And let my cry come unto thee.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Ministers: **And with thy spirit.**

Priest: Let us pray.

If the Preparation is prayed in the sacristy, the Priest, with hands joined, concludes:

MOST gracious God, incline thy merciful ears unto our prayers, and enlighten our hearts by the grace of the Holy Spirit: that we may be found meet to serve thy holy Mysteries; and worthy to love thee with eternal charity; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

APPENDIX 6

THE LAST GOSPEL

The Priest may recite the Last Gospel immediately after the Dismissal.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And with thy spirit.**

✠ The Beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.

R. **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. **[Genuflect]** And the Word was made flesh, **[Rise]** and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

The People respond: Thanks be to God.