

Preparation at the Foot of the Altar

Opening Versicle

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

Ministers *Amen.*

The Psalm

¶ *The Priest and the Ministers recite Psalm 43 and its Antiphon responsively, except that the Psalm is omitted before Requiem Masses, and during Passiontide.*

Ÿ. I will go unto the altar of God,

℞. *Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.*

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

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

3 O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, * and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling;

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

5 Why art thou so heavy, O my soul? * and why art thou so disquieted within me?

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son; * and to the Holy Ghost.

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

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The Confessions

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

℞. *Who hath made heaven and earth.*

¶ *The Priest and the Ministers make their several confessions.*

Priest I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Virgin Mary, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to blessed Stephen, to all the Saints, and to you, my brothers, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Wherefore I beg blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, blessed Stephen, all the Saints, and you, my brothers, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

Priest Amen.

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Ministers Amen.

The Absolution

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

Ministers Amen.

The Suffrages

Ÿ. Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, O God?

℞. *That thy people may rejoice in thee.*

Ÿ. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

℞. *And grant us thy salvation.*

Ÿ. O Lord, hear my prayer.

℞. *And let my cry come unto thee.*

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

℞. *And with thy spirit.*

¶ *The Priest may conclude with the following prayer.*

Let us pray.

Put away our iniquities far from us, O Lord, we beseech thee, that with pure hearts and minds we may be worthy to enter into the Holy of holies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*