

BENEDICTION - ADVENT

Tantum ergo Sacramentum veneremur cernui
Et antiquum documentum, novo cedat ritui.
Praestet fides supplementum sensuum defectui.

Genitori, genitoque laus et jubilatio;
Salus, honor, virtus, quoque sit, et benedictio.
Procedenti ab utroque, compar sit laudatio. Amen.

Therefore we bow before this great Sacrament
And the ancient text yields to become the new rite.
Lend us faith to supply the deficiencies of our senses.

To the Father and the Son together be praise and jubilation;
Health, honour, virtue also be, and blessing.
And to Him who proceeds from both, similarly, be praise. Amen.

Minister Panem de cælo præstisti eis
You have given your people bread from heaven.

All Omne delectamentum in se habentem.
The bread which is full of all goodness.

Minister Oremus / Let us pray

O God, who in this wonderful sacrament has left us a memorial of your passion.
Help us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood
That we may always experience in our lives the effects of your redemption.
Who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

The minister puts on the humeral veil, genuflects, and takes the monstrance. He makes the sign of the Cross over the people in silence. He then returns the monstrance to the altar, kneels before it and leads the people in the Divine Praises:

Minister

Blessed be God.
Blessed be his holy name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.
Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be his most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her spouse most chaste.
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

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The minister now replaces the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle.

Meanwhile, the people may sing or say an acclamation:

Adoremus in aeternum sanctissimum Sacramentum.
Laudate Dominum omnes gentes;
laudate eum omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordiam ejus;
et veritas Domini manet in æternum.
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto,
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula sæculorum. Amen.

*Let us adore for ever the most holy Sacrament.
Praise the Lord, all nations;
praise him, all peoples.*

*For his mercy is confirmed upon us,
and the truth of the Lord lives for ever.
Glory to the Father, & to the Son, & to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

After reposition, it is commendable for the minister to lead the congregation to an image of the Blessed Virgin for a hymn or antiphon in her honour, followed by a prayer.

We pray together one of the following prayers:

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us, sinners, now and at the hour of our death. **Amen.**

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary for England

O blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother,
look down in mercy upon England thy "Dowry" and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee.
By thee it was that Jesus our Saviour and our hope was given unto the world;
and He has given thee to us that we might hope still more.

Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the Cross, O sorrowful Mother.
Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the supreme
Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son.

Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith fruitful in good works we may all deserve to see and praise God,
together with thee, in our heavenly home. **Amen.**

The Memorare

Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary, that it is a thing unheard of, that anyone that ever had recourse to
your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, and was left forsaken.
Filled therefore with confidence in your goodness, I fly to you, O Mother, Virgin of virgins. To you I come,
before you I stand a sorrowful sinner. Despise not my poor words, O Mother of the Word of God, but
graciously hear and answer my prayer. **Amen.**

Hail Holy Queen

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy. Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate,
Thine eyes of mercy toward us: and after this, our exile, show unto us
the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Minister Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:
All **that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

O Holy Virgin, in the midst of your days of glory, do not forget the sorrows of this earth.
Cast a merciful glance upon those who are suffering and struggling against difficulties.
Have pity on those who love each other and are separated. Have pity on our rebellious hearts.
Have pity on our weak faith. Have pity on those we love.
Have pity on those who weep, on those who pray and on those who fear.
Grant hope and peace to all. **Amen.**

Marian Anthem (from Advent 1 until Candlemas Eve)

We sing:

Alma Redemptoris Mater, quæ pèrvia cæli
Porta manes, et stella maris, succùrre cadénti,
Súrgere qui curat pòpulo: tu quæ genuísti,
Natùra miránte, tuum sanctum Genítórem
Virgo prius ac postérius, Gabríelis ab ore
Sumens illud Ave, peccatórum miserére

*Loving Mother of the Redeemer, who remains the accessible
Gateway of Heaven and Star of the Sea,
Give aid to a falling people that strives to rise;
O Thou who begot thy holy Creator, while all nature marvelled,
Virgin before and after receiving that "Ave" from
the mouth of Gabriel, have mercy on us sinners.*

Minister May the Divine Assistance remain with us always
 and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
All **Amen.**