

At the Reception of the Bishop

When the bishop, led by the priests and acolytes, reaches the place before the altar, the Priest goes to the Altar and sings:

- V.* Behold, O God our defend/er:
R. And look upon the face of thine Anoint/ed.
V. O God, save thy ser/vant:
R. Who putteth his trust / in thee.
V. Send him help from thy ho/ly place.
R. And strengthen him out of Si/on.
V. Let not the enemy prevail against / him.
R. Nor the son of wickedness approach to hurt / him.
V. O Lord, hear / my prayer.
R. And let my cry come un/to thee.
V. The Lord be with / you.
R. And with thy spir/it.

Let us pray: O God, who visitest the lowly, and comfortest them with thy fatherly love; vouchsafe thy grace to our congregation, that we may perceive thy coming in the persons of those in whom thou dwellest. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen

The Bishop then sings:

- V.* Blessed be the Name of / the Lord.
R. From this time forth and forev/ermore.
V. Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.
R. Who hath made heaven / and earth.

V. The blessing of God Almighty, the ☩ Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy ☩ Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. *R.* AMEN.