

Benediction
of the
Most Holy Sacrament



Of all the minor rites in the Church there is none more esteemed and loved by the Faithful, none more widespread and more calculated to inspire true piety and draw down blessings, than Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. It is a simple rite. The priest places the Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance and raises it on a throne it is then incensed and the O Salutaris is sung. After the singing of the Tantum Ergo it is taken down from the throne, and raised in benediction over the bowed heads of the kneeling congregation.

O Salutaris

O SALUTARIS hostia,
Quæ cœli pandis ostium;
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Dómino
Sit sempiterna glória.
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria.

Amen.

Then is sung the Tantum Ergo— all present making a profound inclination while the words Veneremur cernui is being sung.

TANTUM ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et iubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.
Amen.

✠. Panem de cœlo præstitisti eis.

✠. Omne delectamentum in se habentem.

Orémus: Deus, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili, passiõnis tuæ memoriam reliquisti: tribue, quæsumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis iugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in æsula sæculórum .
✠. Amen.

The Humeral veil is now placed upon the shoulders of the Priest. He ascends the steps of the Altar, takes the Monstrance containing the Blessed sacrament in his hands and solemnly

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makes with it the Sign of the Cross over the kneeling people.

*The bell rings three times
Adore the Sacred Host with Faith, Piety, and Love, saying:*

MY LORD AND MY GOD*

The priest replaces the Monstrance on the Altar, returns to the foot of the Altar, kneels down and recites:

The Divine Praises

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 Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
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 most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in His angels and in His Saints.

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The choir now sings the following Anthem and Psalm. The Priest goes up to the Altar and replaces the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle:

ADORÉMUS in ætérnum sanctíssimum Sacraméntum.

Laudáte Dóminum omnes gentes:
laudáte eum omnes pópuli.

Quóniam confirmata est super nos misericórdia ejus: et veritas Dómini manet in ætérnum.

Adorémus...

Glória Patri, Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.
Adorémus..

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