

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

The People kneel as the service of Benediction begins. The Priest and Server go to the Altar and prepare incense. Then, taking the Blessed Sacrament from the Tabernacle, the Priest places it in the Monstrance. The Priest kneels and censes the Blessed Sacrament as the hymn, *O salutaris hostia*, is sung.

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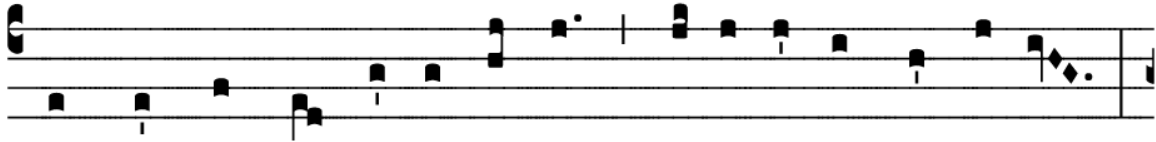
O Sa- lu- tá- ris Hósti- a, Quæ cæ- li pandis
 ó- sti- um, Bel- la premunt hostí- li- a, Da ro- bur, fer
 au- xí- li- um. 2. U- ni tri- nó- que Dómi- no Sit sempi-
 té- rna gló- ri- a, Qui vi- tam si- ne té- rmi- no No- bis donet
 in pátri- a. A- men.

O saving Victim, Who openest the gate of heaven, war rages round us; give strength, bring help. 2. To the Lord three and one be glory for ever, Who gives us life without end in our home above. Amen.

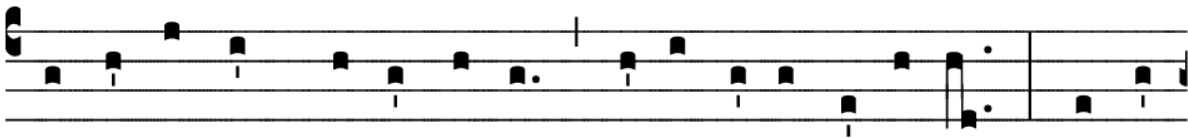
A time of silent adoration is observed.

HYMN: Tantum Ergo (During the first verse, all bow at the words "Veneremur cernui". The priest censes the Sacred Host again during the second verse of the hymn.)

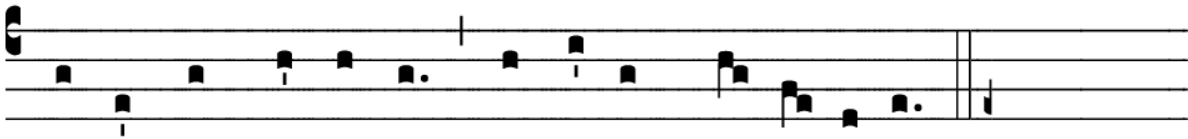
Hymn before Benediction



5. TANTUM ERGO Sacraméntum Vene-rémur cérnu- i:



Et antíquum do-cuméntum Novo cedat rí-tu- i: Præstet



fi-des suppleméntum Sensu- um de- féctu- i.

Bowing low then let us worship so great a Sacrament. The old law gives place to a new rite, faith supplies the lack of sight.

6. Genitóri, Genitóque
Laus et jubilátio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedíctio:
Procedénti ab utróque
Compar sit laudátio.

6. To the Father and to the Son
be praise and glory, salvation,
honor, power and blessing; to
Him Who from both proceeds
be the same worship.



A-men.

Priest: Thou hast given them bread from heaven.

R. Containing in itself all sweetness.

Let us pray: O God, under a marvelous sacrament Thou hast left us the memorial of Thy Passion; grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy body and blood, that we may ever perceive within us the fruit of Thy redemption. Who liveth and reigneth, world without end. Amen.

The Priest receives the humeral veil on his shoulders. Then he goes up to the Altar, takes the Monstrance into his hands, and turns towards the People. The Priest gives the Benediction, making the sign of the cross over the kneeling congregation in silence. At the same time, the sanctus bell is rung three times and the Server censes the Blessed Sacrament. Placing the Monstrance back on the Altar and giving up the humeral veil, the Priest kneels and begins The Divine Praises. The People join in and speak The Divine Praises with the Priest :

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 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 St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in his Angels and in his Saints.



The Priest removes the Blessed Sacrament from the Monstrance and replaces it in the Tabernacle. The service then ends with this hymn.

V
A D-o-ré-mus in æ-térnum sanctí-ssimum Sacra-
 méntum. *Ps.* Laudá-te Dómi-num omnes gentes: * laudá-te
 e-um omnes pópu-li. Quó-ni-am confirmá-ta est super
 nos mi-se-ri-córdi-a e-jus: * et vé-ri-tas Dómi-ni manet
 in æ-térnum. Adorémus.
 Gló-ri-a Patri et Fí-li-o, * et Spi-rí-tu-i Sancto.
 Sic-ut e-rat in princí-pi-o, et nunc, et semper: * et in
 sæcu-la sæcu-ló-rum. Amen. Adorémus.

Let us worship forever the most holy Sacrament. *Ps.* O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise Him, all ye people. For His mercy is confirmed upon us: and the truth of the Lord remaineth for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.