

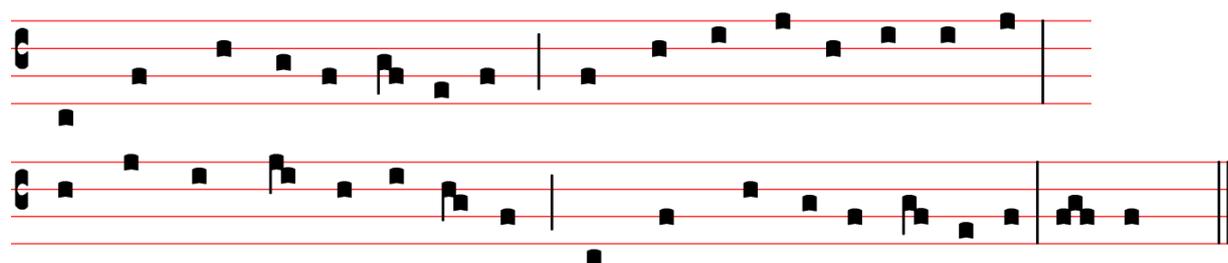
Office Propers – Saint Patrick

These are the proper texts for the Office on the feasts of Bishops, which you may choose to substitute for the seasonal texts provided in the booklet.

Venite Antiphon:

Christ is the chief Shepherd of His flock; O come, let us adore Him.

Office Hymn:



A-men.

O God, Thy loving care for man
Devised for us salvation's plan,
And sent Thy Son to be the way
To bring us to eternal day.

So, for that pastor of the sheep
Whose entrance into bliss we keep,
Thanksgiving unto Thee be made,
While honour due to Him is paid.

The Shepherd bled to save the sheep,
And gave His own strict watch to keep,
That souls bought at so great a cost
Might never from the fold be lost.

O God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Blest Trinity, our strength and stay,
Guard Thou Thy flock by night and day.

All praise be Thine, O Lord of Heaven,
For those to whom the charge is given
To tend and feed the souls of men,
Until Thy Son shall come again.

Psalm:

(91) WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the most High : shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my strong hold : my God, in him will I trust.

3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter : and from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers : his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night: nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness : nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

7 A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand : but it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold : and see the reward of the ungodly.
9 For thou, Lord, art my hope : thou hast set thine house of defence very high.
10 There shall no evil happen unto thee : neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee : to keep thee in all thy ways.
12 They shall bear thee in their hands : that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.
13 Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder : the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.
14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him : I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.
15 He shall call upon me, and I will hear him : yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.
16 With long life will I satisfy him : and shew him my salvation.
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.

Reading:

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Luke.

The Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to come. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and salute no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you; heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off against you; nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' I tell you, it shall be more tolerable on that day for Sodom than for that town. The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Responsory:

I placed watchmen on your towers, O Jerusalem.
[I placed watchmen on your towers, O Jerusalem.](#)
They will never cease to proclaim the Name of the Lord.
[I placed watchmen on your towers, O Jerusalem.](#)
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:
I placed watchmen on your towers, O Jerusalem.

Benedictus Antiphon:

Let your light so shine in the sight of men, that seeing your good works, they may glorify your Father in Heaven.

Magnificat Antiphon:

The Lord chose him as a worker of good works and a shepherd of the people.

Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, Who in Thy providence didst choose Patrick to be the apostle of the Irish people: keep alive in us the fire of the Faith he hath kindled and strengthen us in our pilgrimage towards the light of everlasting life; in and through Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost; God, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.