

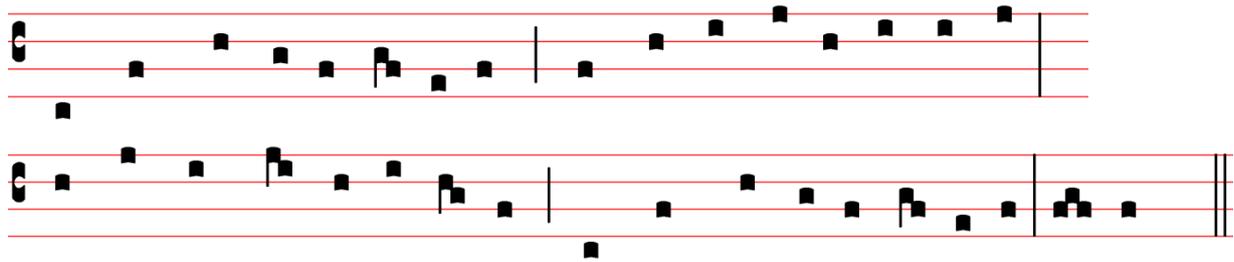
# Office Propers – Saint Chad

*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:

(97) THE Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof : yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him : righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat.

3 There shall go a fire before him : and burn up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings gave shine unto the world : the earth saw it, and was afraid.

5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord : at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens have declared his righteousness : and all the people have seen his glory.

7 Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods : worship him, all ye gods.

8 Sion heard of it, and rejoiced : and the daughters of Judah were glad, because of thy judgements, O Lord.

9 For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth : thou art exalted far above all gods.

10 O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil : the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.

11 There is sprung up a light for the righteous : and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

12 Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous : and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness. 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.

Jesus told a parable to those who were invited, when he marked how they chose the places of honour, saying to them, "When you are invited by any one to a marriage feast, do not sit down in a place of honour, lest a more eminent man than you be invited by him; and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

### **Responsory:**

I placed watchmen on your towers, O Jerusalem.

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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, from the first fruits of the English nation who turned to Christ, Thou didst call Thy servant Chad to be an evangelist and bishop for his own people: give us grace so to follow his peaceable nature, humble spirit and prayerful life, that we may truly commend to others the Faith which we ourselves profess; in and through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost; God, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.