

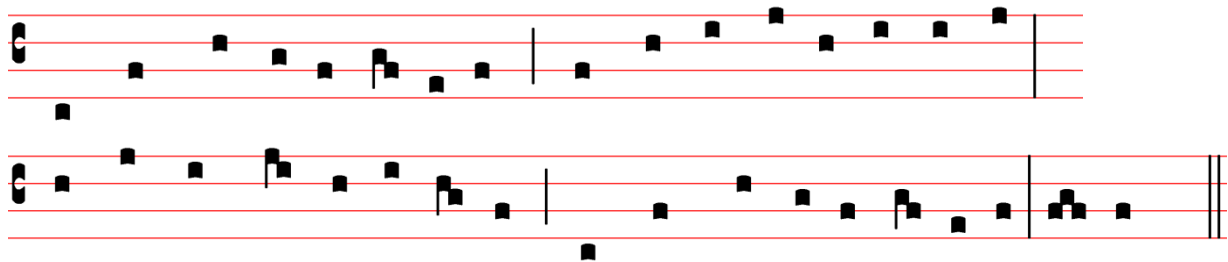
Office Propers – 3rd September – S Gregory the Great

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:

(19) THE heavens declare the glory of God : and the firmament sheweth his handywork.
2 One day telleth another : and one night certifieth another.
3 There is neither speech nor language : but their voices are heard among them.
4 Their sound is gone out into all lands : and their words into the ends of the world.
5 In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun : which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.
6 It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again : and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
7 The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul : the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

8 The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart : the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever : the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold : sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

11 Moreover, by them is thy servant taught : and in keeping of them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how oft he offendeth : O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me : so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart : be always acceptable in thy sight,

15 O Lord : my strength, and my redeemer.

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.

A dispute also arose among the Apostles, which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For which is the greater, one who sits at table, or one who serves? Is it not the one who sits at table? But I am among you as one who serves. "You are those who have continued with me in my trials; and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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:

Merciful Father, Who didst choose Thy servant bishop Gregory to be a servant of the servants of God, grant that, like him, we may ever long to serve Thee by proclaiming Thy Gospel to the nations, and may ever rejoice to sing Thy praises; 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.