

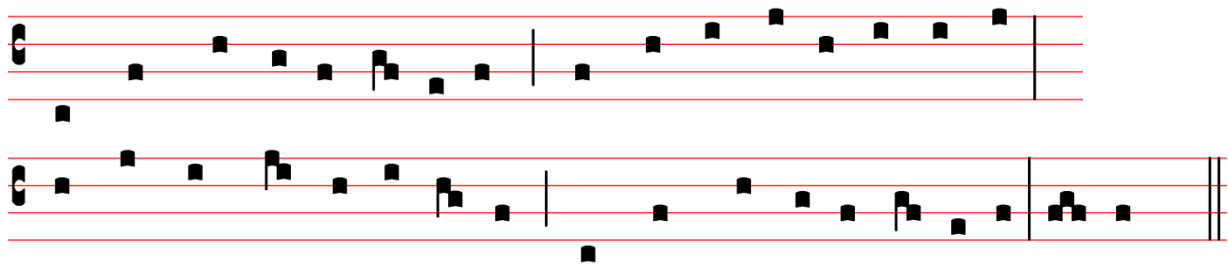
Office Propers – 31st August – S Aidan

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:

(67) GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us : and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us:

2 That thy way may be known upon earth : thy saving health among all nations.

3 Let the people praise thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise thee.

4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad : for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

5 Let the people praise thee, O God : let all the people praise thee.

6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase : and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

7 God shall bless us : and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

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.

(87) HER foundations are upon the holy hills : the Lord loveth the gates of Sion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

2 Very excellent things are spoken of thee : thou city of God.

3 I will think upon Rahab and Babylon : with them that know me.

4 Behold ye the Philistines also : and they of Tyre, with the Morians; lo, there was he born.

5 And of Sion it shall be reported that he was born in her : and the most High shall stablish her.

6 The Lord shall rehearse it when he writeth up the people : that he was born there.

7 The singers also and trumpeters shall he rehearse : All my fresh springs shall be in thee.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

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Reading:

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint John.

Jesus said to His disciples, "Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. I am not speaking of you all; I know whom I have chosen; it is that the scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' I tell you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who receives any one whom I send receives me; and he who receives me receives him who sent me."

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:

Everlasting God, Thou didst send the gentle bishop Aidan to proclaim the Gospel in this land: grant us to live as he hath taught in simplicity, humility and love for the poor; 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.