

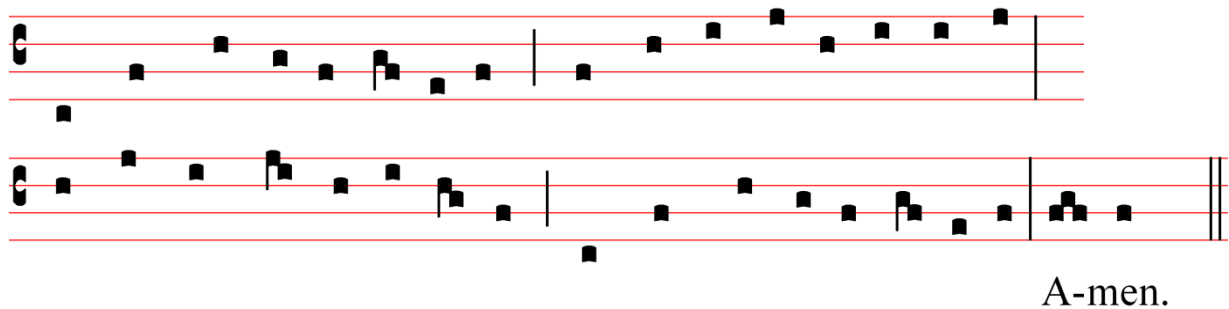
Office Propers – S Nicholas of Myra (6th December)

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:



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:

(1) BLESSED is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners : and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord : and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side : that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

4 His leaf also shall not wither : and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them : but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement : neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

7 But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous : and the way of the ungodly shall perish. 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.

(15) LORD, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle : or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?
2 Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life : and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.
3 He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour : and hath not slandered his neighbour.
4 He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes : and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.
5 He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not : though it were to his own hindrance.
6 He that hath not given his money upon usury : nor taken reward against the innocent.
7 Whoso doeth these things : shall never fall.
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 laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers 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 laborer 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.'

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, Lover of souls, Who chose Thy servant Nicholas to be a bishop in the Church, that he might give freely out of the treasures of Thy Grace; make us mindful of the needs of others and, as we have received, so teach us also to give; 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.