

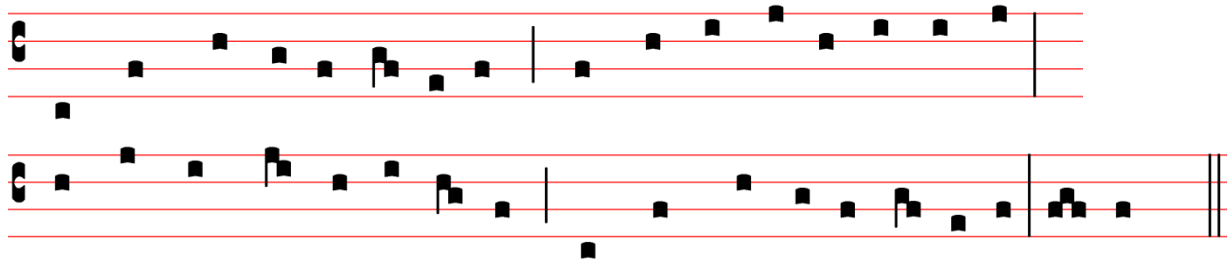
Office Propers – S Dunstan – 19th May

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:

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

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:

(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.

Reading:

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Jesus said to His disciples, "Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the householder had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect. "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master when he comes will find so doing.

Responsory:

The Lord chose him for a priest unto Himself. Alleluia, alleluia!

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To offer Him the sacrifice of praise:

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

The Lord chose him for a priest unto Himself. Alleluia, alleluia!

Benedictus Antiphon:

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

Magnificat Antiphon:

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

Collect:

Almighty God, Who didst raise up Dunstan to be a true shepherd of the flock, a restorer of monastic life and a faithful counsellor to those in authority: give to all pastors the same gifts of Thy Holy Spirit that they may be true servants of Christ and of all His people; through the same 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.