

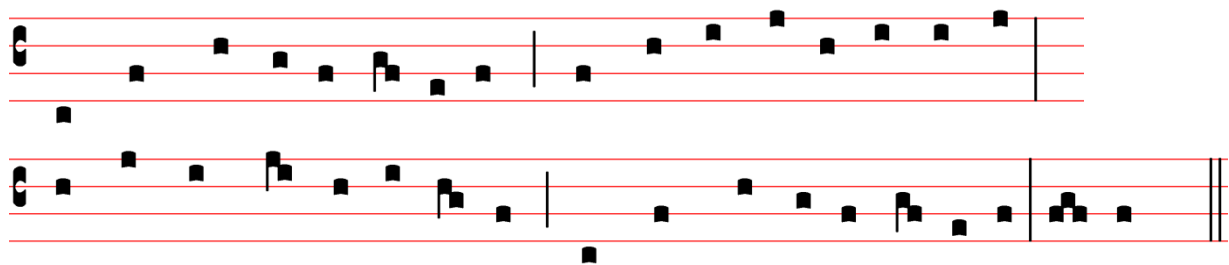
# Office Propers – S Augustine of Canterbury (26<sup>th</sup> May)

*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:

- (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 Matthew.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."

**Responsory:**

The Lord chose him for a priest unto Himself. Alleluia, alleluia!  
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To offer Him the sacrifice of praise:  
[Alleluia, alleluia!](#)  
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, Whose servant Augustine wast sent as the Apostle of the English people: grant that as he hath laboured in the Spirit to preach Christ's Gospel in this land, so all who hear the Good News shall strive to make Thy Truth known in all the world: 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.