

COMMON OF THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

The formularies of the Mass for the Dedication of a Church and of the Mass for the Dedication of an Altar are to be found among the Ritual Masses (pp. 1221-1233).

ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION

I. In the Church that was Dedicated

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 68 (67): 36

Wonderful are you, O God in your holy place.
The God of Israel himself gives his people strength and courage.
Blessed be God (E.T. alleluia)!

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who year by year renew for us the day
when this your holy temple was consecrated,
hear the prayers of your people
and grant that in this place
for you there may always be pure worship
and for us, fullness of redemption.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Recalling the day when you were pleased
to fill your house with glory and holiness, O Lord,
we pray that you may make of us
a sacrificial offering always acceptable to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The mystery of the Temple of God, which is the Church.

V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spir-it.

V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-ter-nal God, through Christ our Lord. For in this visible house that you have let us build and where you never cease to show favor to the family on pilgrimage to you in this place, you wonderfully manifest and accomplish the mys-ter-y of your com-mun-ion with us. Here you build up for yourself the temple that we are and cause your Church, spread throughout the world, to grow ever more and more as the Lord's own Bod-y, till she reaches her fullness in the vi-sion of peace, the heavenly cit-y of Je-ru-sa-lem. And

so, with the countless ranks of the blessed, in the temple of your
 glo-ry we praise you, we bless you, and proclaim your greatness,
 as we ac-claim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .

Text without music:

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R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
 always and everywhere to give you thanks,
 Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
 through Christ our Lord.

For in this visible house that you have let us build
 and where you never cease to show favor
 to the family on pilgrimage to you in this place,
 you wonderfully manifest and accomplish
 the mystery of your communion with us.

Here you build up for yourself the temple that we are
 and cause your Church, spread throughout the world,
 to grow ever more and more as the Lord's own Body,
 till she reaches her fullness in the vision of peace,
 the heavenly city of Jerusalem.

And so, with the countless ranks of the blessed,
 in the temple of your glory we praise you,
 we bless you and proclaim your greatness, as we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .

Communion Antiphon

Cf. 1 Cor 3: 16-17

You are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you.
The temple of God, which you are, is holy (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

May the people consecrated to you, O Lord, we pray,
receive the fruits and joy of your blessing,
that the festive homage
they have offered you today in the body
may redound upon them as a spiritual gift.
Through Christ our Lord.

Blessing at the End of Mass

May God, the Lord of heaven and earth,
who has gathered you today
in memory of the dedication of this church,
make you abound in heavenly blessings.

R. Amen.

And may he, who has willed that all his scattered children
be gathered together in his Son,
grant that you may become his temple
and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

Thus, may you be made thoroughly clean,
so that God may dwell within you
and you may possess with all the Saints
the inheritance of eternal happiness.

R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.