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Solemn Liturgy For the Blessing of Oils On Maundy Thursday

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The Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service by the Clergy

Resources for a Chrism Eucharist

When Peter acknowledged Jesus as 'the Christ' (Mark 8.29), he was recognizing him as the 'Anointed One' of God: Christos in Greek, Messiah in Hebrew. The title that had once belonged to the anointed kings of Israel is now conferred on Jesus, who was anointed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at his baptism in the river Jordan (cf Acts 10.38). As Jesus received baptism at John's hands, his true identity was revealed:

Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest and king supreme.

(Christopher Wordsworth)

Our own baptism is the sacramental sign of our union with Christ, and of God's gift to us of his Holy Spirit, to make us God's children by adoption and grace, and to equip us for the share that all Christians have in Christ's own ministry. The New Testament speaks of this gift of the Holy Spirit as an anointing (1 John 2.20-27; 2 Corinthians 1.21-22). From an early date, it became customary to trace the sign of the cross in oil on the heads of candidates for baptism, and to anoint them again after baptism with the perfumed oil of chrism – a sign of incorporation into the prophetic, priestly and royal life of Jesus Christ. At the same time, the Letter of James urges its recipients to anoint the sick with oil (James 5.15), as a sign of the healing and forgiveness that are also given through the Holy Spirit (cf Mark 6.13). These are the biblical roots of the ancient custom of using oils in the life of the Church, and of the three particular oils – of catechumens, of the sick, and of chrism - that are prepared in the Chrism Eucharist. In the course of Christian history, they have come to be used in many ways - especially, as in the Old Testament, for the setting apart of people and things for a special place in the life of the Church, for bishops and priests at their ordination, for kings and queens at their crowning, and for churches and altars at their consecration.

There is a more recent custom, introduced first into the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Paul VI in the middle of the twentieth century, that the Chrism Eucharist is also an occasion for the renewal of commitment to ministry. As the priests gathered around their bishop on Maundy Thursday, to receive the oils to take back to their parishes, he suggested that they should renew their commitment to serve Christ. This is appropriate on this day, when we remember that Christ consecrated himself to his Father's service and expressed his obedient self-gift in the institution of the Eucharist and in the agony of Gethsemane, and prayed for the unity of his disciples.

In some Anglican provinces, there is a practice for deacons, Readers and authorized lay ministers to be associated with the bishop and priests in the renewal of commitment to ministry. It is important to distinguish this renewal, which has to do with the commitment of authorized ministers (lay or ordained) to particular and defined ministries in the life of the Church, from the renewal of the commitment of all God's people to the royal and priestly ministry they have received in baptism. This second renewal, which is theologically prior to the first, properly takes place in the reaffirmation of baptismal promises at the Easter Liturgy.

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THE CHRISM EUCHARIST

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Processional Hymn

All STAND.

Greeting

All remain STANDING.

Celebrant People	Jesus Christ has made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father. Glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.
Celebrant People	Grace, mercy and peace be with you and also with you.
AII	Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Act of Penitence

Celebrant Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

- People Lord our God, In our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- CelebrantThe Lord enrich you with his grace,
and nourish you with his blessing;
the Lord defend you in trouble
and keep you from all evil;
the Lord accept your prayers,
and ♥ absolve you from your offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.PeopleAmen.

Gloria in Excelsis

All Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us, you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Celebrant (Silence is kept) Let us pray: Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, in your divine providence you have appointed various orders in your Church: Give your grace, we humbly pray, to all who are called to any office and ministry for your people; and so fill them with the truth of your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life. that they may faithfully serve before you, to the glory of your great Name and for the benefit of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **People** Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Year A

The Old Testament Lesson | Samuel 3:1-10 All sit.

Reader A reading from the Book of Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." 'So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept.

The Psalm 133

- I How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!
- 2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,
- 3 on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life for evermore.

The Epistle Revelation 1:5b-9

Reader A reading from the Book of Revelation.

And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

I, John, your brother who share with you in Jesus the persecution and the kingdom and the patient endurance, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept.

Gradual Hymn

All STAND.

The GospelLuke 7:36-50

 Deacon Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Jesus said, 'The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed.'
 People Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment.

Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.' Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied, 'speak.' 'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?' Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.'

Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

DeaconThis is the Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

All sit.

The service continues with THE RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT TO PRIESTLY SERVICE BY THE CLERGY on pg. 18.

Year B

The Old Testament Lesson / Samuel 16:1-13a All sit.

Reader A reading from the Book of Samuel.

The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

This is the Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept.

The Psalm 89:19-29

- 19 Then you spoke in a vision to your faithful one, and said:'I have set the crownon one who is mighty,I have exalted one chosen from the people.
- 20 I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him;
- 21 my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.
- 22 The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him.
- 23 I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.
- 24 My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his horn shall be exalted.
- 25 I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.
- 26 He shall cry to me, "You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!"
- 27 I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.
- 28 For-ever I will keep my steadfast love for him, and my covenant with him will stand firm.
- 29 I will establish his line for ever, and his throne as long as the heavens endure.

The Epistle2 Corinthians 3:17-4:12

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Treasure in Clay Jars.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept.

Gradual Hymn

All STAND.

The Gospel Luke 22:24-30

Deacon Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Jesus said, 'The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed.'

People Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon A dispute also arose among the disciples as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.' 'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

All sit.

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The Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 61:1-9 All sit.

Reader A reading from the prophesy of Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me;

he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,

to bind up the broken-hearted,

to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;

to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour,

and the day of vengeance of our God;

to comfort all who mourn;

to provide for those who mourn in Zion –

to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines; but you shall be called priests of the LORD, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. Because their shame was double. and dishonour was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing;

I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

This is the Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.

The Psalm 23

- I The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
- 3 he restores my soul.He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
- Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff — they comfort me.
- You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

The Epistle James 5:13-16a

Reader A reading from the Letter of James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept.

Gradual Hymn

All STAND.

The Gospel Luke 4:16-21

Deacon Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Jesus said, 'The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed.'

People Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

- People Glory to you, Lord Christ.
- Deacon When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

All sit.

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THE RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT TO PRIESTLY SERVICE BY THE CLERGY

After the sermon, the Celebrant asks the clergy to renew their commitment to priestly service. The clergy STAND.

Celebrant My brothers and sisters, today we celebrate the memory of the first Eucharist, at which our Lord Jesus Christ shared with his apostles and with us his call to the priestly service of his Church. Now, in the presence of your Bishops and God's holy people are you ready to renew your own dedication to Christ as priests of his new covenant?

Clergy I am.

Celebrant At your ordination you accepted the responsibilities of the ordained ministry out of love for the Lord Jesus and his Church. Are you resolved to unite yourselves more closely to Christ and to try to become more like him by joyfully sacrificing your own pleasure and ambition to bring his peace and love to your brothers and sisters?

Clergy I am.

Celebrant	Are you resolved to be faithful ministers of the mysteries of God, to celebrate the Eucharist and the other liturgical services with sincere devotion? Are you resolved to imitate Jesus Christ,
	the Head and Shepherd of the Church, by teaching the Christian faith without thinking of your own profit, solely for the well-being of the people you were sent to serve?
Clergy	l am.
Celebrant	Pray for me that I may faithfully fulfil the office of apostle which Jesus Christ has entrusted to me. Pray that I may become more like our High Priest and Good Shepherd, the Teacher and Servant of all, and so be a genuine sign of Christ's loving presence among us.
Clergy	Lord Jesus Christ, hear us and answer our prayer.
Celebrant	May the Lord in his love keep you close to him always, and may he bring all of us, his priests and people, to eternal life.
All	Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

The Peace All STAND.	
Celebrant	God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.
People	The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.
Deacon	Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Then the Celebrant, clergy and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Offertory Hymn

During the hymn, ones who bear the Oils, the bread and wine and water process from the west end of the Cathedral to the sanctuary.

The order of the offertory procession is as follows: the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of Chrism, then followed by the bread and wine and water.

The Deacons receives the gifts and place them on the table prepared for them.

All the Clergy come forward to the altar to concelebrate with the Celebrant; who then begins the Eucharistic Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

Celebrant Lord God, may the power of this sacrifice cleanse the old weakness of our human nature. Give us a newness of life and bring us to salvation. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All remain STANDING.

Celebrant People	The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Celebrant People	Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant People	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.
Celebrant	It is indeed right and good always and everywhere to give you thanks Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
	By the outpouring of your Holy Spirit you anointed him to be the servant of all and ordained that he should enter into your kingdom through suffering.
	And now he stands by us and pours out for our healing, the oil of consolation and the wine of renewed hope. In your wisdom and love you anoint your holy people to be a royal priesthood, to share in Christ's suffering and to reveal his glory to the world.
	Therefore earth unites with heaven to sing a new song of praise; we too join with angels and archangels as they proclaim your glory without end:
AII	Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation, in the calling of Israel to be your people, in your Word spoken through the prophets, and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

> For in these last days you sent him, to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said,

'TAKE, EAT: THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.'

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

'DRINK THIS, ALL OF YOU: THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. WHENEVER YOU DRINK IT, DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.' Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all, presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

> We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country, where with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

The Blessing of the Oil of the Sick

All remain STANDING.

At this point, the deacon sets the jug of Oil of the Sick at the right of the corporal on the altar, saying as he does so:

- Deacon THE OIL OF THE SICK
- Celebrant Lord God, loving Father, you bring healing to the sick through your Son Jesus Christ. Hear us as we pray to you in faith, and send the Holy Spirit, man's Helper and Friend, upon this oil, which Nature has provided to serve the needs of men.

The Celebrant places his right hand above the jug and says:

May your blessing № come upon all who are anointed with this oil that they may be strengthened in every pain and illness and made well again in body, mind and soul. Father, may this oil be blessed for our use in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Celebrant All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, with him, and in him. in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. All Amen.

Then the blessed oil is removed.

THE COMMUNION

- Celebrant As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray,
- All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

- Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
- All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

The Agnus Dei is sung or said.

- Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world : have mercy on us.
- Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world : have mercy on us.
- Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world : grant us peace.

Celebrant God's holy gifts for God's holy people. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

The Celebrant receive Communion first, then the Clergy, followed by the People. The Clergy remain where they stand when they receive Communion. Anthem or hymn may be sung during the distribution.

The Post Communion

Celebrant	Let us pray: (Silence is kept) Good Shepherd, you have welcomed us at your table and have anointed us with the oil of gladness: may your goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our life, that we may dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.
All	Amen.
AII	You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ, and you have made yourself known in the breaking of the bread. Abide with us, we pray, that, blessed by your royal presence, we may walk with you all the days of our life, and at its end behold you in the glory of the eternal Trinity, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing of the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of Chrism

After the Communion, the Blessing of the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of Chrism begins. All STAND.

The Deacon places on the altar a jug of the Oil of Catechumens, saying as he does so:

People Amen.

The Deacon places on the altar the jug containing oil already mixed with balsam, saying as he does so:

Deacon THE HOLY OIL OF CHRISM

The Celebrant breathes over the mouth of the jug and then stretches out his hands.

Celebrant Father, we thank you for the gifts you have given us in your love: we thank you for life itself and for the sacraments that strengthen it and give it fuller meaning.

> In the Old Covenant you gave your people a glimpse of the power of this holy oil, and when the fullness of time had come you brought that mystery to perfection in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ; your Son. By his suffering, dying, and rising to life

he saved the human race. He sent your Spirit to fill the Church with every gift needed to complete your saving work.

From that time forward, through the sign of holy Chrism you dispense your life and love to men. By anointing them with the Spirit, you strengthen all who have been reborn in baptism. Through that anointing you transform them into the likeness of Christ your Son and give them a share in his royal, priestly and prophetic work.

All the concelebrants extend their right hands towards the Chrism without saying anything, until the end of the prayer.

The Celebrant places his right hand over the jug and continues:

And so, Father, by the power of your love,
✤ make this mixture of oil and perfume
a sign and source of your blessing.
Pour out the gifts of your Holy Spirit
on our brothers and sisters
who will be anointed with it.
Let the splendour of holiness shine on the world from
every place and thing signed with this oil.

Above all, Father, we pray that through this sign of your anointing you will grant increase to your Church, until it reaches the eternal glory where you; Father, will be the all in all, together with Christ your Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Then the blessed and consecrated oil is removed. The Clergy return to their seats.

THE BLESSING

All remain STANDING.

Celebrant All	Our help is in the name of the Lord who has made heaven and earth.
Celebrant All	Blessed be the name of the Lord now and for ever. Amen.
Celebrant	The Father, whose glory fills the heavens, cleanse you by his holiness
ΑΙΙ	and send you to proclaim his word. Amen.
Celebrant	The Son, who has ascended to the heights,
All	pour upon you the riches of his grace. Amen.
Celebrant	The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
All	equip you and strengthen you in your ministry. Amen.
Celebrant	And the blessing of God almighty, the Father \mathfrak{P} , the Son \mathfrak{P} , and the Holy Spirit, \mathfrak{P} be upon you and remain with you always.
All	Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All	Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

During the hymn, the Deacons carrying the blessed and consecrated oils walk behind the Cross, and are followed by the Choir and the Clergy.