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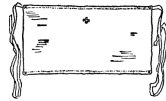
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While he washes his hands, let him say:

Give strength to my hands, Lord, to wipe away all stain, so that I may be able to serve Thee in purity of mind and body.



As he places the amice over his head, let him say:

Lord, set the helmet of salvation on my head to fend off all the assaults of the devil.



As he puts on the alb:

Purify me, Lord, and cleanse my heart so that, washed in the Blood of the Lamb, I may enjoy eternal bliss.



As he ties the cincture:

Lord, gird me with the cincture of purity and extinguish my fleshly desires, that the virtue of continence and chastity may abide within me.



As he puts the stole around his neck:

Lord, restore the stole of immortality, which I lost through the collusion of our first parents, and, unworthy as I am to approach Thy sacred mysteries, may I yet gain eternal joy.



As he puts on the chasuble:

O Lord, Who hast said, "My yoke is sweet and My burden light," grant that I may so carry it as to merit Thy grace. Amen.

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BEFORE READING THE GOSPEL:

The priest bows before the altar and says quietly:

Almighty God, cleanse my heart and my lips that I may worthily proclaim your Gospel.

AFTER READING THE GOSPEL:

He kisses the book, saying quietly:

May the words of the gospel wipe away our sins.

AT THE PREPARATION OF THE CHALICE:

The priest pours wine and a little water into the chalice saying quietly:

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

AFTER PRAYING OVER THE GIFTS:

The priest bows and says quietly:

Lord God, we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you with humble and contrite hearts.

AT THE WASHING OF THE HANDS:

The priest stands at the side of the altar and washes his hands, saying quietly:

Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin.

BEFORE THE ELEVATION OF THE EUCHARIST:

Then the priest joins his hands and says quietly:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit your death brought life to the world. By your holy body and blood free me from all my sins, and from every evil. Keep me faithful to your teaching, and never let me be parted from you.

Or: Lord Jesus Christ, with faith in your love and mercy I eat your body and drink your blood. Let it not bring me condemnation, but health in mind and body.

BEFORE RECEIVING THE BODY OF CHRIST:

May the body of Christ bring me to everlasting life.

BEFORE RECEIVING THE BLOOD OF CHRIST:

May the blood of Christ bring me to everlasting life.

WHEN CLEANING THE VESSELS AFTER COMMUNION:

Lord, may I receive these gifts in purity of heart.

May they bring me healing and strength, now and for ever.

BOWS

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1. DURING THE ENTRANCE SONG, THE PRIEST BOWS TO THE ALTAR
2. BEFORE THE GOSPEL WHILE SAYING THE SILENT PRAYER
3. DURING THE WORDS "AND BECAME MAN" IN THE CREED
4. DURING THE SILENT PRAYER AFTER PRAYING OVER THE GIFTS
5. DURING THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AT THE CONSECRATION

KISSES

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THE ALTAR

1. DURING THE ENTRANCE SONG, AFTER BOWING
2. AFTER THE DISMISSAL, BEFORE LEAVING THE SANCTUARY

THE BOOK OF GOSPELS OR THE LECTIONARY

3. AFTER READING THE GOSPEL

GENUFLECTIONS

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1. ON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY IF THE TABERNACLE IS PRESENT
2. DURING THE WORDS "AND BECAME MAN" IN THE CREED ON THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS AND THE ANNUNCIATION
3. AFTER CONSECRATING & ELEVATING THE BODY OF CHRIST
4. AFTER CONSECRATING & ELEVATING THE BLOOD OF CHRIST
5. WHEN OPENING OR CLOSING THE TABERNACLE OR A CIBORIUM
6. BEFORE TAKING THE HOST & SAYING "THIS IS THE LAMB OF GOD"
7. ON EXITING THE SANCTUARY IF THE TABERNACLE IS PRESENT

PARTS OF THE CHURCH

ALTAR

AMBO

AMBRY

APSE

BALDACCHINO

BAPTISTRY

CANDLES

CHAIR

CRUCIFIX

NARTHEX

NAVE

ORGAN

PEW

PRIE DIEU

PULPIT

REREDOS

SACRISTY

SANCTUARY

STATUES

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