TANTUM ERGO

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Let us, with heads bowed

Venerate so great a Sacrament,
And let the old practice yield

To the new rite;

Let Faith provide a supplement
For the failure of the senses.

To the Begetter and the Begotten Be praise and jubilation, Salvation, honour, virtue also, And blessing too, And let equal praise be to Him, Who proceeds from Both.

Amen.

The Order for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

The People kneel down as the service of Benediction begins. The Priest and Server go to the Altar and prepare incense. Then, taking the Blessed Sacrament from the Tabernacle, the Priest places it in the Monstrance. The Priest kneels and censes the Blessed Sacrament as the hymn, O salutaris hostia, is sung.

HYMN O Salutaris Hostia

A time of silent adoration is observed. Then, during the second line of the hymn, Tantum ergo Sacramentum, all humbly bow. Incense is offered once again during the second verse of the hymn.

HYMN Tantum Ergo

The Priest then stands and sings:

Thou gavest them bread from heaven. (Alleluía.)

People: Containing in itself all sweetness. (Alleluia.)

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy Passion: Grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruits of thy redemption; who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

The Priest receives the humeral veil on his shoulders. Then he goes up to the Altar, takes the Monstrance into his hands, and turns towards the People. The Priest gives the Benediction, making the sign of the cross over the kneeling congregation in silence. At the same time, the sanctus bell is rung three times and the Server censes the Blessed Sacrament. Placing the Monstrance back on the Altar and giving up the humeral veil, the Priest kneels and begins

The People repeat each line of The Divine Praises after the Priest:

THE DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

A hymn is sung as the Priest removes the Blessed Sacrament from the Monstrance and replaces it in the Tabernacle. The service ends with this hymn.

Holy God, we praise Thy Name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in Heaven above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising,
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spírít, Three we name Thee;
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim Thee;
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

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