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THE ORDER OF DEDICATION

PART ONE

The Introductory Rites

The Entrance

3. When the people are gathered, the Bishop and the concelebrating Priests, the Deacons, and the ministers, each wearing his particular vestments, preceded by the crossbearer, go from the vesting room through the main body of the church to the sanctuary.

4. If relics of the Saints are to be deposited under the altar, these are brought in the entrance procession to the sanctuary from the vesting room or from the chapel where, since the beginning of the vigil, they have been exposed for the veneration of the faithful. For the right reason, however, before the beginning of the rite, the relics may be prepared in a suitable part of the sanctuary and placed between lighted candles.

5. As the procession moves forward, one of the following Entrance Antiphons is sung with Psalm 122 (121):

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   “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

2. And now our feet are standing*
   within your gates, O Jerusalem. R.

3. Jerusalem is built as a city*
   bonded as one together.

4. It is there that the tribes go up,*
   the tribes of the Lord,
   as it is decreed for Israel,*
   to give thanks to the name of the Lord. R.

5. There were set the thrones for judgment,*
   the thrones of the house of David.

6. For the peace of Jerusalem pray,*
   “May they prosper, those who love you.”

7. May peace abide in your walls,*
   and security be in your towers. R.

8. For the sake of my family and friends,*
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