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## Rite of Dedication of a Church and an Altar

Through His death and resurrection, Christ became the true and perfect temple of the New Covenant and gathered together a people to be his own. From early times, "church" has been the name given to the buildings in which this holy people - made one as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one - gather to worship in spirit and in truth: to receive the Sacraments, to hear the word of God, to give Him praise, to entreat His intercession, and to celebrate the Eucharist.

A church is more than just a visible building; it is a temple of God built of living stones that stands as a special sign of the pilgrim Church on earth and reflects the glory of the Church dwelling in heaven. Therefore, whenever a church is built, it is fitting that it be dedicated to God with a solemn rite, in accordance with the ancient custom of the Church.

The altar of a church, around which the holy people of God gather to take part in the Lord's sacrifice and to be refreshed at the Heavenly meal, stands as a sign of Jesus Christ Himself, who is the priest, victim, and altar of His own sacrifice. As often as the sacrifice of the cross is celebrated on the altar, the work of our redemption is accomplished.

Since our founding in 1982 as a mission of St. Luke's Catholic Church in Dahlonega, we have worshipped in borrowed, rented or temporary facilities. Today, the community of Christ The Redeemer gathers to celebrate with great joy the long-awaited dedication of our new church. In the future, we will celebrate the anniversary of this dedication each year with the rank of Solemnity.

# Introductory Rites

#### Please stand

## THE ENTRANCE INTO THE CHURCH

The Rite of Dedication begins with the entrance into the church. The people assemble in the darkened church before the Mass begins.



Archbishop: May grace and peace be with you all in the holy Church of God.

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ALL: And with your Spirit.

Please be seated

# Presentation of the Plans and Ceremonial Key

Representatives of those who have been involved in the building of the church hand over the building to the Archbishop, offering him the building plans and the keys, briefly addressing the Archbishop and the community.

Mrs. Donna Austin, Building Committee Chairman Ashlee Nichols, Project Manager and Chuck Phillips, Superintendent, Moeller Purcell Construction Company

#### Please stand

# Blessing and Sprinkling of Water

The second significant ritual in the entrance into the new church is the sprinkling of the church with holy water. After the Archbishop blesses the water, the people, who are the living stones, are sprinkled to remind us of our baptism and to cleanse us of our sins. While the church's walls are ordinarily sprinkled during this dedication rite, when, as in our case, the church has already been in use, this step is omitted. The Archbishop then sprinkles the altar.

### Archbishop:

Dear brothers and sisters: As we solemnly dedicate this house, let us humbly call upon the Lord our God to bless this water he has created with which we are to be sprinkled as a sign of repentance and a remembrance of Baptism and by which the new walls and altar will be purified.

May the Lord support us with his grace so that, docile to the Spirit whom we have received, we may remain faithful in his Church.

[A moment of silence]

O God, through whom every creature comes forth into the light of life, you accompany all people with such great love that not only do you nourish them with fatherly care, but you mercifully cleanse them of their sins with the dew of charity and constantly lead them back to Christ the Head.

For in your merciful plan you established that those who descend as sinners into the sacred waters to die with Christ should rise free from guilt and be made his members, heirs with him to an eternal reward.

Sanctify therefore with your blessing this water you have created, that, sprinkled on us, it may be a sign of the cleansing waters of salvation, in which we have been washed in Christ and made the temple of your Spirit.

Grant that, with all our brothers and sisters who will celebrate the divine mysteries in this church, we may come at last to the heavenly Jerusalem. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

## RIVER OF GLORY



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Archbishop: May God, the Father of Mercies, dwell in this house of prayer and, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, cleanse us who are the temple where He dwells.

All: Amen.

The Gloria begins by echoing the proclamation of the angels at the birth of Christ: "Glory to God in the highest!" In this ancient hymn, the gathered assembly joins the heavenly choirs in offering praise and adoration to the Father and Jesus through the Holy Spirit.



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The Introductory Rites conclude with an opening prayer, called the Collect. The celebrant invites the gathered assembly to pray, then pauses for a brief silence that allows the people to become aware that they are now in the presence of God. He then "collects" our prayers into one and joins them to the prayers of the day which expresses the character of the celebration and disposes all the hear the Word of God.

# Collect

Archbishop: Let us pray. Almighty ever-living God, pour out your grace upon this place and extend the gift of your help to all who call upon you, that the power of your word and of the Sacraments may strengthen here the hearts of all the faithful. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

#### All: Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Word

Those who will proclaim the Word of God approach the Archbishop with a Lectionary, which contains readings from Sacred Scripture for the Mass. The Archbishop then presents the Lectionary to the people.

Archbishop: May the word of God resound always in this building, to open for you the mystery of Christ and to bring about your salvation in the Church.

#### All: Amen.

#### Please be seated

## First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

A reading from the book of Revelation

I, John, saw another angel come up from the East,
holding the seal of the living God.
He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels
who were given power to damage the land and the sea,
"Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees
until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God."
I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal,
one hundred and forty-four thousand marked
from every tribe of the children of Israel.

After this I had a vision of a great multitude,
which no one could count,
from every nation, race, people, and tongue.
They stood before the throne and before the Lamb,
wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.
They cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb."

All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshipped God, and exclaimed:

"Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, "Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?"

I said to him, "My lord, you are the one who knows." He said to me,

"These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress;

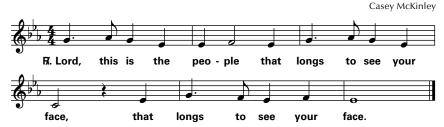
they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb."

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## PSALM 24: ALL SAINTS, ALL YEARS



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## Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

#### Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called children of God.

Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

#### Please stand.

The high point in the Liturgy of the Word is the proclamation of the Gospel. Because the Gospels tell of the life, ministry, and preaching of Christ, it receives several special signs of honor and reverence. The gathered assembly stands to hear the Gospel and it is introduced by an acclamation of praise. At the announcement of the particular Gospel, we trace the sign of the cross on our forehead, lips and heart, to indicate our desire to contemplate God's word, to implant it deep within our hearts, and to carry its message into the world.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12a A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

### All: Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

### ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please remain standing until the Deacon presents the Gospel to the Archbishop to reverence

Please be seated

HOMILY – Archbishop Hartmayer

#### Please stand

The Nicene Creed is a statement of the truths which we hold as Catholics. When we recite this prayer together, we express not only our individual belief, but the faith which all of us hold in common. The structure of the Creed reinforces our belief in the Holy Trinity, first addressing the Father, then the Son, and then the Holy Spirit. At the heart of our faith is our belief that God became one of us at the birth of Christ.

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

#### **ALL:**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things, visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man. [Bow]

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come.

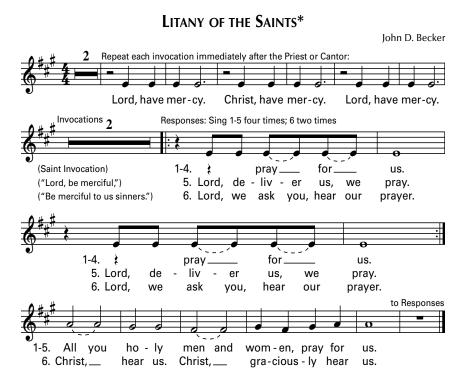
## The Prayer of Dedication and the Anointings

For solemn occasions, the prayer of the whole Church — those with God in heaven as well as those on earth — is sought. The Litany of the Saints is one of the oldest prayers in continuous use in the Church. It is composed of five sections: the first invokes the Triune God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit; the second asks the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, the angels and saints; the third presents petitions to Christ our Savior; the fourth includes a list of intentions for the Church and the world; the fifth, and final, section is an appeal for Christ to hear our prayer.

Most commonly recited today — the Solemnity of All Saints — the Litany of the Saints is an excellent prayer for use throughout the year, especially when we are in need of special guidance or graces. Like all litanies, it is intended to be recited communally, but can be prayed alone.

#### INVITATION TO PRAYER

Archbishop: Dearly beloved, let us pray to God the almighty Father, who makes the hearts of the faithful into spiritual temples for himself, and may the supplication of the Saints, our brothers and sisters, be joined with our voices.



\*Verses available in accompaniment books.

Archbishop: Mercifully accept our petitions, we pray, O Lord, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the Saints, so that this building to be dedicated to your name may be a house of salvation and grace where the Christian people, gathering as one, will worship you in spirit and in truth and be built up in charity. Through Christ our Lord.

#### All: Amen.

## The Disposition of the Relics

The Eucharist has been celebrated over the tombs of saints for years. Every Catholic altar contains the relics of a saint, a model of how to give one's life to God, just as Jesus offers himself in the Eucharist. The relic interred is that of St. Luke the Evangelist, because we were originally a mission of St. Luke in Dahlonega.

PSALM 15 sung by choir

## Prayer of Dedication

The celebration of the Eucharist is the most important and the one necessary rite for the dedication of a church. Nevertheless, in accordance with the tradition of the Church, a special prayer of dedication is also said. This prayer is a sign of the intention to dedicate the church to the Lord for all times and a petition for his blessing.

### Archbishop:

O God, sanctifier and ruler of your Church, it is right for us to celebrate your name in joyful proclamation; for today your faithful people desire to dedicate to you, solemnly and for all time, this house of prayer, where they worship you devoutly, are instructed by the word, and are nourished by the Sacraments.

This house brings to light the mystery of the Church, which Christ made holy by the shedding of his blood, so that he might present her to himself as a glorious Bride, a Virgin resplendent with the integrity of faith, a Mother made fruitful by the power of the Spirit.

Holy is the Church, the chosen vine of the Lord, whose branches fill the whole world, and whose tendrils, borne on the wood of the Cross, reach upward to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed is the Church,
God's dwelling-place with the human race,
a holy temple built of living stones,
standing upon the foundation of the Apostles
with Christ Jesus its chief cornerstone.

Exalted is the Church,
a City set high on a mountain for all to see,
resplendent to every eye
with the unfading light of the Lamb,
and resounding with the sweet hymn of the Saints.

Therefore, O Lord, we beseech you: graciously pour forth from heaven your sanctifying power upon this church and upon this altar, to make this for ever a holy place with a table always prepared for the Sacrifice of Christ.

Here may the flood of divine grace overwhelm human offenses, so that your children, Father, being dead to sin, may be reborn to heavenly life.

Here may your faithful, gathered around the table of the altar, celebrate the memorial of the Paschal Mystery and be refreshed by the banquet of Christ's Word and his Body.

Here may the joyful offering of praise resound, with human voices joined to the song of Angels, and unceasing prayer rise up to you for the salvation of the world.

Here may the poor find mercy, the oppressed attain true freedom, and all people be clothed with the dignity of your children, until they come exultant to the Jerusalem which is above. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated

## Anointing the Altar and Walls of the Church

The altar and walls of the church are anointed, signifying that they are given over entirely and perpetually to Christian worship. Members of the Church have been anointed with Sacred Chrism, so the walls symbolize the whole Body of Christ who will gather within them around the altar, the symbol of Christ, the Head. In keeping with tradition, there are four anointings at specific places around the church. These are marked with a cross and a candle, which will be lit every year as we celebrate the Anniversary of Dedication and on solemn occasions.

Archbishop:
May the Lord by his power sanctify this altar and this house, which by our ministry we anoint, so that as visible signs they may express the mystery of Christ and the Church.

Then the Archbishop pours sacred chrism on the middle of the altar and on each of its four corners. When the altar has been anointed, the Archbishop, assisted by Fr. Higgins, Fr. Rey Pineda, Fr. Matthew Dalrymple, and Fr. Dan Rogaczewski, anoints the walls of the church.

Psalm 84 sung by choir

## Incensation of the Altar and the Church

After the rite of anointing, the brazier is placed on the altar for burning incense. The Archbishop puts incense into the brazier.

Archbishop:
Let our prayer rise, O Lord,
like incense in your sight;
and as this house is filled with a pleasing fragrance,
so let your Church be fragrant with the
aroma of Christ.

Incense is burned on the altar to signify that Christ's sacrifice ascends to God as an odor of sweetness and also to signify that the people's prayers rise up pleasing and acceptable, reaching the throne of God. The people of God are incensed first because they are the living stones of the Church, each one a spiritual altar. The incensation of the nave indicates that the dedication makes it a house of prayer, spreading the fragrance of God wherever the Gospel of Christ is proclaimed to others.

After the incensation, the altar is wiped with cloths, covered with waterproof linen and a linen cover. Finally, candles, decorative flowers and a cross are arranged in a suitable manner for the celebration of the Mass.

Psalm 138 sung by choir

# Lighting of the Altar and the Church

Then the Archbishop gives to the deacon a lighted candle and says:

Archbishop: Let the light of Christ shine brightly in the Church, that all nations may attain the fullness of truth.

The deacon lights the altar candles for the Eucharistic celebration. Then, the festive lighting takes place; all the candles, including where the anointings were made, are lit as a sign of rejoicing. The lights come on fully for the first time. The altar is dressed with a white cloth and flowers are presented to decorate the sanctuary.

#### CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT/SÉ NUESTRA LUZ



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## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Made ready by reflection on God's Word, we enter now into the eucharistic sacrifice itself, the Supper of the Lord. We celebrate the memorial which the Lord instituted at his Last Supper. We are God's new people, the redeemed brothers and sisters of Christ, gathered by him around his table. We are here to bless God and to receive the gift of Jesus' body and blood so that our faith and life may be transformed.

**OFFERTORY** 

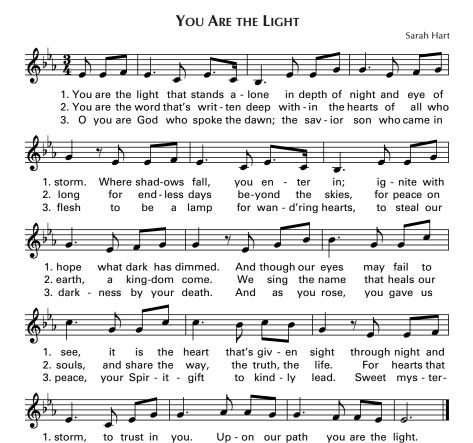




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#### PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

The bread and wine for the Eucharist, with our gifts for the Church and the poor, are gathered and brought to the altar. We prepare our hearts by song or in silence as the Lord's table is set. The gifts are brought forward by members of the Building Committee.



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we speak the word:

We look to you;

you are the light.

you are the light.

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both lost and found,

how true you guide.

Hereafter, the Liturgy of the Eucharist proceeds in the usual way

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Archbishop: Let us pray.

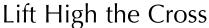
Through these holy gifts we have received,
O Lord, we pray,
instill in our minds an increase of your truth,
so that we may constantly adore you in
your holy temple and glory in your sight
with all the Saints.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

# Greetings and Acknowledgments Reverend Brian J. Higgins, Pastor

#### Please stand

## Blessing and Dismissal





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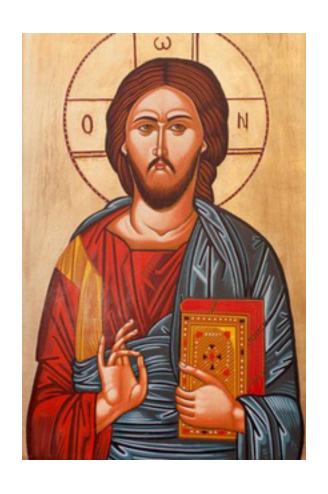
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