

Order for the Dedication of a Stained-Glass Window.

If the window is to be dedicated at the hour of Divine Worship, the Service shall proceed as usual until the Sermon has been preached and the Offerings of the people received. A hymn may then be sung, after which the Minister, standing in a convenient place near to the window, shall say, the people standing—

Our help is in the Name of the LORD.

People—Who made heaven and earth.

Minister—LORD, hear our prayer.

People—And let our cry come unto Thee.

Then, all kneeling, the Minister shall say—

Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, by whose divine operation alone can persons, places, and things be truly sanctified and blest: send down Thy Holy Spirit, we humbly pray Thee, and by the mystery of His overshadowing presence confirm with Thy heavenly grace those things which now we say and do, in the faith of our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Our FATHER which art in heaven . . .

Then shall the people stand, and the Minister, facing towards the window, shall say—

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY GHOST:

We bless, dedicate, and set apart this window to the glory of Almighty GOD (and in memory of —), to beautify and make glorious the habitation of the LORD's House, and the place where His honour dwelleth. Amen.

Then shall the Minister say—

How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O LORD of Hosts !
My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the
LORD.

People—My heart and my flesh crieth out for the living
GOD.

Minister—O, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

People—Fear before Him all the earth.

Then, all kneeling, the Minister shall say these prayers following—

Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, by whose word and power all things were made, and from whom alone cometh whatsoever we enjoy : we humbly beseech Thee to look down from the throne of Thy glory and accept and sanctify this gift of Thy *servant*. Receive the oblation which *he* presents, and vouchsafe Thy benediction that it may for ever remain consecrated to the use and worship of Thy sanctuary. And forasmuch as for the honour of Thy Name Thy *servant* has sought to advance the goodly order of Thy temple, do Thou recompense *him* with Thy heavenly blessing ; accept *his* devotion, increase *his* faith, comfort *him* with Thy favour, protect and deliver *him*, and receive him to Thy kingdom in the world to come ; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

O GOD, who of things invisible dost build up in the heavens an everlasting temple for Thy majesty, yet who dost deign to tabernacle with men in temples made with hands : grant that whatever of material things Thy Church doth set apart for the advancement of Thy worship and glory may bring unto Thy people spiritual increase. And so let this window speak through their outward eyes unto their souls of that world which is unseen, that by their worship here they may be prepared for the great and blessed hour when that which is perfect shall have come ; and, sign and symbol having passed away, they shall with unclouded vision behold Thee as Thou art ; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

Hymn.

The Benediction.