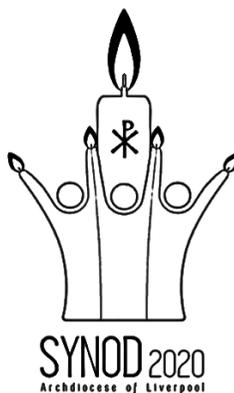


# CLOSING BENEDICTION



## Closing Benediction

*At the end of a time of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament it is traditional, if there is a Priest or Deacon, for there to be Benediction. Benediction simply means blessing, so in the context of Adoration, Benediction is a blessing of the people with the Blessed Sacrament held within the Monstrance.*

*The following is a simple form of Benediction that may be used:*

As we come to the end of our time before our Lord let us sing and pray:

Tantum ergo Sacramentum  
veneremur cernui:  
et antiquum documentum  
novo cedat ritui:  
praestet fides supplementum  
sensuum defectui.

Down in adoration falling,  
lo! the sacred Host we hail,  
lo! o'er ancient forms departing  
newer rites of grace prevail;  
faith for all defects supplying,  
where the feeble senses fail.

Genitori, genitoque  
laus et jubilatio,  
salus, honor, virtus quoque  
sit et benedictio;  
procedenti ab utroque  
compar sit laudatio.  
Amen.

To the everlasting Father,  
and the Son Who reigns on high  
with the Holy Spirit proceeding  
forth from each eternally,  
be salvation, honor blessing,  
might and endless majesty.  
Amen.

**V** You have given them bread from heaven.

**R** Having within it all sweetness.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,

you gave us the Eucharist

as the memorial of your suffering and death.

May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us, and the peace of the kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## **Benediction**

*(If there is a Priest or Deacon then Benediction may be given. After the prayer the Priest or Deacon puts on the humeral veil, genuflects and takes the monstrance. He makes the sign of the cross over the people with the monstrance in silence.*

*The Blessed Sacrament is then reposed in the tabernacle during which an acclamation such as the following may be sung to cover and give added dignity to the action):*

O Sacrament most holy,  
O Sacrament divine,  
all praise and all thanksgiving  
be every moment thine. (x3)

*After the Blessed Sacrament has been reposed the presider may lead the people in reciting the divine praises:*

## **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 Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.  
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.  
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.  
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.  
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her spouse most chaste.  
Blessed be God in His angels and in His Saints.