

The Litany

Words to be said are in this style: **All:** say these words.

Instructions are in italics.

The litany is a part of all ordination services where every member of the Old Catholic Apostolic Church clergy present chant this blessing – which it is – so that we all witness and share in the imparting of spiritual power upon the ordinand(s).

This spiritual blessing is not of us: it is of the One Who Sends us. There are no suitable words in human language to convey God's blessing through Christ being delivered here, so you'll see the phrase 'Sacramental Benison' as an attempt to describe it. OCAC clergy should be proficient in the words and chant of the litany.

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All: God the Father, seen of none,
God the co-eternal Son,
God the Spirit, with them One;
Hear us Holy Trinity.

God eternal, mighty King,
Unto You our love we bring,
Through the world Your praises ring;
We are Yours O Trinity.

Christ the Lord of life and light,
Ruler of the starry height;
Fount of glory infinite;
You we worship, Master.

Mighty Lord we hail you here,
Recognize your presence dear,
Feel and know that you are near,
Keeping thus your promise.

Though your face we cannot see,
As of old of Galilee,
Strong in faith with you in me,
Ever-present Master.

From our fathers we have heard,
Of the gift your hand conferred,
We have proved the Holy Word;
Be that gift outpoured.

Though your form from earth has gone,
Your apostles handed on,
Sacramental Benison;

Be that blessing with us.

We this power would now convey,
Strengthen then our hands we pray,
Pour your might through us today,
Hear us Holy Master.

Monarch at your feet we kneel,
For your servants we appeal,
Fill their hearts with holy zeal,
In your service, Master.

Lord of holy church the head,
Mystic power upon them shed,
By your love may they be led;
Hear us Holy Master.

Link in mystic bond with you
These your deacons may they be,
From the world and self set free;
By your power O Master.

May they stand before your face,
Filled with love and heavenly grace,
Grant them with the saints a place;
Near you Lord and Master.

The bishop takes the crozier in the left hand; holds it above the prostrate ordinand(s) and says or sings alone:

Bishop: We beseech you hear our prayer,
Bless + your servant(s) prostrate there,
Hold them in your loving care;
Hear us Holy Trinity.

Hear your servants as they pray,
Help these chosen ones today,
Bless+ and + hallow them for aye;
Hear us Holy Trinity.

Pour your loving-kindness great,
On your chosen candidate(s),
Bless + them, + Hallow, + Consecrate;
Hear us Holy Trinity.

The bishop and clergy kneel around the ordinand(s) and everyone sings:

All: God the Father, seen of none,
God the co-eternal Son,
God the Spirit, with them one;
We are yours O Trinity.

Please pray for yourselves and the Old Catholic Apostolic Church regularly.