

# Catholic & Truth & Society.

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## ORDER

OF

## EXERCISES AT LECTURES.

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### OPENING HYMN.

"And the Lord went before them to show them the way in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night."—*Exodus* *xl.* 21.

Lead, Kindly Light, amid th' encircling gloom,

Lead Thou me on.

The night is dark and I am far from home,

Lead Thou me on.

Keep Thou my feet ; I do not ask to see

The distant scene,—one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou  
 Shouldst lead me on ;  
 I loved to choose and see my path, but now  
 Lead Thou me on !  
 I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears  
 Pride ruled my will ; remember not past years.

So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still  
 Will lead me on  
 O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent till  
 The night is gone ;  
 And with the morn those angel faces smile  
 Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

*Then the Reader says the following prayer:*

PRAYER.

Come O Holy Ghost fill the hearts of Thy faithful  
 people.

*Audience.* Enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.

*R.* Send forth Thy spirit and they shall be created.

*A.* And Thou wilt renew the face of the earth.

*R.* Let Us Pray.

O God who dost teach the hearts of Thy faithful  
 people through the light of the Holy Spirit : grant  
 that we may be truly wise in that same Spirit and  
 ever enjoy His consolation. Through Christ our Lord.

*A.* Amen.

*The audience is seated while a passage from Holy  
 Scripture is read.*



*Afterwards the following Psalm is recited alternately by the audience.*

PSALM 99.

*Reader.*

Sing joyfully unto God, O every land.

*Audience.*

Serve ye the Lord with gladness  
Come before Him with great joy.

*R.* Know ye that the Lord Himself is God.

*A.* He hath made us and not we ourselves  
We are His people and the sheep of His  
pasture.

*R.* Enter His gates with thanksgiving.

*A.* Enter His courts with praise,  
Give thanks unto Him.

*R.* Praise ye His name for the Lord is sweet.

*A.* His mercy is unto everlasting,  
From generation unto generation is His  
truth.

*R.* Glory be to Father and to the Son and to the  
Holy Ghost.

*A.* As it was in the beginning, is now and ever  
shall be world without end. Amen.

*The audience now stands and sings the Hymn*

LOVING SHEPHERD.

The good Shepherd giveth his life for his sheep.—*John x. 11.*

Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep  
Keep me Lord in safety keep;  
Nothing can Thy power withstand  
None can pluck me from Thy hand.

Loving Shepherd Thou didst give  
 Thine own life that I might live  
 May I love Thee day by day  
 Gladly Thy sweet will obey.

Loving Shepherd ever near,  
 Teach me still Thy voice to hear,  
 Suffer not my steps to stray  
 From the straight and narrow way.  
 Where Thou leadest may I go  
 Walking in Thy steps below  
 Then before Thy Father's throne  
 Jesu claim me for Thine own.

*The audience is seated while the address or lecture  
 is delivered.*

*After the lecture the audience rises and sings the hymn*

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD.

The Lord is my shepherd and I shall want nothing.—*Psalm 22.*

My Shepherd is the living God  
 I know no craving need ;  
 He sets me where the green herbs grow  
 Along the quiet mead.  
 He leads me where the waters flow,  
 The waters soft and still,  
 And homeward He will gently guide  
 My wand'ring heart and will.

I fear no ill for Thou O Lord  
 With me for ever art ;  
 Thy shepherd's staff, Thy guiding rod,

Uphold my fainting heart.  
 Thy loving mercy still doth wait  
 Through all my life on me,  
 And I within my Father's house  
 Eternally shall be.

*At the close of hymn the audience is seated. The speaker will now receive questions from the audience either in writing or by word of mouth. Those who desire information either on the subject of the lecture or on any other subject of Catholic belief or practice are earnestly invited to present their questions at these meetings.*

*After the discussion the audience will stand and recite the following Psalm and Prayers:*

PSALM 66.

*Reader.*

God be merciful unto us and bless us,  
 And cause His face to shine upon us and be merciful unto us.

*Audience.*

- Let the peoples give thanks unto Thee, O God,  
 Let all the peoples praise Thee.
- R. That we may know Thy way upon the earth,  
 Thy salvation among all nations.
- A. Let the peoples give thanks unto Thee, O  
 God,  
 Let all the peoples praise Thee.
- R. Let the nations be glad and rejoice,  
 For Thou judgest the people in justice,  
 And guidest the nations upon earth.

- A.* Let the peoples give thanks unto Thee, O  
God,  
Let all the people praise Thee.
- R.* The earth hath yielded her fruit,  
Bless us, O God, our God.
- A.* Bless us, O God,  
And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.
- R.* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the  
Holy Ghost.
- A.* As it was in the beginning is now and ever  
shall be world without end. Amen.

## PRAYER.

- R.* Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers.
- A.* And worthy of praise and glory forevermore.
- R.* Let us bless the Father and the Son, with the  
Holy Ghost.
- A.* Let us praise and exalt Him forever.
- R.* Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of  
heaven.
- A.* And worthy of praise and glory and exaltation  
above all forever.
- R.* Bless the Lord, O my soul.
- A.* And forget not all His benefits.
- R.* O Lord, hear my prayer.
- A.* And let my cry come unto Thee.

*R.* Let us pray.

O God, who willest that all men should be saved  
and should come unto the knowledge of Thy truth :  
send, we beseech Thee, the laborers into Thy vine-  
yard and give them power to speak Thy message  
with all confidence, so that Thy word may run and be

glorified, and all nations may know Thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ, Thy Son Whom Thou hast sent.

O God, Who guidest back the feet of them that stray, and gatherest all that are scattered abroad, and savest them when they are gathered together; pour forth, we beseech Thee, the grace of Thy unity upon the Christian people that they may put away all divisions and join themselves unto the true Shepherd of the Church and thus serve Thee worthily according to Thy will. Through Christ our Lord.

*A.* Amen.

*R.* O Lord hear my prayer.

*A.* And let my cry unto Thee.

*R.* May the Lord bless you out of Sion and may ye behold the good things of Jerusalem all the days of your life and may ye see your children and your children's children, peace upon Israel.

*A.* Amen.

*R.* The blessing of God the Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost come down upon you and remain with you forever more.

*A.* Amen.

#### CLOSING HYMN.

Sweet Savior ! bless us ere we go ;  
 Thy word into our minds instill ;  
 And make our luke-warm hearts to glow  
 With lowly love and fervent will.  
 Through life's long day and death's dark night,  
 O gentle Jesus, be our light.

The day is done, its hours have run ;  
 And Thou hast taken count of all,—

The scanty triumphs grace has won,  
 The broken vow, the frequent fall.  
 Through life's long day and death's dark night,  
 O gentle Jesus, be our light.

Grant us, dear Lord, from evil ways  
 True absolution and release ;  
 And bless us more than in past days  
 With purity and inward peace.  
 Through life's long day and death's dark night,  
 O gentle Jesus, be our light.

Do more than pardon ; give us joy,  
 Sweet fear and sober liberty ;  
 And simple hearts without alloy,  
 That only long to be like Thee.  
 Through life's long day and death's dark night,  
 O gentle Jesus, be our light.

For all we love, the poor, the sad,  
 The sinful, unto Thee we call ;  
 O, let Thy mercy make us glad :  
 Thou art our Jesus and our All.  
 Through life's long day and death's dark night,  
 O gentle Jesus, be our light.