The mystery of the Church, the Bride of Christ and Temple of the Spirit

V. The Lord be with you.  R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.  R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For in your benevolence you are pleased to dwell in this house of prayer in order to perfect us as the temple of the Holy Spirit, supported by the perpetual help of your grace and resplendent with the glory of a life acceptable to you.

Year by year you sanctify the Church, the Bride of Christ, fore-shadowed in visible buildings, so that, rejoicing as the mother of
count-less chil-dren, she may be giv-en her place in your heav-en-ly glo-ry. And so, with all the An-gels and Saints, we praise you, as without end we ac-claim:

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