At the Solemn Blessing

Solemn Tone

The Deacon or, in his absence, the Priest himself, sings the invitation:

Bow down for the blessing.

Then the Priest, with hands extended over the people, sings the blessing:

V. May the almighty and merciful God, by whose grace you have placed your faith in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son and yearn for his coming again, sanctify you by the radiance of Christ’s Advent and enrich you with his blessing.

R. Amen.

V. And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.
Or, in some Ritual Masses:

V. And may almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. A-men.
The Deacon or, in his absence, the Priest himself, sings the invitation:

**Simple Tone**

Bow down for the blessing.

Then the Priest, with hands extended over the people, sings the blessing:

**RECITING TONE  FLEX  MEDIANT  FULL STOP**

V. May the almighty and merciful God, by whose grace you have placed your faith in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son and yearn for his coming again, sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent and enrich you with his blessing.

R. Amen.

V. And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.
R. A-men.

Or, in some Ritual Masses:

V. And may almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here, the Father, (✠) and the Son, ✡ and the Holy (✠) Spirit.

R. A-men.

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