Rite For Receiving The Holy Oils*

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VERE 1: Cantor

1. Be-hold the oil of the sick, blessed by our Bish-op, —

1. sent to us for the anointing of all who suffer illness. —

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*To take place at the beginning of the Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper.
REFRAIN A: All
Assembly

Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God!

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

REFRAIN B: All
Assembly

Bless'd be God for-ev-er! Bless'd be God for-ev-er!

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

VERSE 2: Cantor

2. Be-hold the oil of the cat-e-chu-mens, blessed by our Bish-op,
2. sent to us for the anointing of our catechumens // in preparation for their baptism.

VERSE 3: Cantor

3. Behold the sacred chrism, oil mixed with sweet perfume,

3. and consecrated by our Bishop, sent to us for the anointing of the bapt... 

3. tized who are to be sealed with the Holy Spirit.
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(Guitar/Vocal)

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The following are needed for the Introductory Rites:

- the vessels containing the holy oils
- a table for the placement of the holy oils

The procession begins at the entrance to the church. The order of procession is as follows:

- incense bearer
- cross bearer
- acolytes bearing lighted candles
- presenters bearing the vessels of the holy oils
- lector bearing the Lectionary or deacon (or concelebrating priest) bearing the Book of the Gospels
- concelebrating priests
- presiding priest

INTRODUCTORY RITES

1. Entrance Song and Procession

The presenters bearing the vessels of the holy oils carry them in procession in the order described above. When they arrive at the front of the assembly, they stand where they can be seen by all.

A gathering hymn is sung by the assembly during the procession. Then the presiding priest gives the customary greeting:

2. Greeting

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Assembly: Amen.
Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
Assembly: And also with you.

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3. Reception of the Oils

_The presiding priest, facing the people, introduces the liturgy in these or similar words:_

_Priest:_ Dear friends, we are gathered together on this holy night to begin the Easter Triduum. United with the Church throughout the world, we commemorate the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We begin as he did: at the Passover table of the Last Supper.

Several days ago, united with the priests and people of the Diocese (Archdiocese) of N . . ., Bishop (Archbishop or Cardinal) N . . . consecrated the holy chrism and blessed the oils for use in the anointing of the sick and in the preparation of catechumens for Baptism.

Tonight we receive these holy oils, which we will use in the celebration of the sacraments. By means of these powerful symbols, the crucified and risen Savior will continue in our midst the work he began at his death and resurrection: forgiveness, healing, new life.

_As each oil is presented, the cantor (in simple, solemn chant) or another minister (in recitation) makes the following proclamations. The vessel containing the oil should be held high by each presenter._

_Cantor or Minister:_ Behold the oil of the sick, blessed by our bishop, sent to us for the anointing of all who suffer illness.

_Assembly:_ **Blessed be God forever!**

_or_

**Thanks be to God!**

_Cantor or Minister:_ Behold the oil of the catechumens, blessed by our bishop, sent to us for the anointing of our catechumens in preparation for their baptism.

_Assembly:_ **Blessed be God forever!**

_or_

**Thanks be to God!**

_Cantor or Minister:_ Behold the sacred chrism, oil mixed with sweet perfume, and consecrated by our bishop, sent to us for the anointing of the baptized who are to be sealed with the Holy Spirit.

_Assembly:_ **Blessed be God forever!**

_or_

**Thanks be to God!**

_The oils are carried by the presenters and placed on a specially prepared table. It is appropriate that the table be located near the baptismal font._

_The Mass continues with the singing of the ‘‘Gloria.’’_
Assembly Edition

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VERSE 1: Cantor
1. Behold the oil of the sick, blessed by our Bishop,
sent to us for the anointing of all who suffer illness. (to Refrain A or B)

REFRAIN A or B: All
Ref. A: Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God!
Ref. B: Bless’d be God for ev’ry! Bless’d be God for ev’ry!

VERSE 2, 3: Cantor
2. Behold the oil of the catechumens, blessed by our Bishop,
sent to us for the anointing of our catechumens
in preparation for their baptism. (to Refrain A or B)

3. Behold the sacred chrism, oil mixed with sweet perfume,
and consecrated by our Bishop, sent to us for the anointing
of the baptized who are to be sealed with the Holy Spirit. (to Refrain A or B)

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