

THE BLESSING OF THE OILS AND THE CONSECRATION OF THE CHRISM


17. As the procession passes through the church, the schola or choir sings the hymn O Redemptor, with all joining in the refrain, or another suitable chant, in place of the Offertory Chant.

O Redemptor


Refrain




O Re - deem-er, hear your peo-ple as they join in song to you.



1. Trees by gen - tle sun - light rip - ened, gave this
 2. King of our e - ter - nal home - land, con - se -
 3. Let the unc - tion of the Chri - sm make both
 4. At the font the cleans - ing wa - ters drive a -
 5. Of the Fa - ther's heart be - got - ten, dwell - er
 6. Through the ag - es that a - wait us may this



oil for hal - low - ing: Hum - bly we pre - sent
 crate this liv - ing sign: May this ol - ive bring
 men and wo - men new, heal their wound - ed na -
 way all taint of sin, when the fore - head is
 in the Vir - gin's womb, give us light who share
 be our fes - tive day, hal - lowed by your wor -



it to you, Sav - iour of the world, our King.
 pro - tect - tion from the E - vil One's de - sign.
 ture's glo - ry, raise them to new life in you.
 a - noint - ed, ho - ly gifts come flood - ing in.
 the Chri - sm, close for us the path to doom.
 thy prais - es and pre - served from time's de - cay.

O Redeemer, hear your people
as they join in song to you.

Trees by gentle sunlight ripened,
gave this oil for hallowing:
Humbly we present it to you,
Saviour of the world, our King.

King of our eternal homeland,
consecrate this living sign:
May this olive bring protection
from the Evil One's design.

Let the unction of the Chrism
make both men and women new,
heal their wounded nature's glory,
raise them to new life in you.

At the font the cleansing waters
drive away all taint of sin,
when the forehead is anointed,
holy gifts come flooding in.

Of the Father's heart begotten,
dweller in the Virgin's womb,
give us light who share the Chrism,
close for us the path to doom.

Through the ages that await us
may this be our festive day,
hallowed by your worthy praises
and preserved from time's decay.