The mystery of God’s Temple

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, Father most holy. For you have made the whole world a temple of your glory, that your name might everywhere be exalted, yet you allow us to consecrate to you apt places for the divine mysteries. And so, we dedicate joyfully to your majesty this house of prayer, built by human labor. Here is foreshadowed the mystery of the true Temple, here is prefigured the heavenly Jerusalem. For you made
the Body of your Son, born of the tender Virgin, the Temple consecrated to you, in which the fullness of the God-head might dwell.

You also established the Church as a holy city, built upon the foundation of the Apostles, with Christ Jesus himself the chief corner-stone: a city to be built of chosen stones, given life by the Spirit and bond-ed by charity, where for endless ages you will be all in all and the light of Christ will shine undimmed for ever. Through him, O Lord, with all the Angels and Saints, we give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim: