

question "What shall I render to the Lord for all the things that He hath rendered to me?" may we all say with the celebrant of the Holy Sacrifice: "I will take the chalice of salvation and will call upon the name of the Lord. Receive, O Holy Trinity, this offering, which I present to Thee in memory of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ: and grant that it may ascend to Thee worthily in Thy sight, and may bring about my eternal salvation and that of all the faithful."<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> *Offertory of the Mass.*

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## PRIESTHOOD

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Unto eternity a sacrifice of praise thine hands shall send—  
 Thy heart no other love than Mine shall know.  
 O'er My chosen ones in benediction let thine hands extend  
 Through thee the saving waters of My grace shall flow.

By thy paternity an offering of incense rare shall rise in praise  
 Unto My throne: more precious than the purest gold.  
 My wayward ones from malediction by thy virtue raise;  
 Guard well their hearts lest alien shepherd reign within My fold.

*Envoi:*

To Thee this day these newly unctioned sons give their command:  
 To Thee alone henceforward do they pledge their fealty.  
 Thy strength impart to heart and mind of this Thy band  
 Of soldiers—pledged only to defend Thy Majesty.

—Anselm Vitie, O.P.