

## THE SOLEMN RECEPTION OF A BISHOP

*The Bishop, escorted by the Churchwardens and fully vested, arrives at the main door of the church.*

*On entering the church he is escorted to the kneeling desk where he removes his mitre, kneels and pauses in prayer. The Parish Priest offers a cross for the Bishop to kiss after which the Bishop stands.*

*The Parish Priest offers the holy water vat and sprinkler. The Bishop then marks his own forehead with holy water and sprinkles those assembled. He does not sprinkle the whole congregation but returns the sprinkler to the Parish Priest.*

*The Bishop then puts incense onto the charcoal and blesses it. The Parish Priest then receives the thurible and censes the Bishop, who blesses the Priest. The thurible is then given back to the thurifer. A bell is rung and the thurifer leads the procession into the church as the first hymn begins.*