

# **Liturgy Alive of ST. AMBROSE, Bishop, Doctor**

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### **Introduction**

Prefect of Milan, Ambrose tried to prevent a riot at the election of a new bishop of Milan to succeed the Arian bishop. Someone shouted: "Ambrose bishop!" Still a catechumen, he finally accepted the charge. He became a very good pastor, with time for everybody. In his region he could put an end to Arianism and was instrumental in preparing the conversion of St. Augustine.

### **Opening Prayer**

Lord our God,  
we thank you today for St. Ambrose.  
Give to your Church today  
wise and caring shepherds like him  
who speak your word to us with love and zeal.  
May pastors learn from him  
to educate their people in the faith  
with an easily understood form of preaching  
that links the life of the faithful  
to the worship they are giving to God.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Lord our God,  
with bread and wine we celebrate  
how close your Son is to us.  
May he also bring the shepherds of your Church  
close to the people under their care,  
listening to them and guiding them  
with love and care to the shepherd of all,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Lord our God,  
In this eucharistic celebration  
your Son Jesus has been our teacher  
speaking to us of how you are concerned about us  
and how we can understand and love you.  
Make all bishops in the Church

wise teachers of their people,  
with a sure hand and an understanding heart,  
who show the way to you,  
our loving God, now and for ever.