RITE OF EXPOSITION  
AND  
BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

While the Blessed Sacrament is being exposed the following hymn or other hymn is sung:

Praise to the Lord

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the king of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Come, all who hear: Now to His altar draw near, joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper our work and defend us. Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend us. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in us adore Him! All that has life and breath come now with praises before Him! Let the “Amen” sound from his people again, now as we worship before Him!

The priest or deacon invites the congregation to adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament with the words of the response:

R/. Come, let us adore the Lord, for He is our God.

Come ring out our joy to the Lord: hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before Him, giving thanks, With songs let us hail the Lord. R/. 

A mighty God is the Lord, a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
The heights of the mountains are his.
To him belongs the sea, for he made it, and the dry land shaped by his hands. R/. 

Come in, let us bow and bend low;
Let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. R/. 

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

A scripture passage follows. Following the scripture passage this or other suitable prayers may be said:

Let us pray to the Lord in whom we find rest for our souls and let us say to him: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer!

R/. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer!

Lord Jesus, you are the King of the universe. Give to our troubled world the gift of peace. R/. 

Lord Jesus, you are the Savior of the world. Give healing and hope to all who are in distress. R/. 

Lord Jesus, you are the living bread from heaven. Give food to the starving peoples of the world. R/. 

Lord Jesus, you are the revelation of the Father’s mercy. Change our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh. R/. 

Lord Jesus, you are our peace and our reconciliation. Bring all people together in unity and love. R/. 

Lord Jesus, you are the source of life and holiness. Lead us back to you and make us holy. R/. 

Lord Jesus, you are our life and our resurrection. Bring all the departed into the joys of your kingdom. R/. 

Lord Jesus Christ who said: “Ask and you shall receive,” listen to our prayer and help us in our need; bring us all one day into the peace of your kingdom where you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.
Toward the end of the exposition the priest or deacon goes to the altar, genuflects and kneels. The Tantum Ergo or other appropriate hymn is sung. While kneeling, he incenses the Blessed Sacrament.

_Tantum Ergo Sacramentum_

Tantum ergo Sacramentum Veneremur
Cernui, Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui; Praestet fides
Supplementum, Sensuum defectui.

Genitori Genitoque Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio: Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudation. Amen.

_The priest or deacon may sing or say:_

V/. Panem de caelo praestitisti eis.

R/. Omne delectamentum in se habentem.

_The Divine Praises may be said after the blessing:_

Blessed be God. Blessed be his holy name. Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man. Blessed be the name of Jesus. Blessed be his most Sacred Heart. Blessed be his most precious blood. Blessed be Jesus in the most holy sacrament of the altar. Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete. Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy. Blessed be her holy and immaculate conception. Blessed be her glorious assumption. Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother. Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse. Blessed be God in his angels and saints.

_The Blessed Sacrament is reposed in the tabernacle. Meanwhile, the people may join in this hymn or other acclamation:_

_Holy God We Praise Thy Name_

Holy God, we praise they name; Lord of all, we bow before thee! All on earth thy scepter claim, all in heaven above adore thee. Infinite, thy vast domain, everlasting is thy reign. Infinite, thy vast domain, everlasting is thy reign.

Hark! The loud celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising. Cherubim and Seraphim in unceasing chorus praises, fill the heavens with sweet accord: “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord!” Fill the heavens with sweet accord: “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord!”

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name thee. While in essence only one, Undivided God we claim thee. And adoring, bend the knee, while we own the mystery. And adoring, bend the knee, while we own the mystery.

After the prayer the priest or deacon puts on a cope, if he is not already wearing it, and the humeral veil. Then he genuflects and makes the sign of the cross over the people with the monstrance.