The Concluding Rites

Blessing

Then the dismissal takes place. The Priest, facing the people and extending his hands, sings:

The Lord be with you.

The people reply:

And with your spirit.

The Priest blesses the people, singing:

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The people reply:

A-men.

In a Pontifical Mass, the Celebrant receives the miter and, extending his hands, sings:

The Lord be with you.

All reply:

And with your spirit.

The celebrant sings:

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All reply:

Now and for ever.
The celebrant sings:

\[ \text{Our help is in the name of the Lord.} \]

All reply:

\[ \text{Who made heav-en and earth.} \]

The celebrant receives the pastoral staff, if he uses it, and sings:

\[ \text{May almighty God bless you,} \]

Making the Sign of the Cross over the people three times, he adds:

\[ \text{the Father, and the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.} \]

All:

\[ \text{A-men.} \]