

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Vicar May Jesus and his dear Mother be with us on our journey.
People **May Jesus and his dear Mother be with us on our journey.**

We pause to wish peace to each individual member of this Community in the silence of our heart.

THE GREETING

Bishop O God make speed to save us!
People **O Lord make haste to help us!**
Bishop Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
People **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

THE COMMUNITY HYMN

Veni Electa Mea

Veni electa mea,
Et ponam in te tronuum,
Meum quia concupivit
Res speciem tuum.
**You have been told O child of God,
All that my Abba asks of you,
Act justly and love tenderly,
And humbly walk each day with God.
Be not afraid abide with me,
To be my peace and be my joy.
For I am with you all the time,
From now until the ages end.
I send you forth into the world,
To love my flock and tend my sheep,
And tell the wolves in dark valleys,
That I surround all with my love.
The hungry feed, the naked clothe,
Refreshing waters pour for them.**

**Tend to the ill and prisoner,
Find in their hearts my own presence.
Mary my Mother prays for you,
To follow always her desire.
That you love and embrace my word,
And do all that I ask of you.
Before I formed you I knew you,
Longing to have you speak my word,
In every moment of each day,
Be my surprising kingdom yeast.
Come unto me my chosen one,
So I may place you on my throne,
For I who am your soul's desire,
Sees in your dear heart love's own grace.
Veni electa mea,
Et ponam in te tronuum,
Meum quia concupivit
Res speciem tuum.**

Following the hymn the assembly is seated, except for the Bishop Visitor, the Steward Guardian and the Vicar Pro Tempore

THE PRESENTATION

Vicar Let those to enter the novitiate of this Community come before this assembly.
The postulants enter the worship space from the place where they had gathered, and are led before the Bishop Visitor, who addresses each of them separately.

Bishop What do you ask of us this day?

Postulant I ask that I may enter the novitiate of the Community of the Mother of Jesus, so that I may learn the ways of this Community that will help me to more perfectly follow Jesus Christ, by imitating the example of discipleship lived by Mary, His Mother.

Bishop Will you continue to seek to be faithful to the promises of your baptismal covenant upon which the ways of this Community are grounded?

Postulant I will, for I believe in the Triune God and the Holy Catholic Church.

Bishop Have you prayerfully considered what you are about to do?

Postulant I have, and I believe that God is calling me to become a novice in the Community of the Mother of Jesus.

After the last postulant is questioned, the Bishop Visitor addresses all of them.

Bishop I thank God with all my heart that your spiritual journey has led you here. May God who has begun this good work in you, bring it to fulfillment.

The postulants turn and face the Steward Guardian and the Community. Then they kneel.

THE NOVITIATE COMMITMENT

S. Guardian "N," I summon you to speak the words of commitment by which you will enter into the Novitiate of the Community of the Mother of Jesus.

Postulant I, "N," commit myself to live as a novice in the Community of the Mother of Jesus, until this time next year. I will continue to seek God's will for me, and to study what this Community places before me to help me learn your way of life. To help me in that spiritual growth, I freely give to you, Stephen, the Steward Guardian of the Community of the Mother of Jesus, and to your successors, the gift and promise of my obedience until I kneel before you again, a year from now to renew these words of commitment.

S. Guardian I accept the commitment you have made before all of us today. "N, cmj," I admit you as a novice into the novitiate of the Community of the Mother of Jesus, May your eyes, your ears, and your heart be attentive to hear, and be, and do, what Jesus asks of you each day.

People **Amen! Blessed be God whose great love is without end!**

After the last postulant has been admitted into the novitiate, the Bishop Visitor goes to where the habits are laid out. If the Bishop Visitor wishes to do so they may sprinkle the habits with holy water, in addition to making the sign of the cross over them.

Bishop God of Covenant Love, we ask you to bless our novices who are to be clothed in the novitiate habit of the Community of the Mother of Jesus. May these habits be blessed by the words and deeds of service lived out in the lives of these novices. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen!**

The new novices stand, and those assigned to do so go to where the habits are displayed and carry the new robes to their assigned novice. They put the individual pieces of the habit on the new novice after the novice repeats the prayer for that piece of the habit that the Steward Guardian prays.

The Steward Guardian speaks the prayer for each part of the habit, and the new novice(s) repeats it.

The Collar May my voice ring out your praises, O Lord.

The Robe I clothe myself with heartfelt humility, meekness, kindness, and patience.

The Cincture Quodcumque dixerit vobis facite.

The Medal Like Mary may I treasure all these things in my heart.

The Zucchetto God my light and my life, over and over my life.

The new novices go to the seats to which they are assigned.

THE RENEWAL OF THE NOVITIATE COMMITMENT

Vicar Let those who have completed this past year in our novitiate, and who are to renew their novitiate commitment, come forward.

This group of novices comes before the Community. They turn and face the Bishop Visitor.

Bishop During your time in our novitiate, you have been studying the reflections and teachings contained in the Novitiate Study Manual, as well as praying and meeting monthly with your spiritual companion. In doing this you have also continued to discern what God is asking of you. This has brought you before all of us so that you can renew your commitment to live as a novice in this Community. During this coming year, you will continue your life of prayer and discernment, as you study the four unique vows of Justice, Tenderness, Humility, and Contemplation. Six months from now you will begin a new ministry to our neighbors who are in need. May God, who has begun this good work in you, bring it to completion. May Our Lady of Cana pray with you and for you, as you seek to grow as a religious in the Community of the Mother of Jesus.

The novices turn towards the Steward Guardian and the Community and kneel.

S. Guardian "N," If you are willing to continue living as a novice in the novitiate of this Community, I summon you to kneel before all of us and renew your commitment to faithfully live as a novice in the Community of the Mother of Jesus.

Novice I, *(full name)*, commit myself to continue to live as a novice in the Community of the Mother of Jesus. I will continue to seek God's will for me, and to study what this Community places before me to help me learn your way of life. To help me in that spiritual growth, I freely give to you, Stephen, the Steward Guardian of the Community of the

Mother of Jesus, and to your successors, the gift and promise of my obedience until I kneel before you a year from now, to either renew these words of commitment, or to make my first profession of the vows of the Community of the Mother of Jesus

S. Guardian ("N,") I accept the commitment you have made before all is us today to continue living as a novice in the novitiate of the Community of the Mother of Jesus. May your eyes, your ears, and your heart be attentive to hear, and be, and do what Jesus asks of you each day.

People **Amen! Blessed be God whose great love is without end.**

After this renewal of their commitment these novices return to the places prepared for them.

THE PSALM

Psalms 119 33-40

Bishop Sing to God a joyous melody and let the praise of God resound in the voices of our new novices.

Novice 1 Teach me, O God, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

People **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

Novice 2 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

People **Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.**

Novice 1 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

People **Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.**

Novice 2 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgements are good.

People **Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.**

Novices 1 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit *
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. **Amen.**

THE READING

Exodus 31-12

Novice 3 A Reading from the Book of the Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOMILY

Br. Joshua

THE TE DEUM

Novice 4 With the Blessed Virgin Mary, we praise you, O God!

People **With the Blessed Virgin Mary, we praise you, O God!**

Novice 1 You are God, we praise you;
You are the Lord, we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father
All creation worships you.

People **With the Blessed Virgin Mary, we praise you, O God!**

Novice 2 To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim sing in endless praise

People **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Novice 3 The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

People **With the Blessed Virgin Mary, we praise you, O God!**

Novice 4 Throughout the world the holy church acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
And the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

People **With the Blessed Virgin Mary, we praise you, O God!**

Novice 1 You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
And opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

People **With the Blessed Virgin Mary, we praise you, O God!**

Novice 2 You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.

People **With the Blessed Virgin Mary, we praise you, O God!**

Novice 3 Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
And bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

People **With the Blessed Virgin Mary, we praise you, O God!**

Novice 4 With the Blessed Virgin Mary, we praise you, O God!

THE PRAYERS

Bishop Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, is the source and pattern of holiness. Let us ask our Redeemer to help our novices live their novitiate commitment. Bring to completion the good work you have begun so that our novices may grow in the grace of your call.

People **Son of God and Son of Mary, hear us!**

Bishop Teach our novices in your school of Holy Wisdom that they may grow more in their understanding of our Community's way of life.

People **Son of God and Son of Mary, teach us!**

Bishop Give to our novices a willing heart to live as your disciples by following the example of Mary, your Mother.

People **Son of God and Son of Mary, love us!**

Bishop Bless the Community of the Mother of Jesus, so that we may continue to grow into an edifice of spirit built by your love.

People **Son of God, and Son of Mary, guide us!**

Bishop Almighty God, you have called us to follow your Son, by imitating the example of discipleship lived by our Blessed Lady. Help our novices to imitate her way of holiness, and to live in obedience to the Good News proclaimed in the Gospels.

Grant through the prayers of Our Lady of Cana, that our novices may journey onward, and soon stand before us to profess the vows of Justice, Tenderness, Humility, and Contemplation. May their time in the novitiate of this Community be a season of joy as they grow in holiness and in loving service to others.

May they be the instruments of peace you call them to be.

We ask this through Christ, who promised to be with us until the end of the ages.
Amen.

Bishop With longing for the fullness of God's kingdom, we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE FINAL BLESSING

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop The blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come upon you, and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

S. Guardian May Our Lady of Cana, all the angels, saints, and our ancestors in the faith pray for us!

People **So that in all things we give praise and glory to God.**

S. Guardian May the needy not be forgotten!

People **Or the hope of the poor be in vain!**

S. Guardian Praise be the God and Abba of Jesus the Christ.

People **For God's great love is without end!**

THE PEACE

Vicar Let us share the sign of Peace.

All share the sign of peace.

THE CLOSING HYMN

Hail Holy Queen



1. Hail, ho - ly Queen en - thron'd a - bove, O Ma - ri - a!
2. Our life, our sweet ness, here be - low, O Ma - ri - a!
3. To thee we cry, poor sons of Eve, O Ma - ri - a!
4. Turn then most gra - cious Ad - vo - cate, O Ma - ri - a!

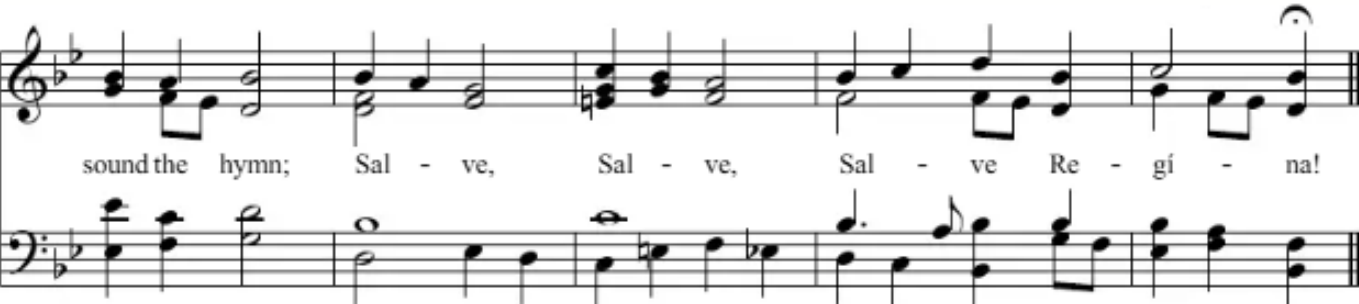


Hail Moth - er of mer - cy and of love, O Ma - ri - a! R.
Our hope in sor - row and in woe, O Ma - ri - a! R.
To thee we sigh, we mourn, we grieve, O Ma - ri - a! R.
T'ward us thine eyes com - pas - sion - ate, O Ma - ri - a! R.

Refrain:



Tri umph all ye Cher - u - bim, Sing with us ye Ser - a - phim, Heav'n and earth re -



sound the hymn; Sal - ve, Sal - ve, Sal - ve Re - gi - na!