

ENTRANCE

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 for silent prayer.

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

The Steward Guardian sings the first verse

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.**

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Et ponam in te tronuum,
Meum quia concupivit
Res speciem tuum.

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THE PSALM

Psalm 116

The psalm is said antiphonally by whole verse, beginning on the LEFT side.

I love you, O God, because you have heard the voice of my supplication, *
because you have inclined your ear to me whenever I called upon you.

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon your holy Name; *
"O God, I pray you, save my life."

Gracious are you and righteous; *
you are full of compassion.

You watch over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and you helped me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for God has treated you well.

For you, O God, have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

I will walk in the presence of God, *
in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said, "I have been brought very low." *
In my distress I said, "No one can be trusted."

How shall I repay God *
for all the good things done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of God.

I will fulfill my vows to God *
in the presence of all people.

Precious in your sight, O God, *
is the death of your servants.

O God, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;

you have freed me from my bonds. I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon your holy Name.

I will fulfill my vows to you *
in the presence of all your people,

In the courts of God's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia!

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.**

A Reading from the Gospel of John.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY

Br. Will

Pause for silent reflection.

If the Steward Guardian-elect is to profess Final Vows, they are called forward first. Vicar Pro Tempore: Let the one who is to profess final vows come forward. The Steward Guardian-elect stands before the Bishop Visitor.

Bishop

God spoke to Abraham and said: "I will be your God and you will be my people." Through these simple words, God entered into a covenant relationship with the chosen people. You stand before this Community to profess for the rest of your mortal life the four vows of Justice, Tenderness, Humility, and Contemplation, whereby you will be in a covenant relationship with the members of the Community of the Mother of Jesus. The words you profess will be a seal on your heart that will daily call you to love and serve our God who has led you here, and to love and serve the neighbors who are in need, as you seek with all the members of this religious family to do whatever Jesus tells you to do. If this is still your intention, I invite you to lie prostrate before all of us, so that you can die to self, and rise to live for the rest of your days the vows you are about to profess.

Vicar

Let the novice who wishes to make the first profession of vows and receive the profession habit of this religious community come forward.

S. Guardian

You have asked my permission to make your first profession of the four vows of the Community of the Mother of Jesus, and to receive our profession habit. This assembly supports you in your desire to follow God's call, as do I, and I call you to become a professed member of the Community of the Mother of Jesus. If this is still your desire, I invite you to lie prostrate before all of us, so that we might pray with you for what you are about to do.

Vicar My friends, before us lies our brother who will soon profess the vows of the Community of the Mother of Jesus. Let us pray for him, asking that he might be a living sign of God's love as he seeks to faithfully live the vows he is about to profess. Let us kneel.

THE LITANY OF OUR LADY OF CANA

In the beginning was the Word.

And the | Word was God.

The virgin shall conceive and bear a son.

And you shall call him E | mmanuel.

The Word became Flesh.

And dwells | among us.

O highly favored daughter, greeted by the angel, Gabriel;

R/ **Blessed Mary | prays for us.**

O daughter, full of grace; R/

O daughter, blest among women; R/

O daughter, who trusted and said, "Let it be done to me as you say." R/

O daughter, upon whom came the power of the Most High; R/

O gentle maiden, you bore Jesus in your womb.

R/ **You | pray for us.**

O gentle maiden, Elizabeth called you, "The Mother of my Lord." R/

O gentle maiden, your soul magnifies the Lord. R/

O gentle maiden, you rejoice in God, your savior. R/

O gentle maiden, blest by all generations. R/

O gentle maiden, the spouse of Joseph. R/

O gentle maiden, with Joseph you journeyed to Bethlehem. R/

O gentle maiden, for whom there was no room in the inn. R/

O gentle maiden, your days of confinement came to an end in a stable. R/

O holy mother, you gave birth to Jesus.

R/ **Ora | pro no-bis.**

O holy mother, you wrapped Jesus in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger. R/

O holy mother, angels announced glad tidings to shepherds. R/

O holy mother, shepherds bowed down to worship your son. R/

O holy mother, astrologers followed the star to present gifts to your son. R/

O holy mother, with Joseph you presented Jesus in the temple, R/

O holy mother, Simeon foretold your heart would be pierced with a sword of sorrow. R/

O holy mother, Joseph took you and the child to Egypt. R/

O holy mother, Joseph led you and the child from Egypt to Nazareth. R/

O holy mother, with Joseph, you searched for Jesus and found him in the temple. R/

O holy mother, you treasured all these things in your heart. R/

O blessed Mary, present at the wedding at Cana.

R/ **Blessed Mary | prays with us.**

O blessed Mary, you took the need you saw to your son .R/

O blessed Mary, you said, "Do whatever he tells you." R/

O blessed Mary, you sought Jesus as he spoke to the crowds. R/

O woman of sorrows, you saw the son you loved crucified.

R/ **Your Son has mer | cy on us.**

O woman of sorrows, you stood beneath the cross of your son. R/

O woman of sorrows, given to the beloved disciple. R/

O woman of sorrows, in whose arms was placed the dead body of your son. R/

O woman of sorrows, you accompanied the body of Jesus to the tomb. R/

O joyful mother, you rejoice in the resurrection of your son.

R/ **Holy Maiden | pray for us.**

O joyful mother, you prayed with the disciples for the gift of the Holy Spirit. R/

O blest woman, clothed with the sun. R/

O blest woman, with the moon under your feet. R/

O blest woman, with a crown of twelve stars on your head. R/

O Word of God, conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.

You have mercy on us!

O Word of God, born of the Virgin Mary.

You have mercy on us!

O Word of God, You are the Alpha and Omega.

You have mercy on us!

O Dear Lady of Cana, we ask you for this grace:

Help us to do whatever Jesus tells | us to do.

Bishop

O ever present and ever living God, you graced the Blessed Virgin Mary with the gift of being the mother of Jesus, your Son. Help our novice who desires to profess the first vows of this Community, to follow the example of the gentle maiden by being obedient to your will. May Mary's prayers lead Brother Joshua and Brother Bill more deeply into the wonder of your love, so they may be graced to live as bearers of the Word Made Flesh to all to whom you send them.

We ask this, through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People

Amen!

PROFESSION OF VOWS

Each Novice professes their first vows.

S. Guardian On behalf of the Community of the Mother of Jesus, I accept the Vows you have professed to faithfully live as a cherished member 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! Alleluia!**

THE CLOTHING OF THE PROFESSION HABIT

Bishop May these profession garments be blessed by the way Fr. Joe lives the vowed life of this Community. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

The Steward Guardian says the prayer that goes with each piece of the habit, and the newly professed repeats it before receiving the new garment.

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

The scapular: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

The mozzetta: I come to Jesus as I am, for his yoke is easy, and his burden light.

The Profession Cross: Like Mary, may I treasure all these things in my heart.

The Zucchetto: God, my light and my life, over and over my life!

People **God, my light and my life, over and over my life!**

THE BESTOWAL OF THE MARIAN TITLE & SAINT

Bishop Fr. Joe, CMJ during your time in this Community, you will study as your special devotion to the Mother of Jesus, her title as: *(gives the title to be studied)*. You will also have as your special patron saint, Saint *(gives the saint's name)*. May *(Marian title given)* and *(saint's name given)* pray for you, as you live as a cherished member of the Community of the Mother of Jesus.

THE RENEWAL OF VOWS

Vicar Let all who are to renew their annual vows come forward!

S. Guardian "N" what is it that you seek?

Professed To profess again the four vows of the Community of the Mother of Jesus.

S. Guardian Will you live this profession faithfully for the year ahead, so that God's grace may work in you and through you, so that what you do is the work of God?

Professed I will for God is my refuge and strength.

S. Guardian "N", I summon you to again profess the four vows of the Community of the Mother of Jesus.

Each Professed renew their vows.

S. Guardian On behalf of the Community of the Mother of Jesus, I accept the Vows you have again professed to live faithfully as a cherished member 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! Alleluia!**

HYMN

Ye who own the faith of Jesus

1. Ye who own the faith of Je - sus sing the won - ders that were done, when the
love of God the Fa - ther o'er our sin the vic-t'ry won, when he
made the Vir - gin Ma - ry mo - ther of his on - ly Son. Hail
Ma - ry, hail Ma - ry, hail Ma - ry, full of grace.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of staves, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

2 Blessèd were the chosen people
out of whom the Lord did come,
blessèd was the land of promise
fashioned for his earthly home;
but more blessèd far the Mother
she who bare him in her womb.
Hail Mary, full of grace.

3 Wherefore let all faithful people
tell the honour of her name,
let the church in her foreshadowed
part in her thanksgiving claim;
what Christ's Mother sang in gladness
let Christ's people sing the same.
Hail Mary, full of grace.

THE PEACE

Vicar Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.

THE PRAYERS

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

**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,
forever and ever. Amen!**

THE FINAL BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Bishop May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of our Savior Jesus Christ. And may the blessing of Almighty God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with 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!**

Vicar Our Liturgy of Profession is ended, let us go in peace and joy to serve the neighbors who are in need.

People **Thanks be to God.**