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## OPENING RITES

### INTROIT

Laetetur cor quærentium Dominum: quærite Dominum, et confirmamini: quærite faciem eius semper.

*Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord, and be strengthened; seek his face evermore. Ps. Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the nations.*



### KYRIE IX



## OPENING PRAYER

O God, who willed that the grace of Baptism should flourish in this your servant, so that she might strive to follow more closely in the footsteps of your Son, grant, we pray, that, constantly seeking evangelical perfection, she may add to the holiness of your Church and increase her apostolic zeal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

HOSEA 2:16, 21-22

Unam petii a Domino hanc requiram: ut inhabitem in domo Domini.

*One thing I ask of the Lord, this I will seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord.*

V. Ut videam voluptatem Domini: et protegar templo sancto eius.

*V. That I might see the beauty of the Lord and might be protected in his holy temple.*



## SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 3:8-14

### ALLELUIA

Alleluia. Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi: in domum Domini ibimus.

*Alleluia. I rejoiced at what was said to me; we will go into the house of the Lord.*

### GOSPEL

JOHN 15:1-8

### HOMILY

FR GREGORY PHILLIPS

## RITE OF PROFESSION

### INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*All stand.*

Veni, creator Spiritus, mentes tuorum visita, imple superna gratia, quae tu, creasti, pectora.

*Come, Creator Spirit, visit the souls of your people, fill with your heavenly grace the hearts which you have made.*

Qui diceris Paráclitus, donum Dei altissimi, fons vivus, ignis, caritas, et spiritalis unctio.

*You are called the Comforter, the gift of God most high, the living fountain, fire, love, and spiritual unction.*

Tu septiformis munere, dextrae Dei tu digitus, tu rite promissum Patris sermone ditans guttura.

*You are sevenfold in your gifts, finger of God's right hand, you are the solemn promise of the Father, enriching tongues with speech.*

Accende lumen sensibus, infunde amorem cordibus, infirma nostri corporis, virtute firmans perpeti.

*Enkindle your light in our senses, flood your love into our hearts; make strong the weakness of our flesh with your unfailing power.*

Hostem repellas longius pacemque dones protinus; ductore sic te praevio vitemus omne noxium.

*Drive far away our enemy, and grant constant peace; so that with you leading as our guide we may avoid all evil.*

Per te sciamus de Patrem noscimus atque Filium, te utriusque Spiritum credamus omni tempore. Amen.

*Grant that through you we may know the Father, and we may know the Son; and may we ever believe in you, the Spirit of them both. Amen.*

## THE CALLING

*Fr. Gregory:* Sr. Emmanuel Wade, the Lord calls you to follow him.

*Sister:* Lord, you have called me; here I am.

## THE EXAMINATION

*The Very Reverend Mother Mary Elizabeth Kloss, O.S.B., Prioress of Saint Scholastica Priory, questions the sister on her determination to commit herself to the following of Christ by making monastic profession.*

*Prioress:* Dear sister, in baptism you have already died to sin and have been set aside for God's service. Are you now resolved to unite yourself more closely to God by the bond of monastic profession?

*Sister:* I am.

## LITANY

*Bishop:* Let us now ask God our Father to pour out his blessings upon the whole Church and upon our sister here, whom he has called to follow in the footsteps of Christ. May the blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints intercede for us.

*M.C.:* Let us kneel.

*The sister to be professed prostrates.*



Kyrie, eleison. *Repeat.*

Christe, eleison. *Repeat.*

Kyrie, eleison. *Repeat.*

Sancta María, ora pro nobis.

Sancta Déi Génatrix,	ora	Sancte Bernárde,	ora
Sancta Virgo Vírginum,	ora	Sancte Isidóre,	ora
Mater stans iuxta crúcem,	ora	Sancte Robérte (Bellarmine),	ora
Mater et Regína monachórum,	ora	Sancte Ioáñnes Paule,	ora
Sancta María de Guadalúpa	ora	Sancta Terésia (de Ávila)	ora
Sancti Mícheal, Gábriel		Sancta Terésia a Iesu Infánte,	ora
et Ráphael,	oráte	Sancti Antoni et Pacómi,	oráte
Sancte Ioáñnes Baptísta,	ora	Beáte Ioáñnes (Cassian),	ora
Sancte Ioseph,	ora	Sancta Macrína,	ora
Sancta Elísabeth,	ora	Sancte Martíne,	ora
Sancti Petre et Paule,	oráte	Sancte Evágri,	ora
Sancti Ioáñnes et Iacóbe,	oráte	Sancte Pater Benedícite,	ora
Sancte Mathæ,	ora	Sancta Scholástica,	ora
Sancta María Magdaléna,	ora	Sancti Maure et Plácide,	oráte
Sancti Agnes et Lucía,	oráte	Sancte Dunstáne,	ora
Sancta Christína,	ora	Sancte Ælgréde,	ora
Sancte Thoma (More),	ora	Beate Guillélme (de St Thierry),	ora
Sancti Joáñnes (de Brebeuf)		Sancti Francísc	
et Isaac (Jogues),	oráte	et Domínice,	oráte
Sancti Leo et Gregóri,	oráte	Sancta Clara,	ora
Sancti Augustíne et		Sancte Vincéti (de Paul),	ora
Hierónyme,	oráte	Sancta Elísabeth Anna,	ora
Sancte Athanási,	ora	Beáte Colúmba (Marmion),	ora
Sancte Basíli,	ora	Sancte Pie (de Pietrelcina),	ora
Sancte Cyrílle,		Sancte Sarbéli,	ora
Sancte Martíne	ora	Sancta Faustína,	ora
Sancte Beda Venerábile,	ora	Sancta Mónica	ora
Sancte Ansélme,	ora	Sancte Herbérte,	ora
Sancte Patríce,	ora	Sancta Gemma,	ora

Proptíus esto,  
*Lord, be merciful,*

Ab omni malo,  
*From every sin,*

Ab omni peccáto  
*From every sin,*

**libera nos, Dómine**  
*save us, O Lord*

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Per incarnatió*ne*m tuam,  
By your incarnation,  
Per crucem et passió*ne*m tuam,  
By your Passion and Cross,  
Per mortem et resurrecti*o*ne*m* tuam,  
By your death and resurrection,  
Per effusió*ne*m Spírítus Sancti,  
By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,  
Christe, audi nos.  
Christ, hear us.

**líbera nos Dómine**  
*save us, O Lord*  
**Christe, exáudi nos.**  
*Christ, graciously bear us.*

*The bishop rises and says, with hands extended:*

Lord, grant the prayers of your people. Prepare the heart of your servant for consecration to your service. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, purify her from all sin and set her on fire with your love. Through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**MC:** Let us rise.

*The sister to be professed stands before the prioress.*



## PROFESSION

*All stand.*

**Prioress:** Are you resolved to prefer nothing to the love of Christ, to commit yourself to him with a free and joyful heart, and to promise stability in this monastery of Saint Scholastica?

**Sister:** I am.

**Prioress:** Are you resolved to commit yourself to the unremitting search for God in the monastic life, according to the Rule of our holy Father Benedict?

**Sister:** I am.

**Prioress:** Are you resolved to live under obedience, following Christ who came in obedience to his Father's will?

**Sister:** I am.

**Prioress:** May God give you the help of his grace.

**All: Amen.**



*The nun reads her profession chart aloud, takes it to the altar and signs it. The prioress also signs the chart.*





*The newly-professed nun shows the chart to the bishop and to each nun and monk. As the chart is shown to each twin community member, they bow their head to signify their witnessing and acceptance of it. The newly-professed then shows the chart to the people and to the concelebrants. She places the chart on the altar, and the bishop moves to his seat in front of the altar. She stands before the bishop. The bishop removes the miter, puts aside the crozier. The newly-professed then sings the Suscipe three times. It is repeated each time by all and followed by the doxology after the third repetition:*

Suscipe me, Dómine, secúndum elóquium tuum, et vivam, et non confúndas me ab expectatióne mea. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spiritúi Sancto. Sicut erat in princípío et nunc et semper, et in saécula saéculorum. Amen.  
*Receive me, Lord, as you have promised, and I shall live; do not disappoint me in my hope.*



*The following is intoned by the bishop, and the whole congregation continues:*

Confirma hoc Deus, quod operátus es in nobis, a templo sancto tuo, quod est in Jerúsalem, allelúia, allelúia.

*Confirm this, O God, which you have wrought in us: from your holy temple, which is in Jerusalem, alleluia, alleluia.*

#### SOLEMN PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

*The solemnly professed nuns and monks of St. Scholastica Priory and St. Mary's Monastery come out to form the corona for the Prayer of Consecration, while the nun being consecrated prostrates.*

*Bishop:* O God, through the Son who shares your eternal being you have created all things, and by the mystery of his holy incarnation you have renewed a world grown old in sin. Our sister Emmanuel has renounced her secular way of life. Look with favor upon her and make her new in mind and spirit. By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ help her to strip off our old fallen nature with its habits and be clothed with the new, created after the image of God. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** *Amen.*

*Bishop:* Lord Jesus Christ, you are our only way to the Father. Have mercy on our sister Emmanuel; free her from worldly desires and lead her along the path of monastic observance. You yourself declared that you had come to call sinners, saying: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." May that invitation enable our sister to lay down the burden of her sins, taste the sweetness of your love, and find strength in the nourishment you provide for her.

May she be numbered among the sheep who belong to you  
and know your voice,  
so that she may follow none but you  
and heed no voice but yours;  
for you have said:  
Whoever would serve me must follow me,  
and you are the Lord our God,  
living and reigning for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

*The bishop and those in the corona extend their hands over the newly-professed nun.*



*The bishop continues:*

Holy Spirit of God,  
we have come to know you as our Lord.  
Like the wind, you breathe where you will;  
breathe now upon our sister Emmanuel  
and inspire her to give herself generously to your service.  
By your wisdom she was created;  
may she be guided by your providence.  
May the grace of your anointing  
teach her your will in all things.  
Through the intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of God,  
of our holy father Benedict  
whom you appointed to be our lawgiver,

and all those saints  
whom our sister has asked to be her witnesses,  
we pray you to give her the grace of true conversion.  
Grant that our sister may live by faith, rooted in hope, al-  
ways ready to receive your love and to show it to others.

**All: Amen.**

Give her a spirit of prayer, that she may be eager for the  
work of God, and learn to discover you within the depths of  
her heart.

**All: Amen.**

Grant her a heart free from worldly care and attachments,  
ready to listen obediently to every word you send her.

**All: Amen.**

Lead her into that interior wilderness, where she may devel-  
op a spirit of silence and solitude; and so, purified through  
the trials and humiliations of our life, may reach that perfect  
love which casts out fear.

**All: Amen.**

Grant her a spirit of simplicity and purity of heart.

**All: Amen.**

Grant her discernment, integrity and poverty of spirit.

**All: Amen.**

*All now lower their hands.*

Keep her from the empty attractions of this world.  
You are the source of all forgiveness:  
set her free from every bond of sin  
and give her a burning zeal  
for the pursuit of her holy purpose.  
In times of trial and hardship  
may she find relief in your unfailing consolation.  
Through genuine humility and obedience  
may she be firmly rooted in love for her sisters;  
may she persevere in bringing forth

the fruits of justice and holiness,  
and so joyfully fulfill the promise  
which by your grace she has made this day.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

#### THE GIVING OF THE MONASTIC INSIGNIA

*Bishop and all sit. The newly-professed kneels before the bishop.*

*Bishop:* Lord Jesus Christ, who in your great mercy put on the garment of our mortality, we address our prayer to you. Our sister is now about to put on the monastic habit prescribed by our ancient fathers as a sign of the life of purity and humility embraced by those who renounce the world. Pour out your abundant blessing upon her, Lord, and grant that she may not only wear the outward habit of religion but also be inwardly clothed with yourself.

**All: Amen.**

*The prioress gives the cowl to the newly-professed, saying:*

Receive the habit of Saint Benedict. Be faithful to the promise of stability, conversion of life, and obedience you have made before God and his holy angels, and you will enjoy their everlasting fellowship, together with all the saints who have worn this holy habit before you.

*Nun: Amen.*



*She sings with the choir:*

Regnum mundi, et omnem ornatum sæculi contempsisti propter amorem  
Dómini mei Jesu Christi: quem vidi, quem amávi, in quem crédidi, quem  
diléxi. Eructávit cor meum verbum bonum, dico ego ópera mea Regi.  
*The kingdom of the world and all its pomp I have scorned, for the love of our Lord Jesus  
Christ: whom I have seen, whom I have loved, in whom I have believed, whom I have  
cherished. V. My heart has uttered a good word: I speak my works to the king.*

*The newly-professed nun kneels in front of the bishop. The prioress and junior mistress  
stand on either side of her.*

*The bishop gives the veil, saying:*

Receive this veil which proclaims that you belong entirely to  
Christ the Lord and are dedicated to the service of his  
Church.

*Nun: Amen.*



*The newly-professed sings:*

The Lord has set his mark upon my brow as a sign that I  
belong to him.

*The bishop presents the ring, saying:*

Receive this ring, for you are betrothed to the eternal King;  
keep faith with your Bridegroom so that you may come to  
the wedding feast of eternal joy.

*Nun: Amen.*

*The newly-professed sings:*

I am espoused to him whom  
the angels serve; sun and  
moon stand in wonder at his  
glory.

*The bishop gives the newly-professed the An-  
tiphonale, saying:*

Receive this book, and see  
that you put nothing before  
the work of God. Sing his  
praises night and day and  
glorify him in his holy  
Church.



*The prioress gives the newly-professed the sign of peace, saying:*

We confirm that you are now one with us as a member of  
this monastic community, sharing all things in common with  
us now and in the future.

*The members of both communities manifest their assent, saying: Amen.*

*The newly-professed nun exchanges the sign of peace with the solemnly-professed mem-  
bers of Saint Scholastica Priory and Saint Mary's Monastery.*



*The Liturgy continues with the Intercessory Prayers.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY

*The newly-professed nun brings up the offerings of bread and wine.*

Confitebor tibi, Dómine, in toto corde meo: retríbue servo  
tuo: vivam, et custódiám sermónes tuos: vivífica me secún-  
dum verbum tuum Dómine.

*I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart. Restore your servant; I will live  
and keep your words. Give me life according to your word, O Lord.*

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive the gifts and intentions of your servants, O Lord,  
and confirm in your love  
those who profess the evangelical counsels.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### SANCTUS

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

*In Eucharistic Prayer I, the proper form of the Hanc Igitur (therefore, Lord, we pray) is said:*

Therefore, Lord, we pray:  
graciously accept this oblation of our service,  
and of this your servant,

which we make to you on her profession day;  
sanctify this offering in your mercy,  
so that she who by your gift  
has today united herself more closely to your Son  
may hasten gladly to meet him  
when he comes in glory at the end of time.

## COMMUNION RITE

AGNUS DEI

COMMUNION

*The newly-professed nun receives communion immediately after the principal celebrant.*

Notas mihi fecisti vias vitae adimplébis me laetitia cum vultu tuo,  
Domíne.

*You have made known to me the path to life; you will fill me with joy in your presence,  
O Lord.*



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the mysteries we have received  
fill us with joy, O Lord,  
and grant that by their power

this your servant may faithfully fulfill  
the duties of the religious life she has begun  
and may offer you willing service.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

SOLEMN BLESSING

*The newly-professed nun goes to the middle of the choir for the final blessing.*

*Bishop:* May God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth,  
give you his blessing, and may the blessed Virgin Mary,  
mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, keep you safe under her  
protection.

**All: Amen.**

*Bishop:* During his passion on earth the Lord Jesus redeemed you by  
the blood of his cross. May he now give you his blessing  
from heaven.

**All: Amen.**

*Bishop:* May the Spirit's sevenfold gifts rest upon you, and may he  
make you holy in body and soul.

**All: Amen.**

*The bishop blesses the whole assembly, saying:*

May Almighty God, the Father ✠ and the Son ✠ and the  
Holy Spirit bless all of you who have taken part in this cele-  
bration.

**All: Amen.**

*The bishop takes the profession chart from the altar and entrusts it to the prioress.*

*All please join in singing the recessional.*

*Immediately following the conclusion of the Mass, there will be a reception at St. Scho-  
lastica Priory, to which all are cordially invited.*

