

Eucharistic Celebration
&
Solemn Profession
of
Sister Lucia Marie of the Visitation, O.P.



March 2, 2024

Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary
Summit, New Jersey

*By their hidden life,
the nuns proclaim prophetically that
in Christ alone is true happiness to be found,
here by grace and afterwards in glory.*

Constitutions of the Nuns of the Order of Preachers

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Rite of Solemn Profession

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Introductory Rites



Entrance Antiphon

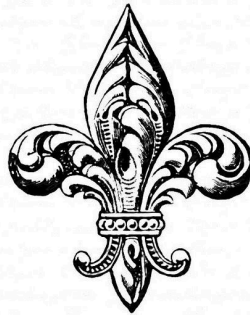
Dominican Graduale

L æ-té-tur cor quæ-rénti-um Dómi-num: quæ-ri-te
Let the heart of those who seek the Lord rejoice: seek the Lord,

Dó-minum, et con-firmámi-ni: quæ-ri-te fá-ci-em e-jus
and be strengthened: constantly seek His face.

semper. *∩*. Confi-témi-ni Dómino, et invo-cá-te nomen e-jus: annunti-á-te inter gen-
Praise the Lord, and call upon His name; proclaim among the nations

tes ó-pe-ra e-jus.
His deeds.



Kyrie

De Angelis

K Y-ri-e * e-lé-i-son. *ij.* Christe e-
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

lé-i-son. *ij.* Ký-ri-e e-lé-i-son. Ký-ri-e *
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

** e-lé-i-son.

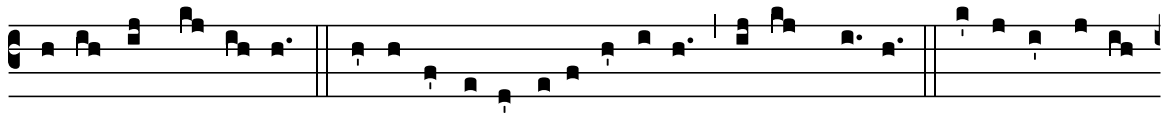
Gloria

De Angelis

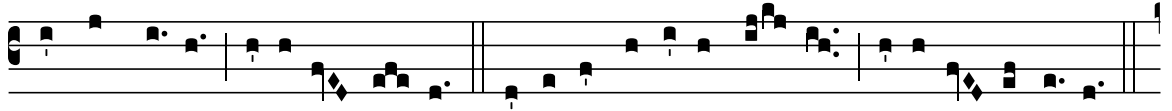
G Ló-ri-a in excélsis De-o. Et in terra pax homí-ni-bus bonae vo-luntá-tis.
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

Laudá-mus te. Bene-dí-cimus te. Ado-rá-mus te. Glo-ri-fi-cá-mus te. Grá-ti-as
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,

á-gimus ti-bi propter magnam gló-ri-am tu-am. Dó-mi-ne De-us, Rex cae-lé-stis, De-us
we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King,



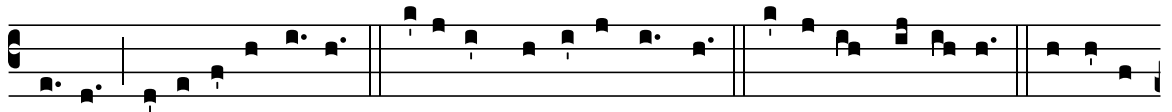
Pa-ter om-ni-pot-ens. Dómi-ne Fi-li uni-gé-ni-te Je-su Chri-ste. Dómi-ne De-us,
O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God,



Agnus De-i, Fí-li-us Pa-tris. Qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-di, mi-se-ré-re no-bis.
Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;



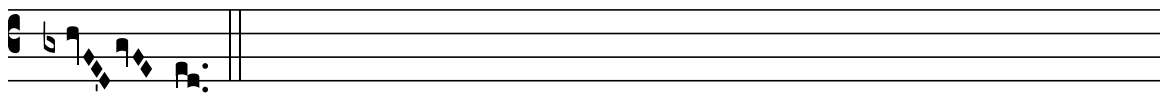
Qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi, sú-sci-pe de-pre-ca-ti-ónem no-stram. Qui sedes ad déx-te-ram
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand



Pa-tris, mi-se-ré-re no-bis. Quóni-am tu so-lus sanctus. Tu so-lus Dómi-nus. Tu so-lus
of the Father, have mercy on us; For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone



Al-tí-s-si-mus, Je-su Chri-ste. Cum Sancto Spí-ri-tu, in gló-ri-a De-i Pa-tris.
are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.



A-men.
Amen.



Liturgy of the Word



First Reading

Hosea 2:16, 21–22

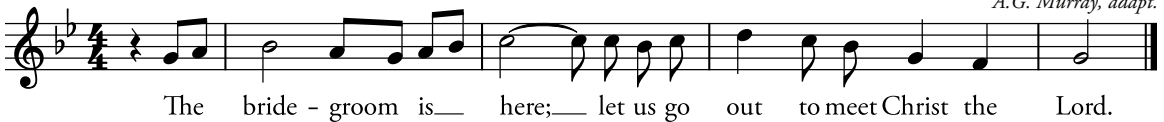
Thus says the LORD: I will allure her; I will lead her into the desert and speak to her heart. I will espouse you to me forever: I will espouse you in right and in justice, in love and in mercy; I will espouse you in fidelity, and you shall know the LORD.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 45:11–12, 14–15, 16–17

A.G. Murray, adapt.



Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:
forget your own people and your father's house.
So will the king desire your beauty.
He is your lord, pay homage to him. *℟*

The daughter of the king is clothed with splendor,
her robes embroidered with pearls set in gold.
She is led to the king with her maiden companions. *℟*

They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king.
Sons shall be yours in place of your fathers:
You will make them princes over all the earth. *℟*

Second Reading

Philippians 3:8–14

Brothers and sisters: I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death. If somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Galatians 6:14



Glo - ry and praise to You, Lord Je - sus — Christ!

✠ May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
through which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.

Gospel

John 12:24–26

Jesus said to his disciples: “Amen, amen I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Rite of Solemn Profession



QUESTIONING

When the gospel has been read, all remain standing. Sr. Lucia Marie comes into the middle of the sanctuary, where she prostrates herself.

Then the prioress inquires as to her intention, saying: What do you seek?

Sister: God's mercy and yours.

Prioress: Arise.

Then Sr. Lucia Marie returns to her place and everyone sits down.

HOMILY

When this has been done, the homilist gives a homily or allocution in which appropriate attention is paid to the gift of contemplative life, which Blessed Dominic joined to the "holy preaching."

QUESTIONING

When the homily is finished, the prioress turns to Sr. Lucia Marie and asks:

Do you wish to make solemn profession according to the Constitutions of the Nuns of the Order of Preachers?

Sister: I do wish and desire it, with the help of God and yours.

Prioress: Do you wish to advance in the love of God and neighbor and to be truly a member of Christ, expending yourself entirely in winning souls, just as the Lord Jesus, the Savior of all, offered himself completely for our salvation?

Sister: I do wish and desire it, with the help of God and yours.

Prioress: Do you wish to be totally consecrated to God and dedicated to the universal Church in a new way, in order to announce prophetically the blessings of Christ and to enlarge the people of God with your hidden fecundity, and do you wish to be set aside for our Order by solemn profession so that, while persevering in prayer with Mary the Mother of Jesus, you may ardently desire the fullness of the Spirit?

Sister: I do wish and desire it, with the help of God and yours.

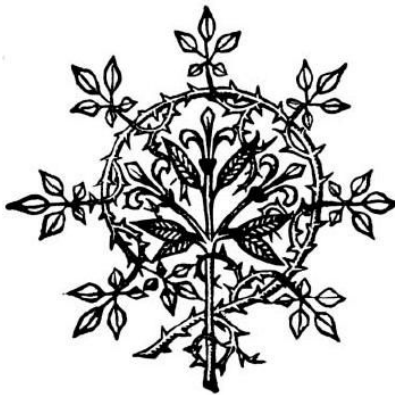
Prioress: May the Lord bring to perfection what he has begun.

All: Amen.

SUPPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE NUN WHO IS TO BE PROFESSED

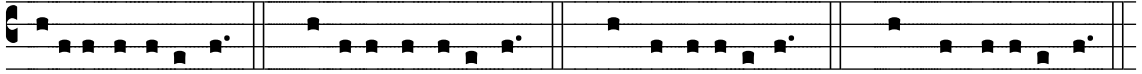
When the questioning is finished, all rise for the supplication. The celebrant stands and, with hands joined and facing the people, says:

Beloved brethren, let us beseech God the Father almighty in his mercy to pour out upon this servant, whom he has called to the perfect following of Christ, the grace of his blessing and with gracious kindness to strengthen her in her holy purpose.

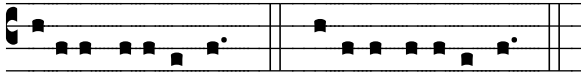


Litany of the Saints

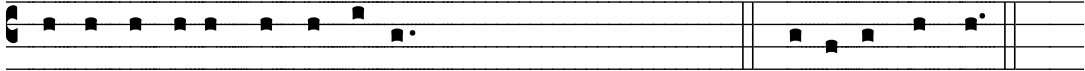
All kneel. According to our custom the one to be professed prostrates.



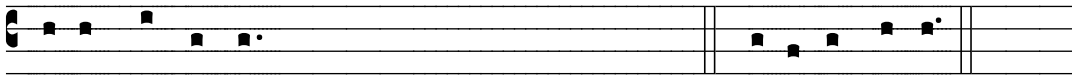
Kýrie, e-lé-i-son. R̄ Kýrie, e-lé-i-son. Christe, elé-i-son. R̄ Christe, elé-i-son.



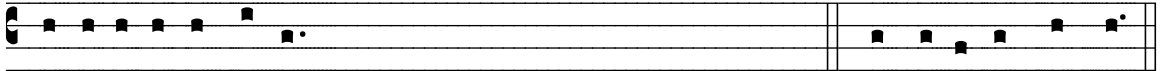
Kýrie, elé-i-son. R̄ Kýrie, elé-i-son.



Sancta Mari-a, Mater De-i (*Holy Mary Mother of God*), R̄ O-ra pro no-bis.

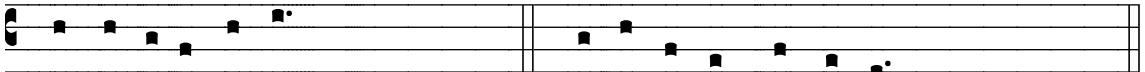


Sancte Mí-cha-el (*St. Michael*), R̄ O-ra pro no-bis.



Sancti Ange-li De-i (<i>Holy Angels of God</i>),	R̄ O-rá-te pro no-bis.
Sancte Joánnes Baptísta (<i>St. John the Baptist</i>),	R̄ Ora pro nobis.
Sancte Joseph (<i>St. Joseph</i>),	R̄ Ora pro nobis.
Sancti Petre et Paule (<i>Sts. Peter & Paul</i>),	R̄ Oráte pro nobis.
Sancte Andréa (<i>St. Andrew</i>),	R̄ Ora pro nobis.
Sancte Joánnes (<i>St. John the Evangelist</i>),	R̄ Ora pro nobis.
Sancte Thoma (<i>St. Thomas the Apostle</i>),	R̄ Ora pro nobis.
Sancta María Magdaléna (<i>St. Mary Magdalene</i>),	R̄ Ora pro nobis.
Sancte Stéphan (<i>St. Stephen</i>),	R̄ Ora pro nobis.
Sancte Ignáti Antiochéne (<i>St. Ignatius of Antioch</i>),	R̄ Ora pro nobis.
Sancte Laurénti (<i>St. Lawrence</i>),	R̄ Ora pro nobis.
Sanctae Perpétua et Felícitas (<i>Sts. Perpetua & Felicity</i>),	R̄ Oráte pro nobis.
Sancta Lúcia (<i>St. Lucy</i>),	R̄ Ora pro nobis.

Sancta Agnes (<i>St. Agnes</i>),	℞ Ora pro nobis.
Sancta Catharina Alexandriæ (<i>St. Catherine of Alexandria</i>),	℞ Ora pro nobis.
Sancte Augustine (<i>St. Augustine</i>),	℞ Ora pro nobis.
Sancte Athanási (<i>St. Athanasius</i>),	℞ Ora pro nobis.
Sancti Basíli et Gregóri (<i>Sts. Basil & Gregory</i>),	℞ Oráte pro nobis.
Sancte Martíne (<i>St. Martin</i>),	℞ Ora pro nobis.
Sancte Benedicte (<i>St. Benedict</i>),	℞ Ora pro nobis.
Sancte Francíscæ (<i>St. Francis</i>),	℞ Ora pro nobis.
Sancte Pater Domínice (<i>Holy Father St. Dominic</i>),	℞ Ora pro nobis.
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Sancte Thoma de Aquíno (<i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i>),	℞ Ora pro nobis.
Sancte Albérte (<i>St. Albert the Great</i>),	℞ Ora pro nobis.
Sancte Martíne de Porres (<i>St. Martin de Porres</i>),	℞ Ora pro nobis.
Sancte Petre Mártyre (<i>St. Peter Martyr</i>),	℞ Ora pro nobis.
Sancte Francíscæ Xávier (<i>St. Francis Xavier</i>),	℞ Ora pro nobis.
Sancte Raphaél Arnáiz Barón (<i>St. Raphael Arnaiz Baron</i>),	℞ Ora pro nobis.
Beáte Jordáne de Saxónia (<i>Bl. Jordan of Saxony</i>),	℞ Ora pro nobis.
Sancta Margaríta de Hungária (<i>St. Margaret of Hungary</i>),	℞ Ora pro nobis.
Sancta Agnes de Monte Politiáno (<i>St. Agnes of Montepulciano</i>),	℞ Ora pro nobis.
Sancta Catharina Senénsis (<i>St. Catherine of Siena</i>),	℞ Ora pro nobis.
Sancta Rosa de Lima (<i>St. Rose of Lima</i>),	℞ Ora pro nobis.
Sancta Catharina de' Ricci (<i>St. Catherine de Ricci</i>),	℞ Ora pro nobis.
Sancta Terésia de Ávila (<i>St. Teresa of Avila</i>),	℞ Ora pro nobis.
Sancta Elisabeth Anna Seton (<i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>),	℞ Ora pro nobis.
Sancta Terésia a Jesu Infánte (<i>St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus</i>),	℞ Ora pro nobis.
Sancta Terésia de Calcúтта (<i>St. Teresa of Calcutta</i>),	℞ Ora pro nobis.
Beátæ Diána, Cæcília, et Amáta (<i>Bls. Diana, Cecilia, & Amata</i>)	℞ Oráte pro nobis.
Beáta Lúcia Brocadélli (<i>Bl. Lucia Brocadelli of Narni</i>),	℞ Ora pro nobis.
Omnes Sancti et Sanctæ Dei (<i>All you Holy Saints of God</i>),	℞ Oráte pro nobis.

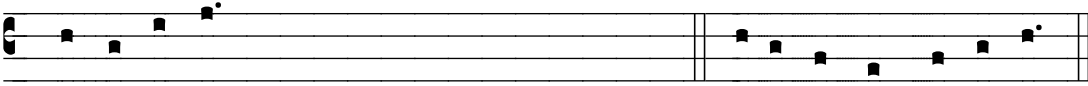


Pro-pí-ti-us e-sto (<i>Be merciful</i>)	℞ Lí-be-ra nos, Dó-mi-ne (<i>Deliver us, O Lord</i>)
Ab omni malo (<i>from every evil</i>),	℞ Líbera nos, Dómine.
Ab omni peccáto (<i>from every sin</i>),	℞ Líbera nos, Dómine.
A morte perpétua (<i>from everlasting death</i>),	℞ Líbera nos, Dómine.
Per incarnatióem tuam (<i>by your incarnation</i>),	℞ Líbera nos, Dómine.

Per mortem et resurrectionem tuam
(by your death and resurrection),
Per effusionem Spiritus Sancti
(through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit),

℟̅ Libera nos, Dómine.

℟̅ Libera nos, Dómine.



Pec-cá-to-res,
(Even though we are sinners)

℟̅ Te ro-ga-mus, au-di nos.
(We beseech you to hear us)

Ut in fámulo tuo Papa nostro Francíscó, ceterisque Epíscopis, Sancti Spíritus dona in dies
adaugére dignéris *(That you would increase daily the gifts of your Holy Spirit upon Pope
Francis and all the bishops),*

℟̅ Te rogamus, audi nos.

Ut univérsos hómines ad vitæ cristiánæ plenitúdinem dúcere dignéris *(That you would lead
all people to the fullness of Christian life),*

℟̅ Te rogamus, audi nos.

Ut in ómnibus famíliis tibi dicátis Christi caritátem et Fundatórum spíritum conserváre et
augére dignéris *(That you would increase all religious families dedicated to you and preserve
them in the love of Christ and in the spirit of their founders),*

℟̅ Te rogamus, audi nos.

Ut huius fámulae paréntes, pro múnere quod tibi obtulérent, cæléstis donis locupletáre
dignéris *(That you would to enrich the parents of your servant with heavenly gifts, in return
for the gift that they have offered to you),*

℟̅ Te rogamus, audi nos.

Ut hanc fámulam tuam, sorórem nostram, benedícere et sanctificáre et consecráre dignéris
(That you would bless, sanctify, and consecrate your servant, our sister),

℟̅ Te rogamus, audi nos.

Ut nosmetípsos in tuo sancto servítio, confortáre et conserváre dignéris *(That you would
strengthen us and keep us in your holy service),*

℟̅ Te rogamus, audi nos.

Ut ómnibus benefactóribus nostris sempitérna bona retríbuas (*That you would reward all our benefactors with everlasting happiness*),

℞ Te rogamus, audi nos.

Ut óculos misericórdiæ tuæ super nos redúcere dignéris (*That you would turn your eyes of mercy toward us*),

℞ Te rogamus, audi nos.

Ut obséquium servitútis nostræ rationábile fácias (*That you would make of our obedient service a spiritual offering*),

℞ Te rogamus, audi nos.

Ut reguláribus disciplínis nos instrúere dignéris (*That it may please you to instruct us by the discipline of the Rule*),

℞ Te rogamus, audi nos.

Ut mentes nostras ad cæléstia desidéria érigas (*That you would raise our minds to heavenly desires*),

℞ Te rogamus, audi nos.

Jesu, Fili Dei vivi (*Jesus, Son of the Living God*),

℞ Te rogamus, audi nos.



Christe, audi nos.
(*Christ, hear us.*)

℞ Christe, audi nos.

Christe, exáudi nos. ℞ Christe, exáudi nos.
(*Christ, graciously hear us.*)

Then the celebrant with hands extended, prays:

We beg you, O Lord, to be favorable to the prayers of your suppliant people and, through the intercession of Mary the Mother of God the mother and patroness of our Order, and of Blessed Dominic, our Father, to direct the mind of your servant with your heavenly grace so that the fire of the Holy Spirit may purify from every stain of sin the heart that is to be consecrated to you and set it ablaze with burning love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

℞ Amen.

The Religious Profession

Then the prioress goes to the chair that has been readied in the sanctuary. The one who is about to be professed kneels before her and, with her hands between those of the prioress and the book of the Constitutions placed over the hands of both of them, makes her profession in an audible voice, using the words of profession according to the following formula that is proper to the Order. In the Dominican Order, according to ancient tradition, obedience only is explicitly professed as this obedience encompasses an entire way of life of which the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience are a part.

I, Sister Lucia Marie of the Visitation, make profession and promise obedience to God and to Blessed Mary and to Blessed Dominic and to the Master of the Order of Friars Preachers and to you, Sister Joseph Maria of the Holy Family, prioress of this monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary, Summit, New Jersey, and to your successors according to the Rule of Blessed Augustine and the Constitutions of the Nuns of the Order of Preachers, that I will be obedient to you, and to your successors until death.

THE KISS OF PEACE AND THE SOLEMN PRAYER OF BLESSING

As a sign of reception into the Order by which the bond of obedience and communion is signified, the prioress alone receives the newly professed with the Sign of Peace.

Celebrant: Dearest sister, by this solemn profession you have given yourself to God and to his will. God himself, therefore, has consecrated you to himself through the ministry of the Church in preparation for the gospel of peace so that you may be his own heritage and he may be your heritage forever.

THE BLESSING AND THE IMPOSITION OF THE VEIL

Then the celebrant blesses the veil, saying:

O God, head of all the faithful and Savior of the whole body, bless with your hand this concealing veil which your servant, out of love for you and for your most blessed Mother, the ever-virgin Mary, is about to place on her head: and may she guard it always with an unsullied body and soul, with the help of your protection, for this is how it is to be mystically understood. Thus, when she has been prepared with the prudent virgins and is to come to the perpetual reward of the saints, she may with your guidance deserve to enter upon the nuptials of perpetual bliss. Through Christ our Lord.

℞ Amen.

Then the prioress covers the one who has been professed with the veil, while the responsory Amo Christum is sung:

A -Mo Chri- stum, in cu-jus thá-lamum intro- í-bo, cu-jus Mater Vir-
go est, cujus Pa-ter fé- minam ne-scit, cu- jus mi- hi ór-ga- na modu-lá-
tis vó-ci-bus cantant: * Quem cum a- má-ve-ro, ca- sta sum; cum te- tí-ge- ro, mun-
da sum; cum ac-cé- pe-ro, vir- go sum. †. A-nu- lo su- o su-bar-
rhávit me, et imménsis moní- li-bus or-návit me. * Quem.

*I love Christ, into whose chamber I shall enter,
whose Mother is a virgin, whose Father knows not woman,
whose music and melody are sweet to my ears.*

*When I love Him, I remain chaste;
when I touch Him, I remain pure;
when I possess Him, I remain a virgin.*

*With His ring my Lord Jesus Christ has betrothed me
and He has adorned me with the bridal crown.*

BLESSING AND GIVING OF THE RING

Celebrant: Creator and Sustainer of the human race, giver of all spiritual grace, send forth your blessing ✠ upon this ring, so that, sealed with the sign of holy faith, she who wears it may be strengthened by your power and assisted by your protection to persevere in love and fidelity all the days of her life.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: *(he places it on the ring finger)*

Receive this ring of divine faith, given in the name of the most Holy Trinity. Be faithful to Jesus, your Spouse, so that you may come to the wedding feast of eternal joy.

Sister: Amen.

Then the newly Professed goes inside to the Nuns' choir to receive the Sign of Peace while psalm 132 is sung:

How good and how pleasant it is *
when brothers live in unity!

It is like precious oil upon the head, *
running down upon the beard.

Running down upon Aaron's beard, *
upon the collar of his robes;

Like the dew of Hermon which runs down *
on the mountains of Zion.

For there the Lord bestows his blessing, *
life for ever.

Mass continues. The intercessions are omitted as is the sign of peace before Communion.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist



Offertory

Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612)

Ps 95:1–3

*Cantate Domino canticum novum,
cantate Domino omnis terra.*

Sing to the Lord a new song,
sing to the Lord all the earth.

*Cantate Domino et benedicite nomini ejus,
annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus.*

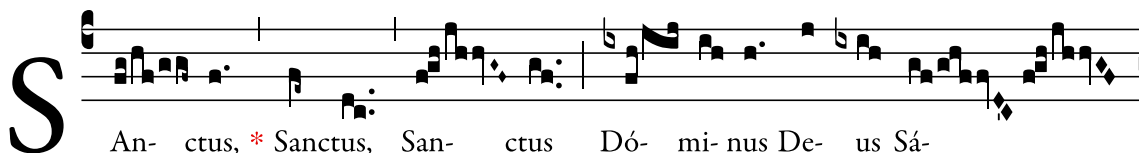
Sing to the Lord and bless his name,
announce day by day his salvation.

*Annuntiate inter gentes gloriam ejus
in omnibus populis mirabilia ejus.*

Announce among the nations his glory,
his marvels among all the peoples.

Sanctus

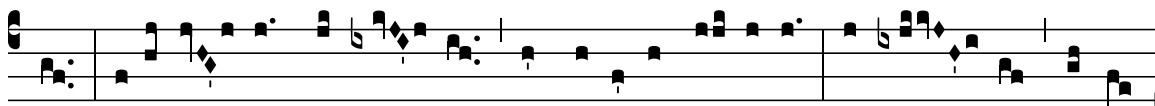
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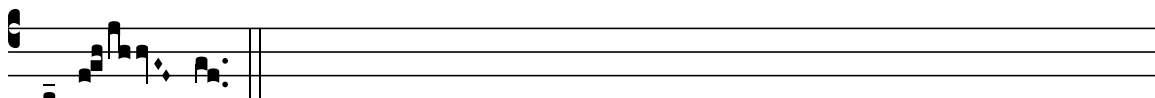
An- ctus, * Sanctus, San- ctus Dó- mi- nus De- us Sá-
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.



ba- oth. Ple- ni sunt cae- li et ter- ra gló- ri- a tu- a. Ho- sán- na in excél-
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

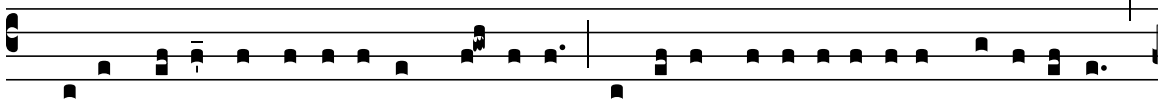


sis. Bene- dí- ctus qui ve- nit in nómi- ne Dó- mi- ni. Ho- sán- na in ex-
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

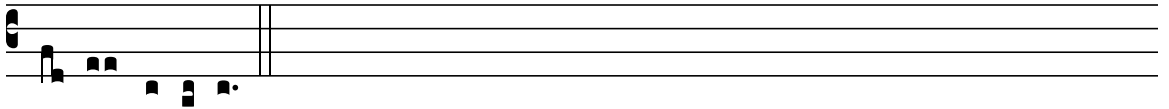


cél- sis.

Memorial Acclamation



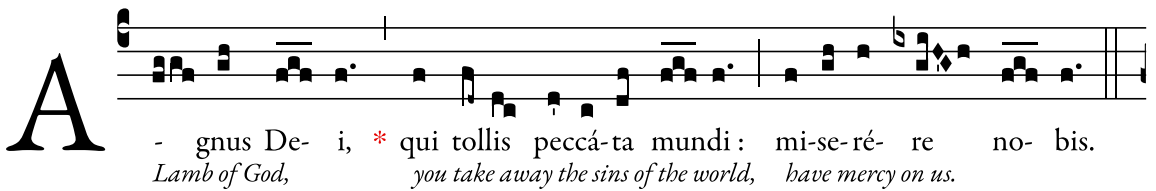
✠. Mortem tu- am annunti- ámus, Dó-mi-ne, et tu- am re-surrecti- ónem confi- témur,
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection



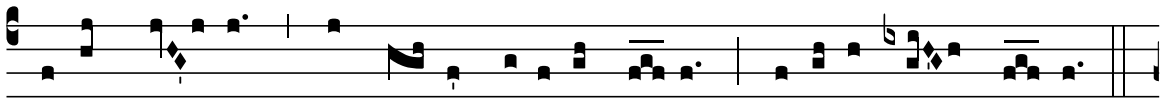
do- nec vé-ni- as.
until you come again.

Agnus Dei

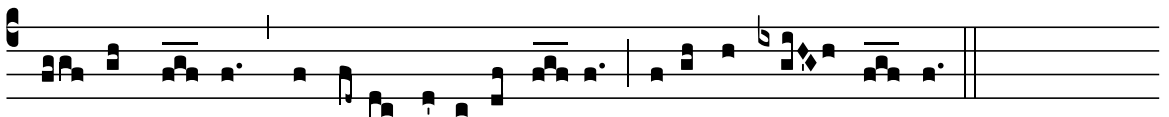
De Angelis



- gnus De- i, * qui tollis peccá-ta mundi: mi-se-ré- re no- bis.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.



Agnus De- i, qui tol- lis peccá-ta mundi: mi-se-ré- re no- bis.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.



A- gnus De- i, qui tollis peccá-ta mundi: dona no- bis pa- cem.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Communion Antiphon

Gal 2:19–20

I am crucified with Christ, yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me.

Communion Hymn



1. Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad-ness, Leave be - hind all fear and
2. He who craves a pre-cious treas-ure Nei-ther cost nor pain will
3. Je - sus, sun of life, my splen-dor, Je - sus, thou my friend most



sad - ness; Come in - to the day-light's splen - dor, There with
meas - ure; But this price-less gift of heav - en God to
ten - der, Je - sus joy of my de - sir - ing, Fount of



joy thy prais-es ren-der Un - to Christ whose grace un - bound - ed
us hath free-ly giv - en. Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered,
life, my soul in - spir-ing: At thy feet, I cry my Mak - er,



Hath this won - drous ban-quet found - ed. High o'er
Naught would buy the gifts here of - fered: Christ's true
Let me be a fit par - tak - er Of this



all the heav'ns he reign-eth, Yet to dwell with thee he deign-eth.
bod - y for thee riv - en, And his blood, for thee once giv - en.
bless-ed food from heav - en, For our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.

Text: Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, Johann Frank (1618-1677); trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Tune: Schmücke dich, Johann Crüger (1598-1662)

Final Blessing and Dismissal

When the post communion prayer has been said, the rite concludes with the celebrant's blessing over the newly professed nun and over all who are present:

May God, the author and guardian of so great a work,
protect you with his heavenly grace
so that you may carry out the responsibilities of your vocation
with a faithful heart.

All: Amen.

May he make you a witness and sign of divine love
in the presence of all,
so that the people of God may respond promptly and eagerly.

All: Amen.

May the grace of his divine Spirit, the Advocate,
fructify your heart so that your service may be efficacious
on behalf of the Church and the human family.

All: Amen.

And may almighty God
bless all of you who are present at these sacred rites,
the Father, the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Then the celebrant dismisses the nuns and those who are present, saying:

Go in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional



1. Wake, O wake, for night is fly - ing! The watch-men on the
2. Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, And all her heart with
3. Now let all the heav'n's a - dore Thee, Let men and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last! Mid - night hears the
joy is spring - ing; She stands and waits with ea - ger eyes: See her Friend from
sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone; Twelve the gates, a



wel - come voi - ces, And at the thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: Come
heav'n de - scend - ing, A - dorned with truth and grace un - end - ing! Her
pearl each por - tal We haste to join the choir im - mor - tal Of



forth, ye vir - gins, night is past! The Bride - groom comes, a - wake!
light burns clear, her star doth rise. Now come, Thou bles - sed One,
an - gels round Thy daz - zling throne. No eye hath seen, nor ear



Your lamps with glad - ness take: Ho - san - na! And for his mar - riage
Lord Je - sus, God's own Son! Ho - san - na! We fol - low till the
hath yet at - tained to hear what there is ours; But we re - joice and



feast pre - pare, for ye must go to meet him there. _____
halls we see where Thou hast bid us sup with Thee. _____
sing to thee our hymn of joy e - ter - nal - ly! _____

Text: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, Philipp Nicolai (1599); trans. Catherine Winkworth, alt.

Tune: WACHET AUF; Attr. Philipp Nicolai (1599), harm. J.S. Bach (1731)

*Please join us for a reception in the St. Dominic Hall, downstairs, after the Mass.
To reach the hall, use the door at the side of the vestibule and go down the stairs.*

*Sr. Lucia Marie will join the reception soon after the Mass. Sister will be at the
far end of the Hall, on the Nuns' side. Please come and greet her!*

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