

VOTIVE MASS

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

CLOTHING & PROFESSION IN THE TRADITIONAL
THIRD ORDER OF OUR BLESSED LADY OF MOUNT
CARMEL AND OF ST. TERESA OF JESUS



OUR LADY OF FATIMA

PEQUANNOCK, NEW JERSEY

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THE MASS

Introit: I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, and my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, and with the robe of justice He hath covered me. Psalm. Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle: sing to the Lord, all ye lands. Gory... I will greatly rejoice...

Collect: O Lord God, Who hast honored the Order of Carmel with the special title of Thy most Blessed Mother Mary, ever Virgin: mercifully grant, that we who celebrate her memory with dutiful devotion, may be shielded by her protection and deserve to come to everlasting joys: Who livest...

Lesson from The Book of Kings. I love them that love me; and they that in the morning early watch for me, shall find me. With me are riches and glory, glorious riches and justice. For my fruit is better than gold and the precious stone, and my blossoms than choice silver. I walk in the way of justice, in the midst of the paths of judgment, that I may enrich them that love me, and may fill their treasures. Blessed is the man that heareth me, and that watcheth daily at my gates; and waiteth at the posts of my doors. He that shall find me, shall find life, and shall have salvation from the Lord.

Gradual: Thou art the glory of Jerusalem, thou art the joy of Israel; thou art the honor of our people. V. Thy head is like Carmel; and thy hair, bound in plaits, is like a royal robe.

Alleluia, Alleluia. The glory of Lebanon is given to her; the beauty of Carmel and Saron. Alleluia.

Continuation of the Holy Gospel According to St John.

At that time there stood by the cross of Jesus, His mother and His Mother's sister Mary of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother and the disciples standing whom he loved, he said to his Mother: Woman behold thy son. After that he said to the disciple: behold thy mother. And from that hour the disciple took her to his own.

Offertory: The gate of the inner Court that looketh toward the east shall be shut for six days: But on the sabbath day it shall be opened.

Secret: May thy abundant kindness favor us, O Lord, that through the holy gifts which we reverently offer to thee, we may be able worthily to serve the most Blessed Mother of Thy Son. Through the same Lord.

Communion: Strength and beauty are her clothing, and she shall laugh in the latter day.

Post-Communion: Refreshed by the sacrament of thy Precious Blood and body, O Lord, and given over to the service of the Most Blessed Virgin, may the wonderful grace of thy majesty fortify us, and make us faithful imitators of her virtues: who liveth and reigneth with God the Father and the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

THE CLOTHING

The postulants kneel at the altar rail and respond to the following questions:

P. What do you ask?

Postulants: THE MERCY OF GOD AND THE HABIT OF THE THIRD ORDER OF THE MOST HOLY VIRGIN OF MOUNT CARMEL AND OF SAINT TERESA.

The priest having made a suitable exhortation then asks:

P. Are you resolved to persevere until death in the state which you desire to embrace?

Postulants: WE DO SO HOPE AND SO PURPOSE, WITH GOD'S HELP AND THE ASSISTANCE OF THE PRAYERS OF ALL THE ORDER.

The priest then adds:

May God who hath given thee His grace, bring thee to a perfect end, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Here he blesses the habits, saying:

P. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

S. Who hath made heaven and earth.

P. Show onto US thy mercy, O lord,

S. And give unto us thy salvation.

P. O Lord hear my prayer
S. And Let my Cry come unto Thee

P. The Lord be with you
S. And with thy spirit

Let us pray.

Eternal Father and Almighty God, Who hast willed thine only begotten Son to put on the vesture of our humanity, We pray that the mighty blessing of thy bounty may be poured forth on this kind of garment which the Holy Fathers have granted to be worn as a symbol of innocence and humility and do thou vouchsafe so to bless it that whosoever shall wear the same may be found worthy to put on our Lord Jesus Christ himself, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, author of all virtues and lover of penitence, who hast especially chosen humility and chastity with other virtues in this world, Who has come mercifully to call sinners to repentance, and lovingly received all faithful believers, we humbly implore mine ineffable mercy that thou mayest vouchsafe to sanctify and bless these Habits, and graciously grant that whosoever shall devoutly wear them in token of a religious life, may deserve to appear glorious in white and unspotted garments at the day of Judgment. Who with the Father, and the Holy Ghost liveth and reingest world without end. Amen.

He then sprinkles the habits, saying:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then turning to the Postulants, he says;

May the LORD put off from thee the old man with all his acts, and put on thee the new man who was created unto God in justice and in sanctity of truth. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

P. Convert us, O Lord God of Hosts
S. Show thy face to us, and we shall be saved

P. O Lord, hear my prayer
S. And let my cry come unto Thee

P. The Lord be with you
S. And with thy spirit

Let us pray.

O Lord God of Hosts, we humbly implore Thy clemency, that it may please Thee, through the abundance of Thy compassion, to purge these Thy servants from all past errors and make them capable of new holiness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

He then the scapular upon each postulant, saying to each:

Take up the sweet yoke of Christ and his light burden. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

He then blesses them, sprinkling them with holy water, saying;

P. The Lord be with you

S. And with thy spirit

Let us pray.

Look favorably, O Lord, on our supplication, and vouchsafe to bless these thy servants, upon whom in Thy Holy Name we have laid the Habit of our holy Order, and grant that with Thine assistance they may devoutly persevere in Thy Church, and may deserve life Eternal. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The priest then kneels and begins the Veni Creator Spiritus, continuing it alternately with the congregation, and then the following responsory is made;

P. Lord have mercy

S. Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

P. Our Father (*secretly*)

P. And lead us not into temptation

S. But deliver us from evil

P. Command, O God, Thy strength

S. Confirm, O God, that which thou hast wrought in them

P. Save thy servants

S. Who trust in thee, O my God

P. Be unto them O Lord, a tower of strength

S. From the face of thy enemy

P. Let not the enemy prevail against them

S. Nor the Son of Iniquity approach to hurt them

P. Pray for them, O Holy Mother of God

S. That they may be found worthy of the promises of Christ

P. O Lord, hear my prayer

S. And let my cry come unto thee

P. The Lord be with you

S. And with thy spirit

Let us pray.

Oh God, who by the light of the Holy Ghost hast taught the hearts of the faithful, grant them by the help of the same Holy Spirit to be always truly wise, and ever rejoice in his consolation.

Protect, O Lord, thy servants by the help of Thy peace, and as they trust in the patronage of the Blessed Mary ever virgin, make them safe from all their enemies. O Merciful and Gracious God, to whom all good things are pleasing, without whom nothing good is begun, nothing good completed, incline the ears of thy pity to our most humble prayers, and defend these thy servants, upon whom, in My holy Name, we have laid the habit of our holy order, from all earthly vanity, worldly hindrance and carnal desire: and graciously grant to them that

in this their holy resolve they may devoutly persevere, and that having received the remission of their sins they may happily attain to the company of Thine elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

He then sprinkles the novices with holy water, bestows on them a religious name and declares them to be sons and daughters of the Order:

By the authority which I hold, and which is committed to me, I receive you into this our holy Society, I invest you and make you partakers of all the spiritual good things, of this same our holy Order. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The novices then return to their pews, and the procession in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will begin.

THE PROFESSION

The novices to be professed come forward and kneel at the altar rail. The Veni Creator Spiritus is sung as above; Then the priest continues:

P. Send forth thy spirit and they shall be created.

S. And thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Ghost has taught the hearts of the faithful, grant us by the help of the same Holy Spirit to be always truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

The novices respond together to the following questions:

P. What do you ask?

Novices: The mercy of God, and it to be admitted to the profession of the Third Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel and of our Holy Mother Saint Teresa of Jesus.

The priest having made a brief exhortation then asks:

P. The mercy of God, and to be admitted to the Profession of the Third Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel and of our Holy Mother Saint Teresa of Jesus.

Novices: Trusting in the mercy of God, and in the prayers of the whole Order, we do.

Then it said the following:

May the Lord hear thee in the day of tribulation: may the name of the God of Jacob protect thee. / May he send thee help from the sanctuary; and defend thee out of Sion. / May he be mindful of all thy sacrifices: And may thy whole burnt offering be made fat. / May he give thee according to thy own heart; and confirm all thy counsels. / We will rejoice in thy salvation; and in the name of our God we shall be exalted. / The Lord fulfill all thy petitions: now have I known that the Lord hath saved his anointed. He will hear him from His holy heaven: the salvation of his right hand is in powers. / Some trust in Chariots,

and some in horses: But we will call upon the name of the Lord our God. / They are bound, and have fallen; but we are risen, and are set upright. O Lord, save the king: And hear us in the day that we shall call upon thee. / Glory be....

The Psalm being ended, the priest holds in his hand the paper of the profession by the upper part, while the novice, holding the lower part of the same, shall in a distinct voice make his profession as follows:

I, N.N. make my profession, and promise to God, to our blessed Lady of Mount Carmel, to our Holy Mother Saint Theresa, and to the Superiors of the Order, Obedience and Chastity, according to the rule of the Third Order, which I propose to observe with all the perfection possible to me until death.

This ended, the priest says:

Offer to God the sacrifice of praise, and pay thy vows to the Most High.

And the newly professed answers:

I will pay my vows to the Lord before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord.

This is then repeated for each individual novice to be professed. Afterward, the priest rises and says:

May God who hath received you amongst us, Himself make you perfect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

P. O Lord, hear my prayer.

S. And let my cry come unto thee.

P. The Lord be with you.

S. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O Eternal God, Almighty Father, who dost know the infirmities of human frailty, look down we beseech thee on these thy servants, and out of the great abundance of Thy blessing deign to strengthen their weaknesses, so that the vows they have taken, into which Thou, by the aid of Thy preventing grace, has made them aspire, they may be able diligently to observe by devout, holy, and religious lives, and in so observing to obtain to life everlasting. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Te Deum is then sung, to which is added:

P. Lord have mercy,

S. Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

P. Our Father secretly,

P. And it lead us not into temptation.

S. But deliver us from evil.

P. Command, O God, by strength.

S. Confirm, O God, that which thou hast wrought in them.

P. Save thy servants,

S. Who trust in Thee, O my God.
P. Be unto them, O Lord, a tower of strength,
S. From the face of thy enemy.
P. Let not the enemy prevail against them,
S. Nor the son of iniquity approached to hurt them.
P. Pray for them, O Holy Mother of God,
S. That they may be found worthy of the promises of Christ.
P. O Lord, hear my prayer,
S. And let my cry come unto thee.
P. The Lord be with you,
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O God, who by the light of the Holy Ghost has taught the hearts of the faithful, grant them by the help of the same Holy Spirit to be always truly wise, and ever rejoice in his consolation.

Protect, O Lord, Thy servants by the help of Thy peace, and as they trust in the patronage of the Blessed Mary Ever Virgin, make them safe from all their enemies.

O God, Who justified the ungodly and wildest not the death of the sinners, we humbly implore Thy Divine Majesty that thou wilt graciously guard by Thy heavenly aid, and preserve by Thy constant protection these Thy servants trusting in Thy mercy, so that they may always be united to Thee, and that no temptation may separate them from Thee.

O merciful and gracious God, to Whom all good things are pleasing, without Whom nothing good is begun, nothing good completed, incline the ears of Thy pity to our most humble prayers, and defend these Thy servants, whom we have gathered into our holy Order, from all earthly vanity, worldly hindrance and carnal desire: And graciously vouchsafe to them that in this their holy resolve they may devoutly persevere, and that having received the remission of their sins they may happily attain to the company of Thine elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

After this he gives the blessing with holy water, saying:

P. May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost descend upon you and remain forever.

R. Amen.