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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION (*All be seated*)

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ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Entrance Song: Sing a New Song (*Dan Schutte, English*)

**Sing a New Song unto the Lord,
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a New Song unto the Lord singing Alleluia.**

Sing with gladness, dance for joy,
O come before the Lord,
And play for Him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound.

Rise, O children, from your sleep,
your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
And filled your soul with song.

Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds the dead shall be raised.
I know my Savior lives.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

PENITENTIAL RITE

Kyrie

Gloria / N'kembo (*Lingala*)

O nkembo, nkembo o, nkembo alleluia, nkembo, nkembo o, nkembo alleluia (x2)

1. Nkembo na Tata a a a, azalisi biso o o, alleluia (x2)

2. Nkembo na Muana a a a abikisi biso o o, alleluia (x2)

3. Nkembo n Elimo o o o asantisi biso o o, alleluia (x2)

4. O nkembo ya likolo o o nkembo ya lola o nkembo ya lola, Tata bina a o nkembo ya Tata, mama bina a o nkembo ya Tata, elenge bina o nkembo ya Tata a a a

O Yangalala! Yangalaleno ee (x4)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING – Ruth 1:15-18 (*Read in Spanish*)

Naomi then said, 'Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her god. Go home, too; follow your sister-in-law.' But Ruth said, 'Do not press me to leave you and to stop going with you, for wherever you go, I shall go, wherever you live, I shall live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. Where you die, I shall die and there I shall be buried. Let the Lord bring unnameable ills on me and worse ills, too, if anything but death should part me from you! Seeing that Ruth was determined to go with her, Naomi said no more.

Reader: Palabra de Dios.

All: Te damos gracias Senior.

PSALM

Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6

R: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

The Lord indeed is my Savior;

I am confident and unafraid.

My strength and my courage is the Lord,
and he has been my Savior.

With joy you will draw water

At the fountain of salvation. **R...**

Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim his name;

Among the nations make known the Lord's deeds,
Proclaim how exalted is his name. **R...**

Sing praise to the Lord for his glorious achievement;

Let this be known throughout all the earth.

Shout with exultation, O city of Zion,

For great in your midst
Is the Holy One of Israel! **R...**

SECOND READING - Ephesians 3:14-21 *(Read in French)*

This, then, is what I pray, kneeling before the Father, from whom every family, in heaven or on earth, takes its name. In the abundance of glory may God, through God's Spirit, enable you to grow firm in power with regard to your inner self, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then, planted in love and built on love, with all God's holy people you will have the strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth; so that, knowing the love of Christ, which is beyond knowledge, you may be filled with the utter fullness of God. Glory be to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; glory be to God from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader: Parole du Seigneur

All: Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.

Alleluia (*All stand*)

Aleluya, alelu – aleluya,
aleluya, aleluya.

Aleluya, alelu – aleluya,
aleluya, aleluya.

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, who believed
That what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.

(Lk 1:45)

Aleluya, alelu – aleluya,
aleluya, aleluya.

Aleluya, alelu – aleluya,
aleluya, aleluya.

GOSPEL - Luke 1:39-56

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant.
From now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me—
holy is God's name.

God's mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.

God has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

God has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.

God has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.

God has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful
to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as God promised our ancestors.”

Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then
returned home.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

LITURGY OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION (*All be seated*)

Calling of those to be professed

HOMILY – Fr. Douglas Marcouiller SJ

LITANY OF THE SAINTS (*All stand*) (Cristóbal Fones, SJ)

Señor, ten piedad	Señor, ten piedad.
Cristo, ten piedad	Cristo, ten piedad.
Señor, ten piedad	Señor, ten piedad.
Santa María, Madre de Dios	ruega por nosotros.
San Miguel, mensajero del Señor	ruega por nosotros.
Santos ángeles de Dios	rueguen por nosotros.
Juan Bautista, profeta del Señor	ruega por nosotros.
San José, esposo de María	ruega por nosotros.
San Pedro y San Pablo, apóstoles de Dios	rueguen por nosotros.
San Andrés, San Juan y Santiago	rueguen por nosotros.
María Magdalena, mensajera del que vive	ruega por nosotros.
San Esteban, mártir de la fe	ruega por nosotros.
San Ignacio, obispo de Antioquía	ruega por nosotros.
Santas Perpetua y Felicidad	rueguen por nosotros.
Santa Barbara, mujer de oración	ruega por nosotros.
San Agustín, pensador y pastor	ruega por nosotros.
San Atanasio, defensor de la fe	ruega por nosotros.
San Francisco, hermano de los pobres	ruega por nosotros.
Santo Domingo, fiel predicador	ruega por nosotros.
Francisco Javier, misionero de Oriente	ruega por nosotros.
Juan María Vianney, santo cura de Ars	ruega por nosotros.

Catalina de Siena, memoria de la Iglesia	ruega por nosotros.
Santa Teresa, profunda en la oración	ruega por nosotros.
San Ignacio, ardiente peregrino	ruega por nosotros.
Santa Magdalena Sofía, mujer visionaria	ruega por nosotros.
Santa Filipina, primera misionera	ruega por nosotros.
Anna du Rousier, viajera valiente,	ruega por nosotros.
Janet Stuart, ferviente educadora	ruega por nosotros.
Santa Rosa de Lima, patrona de América	ruega por nosotros.
Teresa de los Andes, enamorada	ruega por nosotros.
Alberto Hurtado, profeta de justicia	ruega por nosotros.
San Charles Lwanga y compañeros	rueguen por nosotros.
Santa Laura Montoya, mujer misionera	ruega por nosotros.
Óscar Romero, voz de los pobres	ruega por nosotros.
Juan XXIII, hombre bondadoso	ruega por nosotros.
Juan Pablo II, mensajero de la paz	ruega por nosotros.
Ulma familia, ejemplo de solidaridad	ruega por nosotros.
Rita de Casia, generosa con los pobre	ruega por nosotros.
Pudenciana y Práxedes	rueguen por nosotros.
Marie Clementine Anuarite	ruega por nosotros.
Isidore Bakanja	ruega por nosotros.
Cyprian Michael Iwene Tansi	ruega por nosotros.
Todos los santos y santas de Dios	rueguen por nosotros.
Muéstrate propicio	libranos, Señor.
De todo mal	libranos, Señor.
De todo pecado	libranos, Señor.
De la muerte eterna	libranos, Señor.
Por tu encarnación	libranos, Señor.

Por tu muerte y resurrección
Por el don del Espíritu Santo
Nosotros, que somos pecadores
Jesús, Hijo de Dios vivo
Oh Cristo, óyenos,
Oh Cristo, escúchanos,

líbranos, Señor.
líbranos, Señor.
te rogamos, óyenos.
te rogamos, óyenos.
oh Cristo, óyenos.
oh Cristo, escúchanos.

Priest: Loving God, grant the prayers of your people. Prepare the hearts of your servants for consecration to your service. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, purify them from all sin and set them on fire with your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All : Amen.

SOLEMN PROFESSION OF VOWS *(All be seated)*

(Each one in her own language)

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and to the greater glory of the Heart of Jesus, in the presence of Mary, Mother of the Church, and of all of you who are here witnesses, I, wishing to follow Jesus Christ more closely, promise to Almighty God obedience, poverty and chastity, and according to obedience to dedicate myself to the education of youth in the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus forever, in conformity with its Constitutions.

Trusting in the fidelity of God and in the love of my sisters, I make these perpetual vows before you, Sr. Barbara Dawson, our Superior General.

Done in the Villa Lante, Rome, on the 3rd February, 2024.

Response of Barbara Dawson RSCJ, Superior General:

With joy and with gratitude and in the name of all our sisters, I receive your consecration to Jesus Christ in the Society of the Sacred Heart. In the strength of his Spirit, together we will glorify his Heart.

SOLEMN BLESSING *(All stand)*

Priest: Loving God, creator of the world and of all humankind, we honor you with praise and thanksgiving, for you chose a people from the stock of Abraham and Sarah, and consecrated them to yourself, calling them by name. We thank you for revealing the knowledge of the truth through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord. When he took his place at your right hand, he sent the Holy Spirit to call countless disciples to follow the evangelical counsels and to consecrate their lives to the glory of your name and the salvation of all people. There rose from among your disciples, holy women, renowned for devotion and courage, justice and faith.

(All extend their right hand as a sign of blessing)

All: Today it is right that your house should echo with a new song for these our sisters, because they have heard your voice and offered themselves to your holy service.

Lord, send the gift of your Holy Spirit upon your servants who have left all things for your sake. May their lives reveal the face of Christ your Son, so that all who see them may come to know that Jesus is always present in your Church.

Priest: We pray that in the freedom of their hearts they may free the hearts of others. In helping the afflicted, may they bring comfort to Christ suffering in his people; may they look upon the world and see it ruled by your loving wisdom. May the gift they make of themselves hasten the coming of your kingdom and

make them one at last with your saints in heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

BLESSING AND PRESENTATION OF CROSSES AND RINGS

(All be seated)

Priest: Merciful and loving God, bless these crosses. May the meaning of the sign permeate the lives of those who wear them, for the mystery of the cross is the mystery of your love for all people. May the cross be, for all of us, a source of new life and hope. Bless these rings that they may be for them a reminder of your fidelity.

Superior General: Receive this cross, symbol of the tender and faithful love of God for you.

Superior General: Receive this ring, symbol of the love that unites you to Jesus Christ, sign of your desire to live in union and conformity with his Heart.

Song: Comment ne pas te louer (Père Aurélien Bollevis Saniko)

R. Comment ne pas te louer-er-er

Comment ne pas te louer-er-er

Comment ne pas te louer-er-er

Seigneur Jésus ! Comment ? Comment ?

1. Quand je regarde autour de moi
Je vois ta gloire, Seigneur Jésus, je te bénis.
Comment ne pas te louer-er-er,
Seigneur Jésus ! Comment ? Comment ?

2. Quand je regarde autour de moi
Je vois mes frères, Seigneur Jésus, merci pour eux.
Comment ne pas te louer-er-er,
Seigneur Jésus! Comment? Comment?

Prayers of the Faithful / Response - Lord, hear our prayer.

1. For the Church (*English*)
2. For the world (*Spanish*)
3. For the Society of the Sacred Heart (*French*)
4. For the newly professed (*Lingala*)
5. For youth and vocations (*Polish*)
6. For those who are deceased (*French*)
7. For the assembly, our families and friends (*English*)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song: What Shall I Offer to the Lord

(Jude Nnam English)

What shall I offer to the Lord to make Him happy (oh tell me),
What shall I offer to the Lord to please Him?

I may give Him the best of my clothes; He may not take it,
I may give Him the best of my shoes; He may not take it.

A loving heart (He will love), a patient heart (He will love),
A humble heart (He will love), a caring heart He will love.

What shall I offer to the Lord to make Him happy (oh tell me),
What shall I offer to the Lord to please Him?

I may give Him a gift of a ram; He may not take it,
I may give Him a gift of a cow; He may not take it.

A loving heart (He will love), a patient heart (He will love),
A humble heart (He will love), a caring heart He will love.
What shall I offer to the Lord to make Him happy (oh tell me),
What shall I offer to the Lord to please Him?

I may give Him a gift of a car; He may not take it,
I may give Him a gift of a house; He may not take it.

A loving heart (He will love), a patient heart (He will love),
A humble heart (He will love), a caring heart He will love.

Eucharistic prayer (*All stand*)

Sanctus

COMMUNION RITE

Our Father/Ojcze nasz (Polish)

Ojcze nasz, któryś jest w niebie – **Ojcze nasz** (O o oy-che Nash)
święć się imię Twoje, przyjdź Królestwo Twoje – **Ojcze nasz**
bądź wola Twoja jako w niebie tak i na ziemi – **Ojcze nasz**
chleba naszego powszedniego daj nam dzisiaj – **Ojcze nasz**
I odpuść nam nasze winy – **Ojcze nasz**
jako i my odpuszczamy naszym winowajcom – **Ojcze nasz**
I nie wódź nas na pokuszenie – **Ojcze nasz**
ale nas zbaw ode złego – **Ojcze nasz**

Agnus Dei

Communion Song: Tu fais ta demeure en nous (Communauté de l'Emmanuel)

R. Tu es là présent, livré pour nous.

Toi le tout-petit, le serviteur.

Toi, le Tout-Puissant, humblement tu t'abaisses.

Tu fais ta demeure en nous Seigneur.

1. Le pain que nous mangeons, le vin que nous buvons,

C'est ton corps et ton sang,

Tu nous livres ta vie, tu nous ouvres ton cœur,

Tu fais ta demeure en nous Seigneur.

2. Par le don de ta vie, tu désires aujourd'hui

Reposer en nos cœurs,

Brûlé de charité, assoiffé d'être aimé,

Tu fais ta demeure en nous Seigneur.

3. Unis à ton Amour, tu nous veux pour toujours

Ostensoirs du Sauveur,

En notre humanité, tu rejoins l'égaré,

Tu fais ta demeure en nous Seigneur.

Thanksgiving - Uchenna Oluoha RSCJ

MISSIONING OF THE NEWLY PROFESSED

Barbara Dawson RSCJ

CONCLUDING RITE

Priest: May our God of love strengthen you in the faith and constantly keep you in God's grace, so that you may faithfully live the gift of your vocation.

All: Amen.

Priest: May the Lord Jesus, whom you follow, enable you to live out the mystery of his death and resurrection in your life.

All: Amen.

Priest: May the fire of the Holy Spirit dwell in you and fill you with the love of God.

All: Amen.

Priest: May almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless all of you who have taken part in this celebration.

All: Amen.

Priest: Go and proclaim the peace and joy that you have received.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional - Magnificat

**Refrain: My soul now glorify
The Lord who is my Saviour;
Rejoice for who am I
That God has shown me favour.**

The world shall call me blest
And ponder on my story;
In me is manifest
God's greatness and his glory. **Refrain**

For those who are his friends
And keep his laws as holy,
His mercy never ends
And he exalts the lowly. **Refrain**

But by his power the great,
The proud, the self-conceited,
The kings who sit in state
Are humbled and defeated. **Refrain**

He feeds the starving poor.
He guards his holy nation.
Fulfilling what he swore
Long since in revelation. **Refrain**

Then glorify with me
The Lord is who is my Saviour,
One holy Trinity
Forever and forever. **Refrain**

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