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Mass of Profession of Simple Vows Order of Friars Minor Conventual The Shrine of St. Anthony



"Most Hígh gloríous God, enlighten the darkness of my heart. Gíve me ríght faith, sure hope and perfect charity. Fill me with understanding and knowledge that I may fulfill your command."

- Saint Francis' Prayer before the Crucifix



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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Processional Hymn – Here I am, Lord by Dan Schutte



Greeting

En el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo. **Amén.**

La gracia de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el amor del Padre y la comunión del Espíritu Santo estén con todos ustedes. **Y con tu espíritu.**

RITE OF BLESSING AND SPRINKLING OF WATER

Celebrant:

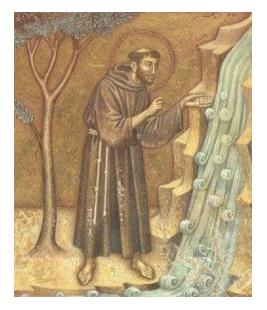
My brothers and sisters, This water will be used to remind us of our baptism. Let us ask God to bless it, and keep us faithful to the spirit he has given us.

Brief Silence.

Praised be to you, God Most High, through Sister Water, which is useful and humble and precious and chaste.

We ask you now to bless + this water, And give us your grace on this day which you have made your own. River of glory, springs of our birth, flood of your riches poured on the earth. We are born from the darkness and clothed in the light! We are bathed in your glory!

Sprinkling



Hymn during sprinkling – *River of Glory* by Dan Schutte



May almighty God cleanse us of our sins, And through the Eucharist we celebrate Make us worthy to sit at His table In his heavenly kingdom.

All: Amen.



Gloria – The Glendalough Mass by Liam Lawton



Collect

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God our Father, You have caused the grace of Baptism to bear such fruit in our brothers Michael, Edgar, Jonathan, and Sebastian that they now strive to follow your Son more closely in the Seraphic Order. With the prayers of the Holy Virgin Mary, let them rightly aim at true evangelical perfection which St. Francis dearly loved, while increasing the holiness and apostolic zeal of your Church.

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

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I – Isaiah 61:9–11 (Proclaimed in Spanish)

Lectura del libro del profeta Isaias

La estirpe de los justos será célebre entre las naciones, y sus vástagos, entre los pueblos. Cuantos los vean reconocerán

que son la estirpe que bendijo el Señor.

Me alegro en el Señor con toda el alma y me lleno de júbilo en mi Dios, porque me revistió con vestiduras de salvación y me cubrió con un manto de justicia,

como el novio que se pone la corona, como la novia que se adorna con sus joyas.

Así como la tierra echa sus brotes y el jardín hace germinar lo sembrado en él, así el Señor hará brotar la justicia y la alabanza ante todas las naciones. Thus says the LORD: The descendants of my people shall be renowned among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; All who see them shall acknowledge them as a race the LORD has blessed.

I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; For he has clothed me with a robe of salvation, and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, Like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, So will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

Palabra de Dios - Te alabamos Señor

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 33 (Proclaimed in English)

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made;

by the breath of his mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of the sea as in a flask; in cellars he confines the deep.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he has chosen for his own inheritance. From heaven the LORD looks down; he sees all mankind.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

R. Feliz la nación cuyo Dios es el Señor; dichoso el pueblo que escogió por suyo.

Sincera es la palabra del Señor y todas sus acciones son leales. El ama la justicia y el derecho, la tierra llena está sus bondades.

R. Feliz la nación cuyo Dios es el Señor; dichoso el pueblo que escogió por suyo.

La palabra del Señor hizo los cielos y su aliento, los astros. Los mares encerró como en un odre Y como en una presa, los océanos.

R. Feliz la nación cuyo Dios es el Señor; dichoso el pueblo que escogió por suyo.

Feliz la nación cuyo Dios es el Señor; dichoso el pueblo que escogió por suyo. Desde el cielo el Señor, atentamente, mira a todos los hombres.

R. Feliz la nación cuyo Dios es el Señor; dichoso el pueblo que escogió por suyo.

En el Señor está nuestra esperanza, pues él es nuestra ayuda y nuestro amparo. Muéstrate bondadoso con nosotros, puesto que en ti, Señor, hemos confiado.

R. Feliz la nación cuyo Dios es el Señor; dichoso el pueblo que escogió por suyo.



Reading II – Acts 2:42-47 (Proclaimed in French)

Lecture du livre des Actes des Apôtres

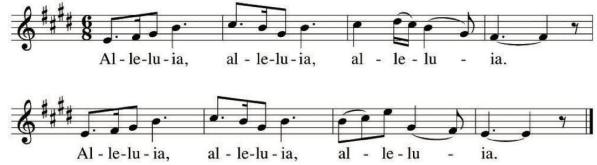
Ils étaient assidus à l'enseignement des Apôtres et à la communion fraternelle, à la fraction du pain et aux prières. La crainte de Dieu était dans tous les cœurs à la vue des nombreux prodiges et signes accomplis par les Apôtres. Tous les croyants vivaient ensemble, et ils avaient tout en commun : ils vendaient leurs biens et leurs possessions, et ils en partageaient le produit entre tous en fonction des besoins de chacun. Chaque jour, d'un même cœur, ils fréquentaient assidûment le Temple, ils rompaient le pain dans les maisons, ils prenaient leurs repas avec allégresse et simplicité de cœur ; ils louaient Dieu et avaient la faveur du peuple tout entier. Chaque jour, le Seigneur leur adjoignait ceux qui allaient être sauvés.

En los primeros días de la Iglesia, todos los que habían sido bautizados eran constantes en escuchar la enseñanza de los apóstoles, en la comunión fraterna, en la fracción del pan y en las oraciones. Toda la gente estaba llena de asombro y de temor, al ver los milagros y prodigios que los apóstoles hacían en Jerusalén.

Todos los creyentes vivían unidos y lo tenían todo en común. Los que eran dueños de bienes o propiedades los vendían, y el producto era distribuido entre todos, según las necesidades de cada uno. Diariamente se reunían en el templo, y en las casas partían el pan y comían juntos, con alegría y sencillez de corazón. Alababan a Dios y toda la gente los estimaba. Y el Señor aumentaba cada día el número de los que habían de salvarse.

The brothers and sisters devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the Apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being save.

Parole du Seigneur – Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.





Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.

Gospel Acclamation – Luke 11:28

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit.

Gospel – John 12:24-26 (Proclaimed in English)

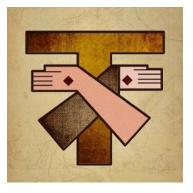
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John – Glory to you, O Lord

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."

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "Yo les aseguro que si el grano de trigo sembrado en la tierra no muere, queda infecundo; pero si muere, producirá mucho fruto. El que se ama a sí mismo, se pierde; el que se aborrece a sí mismo en este mundo, se asegura para la vida eterna.

El que quiera servirme que me siga, para que donde yo esté, también esté mi servidor. El que me sirve será honrado por mi Padre".

The Gospel of the Lord – Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



RITE OF SIMPLE PROFESSION

Calling

After the gospel the celebrant and people are seated. The Prefect of Formation calls by name the friars to be professed. They answer:

Present.

Celebrant:

My dear brothers, what do you ask of the Lord and of his holy Church?

Friars to be professed:

The mercy of the Lord And the grace to serve Him more faithfully In the fraternity of the Order of the Friars Minor Conventual.

All: Thanks be to God

Homily

Examination After the homily, the friars to be professed stand and the celebrant questions them:

Celebrant:

My dear brothers, you have already been consecrated to the Lord and have died to sin through Baptism. Do you wish to be more closely united to Him through the new and special title of religious profession in our Seraphic Order?

Friars: I do.

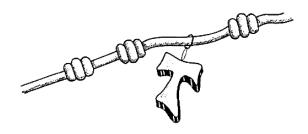
Celebrant:

Do you wish to love God with all your heart in chastity, to embrace the most high poverty of our Lord Jesus Christ and His poor mother, to live in the obedience of the Son of God who place His own will into the Father's hands, that you may follow his footprints in all things after the example of St. Francis?

Friars: I do.

Celebrant: (Acknowledging their decision the celebrant responds in these or similar words) May almighty God grant you this by His grace.

All: Amen.



Celebrant:

May God who has begun this good work in you bring it to fulfillment before the day of Christ Jesus. **All: Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

[All pray for a short time in silence.]

Celebrant:

Lord, look upon these men your servants who today are making their profession before the Church. In their desire to imitate your poor and crucified Son, Jesus Christ, after the example of Saint Francis, they desire to offer You their lives by following the evangelical counsels. Pour into their hearts the Spirit of your love, that they may serve you eagerly and love you sincerely. By the steadfast fulfillment and faithful observance of their vows may they advance with perfect joy along the way of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

PROFESSION

When he has finished the prayer, the minister is seated. Two professed friars come forward and stand nearby to assist as witnesses. Each candidate presents himself to the minister by placing their hands in his and reads the formula of profession, which they have previously written in their own hand.

Since for the glory of God the Lord has given me this grace of living more perfectly and with firm will the gospel of Jesus Christ I, Friar ______ in the presence of the assembled Friars, and into your hands, Friar James McCurry, vow for three years to live in obedience, without anything of my own, and in chastity, according to the Rule of St. Francis confirmed by Pope Honorius III and the Constitutions of the Friars Minor Conventual. Therefore, with all my heart I give myself to this brotherhood, that through the work of the Holy Spirit, the intercession of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, our Father Francis, and all the saints, and with the help of my brothers, I may fulfill my consecration to the service of God and of the Church.



Celebrant:

I, in the name of the Church and our brotherhood receive your vows. And on the part of Almighty God, if you observe them, I promise you life everlasting.

Receive, Michael, Edgar, Jonathan, Sebastian, the Rule of our Order, which is the book of life, a marrow of the Gospel, the way that leads to perfection, and to paradise and the pledge of an eternal covenant. By observing it faithfully may you attain the perfection of charity.

The newly professed, the witnesses and the celebrant go to the altar and sign the book of profession.

Two witnesses assist in placing the knotted cord around the waist of the newly professed.

Hymn while placing of the knotted cord – O Patriarcha

O Patriarcha pauperum, Francisce, tuis precibus auge tuorum numerum in caritate Christi, quos cancellatis (quos cancellatis) manibus caecutiens, ut moriens Jacob, benedixisti.

Fraternal Embrace by ALL Franciscan Friars



Prayer of the Faithful

Celebrant:

To God our Father, who hears the prayer of his children and the imploration that springs from the unanimous hearts, let us direct our supplication for the Church, the world, our Order, and our brothers who have professed simple vows today.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer. Señor, escucha nuestra oracion.

For the Church... Por la Iglesia, para que con la Palabra y los Sacramentos se difunda el Reino de Cristo para gloria de Dios Padre y la salvación de todos los hombres, oremos. R/.

Por la paz del mundo.... For the peace of the world, so that all religious may be messengers and workers for the peace of Christ, let us pray. R/.

For the laity... Por los laicos, para que conscientes de su propia dignidad profética, real y sacerdotal, den continuo testimonio de Cristo y el Evangelio en la vida familiar, profesional y social, oremos. R/.

Por los padres de los recién profesos... For the parents of the newly professed Michael, Edgar, Jonathan, and Sebastian, so that God may reward them for the gifts of their sons to the Church and to the Order of Friars Minor Conventual, let us pray. **R**/.

For the newly professed... Por nuestros hermanos Michael, Edgar, Jonathan, y Sebastian, que hoy han profesado votos simples, para que, guiados y protegidos por la bienaventurada Virgen María, sean fieles en su compromiso y alcancen la plena madurez en Cristo, oremos. R/.

Por nuestros hermanos que profesarán votos solemnes... For our brothers Franck, Richard and Timothy who will profess solemn vows tomorrow, so they may make the Gospel their own rule of life, let us pray. R/.

For our Order of Friars Minor Conventual... Por nuestra Orden de Frailes Menores Conventuales para que, inspirándos constantemente en María, seamos fieles a su ideal de oracion, fraternidad y servicio, oremos. R/.

Por nuestros fieles difuntos... For our faithful departed, that they may enjoy the presence of the Risen Lord, let us pray. R/.

Celebrant:

Accept, Lord, the pleas of your people and direct your gaze on these brothers of ours who today, by the gift of your Spirit, professed simple vows with the Conventual Franciscan Friars. Grant that, in imitation of the Virgin Mary, mother and disciple of Christ, they may live in the service of you and their brothers and sisters, following in the footsteps of Saint Francis of Assisi to be meek, humble, merciful and form with us a single heart and a single soul, offering you the pleasant worship of a life according to the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. All: Amen.

Preparation of Gifts – Ven al Banquete / Come to the Feast (bilingual) by Bob Hurd Refrain Bilingual Ven, ven al ban-que - te. Ven a la fies-ta de Dios. Ven, ven al ban-que - te. Ven a la fies-ta de Dios. Spanish English Come, come to the ban - quet. Come, ____ come to the feast. Here the hun-gry find plen - ty, here the thirst-y shall drink. Los que tie - nen ham - bre y sed se - rán ____ sa - cia - dos. Here the hun-gry find plen - ty, here the thirst-y shall drink, 1-6 to Verses ce - na de Cris Ven a la the feast. to, come to Ven a la ce - na de Cris - to, ven a la fies-ta de Dios. here at the sup-per of Je - sus, to ____ the feast. come_ Final the feast, to. feast. come. Dios, ven a la fies - ta dø Dios. feast. feast, come to the Verses Like the child whose fish-es and loaves 1. fed the mul ti ¿Quién le pue - de dar de co-mer la mul ti а just one 2. 'Til the seed is it is giv-en to earth, Hay que dar - se a____ mo - rir pa - ra CO - SO -3. In the strang - er in the least and by ____ our side, Los de - sam - pa - ra-dos ven-drán par - tir вl а ĩ. tude, in the Lord lit the tle we have, tud? Con Je - sús, al com par - tir ю -2. grain; but once sown its death brings new birth, the char, las se - mi llas de li - ber - tad y 3. last, in the thirst for jus - tice we share, pan ve - rán su dig ni - dad de v to Refrain 1. bro - ken and shared, be-comes a - bun-dant food. po - co que hay, re - ci - bi - mos ple - ni - tud. 2. har - vest is rich; what's lost is raised a - gain. re - su-rrec-ción, la pro - me - sa de vi - vir. 3. Christ _____ is here in the break-ing of the bread. nue-vo en Je - sús, Sal-va - dor y Buen Pas - tor.

Celebrant: Oren, hermanos, para que este sacrificio, mío y de ustedes, sea agradable a Dios, Padre todopoderoso.

All: El Señor reciba de tus manos este sacrificio, para alabanza y gloria de su nombre, para nuestro bien y el de toda su santa Iglesia.

Prayer over the Gifts:

Celebrant: Lord,

accept the gifts and the vows of our newly professed, and the oblations and prayers we offer you, strengthen them by your love as they profess the evangelical counsels. As we celebrate the beginnings of religious profess, grant that the first fruits of your servants may be transformed by your grace into a plentiful harvest. Through Christ our Lord. All: Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I (THE ROMAN CANON)

Celebrant: El Señor esté con ustedes. All: Y con tu espíritu. Celebrant: Levantemos el corazón. All: Lo tenemos levantado hacia el Señor. Celebrant: Demos gracias al Señor, nuestro Dios. All: Es justo y necesario.

Celebrant: Father all powerful and ever-living God, we do will always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

He came, the son of a Virgin Mother, named those blessed who were pure of heart, and taught by his whole life the perfection of chastity. He chose always to fulfill your holy will, and became obedient even to dying for us, offering himself to you as a perfect oblation.

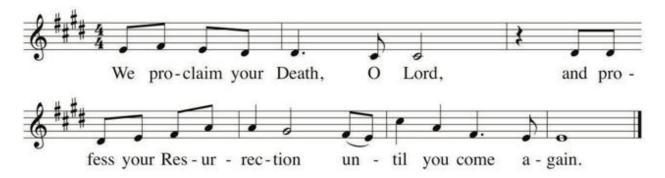
He consecrated more closely to your service those who leave all things for your sake and promised that they would find a heavenly treasure. He raised up his servant Francis who professed evangelical perfection and through him who bore the image of the Crucified he was pleased to attract countless followers into his Church.

And so, with all the angels and saints we proclaim your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:





Memorial Acclamation – *The Glendalough* Mass by Liam Lawton



Great Amen – The Glendalough Mass by Liam Lawton



THE COMMUNION RITE

Celebrant:

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All:

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.

Celebrant:

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Celebrant:

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. All: Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always. All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.



Lamb of God – The Glendalough Mass by Liam Lawton

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.





Prayer After Communion

Celebrant:

Let us pray.

May the mysteries we have received fill us with joy, O Lord, and grant that by their power these your servants may faithfully fulfill the duties of the religious life they have begun in the Franciscan Friars Conventual and offer you willing service. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

Blessing over the newly professed:

Celebrant:

Having received with reverence, these divine mysteries We humbly beseech you, O Lord, To inflame with the fire of the Holy Spirit These your servants: Michael, Edgar, Jonathan, and Sebastian, Bound to you now by an act of sacred offering, and admit them for ever to the company of your Son. Who now lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: El Señor esté con ustedes.

All: Y con tu espíritu.

Celebrant:

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

All: Amen.

Celebrant:

The Lord let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

All: Amen.

Celebrant:

The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace.

All: Amen.

Celebrant:

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Celebrant:

Our Mass is ended go in peace to love and serve the Lord and one another.

All: Thanks be to God

Recessional – "The Servant Song" by Richard Gillard	
1, 6. Will you let me	be your ser-vant, Let me be as
2. We are pil-grims	
	Christ-light for you In the night-time you are weep-ing; When you laugh I'll
5. When we sing to	God in heav - en We shall find such
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	ray that I may have the grace to
 2. on the road; 3. of your fear; 	Ne are here to help each oth - er I will hold my hand out to you,
4. laugh with you.	I will share your joy and sor - row
	orn of all we've known to - geth - er
1, 6. Let you be my 2. Walk the mile and	
2. Walk the mile and 3. Speak the peace you	
4. 'Til we've seen this	3
5. Of Christ's love and	

WORDS OF THANKSGIVING

A profound thanks to our Friars, family, friends, and formators who have guided us to our profession day.

We ask for your continued prayers and support as we begin our life as Conventual Franciscan Friars.

You remain in our thoughts and prayers.

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Pedimos sus continuas oraciones y apoyo al comenzar nuestra vida como frailes franciscanos conventuales.

Permanecen en nuestros pensamientos y oraciones.

Friars Michael, Edgar, Jonathan, and Sebastian

