



MASS OF FINAL VOWS

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First Reading: Song of Songs 2: 8-14

The sound of my lover! here he comes
springing across the mountains,
leaping across the hills.

My lover is like a gazelle
or a young stag.

See! He is standing behind our wall,
gazing through the windows,
peering through the lattices.

My lover speaks and says to me,
“Arise, my friend, my beautiful one,
and come!

For see, the winter is past,
the rains are over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth,
the time of pruning the vines has come,
and the song of the turtledove is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines, in bloom, give forth fragrance.

Arise, my friend, my beautiful one,
and come!

My dove in the clefts of the rock,
in the secret recesses of the cliff,

Let me see your face,

let me hear your voice,

For your voice is sweet,
and your face is lovely.”

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 45: 11-12, 14-15, 16-17

℟ The Queen stands at your right hand arrayed in gold.

Listen, my daughter, and understand;
pay me careful heed.
Forget your people and your father's house,^{*}
That the king might desire your beauty.
He is your lord; ℟

All glorious is the king's daughter as she enters,^e
her raiment threaded with gold;
In embroidered apparel she is led to the king.
The maids of her train are presented to the king. ℟

They are led in with glad and joyous acclaim;
they enter the palace of the king.
The throne of your fathers your sons will have;
you shall make them princes through all the land. ℟

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-11

Brothers:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus
were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so
that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the
Father, we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his,
we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.

For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God.

Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as [being] dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: John 17: 20-26

“I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.

And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one,

I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me.

Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am* they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me.

I made known to them your name and I will make it known,* that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them.”

RITE FOR THE PRONOUNCEMENT OF FINAL VOWS

CALL AND PETITION

After the Gospel the celebrant sits down. Those who will make their final vows remain standing. The Territorial Director calls each candidate by her full name.

Those who will make their final vows in the Society of Apostolic Life “Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi”, come forward.

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Each one of the candidates responds:

Here I am, Lord. You have called me!

The director asks:

✠ Dear sister(s), what do you ask of God and the Society of Apostolic Life “Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi”?

✠ To consecrate ourselves to God and His Kingdom forever through the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience in the Society of Apostolic Life “Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi”.

✠ Thanks be to God.

Homily

THE RITE OF FINAL VOWS

After the homily, the candidates come before the altar and stand in front of the one who will receive their vows, in order to be questioned about their determination and readiness.

QUESTIONING OF THE CANDIDATES

✠ Having died to sin and been given to God through Baptism, do you want to consecrate yourselves more intimately to God by making final vows in the Society of Apostolic Life “Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi”?

✠ I do.

✠ With the help of divine grace, do you want to embrace and follow the life of consecrated chastity, obedience, and poverty that our Lord Jesus Christ and his Virgin Mother chose for themselves?

✠ I do.

✠ Do you want to seek perfect charity for God and neighbor firmly and constantly by fervently following the Gospel and the practice of the spirit, Constitutions and Rule of Life of the Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi?

✠ I do.

✠ Do you want to be present in the world without being of the world, in order to configure it according to the designs of God,

causing it to be sanctified from within in accordance with the spirit of the Gospel?

✠ I do.

✠ With the help of the Holy Spirit, do you want to spend your life generously at the service of the Kingdom of Christ?

✠ I do.

✠ May He who began this good work in you bring it to fulfillment until the day of Christ Jesus.

THE LITANY OF SAINTS

The celebrant stands and with hands together prays:

✠ Let us pray, beloved brothers and sisters, that God the Father almighty may pour out the grace of his blessing upon these his servants, whom he has called to the perfect following of Christ, and that in his goodness and mercy he may confirm them in their holy resolution.

The litanies are then prayed. All kneel (if it is Sunday or Easter time, they are prayed standing, except for those who will make their final vows).

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

**Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

Holy Mary, Mother of God

Pray for us

Holy Virgin of Virgins

Saint Michael

Holy Angels of God

Saint John the Baptist

Saint Joseph

Saints Peter and Paul

Saint John the Evangelist

Saint Mary Magdalene

Saint Stephen

Saint Lawrence

Saint Agnes

Saint Basil

Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Saint Augustine

Saint Benedict

Saint Bernard

Saint Francis of Assisi

Saint Ignatius Loyola

Saint Francis Xavier

Saint John Bosco

Saint Cecilia

Saint Clare

Saint Catherine of Siena

Saint Teresa of Jesus

Saint Rose of Lima

Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus

Saint Maria Goretti

All holy men and women

From all evil

Free us, O Lord

From everlasting death

By your incarnation

By your death and resurrection
By the coming of the Holy Spirit

Forgive us our sins

Lord, hear our prayer

Grant a more fruitful life to your Church through the sacrifice
and apostolate of your servants.

Increase the gifts of the Holy Spirit in your servant N., our Pope,
and in all the bishops.

Bring all people to the fullness of Christian life.

Join more fully to your work of Redemption all those who today
make their final vows and consecrate their life totally to you.

Make these your servants become like Christ, the first-born of
many children.

Conserve and increase in the Regnum Christi the fidelity to our
spirit.

Sanctify all your lay apostles, so that they will remain faithful to
their commitment to be effective leaven in the world.

Jesus, Son of the living God, Lord, hear our prayer
Christ, hear us. Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

*All remain kneeling as the celebrant stands. Turning to the people
with his hands extended, he prays the following prayer:*

✠ Hear, Lord, the prayers of your people and prepare with your heavenly grace the hearts of your servants, that the fire of the Holy Spirit may purify them from every stain before they now consecrate themselves to you, and may it make them burn with the vehement ardor of charity. We ask you this through Christ our Lord.

All respond:

✠ Amen.

THE MOMENT OF MAKING OF FINAL VOWS

The celebrant remains standing. The candidates kneel down and make their final vows. One of the candidates says "I" and then all of the others say "I". Each one says her full name aloud. When all have said their names, they continue together.

I, N.N., to respond faithfully to the call of the Holy Trinity and to praise His glory more intensely by following Christ more closely, give myself to the love of Christ and of His Kingdom.

Therefore, before the family of God gathered here, and in your hands, I promise Almighty God to live in poverty, chastity and obedience forever, in accord with the Constitutions of the Society of Apostolic Life "Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi".

Pray to God for me that I may be faithful to the spirit that God has given to Regnum Christi, for the service of Christ and his Church, and thus attain perfect charity.

✠ Thanks be to God.

SPECIFIC PROMISES

Upon finishing the moment of making final vows, all remain kneeling and they proceed to the specific promises in perpetuity, choosing one of the two forms proposed below:

Director:

Dear sisters, you have made your final vows and desire to fulfill your service of communion with others, according to the spirit of Regnum Christi. For this reason, I invite you to make the specific promises before the community:

The consecrated women make the specific promises in perpetuity:

I, a consecrated woman of Regnum Christi, promise to live forever the mission of extending the kingdom of Jesus Christ with an attitude of service, humility and availability.

I also promise to live forever a spirit of communion in the Regnum Christi family and in the Church, giving witness to charity in word and deed towards those who live and work at my side.

PRESENTATION OF THE RING

The celebrant takes his seat. Those who have made their final vows stand. Each one then approaches the territorial director and kneels, while the territorial director gives her the ring and says the following exhortation. A suitable song may be sung at this time.

✠ Receive this ring. It is a symbol of your total surrender to the love of Christ and of his Church. Let it be a token of your final union with the Lord and of your possession of Christ's Kingdom.

Once the commitment ring has been given to each one, they kneel, and the celebrant prays over them with extended hands:

✠ Oh God, fountain and source of all holiness, you so loved all men created by you that you shared your divine nature with them; neither the sin of Adam nor the evil of the world could destroy this decision of your kindness.

From the very beginning of time you gave us in Abel the model of a holy life; later, in the people of Israel you providentially raised up holy men and women adorned with every virtue, among whom stands out the Daughter of Zion, the most holy and ever-virgin Mary, in whose virginal womb your Word, Jesus Christ our Lord, became man for the salvation of the world.

Having been made a model of sanctity by you, Father, he became poor in order to enrich us, and to make us free he became a slave.

By his Paschal Mystery he redeemed the world with overwhelming love and sanctified his Church, for which he gained from you, Father, the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Through the Paraclete you have called a countless number of your children to follow Christ, and they, leaving everything, unite themselves fervently to you in the gentle bond of charity, and serve all their brothers and sisters.

Lord, look upon these your servants, whom you have called in your Divine Providence. Pour out on them the Spirit of Holiness, to inflame their hearts and enlighten their minds with his fire and light. Thus, by being faithful to their vocation, consecrated to you in the inner depths of their souls, being in the world but not of it, may they be able to instill the power and renewing leaven of the gospel ideals into human and temporal realities. May they be inspired by the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was constantly united to her son Jesus. She faithfully kept and meditated on his words and actions in her heart, and cooperated in a singular manner in the work of Redemption.

Grant them, Lord, untarnished chastity, joyful poverty, and generous obedience. May they fervently study and constantly imitate the example of the Divine Master. May they please you with their humility, serve you with submission, and live united to you in fervent charity. May they be patient under trial, unshakable in faith, joyful in hope, and active in love.

May their lives make the Church holy, further the salvation of the world, and be a radiant sign of heavenly goods. Holy Father, guide and defend these your servants, and when they present themselves before your Son's judgment seat, be their reward and recompense, so that, in the joy of having fulfilled their promises and being confirmed in your charity, they may enjoy the company of your

saints and with them give you eternal praise. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

✠ Amen.

Prayers of the faithful are prayed at this time. There is no profession of faith.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

During the offertory procession, those who have made their final vows personally bring their hosts to the altar and place them on the paten, to be offered and consecrated along with the priest's host.

In the Eucharistic prayer, include a remembrance of the oblation of those making their final vows with the corresponding formulas, as is indicated in the Roman Missal.

After the celebrant has consumed the Body and Blood of the Lord, the consecrated women receive communion, which may be given under both species. After they receive communion, their parents, families and the consecrated community come forward to receive as well. Communion is given under both species (by intinction).

SOLEMN BLESSING

At the end of the Mass the celebrant imparts a final solemn blessing.

✠ May God, who has called you out of darkness and into his wonderful light, pour forth abundant blessings upon you and ground your hearts in faith, hope and charity.

✠ Amen.

✠ Because you confidently follow Christ, who appeared in this world as a light that shines in the darkness, may He make you a light for your brothers and sisters.

✠ Amen.

✠ May the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit come down on you and remain with you forever.

✠ Amen.

✠ May the joy of the Lord be our strength. You may go in peace.

✠ Thanks be to God.



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