

June 19

SAINT JULIANA FALCONIERI
Feast (Solemnity for Nuns and Sisters)

Florentine by birth, Juliana was attracted by the holy lives of the first Friars of the Servite Order. She consecrated her life to God, devoting her time to prayer and works of penance and charity. She is properly considered among those women who, while continuing to live in their own homes, adopted a Servite way of life. She received the habit of the "mantellates." Juliana occupied a singular position among these women, so that the tradition of the Order has considered her the foundress of the Servite Sisters. She is noted for her devotion to the Mother of the Lord and her love for the Eucharist. Her body is venerated in the Basilica of the SS. Annunziata in Florence. She was canonized by Pope Clement XII in 1737.

Whenever Evening Prayer I is celebrated.

Evening Prayer I

HYMN

O chosen virgin, bride of him
Who died and rose to make us new,
We sing to God whose grace has borne
Great fruit of holy love in you.

To serve the Lady by the Cross
You leave aside the things of earth;
Thus in the Servants' Order blest
A new communion comes to birth.

Proclaiming Christ who gave his all
You live the poor, repentant way
With firmness for the feeble flesh
To win a wealth of no decay.

To God the Father glory raise
Through Christ his co-eternal Son;
The Servants sing their evening praise
With all the Church in Spirit one.

Melody: Old 100th L.M. Text: Paul Addison, O.S.M.

Or another hymn may be sung.

SALMODY

Ant.1 I found him whom I love. I held him fast and would not let him go.

Psalm 113

Praise the name of the Lord

He has cast down the mighty and has lifted up the lowly (Lk. 1:52).

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!

May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting
praised be the name of the Lord!

High above all nations is the Lord,
Who is like the Lord, our God,
Who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?
From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from his misery he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes with the princes of his people.
To the childless wife he gives a home
and gladdens her heart with children.

Psalm-prayer

Lord Jesus, Word of God, surrendering the brightness of your glory you became one of us so that we may be raised from the dust to share your very being. May there be innumerable children of the Church to offer homage to your name from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Ant. I found him whom I love. I held him fast and would not let him go.

Ant. 2 Lord, to you I turn my face; to you I raise my eyes.

Psalm 147:12-20

The restoration of Jerusalem

Come, I will show you the bride of the Lamb (Revelation 21:9).

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you.
He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command.
He showers down snow white as wool,
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
He hurls down hailstones like crumbs.
The waters are frozen at his touch;
he sends forth his word and it melts them:
at the breath of his mouth the waters flow.

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees.

Psalm-prayer

All-powerful God, it is through your Church, generously endowed with gifts of grace and fortified by the Holy Spirit, that you send out your word to all nations. Strengthen your Church with the best of all food and make it dauntless in faith. Multiply its children to celebrate with one accord the mysteries of your love at the altar on high.

Ant. Lord, to you I turn my face; to you I raise my eyes.

Ant.3 I take you for my spouse forever in a union of holiness and love.

Canticle Ephesians 1:3-10
God our Saviour

Praised be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has bestowed on us in Christ
every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

God chose us in him
before the world began
to be holy
and blameless in his sight.

He predestined us
to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ,
such was his will and pleasure,
that all might praise the glorious favour
he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

In him and through his blood, we have been redeemed,
and our sins forgiven,
so immeasurably generous
is God's favour to us.

God has given us the wisdom
to understand fully the mystery,
the plan he was pleased
to decree in Christ.

A plan to be carried out
in Christ, in the fullness of time,
to bring all things into one in him,
in the heavens and on earth.

Ant. I take you for my spouse forever in a union of holiness and love.

READING Song of Songs 8:6-7a

Set me as a seal on your heart, as a seal on your arm; For stern as death is love, relentless as the nether world is devotion; its flames are a blazing fire. Deep waters cannot quench love, nor floods sweep it away.

RESPONSORY See 1 John 2:5; 5:12

V. If you keep the word of the Lord, God's love is fulfilled in your heart.

R. If you keep the word of the Lord, God's love is fulfilled in your heart.

V. If you have the life of his Son,

R. God's love is fulfilled in your heart.

V. Glory to the Father...

R. If you keep the word...

CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. Blessed Juliana, a wise virgin, filled her lamp with the oil of charity ; the Lord found her waiting and called her to his eternal wedding feast.

INTERCESSIONS

Humbly we pray to God the Father, who through Christ, called all creation to the fullness of perfection and life:

Lord, renew in our hearts the Spirit of holiness.

Father, you willed that your only Son be born of the Virgin Mother;

- may your Church, filled with your Holy Spirit, be the mother of many children. Father, you are the font of truth and source of our faith;

- may those who believe seek truth and hold fast to faith. Father, in your wonderful mercy, you call some to live a celibate life;

- grant that they may love you with undivided hearts and share your love with others. Father, you washed your Church in the blood of your Son and revealed its glory;

- may the fidelity of those consecrated to you reveal the mystery of your Church as bride of your Son. Father, you call holy virgins to follow the Lamb into eternal glory;

- receive our departed brothers and sisters into the company of the saints.

(Let us make our own the prayer of Jesus, mindful that we sanctify God's name by living lives worthy of him:)

Our Father ...

PRAYER

God, our Father, you called Juliana, who was a model of penance and chaste love, to form a new community of sisters, Servants of Mary. Grant that your Church, as the loving bride of Jesus, may always witness this gift of total love in the lives of consecrated women. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

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Father in heaven, guided by your Spirit, Juliana became the loving mother and wise teacher of women who wished to be disciples of Jesus and servants of his Mother Mary. May her life and holiness bring joy to your Church. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Invitatory

Ant. Come, let us worship Christ, the life and hope of holy virgins.

Invitatory psalm, as in the Ordinary.

Office of Readings

HYMN

Holy Juliana, pure and robed in glory,
Praise is befitting for God's tender mercy
Shown in your virtue, love and dedication:
joyful, we honour you.

You are a mother worthy to be followed,

Splendid example to the Sister Servants
Your inspiration shows the way of holiness:
Blest those who follow you!

At your life's night-time, on your deathbed lying
Christ gave his bride a sign of predilection:
In his own Eucharist by miracle you held him,
Fed with the food of life.

Welcome our prayers, great Handmaid of that Lady
Mary our Mother, Queen of holy virgins,
Make us in loyalty ever-faithful servants
To honour and praise her.

Glory to God the Father, the Almighty
Through Jesus Christ, his only Son eternal;
Praise in the Spirit, voice of our devotion,
World without end. Amen.

Melody: *Bella dum* late 11.11.11.6 Text: Paul Addison, O.S.M,

Or another hymn may be sung.

PSALMODY

One of the series of antiphons (A, B, C) may be chosen.

Antiphon 1

Ser. A Consecrated virginity is a gift of the Father, an oblation of total love. Ser. B Jesus, born of the holy Virgin Mary, is the strength of chaste love. Ser. C Christ made a temple of his presence in the heart of the wise virgin, Juliana.

Psalm 19

Praise to the Lord, Creator of the Universe

*From the chaste womb he came forth... that he might espouse the Church to himself in love
(Cassiodorus).*

The heavens proclaim the glory of God
and the firmament shows forth the work of his hands.
Day unto day takes up the story
and night unto night makes known the message.

No speech, no word, no voice is heard
yet their span extends through all the earth,
their words to the utmost bounds of the world.

There he has placed a tent for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom coming from his tent,
rejoices like a champion to run its course.

And the end of the sky is the rising of the sun;
to the furthest end of the sky is its course.
There is nothing concealed from its, burning heat.

Psalm-prayer

God our Father, we praise your Son, born of the Virgin, Sun of justice, and bridegroom of your

Church. Grant that we may live in union with Jesus, and in him walk in your light and live in your love.

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Antiphon 2

Ser. A All virginity is from Jesus, the all holy Son of God, whose body did not know decay.

Ser. B The virgins are nourished by the Body of Christ and live by the life of his Spirit.

Ser. C You shine with eternal glory among the honoured virgins of the King of kings.

Psalm 45

The wedding of the King

See, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him (Mat. 25:6).

I

My heart overflows with noble words.
To the king I must speak the song I have made;
my tongue as nimble as the pen of a scribe.

You are the fairest of the children of men
and graciousness is poured upon your lips;
because God has blessed you for evermore.

O mighty one, gird your sword upon your thigh;
in splendour and state ride on in triumph
for the cause of truth and goodness and right.

Take aim with your bow in your dread right hand.
Your arrows are sharp; peoples fall beneath you.
The foes of the king shall fall down and lose heart.

Your throne, O God, shall endure forever.
A sceptre of justice is the sceptre of your kingdom.
Your love is for justice; your hatred for evil.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above other kings;
your robes are fragrant with aloes and myrrh.

From the ivory palace you are greeted with music.
The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.
On your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Psalm-prayer

Lord, we praise you, for you have anointed Jesus Lord and King, and prepared your Church as his bride. Help us to work against all deceit and greed, so that in him we may know truth and justice.

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Antiphon 3

Ser. A The Holy Spirit dwells in the virgin's heart and fills her with his gifts.
Ser. B For Juliana, the bread of Christ is stronger faith, firmer hope, and greater love.
Ser. C You have found favour with Christ, your Lord and God.

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.

And the people of Tyre shall come with gifts,
the richest of the people shall seek your favour.
The daughter of the king is clothed with splendour,
her robes are 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.
May this song make your name forever remembered.
May the peoples praise you from age to age.

Psalm-prayer

Lord, we have answered your Son's call to leave all things and to be his disciples. Help us to be faithful to our vocation that we may know life and joy in his presence forever.

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V. I have not renounced the commands of the Lord.
R. I have treasured his words in my heart.

FIRST READING

From the first letter of the apostle Peter 1:3-9; 13-23

You have purified yourselves by obedience to the truth

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of [your] faith, the salvation of your souls.

Therefore, gird up the loins of your mind, live soberly, and set your hopes completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Like obedient children, do not act in compliance with the desires of your former ignorance but, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in every aspect of your conduct, for it is written, "Be holy because I [am] holy." Now if you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one's works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb. He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. Since you have purified yourselves by obedience to the truth for sincere mutual love, love one another intensely from a [pure] heart. You have been born anew, not from perishable but from imperishable seed, through the living and abiding word of God.

RESPONSORY See 1 Peter 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:7

V. You have not seen Christ yet you love him. Without seeing him you now believe in him.

R. Rejoice with inexpressible joy.

V. We walk in faith, not by sight.

R. Rejoice with inexpressible joy.

SECOND READING

Choose one of the following readings.

From a treatise by Saint Gaudentius, bishop

(Tract. II in Exodum 26.30-34: CSEL 68, 30-32)

The body and blood of Christ are food for our journey

When the Lord Jesus gave the consecrated bread and wine to his disciples, he said: *This is my body, this is my blood.* Let us believe him in whom we have believed, for the Truth cannot lie! This is indeed the inheritance contained in his new testament, the gift he left us, on the night he was betrayed to crucifixion, as a pledge of his abiding presence. This is the food for our journey, sustaining and nourishing us along the road of earthly life until we pass from this world and go to him. Did the Lord not tell us: *Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you shall not have life in you?* He wanted his blessings to remain with us. He wanted the souls his blood had redeemed to become ever holier through assimilation to him in his suffering. That is why he bade his disciples, whom he ordained the first priests of the Church, to be constant in celebrating these mysteries of eternal life; this is something all priests must do in every church of the world until Christ comes again from heaven. In this sacrament all of us, priests and laity alike, have daily before our eyes the likeness of Christ's passion; we carry it in our hands and receive it into mouth and heart. In it we possess an indelible reminder of our redemption and a sweet medicine that guarantees eternal protection against the devil's poison. Does not the Holy Spirit tell us: *Taste and see that the Lord is sweet?* There are two reasons why Christ ordained that the sacrament of his body and blood should be offered in the form of bread and wine. The first is that the spotless Lamb of God could thus give his purified people a pure victim to offer that would require no burning, no shedding of blood, and no unseemly stench, and that might easily and readily be at hand for all to offer. The second reason is this: since bread is made of water and flour that has been milled from many grains of wheat, and since it must then be cooked over fire, it can rightly be regarded as an image of Christ's body. For this body, as we know, is a single body composed of many human beings and welded into unity by the fire of the Holy Spirit. Similarly, the wine of his blood was collected from the many grapes on the vine he had planted, it was pressed out in the winepress of the cross; and finally it ferments by its own inherent power in the spacious bottles which are the hearts that receive him with faith. All of you should receive this salutary paschal sacrifice with the fervour of the truly religious heart, so that the Lord Jesus Christ himself, whom we believe to be present in his sacramental signs, may sanctify our inner selves, for his measureless power abides through endless ages.

RESPONSORY See John 6:54, 57

V. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood will have eternal life.

R. And I will raise them up on the last day.

V Just as the Father who has life has sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me

will have life because of me. R. And I will raise them up on the last day.

Alternative.

Inspiration and model of communities of Servite women

Juliana was born in Florence in the thirteenth century when some of the Founders of our Order were still living. It is said that she was a member of the Falconieri family.

In the fifteenth century Fra Paolo Attavanti recorded a living tradition about this Florentine virgin in his *Dialogus de origine Ordinis Servorum* and the *Paulina praedicabilis*. According to Attavanti, when Juliana was fifteen years old, she heard Saint Alexis speak on the final judgment; she was so inspired by his words that she dedicated herself to the contemplation of God and the following of Christ. The evangelical life of the recently founded community of Servants so edified her that she began to visit them regularly, and she implored both the Queen of Heaven and her parents to allow her to receive the habit of the Servants. Together with some other young women who were inspired by the same desire for a life of penance and charity, she often went to the Servite church at Cafaggio, near the city gates. There they assisted at divine office, sang the praises of the Virgin, and dedicated themselves to serve the needs of others, especially the poor. Juliana was so great an example for her companions who were striving to follow Christ more closely under the protection of Our Lady, that Attavanti in the *Paulina praedicabilis* says that "she became the renowned leader of the sisters and nuns of Mary's Order. "

As a true disciple of Jesus and his Mother, with newfound strength she overcame the world, the flesh and the devil. Though young in years, she outshone her elders in virtue. Her holiness was demonstrated in many ways during her life, but most especially as she approached death. After so many physical penances, vigils, prayers and fasting, at the end of her life she could no longer eat any type of food. Desiring to receive the Body of Christ, Juliana asked that the host be placed over her heart. This was a recognized practice during the Middle Ages when someone desired to receive communion but was unable to consume the host because of illness. In these cases the priest would pray that God who had placed the soul in the body might sanctify the soul of the sick person through the Body of Christ. Her final request granted, Juliana died joyfully. It is said that the host could not be found afterwards, as if it had miraculously penetrated her body. The body of Juliana is preserved in the basilica of SS. Annunziata in Florence. Pope Clement XII canonized Juliana in 1737.

In the course of the centuries many women have desired to embrace the way of life of the Servants of Mary in order to follow Christ and serve the Virgin. Some have remained in their own homes while others have lived in community. Second only to Our Lady herself, Juliana has been their model of spiritual life and apostolic activity. She is now invoked and venerated as "Mother," though she did not found any specific religious family.

RESPONSORY

V. A virgin devoted to God finds nourishment for her soul in the word of God and in constant prayer.

R. She is the living temple of God.

R. The Holy Spirit dwells within her heart.

R. She is the living temple of God.

HYMN, Te Deum.

PRAYER

God, our Father, you called Juliana who was a model of penance and chaste love to form a new community of sisters, Servants of Mary. Grant that your Church, as the loving bride of Jesus, may always witness this gift of total love in the lives of consecrated women. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Or:

Father in heaven, guided by your Spirit, Juliana became the loving mother and wise teacher of women who wished to be disciples of Jesus and servants of his mother Mary. May her life and holiness bring joy to your Church. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Canticles and Gospel Readings for Vigils

Those who wish to extend the celebration of a vigil of a solemnity, according to tradition, first celebrate the Office of Readings. After the second reading they may add canticles and the gospel reading as indicated below. A homily on the gospel may be given. Afterward the Te Deum is sung, the prayer is said, and the hour is concluded as in the Ordinary.

CANTICLES

Ant. I will shout with joy and my spirit will rejoice in God, because he has clothed me with salvation as a bride adorned with jewels.

or.

Ant. I have sought your face, O Lord; you alone do I seek.

Canticle I Jeremiah 17:7-8

Blessed are those who hope in the Lord.

Blessed are they who bear the word of God and keep it (Lk. 11:28)

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,
whose hope is the Lord.

He is like a tree planted beside the waters
that stretches out its roots to the stream:

It fears not the heat when it comes,
its leaves stay green;

in the year of drought it shows no distress,
but still bears fruit.

Canticle II Sirach 14:20; 15:3-5a; 6b

The happiness of the wise
wisdom is justified by her children (Luke 7:35).

Happy the man who meditates on wisdom,
and reflects on knowledge

She will nourish him with the bread of understanding,
and give him the water of learning to drink.

He will lean upon her and not fall,
he will trust in her and not be put to shame.

She will exalt him above his fellows;
and he will inherit an everlasting name.

Canticle III Sirach 31:8-11

Blessed are those who do not seek after gold

Make for yourselves a never-failing treasure in heaven (Luke 12:33).

Happy the rich man found without fault,
who turns not aside after gain!

Who is he, that we may praise him?
He, of all his kindred, has done wonders,
for he has been tested by gold and come off safe,
and this remains his glory.

He could have sinned but did not,
could have done evil but would not,
so that his possessions are secure,
and the assembly recounts his praises.

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salvation as a bride adorned with jewels.

Or:

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GOSPEL

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke 10:38-42

Jesus accepts the hospitality of Martha and praises the attentiveness of Mary

As they continued their journey he entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary [who] sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me

by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.

Or:

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew 19:3-12

Some have chosen to remain single for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven

Some Pharisees approached him, and tested him, saying, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause whatever?" He said in reply, "Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate." They said to him, "Then why did Moses command that the man give the woman a bill of divorce and dismiss [her]?" He said to them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. I say to you, whoever divorces his wife (unless the marriage is unlawful) and marries another commits adultery." [His] disciples said to him, "If that is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry." He answered, "Not all can accept [this] word, but only those to whom that is granted. Some are incapable of marriage because they were born so; some, because they were made so by others; some, because they have renounced marriage for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Whoever can accept this ought to accept it."

HYMN, Te Deum.

Prayer, is in Morning Prayer.

Conclusion, as in the ordinary.

Morning Prayer

HYMN

The Lord called to his side this gentle
Saint as to a Bride;
She learned the meaning and the love
Of Jesus crucified.

No sooner had she seen that men
Could live as brothers bound,
The love of Christ she brought to bear
With sisters gathered round.

To show the world that love of God
Means love of others more,
They dedicated all their wealth
To serve and aid the poor.

Like Mary they would read and see in
Scripture God's own Word
And in their lives they followed out
The Gospel message heard.

The sisters of our Saint today
Seek Christ in second birth,
United, giving all they have
For other Christs on earth.

Accept the morning praise,
O Lord, Of Servants in Spirit one;
Bless our communion and at death
Unite us to your Son.

Melody: Saint Anne C.M. Text: Paul Addison, O.S.M.

Or another hymn may be sung.

Ant. 1 Blessed Juliana hungered for the bread from heaven and desired to be filled with the Lord.
Psalms and canticle from Sunday, Week I.

Ant. 2 Christ entered the heart of Juliana as once he entered the body of Mary.

Ant. 3 Praise the Lord more joyously and serve him more readily.

READING Galatians 2:19b-20

I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me.

RESPONSORY See Romans 6:11,13

V. Consider yourselves as truly dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.
R. Consider yourselves as truly dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.
V. Show yourselves to God as people who have died and have been brought back to life:
R. alive to God in Christ Jesus.
V. Glory to the Father...
R. Consider yourselves...

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

Ant. For blessed Juliana, the Lord Jesus was her strength in time of distress, her food in time of fasting, her healing in time of sickness.

INTERCESSIONS

Christ Jesus gave himself as food and life for his Church. Let us continue to seek him and pray:

Give us living water, Lord.

Christ, you have called dedicated women to be your disciples;

-guide them on the way that leads to holiness and life.

Christ, you have chosen dedicated women as a particular witness of the nuptial mystery of your Church;

- may they faithfully live the law of love all the days of their lives.

Christ, you wondrously nourished Juliana in her hunger and thirst for you;

- may the Eucharist deepen our love for you and for one another.

Christ, you called many women to follow the example of Juliana and to share community life;

- may they live your law and so witness your love to all people.

(With the prayer of Jesus on our lips, let us invoke God's mercy:) Our Father ...

PRAYER

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Daytime Prayer

Antiphons and psalms from the weekday.

Whenever the liturgical memorial of St. Juliana is celebrated as a solemnity the complementary psalmody is recited from the ordinary.

Midmorning

Ant. The virgin meditates on the things of the Lord that she might be holy in body and soul.

READING Galatians 5:22-23

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

A. In your creation, O Lord, you have given me delight.

R. I will rejoice in the works of your hands.

Midday

Ant. The virgin earnestly prayed to Christ that his mercy would save those whom his justice would not save.

READING Galatians 5:24-25

Now those who belong to Christ [Jesus] have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit.

V. Lord, my heart is not proud. R. My eyes are not lifted up.

Midafternoon

Ant. With God's help the virgin works to overcome the evil of sin.

READING Galatians 6:9-10a

Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all.

V. I desire to do your will, O Lord.

R. Your law is in my heart.

Prayer, as in Morning Prayer

Evening Prayer II

HYMN

From Evening Prayer I

Ant. 1 Walk in love, even as Christ loved us.

Psalms and canticle from the common of saints and blessed of our Order, or from the common of virgins.

Ant. 2 The bread which I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.

Ant. 3 Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.

READING Revelation 3:20-21

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, [then] I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me. I will give the victor the right to sit with me on my throne, as I myself first won the victory and sit with my Father on his throne.

RESPONSORY See John 5:24

V. Those who bear my word have eternal life.

R. Those who hear my word have eternal life.

V. They do not face judgment but have passed from death to life.

R. They have eternal life.

V. Glory to the Father ...

R. Those who hear ...

CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. O Juliana, handmaid of the Lord and faithful servant of Mary! In the company of holy virgins you follow the Lamb wherever he leads.

INTERCESSIONS

On the night before he died, the Lord Jesus prayed with his disciples. Let us pray with him to the Father:

Keep us in your love, O Lord.

Merciful Father, your Word of life always calls us back to you;

-convert us, by this Word, to deep faith in your gospel.

Father in heaven, you conceal your mysteries from the wise and clever and reveal them to children;

- cleanse our hearts that we may know and seek your justice.

Father, your Son died that we might live;

- as we are like him in his death, so may we share his resurrection.

Father, look upon us who have chosen to follow Christ and his Virgin Mother in the company of her Servants;

- strengthen us to help one another to witness the Gospel.

Father, you have called us to leave all things for the sake of your kingdom;

- welcome our departed brothers and sisters to share the wedding banquet of your Son.

(As we conclude our prayer, let us ask God for our daily bread and the food that nourishes eternal life:) Our Father ...

PRAYER

God, our Father, you called Juliana who was a model of penance and chaste love to form a new community of sisters, Servants of Mary. Grant that your Church, as the loving bride of Jesus, may always witness this gift of total love in the lives of consecrated women. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Or:

Father in heaven, guided by your Spirit, Juliana became the loving mother and wise teacher of women who wished to be disciples of Jesus and servants of his mother Mary. May her life and holiness bring joy to your Church. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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