

**November 16**

**ALL SAINTS OF OUR ORDER**

*Feast*

**Invitatory**

Ant. Come, let us adore the Lord who is so wonderful in the Servants of the Mother of God.

*Invitatory psalm, as in the Ordinary.*

**Office of Readings**

**HYMN**

Our Order's saints their light diffuse  
On us, to bring the hope of dawn.  
To God we sing our praise, by whose  
Most Holy Spirit they were drawn.

With Mary, they had sown in tears,  
United by the Cross of Christ.  
In heaven now they reap the sheaves  
Of joyfulness through sacrifice.

Sign of communion they would live  
For God in Jesus and his kin.  
Prayer, love and service saw them give  
All things to win God's world from sin.

All glory to the Father bring  
Through Christ the Saviour and the Son,  
Servants of Mary praises sing  
United by the Spirit one. Amen.

Melody: Old 100th L.M. 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 Blest are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of God is theirs.

Ser. B Blest are they who hunger and thirst for holiness; they shall have their fill.

Ser. C Blest are the peacemakers; they shall be called the children of God.

**Psalm 8**

The majesty of the Lord and human dignity

*Father, Lord of heaven and earth, to you I offer praise; for what you have bidden from the learned  
and the clever you have revealed to the merest children (Matthew 11:25).*

How great is your name, O Lord our God,  
through all the earth!

Your majesty is praised above the heavens;  
on the lips of children and of babes  
you have found Praise to foil your enemy,  
to silence the foe and the rebel.

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,  
the moon and the stars which you arranged,  
What is man that you should keep him in mind,  
mortal man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a god;  
with glory and honour you crowned him,  
gave him power over the works of your hand,  
put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and cattle,  
yes, even the savage beasts,  
birds of the air, and fish  
that make their way through the waters.

How great is your name, O Lord our God,  
through all the earth!

### **Psalm-prayer**

Lord, how glorious is your name! You have given a crown of honour to our brothers and sisters, Servants of Holy Mary. You have given all things into the care of our human family: receive us into your service as stewards of all creation.

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#### Antiphon 2

Ser. A Blest are the sorrowing; they shall be consoled.

Ser. B Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.

Ser. C Blest are those persecuted for holiness' sake; the kingdom of God is theirs.

#### Psalm 15

Who is worthy to stand in God's presence?

*These have been ransomed as the first fruits of humankind for God and the Lamb. On their lips no deceit has been found, they are indeed without flaw (Revelation 14:4c-5).*

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent  
and dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart;

he who does not slander with his tongue;

he who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord;

he who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm forever.

### **Psalm-prayer**

Lord, help us always to seek your kingdom and its justice and to speak the truth in love. Cleanse us from all sin, so that we may enter your holy city as companions forever of our brothers and sisters who have received an unfading crown of glory.

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### Antiphon 3

Ser. A Blest are the lowly; they shall inherit the land. Ser. B Blest are the single-hearted; they shall see God. Ser. C Blest are you when then insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of slander against you; be glad and rejoice for your reward is great in heaven.

### Psalm 16

The Lord himself is my heritage

*The portion of the saints is God eternal (St. Augustine).*

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.  
I say to the Lord: "You are my God.  
My happiness lies in you alone."

He has put into my heart a marvellous love  
for the faithful ones who dwell in his land.  
Those who choose other gods increase their sorrows.  
Never will I offer their offerings of blood.  
Never will I take their name upon my lips.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
The lot marked out for me is my delight:  
welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me!

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;

even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever.

### **Psalm-prayer**

Lord, you alone are good. May we put all our trust in you and find all our joy in your good pleasure, so that when our days on earth are ended we may receive as our inheritance the vision of your glory in the company of all the saints.

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Ser. C Blest are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of slander against you; be glad and rejoice for your reward is great in heaven.

V. You who fear the Lord, love him.

R. And your hearts will be enlightened.

### **FIRST READING**

From the letter of the apostle Paul to the Romans 12:1-21; 13:8-10

#### *Though we are many we are one body in Christ*

I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than one ought to think, but to think soberly, each according to the measure of faith that God has apportioned. For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them: if prophecy, in proportion to the faith; if ministry, in ministering; if one is a teacher, in teaching; if one exhorts, in exhortation; if one contributes, in generosity; if one is over others, with diligence; if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honour. Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality. Bless those who persecute [you], bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation. Do not repay anyone evil for evil; be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, on your part, live at peace with all. Beloved, do not look for revenge but leave room for the wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." Rather, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head." Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good.

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall

not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, [namely] "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbour; hence, love is the fulfilment of the law.

**RESPONSORY** See Romans 12:2; Ephesians 4:23 -24

V. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind;

R. so that you may judge what is God's will, what is good, pleasing and perfect.

V. You must acquire a new way of thinking; you must put on a new person;

R. so that you may judge what is God's will, what is good, pleasing and perfect.

## **SECOND READING**

*Choose one of the following readings.*

From the *Legenda de Origine of the Order of Servants of Mary*  
(N.1-2; *Monumenta O.S.M.*, I, p. 60-61)

### *Let us conform ourselves to the teaching and lives of our Fathers*

Our purpose here is to extol a group of godly men who, 'second only to the Lord, deserve to be called our spiritual fathers. It was they who begot us, in the Order, by the holiness of their word and example. It was they, who, like fathers, watched over us and saw to it that we had spiritual food for our nourishment; they took in hand our upbringing in knowledge, art and science, pointing out to us the best and surest way to attain a holy life. This they did in the Order by offering themselves to God, every thought, word and deed, in humility of heart. They chose the path of truth and lived according to its laws without wavering.

Willingly dedicating their whole lives to the Lord, they made our Order in their own day pleasing to God and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Even more, through their prayers they won this favour: that the Order would continue after them and into the future, God willing, and would count saintly religious among its members.

The Lord and the Blessed Virgin Mary were pleased by the lives of these godly men who began our Order and graciously accepted the service they so wholeheartedly gave. We are able to prove this, first of all, by the fact that even while they were alive the Lord enhanced their lives with many wonders and miracles. When they were dying, signs and other prodigies showed that their souls were very dear to him. And afterwards he proved beyond doubt that these fathers of ours were with him in eternal glory by working through their merits yet more signs and wonders.

If we can keep before our eyes the word and example with which these fathers of ours spiritually begot us; if we can learn about how they lived and made themselves and the Order pleasing to the Lord, then we will find ourselves speaking and acting like they did and everyone will be able to see that they have left behind children who resemble them. It will be obvious that we have taken their example, doing everything in humility of heart; that we too have chosen the path of truth, living according to its law without wavering; and that we, like them, have willingly dedicated our lives to the Lord and made the Order and ourselves in our own day pleasing to God and Our Lady. By our constant prayers we will assure that the Order will continue after us too. Just as they gave us an example to live by, we too have to leave an example for those who come after us in the Order, urging them to do the same for their successors and so on from one generation to the next.

If we and those who come after us can do this, great good will come to the Order. It will be a source of tremendous joy to Our Lady; she will be wonderfully consoled in us, her servants, and we will be honouring her with our service, showing the world that she is worthy of every reverence. The Lord himself will be moved to endow our Order with constant spiritual gifts and graces, evidence of how pleased he is with it.

There is yet another point to be made. When people come from the world to our Order, as to one of the six biblical cities of refuge, and find in it without fail religious who are life-giving in what they say and do, they will be attracted to the Order by the gentleness of the example and

instruction. They will never want to go away, either in body or in spirit, from this city of refuge until the end of their lives when their souls, now dead to the world and sin, will be called by Christ the High Priest to unending life and be restored to complete liberty.

## **RESPONSORY**

V. Let us praise those glorious men who were such faithful servants of the most holy Virgin.

R. By their example they gave us a pattern for our life.

V. They were ever pleasing to God and to Our Lady in all their actions.

R. By their example they gave us a pattern for our life.

*Alternative.*

From the Constitutions of the Friar Servants of Mary  
(Art. 1-3, 6-7, Rome, 1977)

*To serve the Lord and their brothers and sisters the Servants draw constant inspiration from Mary,  
servant of the Lord*

The Order of Friar Servants of Mary, founded as an expression of evangelical apostolic life, is a community of men gathered together in the name of Jesus the Lord. Moved by the Spirit, we commit ourselves, as did our first Fathers, to witness the gospel in fraternal communion and to be at the service of God and all his children, drawing constant inspiration from Mary, Mother and Servant of the Lord.

This commitment, rooted in baptismal consecration and expressed in religious profession, is voluntarily undertaken by us in order to fulfil the commandment of love. It implies constant conformity with Christ who came to serve and to give his life for all, and to reveal that we are children of the same Father and brothers and sisters to one another.

In keeping with the practice of the Apostolic Church and the Rule of Saint Augustine, our communities live with one heart and one mind in prayer, listening to the Word of God, breaking together the Eucharistic Bread and the bread earned by our work while eagerly awaiting the Lord who is coming. As brothers united in love and supported by our regard for one another, we put in common our goods, hopes and works and we make our decisions collegially.

Following the mendicant ideal of our Order, we live itinerancy as an acceptance of the gospel value of insecurity in a passing world and as a willingness to go wherever our service calls us. In order to serve the Lord and their brothers and sisters, the Servants from their origins have dedicated themselves to the Mother of God, the Blessed One of the Most High.

They have turned to her on their pilgrimage to Christ and in their task of proclaiming Him to the world. From the *fiat* of the lowly servant of the Lord, they have learned to receive the Word of God and to be attentive to the promptings of the Spirit. From the Mother sharing in the redemptive mission of the Son, the Suffering Servant of the Lord, they have learned to understand and alleviate human suffering.

The Servants have honoured Saint Mary as their Lady with particular acts of reverence: greeting her with the angelic salutation at the beginning of their community gatherings; offering the traditional homage of her Vigil; dedicating their churches to her; celebrating her feasts with solemnity and calling her to mind in 'a special way on Saturday and at the close of each day. Faithful to our vocation of service, we seek to understand the significance of the Virgin Mary for the modern world. Brothers to everyone, we journey together toward a deeper union in love.

Sensitive to the needs of the Church, we seek to know more about Mary, God's Mother and ours, and her mission in the mystery of salvation. Seeing in her the "most excellent fruit of redemption," we energetically support individuals and society itself in their struggle to be free. Aware of division among Christians we do everything in our power to make the Daughter of Zion a symbol of unity for all. To an insecure world, we propose as a model of the confidence befitting God's children the humble woman who placed all her hope in her Lord.

Our communities are to witness to the human and gospel values which Mary enshrines and the devotion which the Church renders her. They shall express their devotion to Mary by drawing on practices from our living tradition or by creating others as a manifestation of renewed service to the Virgin.

### **RESPONSORY**

V. The Seven Fathers and their followers were faithful witnesses to the gospel, living a fraternal life.

R. Through the years there have been many who have followed their example.

V. They imitated the life of the early Church; according to the Rule of Saint Augustine, they lived with one heart in common prayer, in divine readings, in the breaking of the bread, with study, apostolic works and good deeds.

R. Through the years there have been many who have followed their example.

**HYMN**, Te Deum.

*Prayer, as in Morning Prayer.*

### **Morning Prayer**

#### **HYMN**

Praise be to God in the peace of the morning  
Whose holy grace in our Order has shown  
Saints full of love for the Virgin, receiving  
Crowns of the Kingdom and share of his throne.

Constant their prayers ask the Spirit to lead us  
Ever to live here as brethren in light,  
Serving the kingdom of Christ, who will feed us  
Courage to hunger for justice and rig .

On their achievements our hearts will be sighted;  
Faithful and good may the Servants be found,  
And in fraternal communion united,  
Joy of the Master will ever abound.

Father of glory we worship your greatness  
Through Jesus Christ the Redeemer and Son.  
One in the Spirit we offer our witness,  
In Mary's Servants, to what you have done. Amen.

Melody: Intercessor 11.10.11.10 Text: Paul Addison, OSM

*Or another appropriate hymn may be sung.*

Ant. 1 These are the wondrous Servants of blessed Mary who by their apostolic zeal nourished a life hidden in Christ and were raised to eternal blessedness.

*Psalms and canticle from Sunday, Week I.*

Ant. 2 How wonderfully have they been exalted in heaven: on earth they imitated in a special way the example of the humble Virgin!

Ant. 3 Let us praise our brothers and sisters, citizens of heaven, who were so inspired by the love of the Mother of God, that they led others to follow Christ.

**READING** Romans 15:2, 5-6

Let each of us please our neighbour for the good, for building up. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**RESPONSORY**

- V. Love your neighbour as yourself: for those who love their neighbour fulfil the law.  
R. Love your neighbour as yourself: for those who love their neighbour fluffly the law.  
V. Nothing else has been required of us than that we love one another.  
R. For those who love their neighbour fulfil the law.  
V. Glory to the Father...  
R. Love your neighbour...

**CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH**

Ant. Blessed are you Lord God who dealt so kindly with our brothers and sisters that, under the protection of the blessed Virgin, they formed themselves in holiness and justice.

**INTERCESSIONS**

We remember the example of unity with Which our sisters and brothers witnessed the gospel both by their words and with their service to Our Lady. Now we humbly implore the Lord:

*O Lord, show us the face of the Father.*

You ever purify your Church, Lord, that it may show itself strong and holy, beautiful only in the power of the Holy Spirit.

- Make us unwavering seekers after justice.

You have called blessed those who are poor in spirit, who sorrow, who are merciful and who are clean of heart.

- Grant that we may be filled with your Spirit and seek only the kingdom of heaven.

You have invited our sisters and brothers to serve and not to be served.

- Make us, like yourself, ministers and servants of all.

You have revealed to our sisters and brothers the power of your Mother's way of holiness.

- Grant that we may follow you with our eyes fixed on the example of Mary.

You have joined our sisters and brothers to yourself in the work of salvation.

- Be present to us in all our necessities that our sorrows and labours may become a source of mercy and liberty.

*(Let the prayer of Christ our mediator be on our lips so that the Father, in bearing the voice of his Son, may grant us what we ask:)*

Our Father ...

**PRAYER**

Almighty God, you abundantly poured out a spirit of service upon the saints and blessed of the Order of Servants of Mary. Keep us always in that same spirit. 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.

**Daytime Prayer**

*Antiphons and psalms from the weekday.*

*Midmorning*



**READING** 1 Peter 3:8-9

Finally, all of you, be of one mind, sympathetic, loving toward one another, compassionate, humble. Do not return evil for evil, or insult for insult; but, on the contrary, a blessing, because to this you were called, that you might inherit a blessing.

V. Behold how good and pleasant it is to dwell together as one.

R. For there the Lord has pronounced his blessing.

*Midday*

**READING** 1 Peter 4:7b-10

Be serious and sober for prayers. Above all, let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.

V. Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,

R. Who stand in the house of the Lord.

*Midafternoon*

**READING** Jude 20-21

But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in the love of God and wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

V. Serve the Lord in truth.

R. Do what is right before him.

*Prayer, as in Morning Prayer.*

**Evening Prayer**

**HYMN**

*As in Office of Readings.*

**PSALMODY**

Ant. 1 All you who were faithful Servants of the blessed Virgin on earth, sing your praise to God.

Psalm 113

Praise the name of the Lord

*He has looked upon his servant in her lowliness and has lifted up the holy (Luke 1:48, 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,  
above the heavens his glory.  
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**

May the praises of every Servite house rise up to you, O Lord, from sunrise to sunset: for you have raised up uncounted brothers and sisters as humble Servants of holy Mary and joined them to all the friends of your Son in the heavenly kingdom.

Ant. All you who were faithful Servants of the blessed Virgin on earth, sing your praise to God.

Ant. 2 All you Servants in the heavenly Jerusalem, rejoice for you have faithfully fulfilled your vows to the Lord.

Psalm 116:10-19 Thanksgiving in the Temple

*They are before God's throne and day and night they minister to him in his temple (Revelation 7:15).*

I trusted, even when I said:  
"I am sorely afflicted,"  
and when I said in my alarm:  
"No man can be trusted."

How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord  
I will fulfil before all his people.  
O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

**Psalm-prayer**

Precious in your sight, O Lord, was the death of your beloved Son for by the blood of his cross he won salvation for all. May his life be the perfect model for our lives and his death the source of mercy and peace.

Ant. All you Servants in the heavenly Jerusalem, rejoice for you have faithfully fulfilled your vows to the Lord.

Ant. 3 Blessed are you, O God, for you have chosen our brothers and sisters to be holy and immaculate in your sight.

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.

### **Canticle-prayer**

Blessed are you, O Lord, for in Christ, your only Son, you have given us all good things and have predestined us as children of adoption. Complete within us the mystery of your love which is founded and built upon Christ. In union with him we hope to glorify your name forever.

Ant. 3 Blessed are you, O God, for you have chosen our brothers and sisters to be holy and immaculate in your sight.

### **READING** Revelation 7:14b- 17

"These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "For this reason they stand before God's throne and worship him day and night in his temple. The one who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them. For the Lamb who is in the centre of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

### **RESPONSORY**

V. Day and night, without pause, the heavenly choirs sing: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.  
R. Day and night, without pause, the heavenly choirs sing: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.  
V. He who was, and who is, and who is to come!  
R. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.  
V. Glory to the Father ...  
R. Day and night...

### **CANTICLE OF MARY**

Ant. Glorious are the Servants of blessed Mary. They look upon their Lady and learn from her sincere love of God and neighbour.

### **INTERCESSIONS**

As the light of day descends, may our prayers ascend to the Lord, lifted up by the merits of our sisters and brothers:

*Lord, may you be a light on our journey.*

Lord, you have never faded to sanctify your Church, the spouse of your Son.

- Renew in us the spirit of your love that we may be a faithful image of your holiness.

Lord, you inspired our blessed sisters and brothers to live after the example of the faithful of the early Church.

- Grant that we too may follow that example and with joy seek only the kingdom.

Lord, you have revealed yourself in a variety of ways to all who seek after you.

- Grant that we may hear your voice and follow you with joy.

Lord, you have made our sisters and brothers faithful servants of your Handmaid.

- Make us sincerely seek after the virtues of Our Lady and imitate them faithfully.

Lord of all the living and reward of all who seek after justice,

- be merciful to the deceased brothers and sisters of the Order and establish them in love.

*(So that the kingdom of God might make its beginning in us, let us conclude our common evening prayer with one voice and one heart:)*

Our Father ...

### **PRAYER**

Almighty God, you abundantly poured out a spirit of service upon the saints and blessed of the Order of Servants of Mary. Keep us always in that same spirit. 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.

**Note:** Some biblical texts are taken from: The New American Bible <http://www.vatican.va/archives/>