

RITUAL MASS SOLEMN PROFESSION

Mass on the Day of Solemn Profession

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 82 (83), 5-6

Happy they who dwell in your house, Lord, continually they praise you.
Happy those whose strength you are,
their hearts are set upon the pilgrimage.

Or

cf Isaiah 2, 3

Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways and we may walk in his paths.

The *Gloria* is sung or said

Prayer of the Assembly *for several professed*

Pour out your mercy, Lord,
on these our brothers N.N.,
who today, by the gift of the Holy Spirit,
with solemn dedication,
promise to follow Christ more closely
in the family of the Servants of Mary.
Graciously grant that,
carefully modelling themselves on their glorious Lady,
they may be faithful witnesses of the Gospel
and spend their whole lives
serving you and all people.
(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.

Prayer of the Assembly *for one professed*

Pour out your mercy, Lord,
on this our brother N.,
who today, by the gift of the Holy Spirit,
with solemn dedication,
promises to follow Christ more closely
in the family of the Servants of Mary.
Graciously grant that,
carefully modelling himself on his glorious Lady,
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Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, may your Spirit,
which filled the womb of the Blessed Virgin with power
sanctify the sacrificial gifts we offer.
Confirm the hearts
of these our brothers with grace
that they may faithfully carry out
what they have joyfully promised.
May they be transformed more perfectly each day
into the image of Christ,
who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.

Preface for Religious Profession

God endows the vine of Senario with new branches

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

As a prudent farmer,
you continue to watch with care over
the vine that Mary, your handmaid,
planted on Monte Senario.
Through the ministry of our Seven Holy Fathers
you gave it life and protected it.

Now you bring forth new branches,
which, rooted in Christ, the true vine,
may bear abundant fruits in due season,
fruits of holiness, grace, love and peace.

Therefore, we join with the angels to praise you,
and raise a chorus of joyful exultation: Holy, Holy...

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 13, 46

When the merchant found a really valuable pearl,
he went back and put up for sale all that he had and bought it.

Prayer after Communion

Lord, may the devout reception of the divine sacraments
and this festive solemnity of holy vows
fill us with joy.
Grant that these brothers,
by constantly contemplating the Sorrowful Virgin,
may learn to stand faithfully by the countless crosses
where people are still being crucified,
bringing solace and hope.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

Solemn Blessing

May God,
who inspires and fulfills all holy resolutions,

strengthen you constantly with grace,
that you may carry out your tasks as Servants of Mary
with faith and joy. Amen.

May God make you a witness and sign
of the love of Christ
and the mercy of the glorious Virgin
for all people. Amen.

And may the bonds that unite you to Christ
and the family of the Servants of Mary on earth
be fruitful in heaven. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
Father, Son + and Holy Spirit
come upon all you who have witnessed these sacred rites,
both now and for ever more. Amen

ANNIVERSARY OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

On the twenty-fifth or fiftieth anniversary of Profession

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Or

Isaiah 2, 3

Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways and we may walk in his paths.

Prayer of the Assembly

Lord, we come gratefully to you
because our brother N.,
having received the gift of vocation from you,
has lived with us in the service of Our Lady.
Strengthen in him the spirit of service and love
that he may praise you with his words,
glorify you with his deeds, and carry out diligently
the work of spreading your kingdom.
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.

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord,
together with these gifts
receive the offering which our brother N.
wishes to confirm today.
By the power of the Holy Spirit
conform him more fully
to the image of your beloved Son,
who lives and reigns, for ever and ever.

Preface of Solemn Profession of Vows

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we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
As a prudent farmer,
you continue to watch with care over
the vine that Mary, your handmaid,
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Through the ministry of our Seven Holy Fathers
you gave it life and protected it.
Now you bring forth new branches,
which, rooted in Christ, the true vine,

might in time bear abundant fruit
of holiness, grace, love and peace.
Therefore, we join with the angels to praise you,
and raise a chorus of joyful exultation: Holy, Holy...

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Prayer after Communion

Lord,
having received the body and blood of your Son
in this joyful celebration
we humbly ask that,
through the intercession of our Seven Holy Fathers,
our brother N.
may persevere with humility and joy
in the service of Our Lady
and in fraternal communion.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord

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