

RITE OF CONSECRATION
of a
VIRGIN LIVING IN THE WORLD

Miss Colleen Marie Steele



The Roman Catholic
Archdiocese of
Washington

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10:30 a.m.

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
Rockville, Maryland

Monsignor Charles Antonicelli
Delegate of Cardinal McElroy
Celebrant and Homilist

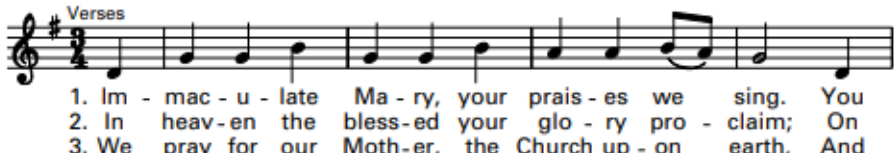
ORDER OF MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

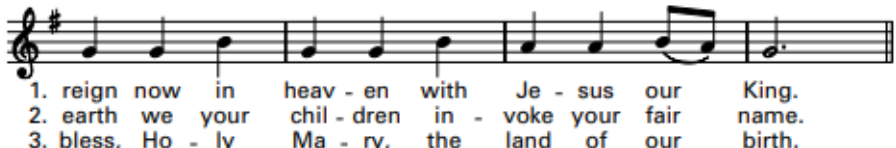
PROCESSIONAL

Immaculate Mary

Verses

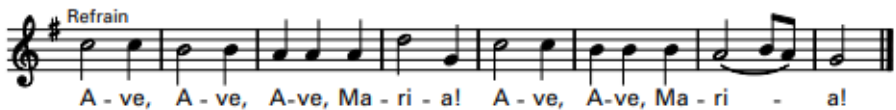


1. Im - mac - u - late Ma - ry, your prais - es we sing. You
2. In heav - en the bless - ed your glo - ry pro - claim; On
3. We pray for our Moth - er, the Church up - on earth, And



1. reign now in heav - en with Je - sus our King.
2. earth we your chil - dren in - voke your fair name.
3. bless, Ho - ly Ma - ry, the land of our birth.

Refrain



A - ve, A - ve, A - ve, Ma - ri - a! A - ve, A - ve, Ma - ri - a!

Text: 11 11 with refrain; anon. in *Parochial Hymn Book*; Boston, 1897;
rev. of *Hail Virgin of virgins*, by Jeremiah Cummings, 1814–1866, alt.

Music: Trad. Pyrenean Melody, pub. Grenoble, 1882; alt. by Augustus Edmonds Tozer, 1857–1910.

GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

Deacon: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy

All: Christ, have mercy.

Deacon: You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord,
have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Mass of St. Elizabeth

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace on people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you.
We give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen, Amen. Amen, Amen.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

R. Among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-16

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Text: Celtic Alleluia; Christopher Walker
Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker
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GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-56

RITE OF CONSECRATION

CALLING OF THE CANDIDATE

Colleen's journey to this moment is recalled in the words of the Celebrant, who invites her to listen to the Father who calls her this day. She responds with commitment and reverence to God, asking Him with the trust of a daughter to fulfill her hope through His mercy.

The cantor chants the antiphon.

Be wise; make ready your lamps.
Behold, the Bridegroom comes; go out to meet him.

Meanwhile the candidate lights her candle from the paschal candle which has been placed in a convenient location near the sanctuary. The candidate then goes to the center in front of the sanctuary gate accompanied by two assisting women.

Msgr. Antonicelli: Come, listen to me, my child;
I will teach you reverence for the Lord.

Colleen Steele: Now with all my heart I follow you,
I reverence you and seek your presence.
Lord, fulfill my hope:
Show me your loving kindness.
the greatness of your mercy.

HOMILY

Msgr. Charles Antonicelli

EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The celebrant questions Colleen, assuring her resolve to persevere in the state of Virginity, to be a sign of the Kingdom, and to accept solemn consecration as a bride of the Lord Jesus.

Msgr. Antonicelli: Are you resolved to preserve to the end of your days in the holy state of virginity and in the service of God and his Church?

Colleen: I am.

Msgr. Antonicelli: Are you resolved to follow Christ in the spirit of the Gospel that your whole life may be a faithful witness to God's love and a convincing sign of the kingdom of heaven?

Colleen: I am.

Msgr. Antonicelli: Are you resolved to accept solemn consecration as a bride of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Colleen: I am.

Msgr. Antonicelli & All: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

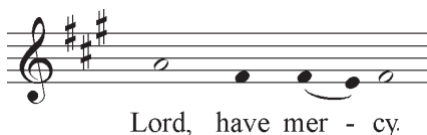
LITANY OF THE SAINTS

We join the Saints in heaven praying for Colleen, assuring her resolve may hold true and come to fruition.

(All kneel.)

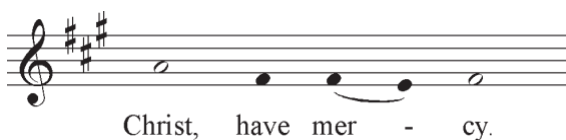
Cantor: Lord, have mercy.

All:



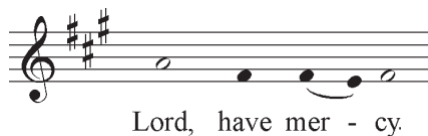
Cantor: Christ, have mercy.

All:



Cantor: Lord, have mercy.

All:



Cantor: Holy Mary, Mother of God.
(to)
All you holy men and women,

All:



Cantor: Lord, be merciful
(to)
By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit

All: **Lord, deliver us we pray.**

Cantor: Be merciful to us sinners
(to)
Jesus, Son of the living God

All: **Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**

Cantor: Christ, hear us.

All: **Christ, hear us.**

Cantor: Christ, graciously hear us.

All: **Christ, graciously hear us.**

RENEWAL OF INTENTION

After the litany, Colleen comes forward and placing her hands in those of the celebrant, renews her intention and resolve to follow Christ in a life of perfect chastity before all of God's holy people.

Colleen Steele: Father, receive my resolution to follow Christ in a life of perfect chastity, which, with God's help, I here profess before you and God's holy people.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God through his minister and the authority of the Church consecrates, sets apart for a holy and sacred purpose, Colleen. The prayer narrates the place of Consecrated Virginity in Salvation History, Colleen's life, the living of baptism, God's saving action, and intercedes for Colleen, that she may have grace and virtue to fulfill her vocation as a Bride of Christ.

(All seated)

PRESENTATION OF THE INSIGNIA OF CONSECRATION

*After the Prayer of Consecration, the celebrant and the people sit.
The newly consecrated stands, and accompanied by the two attending women, comes before the celebrant.*

Colleen is then given signs to explain what has happened. Colleen is set apart as a bride of Christ, and so is veiled and offered a ring to remind her to keep pure her fidelity to the Bridegroom, and to never forget that she is bound to the service of Christ and the Church. She is given the Liturgy of Hours so that her unceasing prayer for the salvation of the world may be nourished by the praise of the Father offered by the whole Church.

The Ring and the Veil

Msgr. Antonicelli: Dearest daughter, receive the veil and the ring that are the insignia of your consecration. Keep unstained your fidelity to your Bridegroom and never forget that you are bound to the service of Christ and of his body, the Church.

Colleen Steele: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Hours

Msgr. Antonicelli: Receive the book of the Liturgy of the Hours, the prayer of the Church; may the praise of our heavenly Father be always on your lips; pray without ceasing for the salvation of the whole world.

Colleen Steele: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

Servant Song (McGargill)

Verses



1. What do you want of me, Lord? Where do you
2. I hear you call my name, Lord, and I am
3. A - bove, be - low, and a - round me, be - fore, be -
4. You are the light in my dark - ness. You are my
5. I am your song and ser - vant, sing - ing your



1. want me to serve you? Where can I sing your
2. moved with - in me. Your Spir - it stirs my
3. hind, and all through me, your Spir - it burns deep with -
4. strength when I'm wea - ry. You give me sight when I'm
5. praise like Ma - ry. Sur - ren - dered to your



1. prais - es? I am your song.
2. deep - est self. Sing your songs in me.
3. in me. Fire my life with your love.
4. blind - ed. Come, see for me.
5. Spir - it, "Let it be done to me."

Refrain



1. Je - sus, Je - sus, you are the Lord.
2. Je - sus, Je - sus, you are my Lord.
3. Je - sus, Je - sus, be the warmth of my heart.
4. Je - sus, Je - sus, you are my Light.
5. Je - sus, Je - sus, "Let it be done to me."



1-5. Je - sus, Je - sus, you are the way.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Mass of Creation

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Creation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

GREAT AMEN

Mass of Creation

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

RITE OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD

Mass of Creation

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

How Beautiful

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Ave Maria (Gounod)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITE


SOLEMN BLESSING

DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN


Hail Holy Queen

Verses




1. Hail, ho - ly Queen en - throned a - bove; O Ma - ri - a! Hail,
2. Our life, our sweet - ness here be - low, O Ma - ri - a! Our
3. And when our life - breath leaves __ us, O Ma - ri - a! Show


Refrain



1. moth - er of mer - cy and of love.
2. hope __ in sor - row and in woe. } O Ma - ri - a! Tri - umph,
3. us __ thy Son, Christ Je - sus. }



all ye cher-u-bim; Sing with us, ye ser-a-phim! Heav'n and earth re -



sound the hymn: Sal - ve, sal - ve, sal - ve Re - gi - na!

Text: 84 84 with refrain; *Salve, mater misericordiae*; ca. 1080; tr. anon. in *Roman Hymnal*, 1884.

Music: Melchior Ludwig Herold, 1753-1810; *Choralmelodien zum Heiligen Gesänge*, 1808.



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