CONGREGATION OF MARY, QUEEN – AMERICAN REGION

MASS OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

FIRST PROFESSION - Sister Julie Phạm Kim-Hoa, CMR

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MARCH 19, 2021

ENTRANCE HYMN: Thánh Giuse (Lm. Kim Long)



GLORIA: Mass of Christ the Savior (Dan Schutte)



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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 (*Proclaimed in Vietnamese*)

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel

The LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David,

'When your time comes and you rest with your ancestors,

I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm.

It is he who shall build a house for my name. And I will make his royal throne firm forever.

I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me;

your throne shall stand firm forever.""

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 89



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Reading II

Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22 (*Proclaimed in Vietnamese*)

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

It was not through the law that the promise was made to Abraham and his descendants that he would inherit the world, but through the righteousness that comes from faith. For this reason, it depends on faith, so that it may be a gift, and the promise may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not to those who only adhere to the law but to those who follow the faith of Abraham, who is the father of all of us, as it is written, *I have made you father of many nations*. He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into being what does not exist. He believed, hoping against hope, that he would become *the father of many nations*, according to what was said, *Thus shall your descendants be*. That is why *it was credited to him as righteousness*.

Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him. "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them. "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them.

RITE OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

CALLING TO RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

Immediately after the Gospel, all sit. The Celebrant goes to the front of the sanctuary. Sister Julie stands and is called by name.

Sister Julie:	Lord, You have called me, here I am.
Celebrant:	My dear Sister, what do you ask of God and of His holy Church?
Sister Julie:	I ask for God's merciful love and a share in the life of this religious community of the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the World.

All: Thanks be to God.

All applaud expressing approval. Sister Julie goes to her assigned place, and the Celebrant begins the homily.

FIRST PROFESSION

After the homily, Sister Julie goes to the front of the sanctuary. The main Celebrant goes down to her and questions her on her readiness to make Religious Profession.

EXAMINATION

All:	Amen.
Celebrant:	May Almighty God grant you His grace to fulfill what you resolve.
Sister Julie:	I am.
Celebrant:	In your desire to follow Christ perfectly, are you resolved to live in chastity for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven, to choose a life of poverty, and to offer the sacrifice of obedience?
Sister Julie:	I am.
Celebrant:	My dear Sister, by water and the Holy Spirit you have already been consecrated to God's service. Are you now resolved to unite yourself more closely to God by the bond of Religious Profession?

PRAYER FOR GOD'S GRACE (All kneel)

Celebrant: Let us pray. Lord, look upon this servant of Yours who is resolved to dedicate her life to You by making profession of the evangelical counsels in the presence of Your Church today. Mercifully grant that her way of life may bring glory to Your name and further Your loving plan of redemption. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
All: Amen.

PROFESSION

The Celebrant returns to his chair and is seated. All sit. Sister Julie comes forward, kneels before the altar, and makes her profession.

FORMULA OF PROFESSION

I, Sister for the honor of God, and moved by a firm resolve to consecrate myself more fully to Him, and to follow Jesus Christ more closely in the way of childlike spirituality in my whole life. Here and now in the hand of Sister Jacinta Trần Kim Ngân, Regional Superior, I vow to live:

Chastity, Poverty, and Obedience, for 15 months

according to the Constitutions of the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the World. I give myself wholeheartedly to this religious Institute, so that by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the World, and of Saint Joseph, I may seek perfect charity in the service of God and of the Church.

SIGNING OF THE DOCUMENT OF PROFESSION

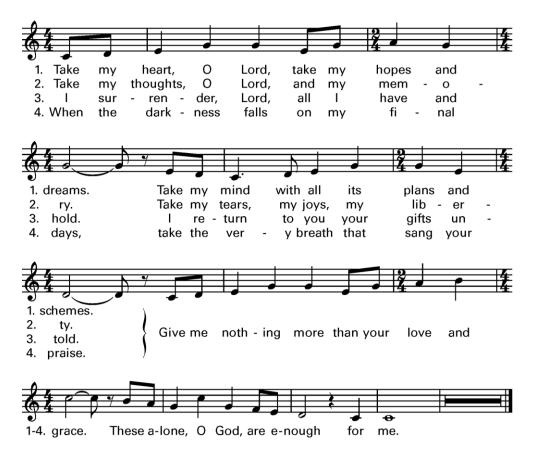
The Celebrant, the Superior, and Sister Julie go to the altar to sign the document of profession.

PRESENTATION OF THE SIGN OF PROFESSION

The Celebrant sprinkles the veil with holy water, and then gives it to Sister Julie saying,

Celebrant: Receive this veil which proclaims that you belong entirely to Christ, the Lord, and are dedicated to the service of the Church.

Sister Julie: Amen.



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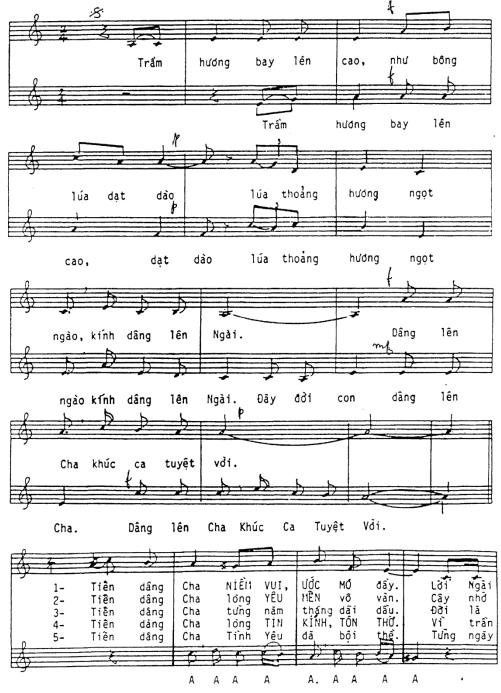
SIGN OF PEACE

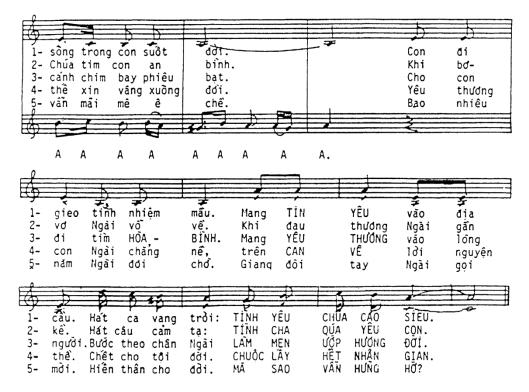
According to custom after the veiling, Sister Julie would return to the Celebrant who will give her the sign of peace; she would then be welcomed by the community, represented by the Superior.

However, due to safety precautions related to the pandemic, Sister Julie will simply return to the front of the sanctuary, turn and face the assembly, and be acknowledged with an applause. Then, she will return to her place.

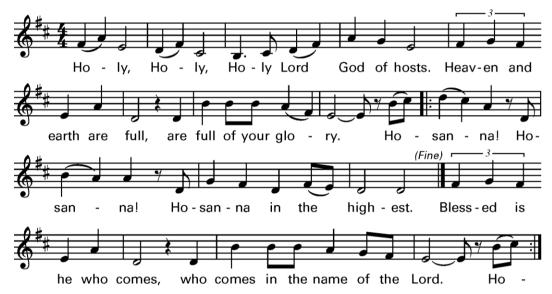
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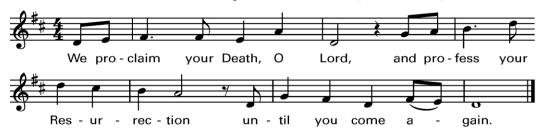






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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: Mass of Christ the Savior (Dan Schutte)

AMEN: Mass of Christ the Savior (Dan Schutte)

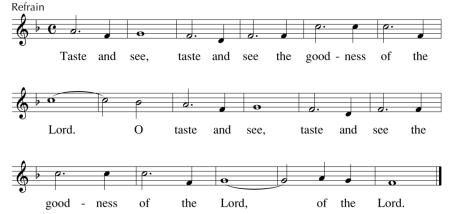


LAMB OF GOD: Mass of Christ the Savior (Dan Schutte)



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COMMUNION MEDITATION: *Taste and See (James Moore)*





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WORDS OF THANKSGIVING (All sit)

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Yes, Lord/Xin Vâng (Mi Trâm)





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