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ST. JOSEPH OCDS COMMUNITY PHOENIX, AZ
DISCALCED CARMELITE SECULARS

rites for
CEREMONIES FOR ADMISSION,
PROMISES AND VOWS

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Order of Ceremonies

Introduction

Welcome from our President & our Director of Formation

FATHER GODFREY CHANDYA LEGA, O.C.D.

Prayers of Invocation

Prayer to St. Joseph

Led by Roy Curry, President

LOOK DOWN TO US, SAINT JOSEPH

Look down to us St. Joseph,
Protector of our Lord,
Who followed you through deserts,
And gave you blessed reward;
Our foes are yet about us,
Be strength now at our side;
Be light against the darkness:
Saint Joseph, be our guide!
We venerate your justice,
The gospels praise your name;
You are the saint all humble,
Who gained eternal fame;
In your devoted family
Our souls in trust confide;
Direct our way to heaven:
Saint Joseph, be our guide!

Prayer to St. Teresa of Avila

Led by Jean Brown, Director of Formation

ST. TERESA OF AVILA

O Saint Teresa, seraphic Virgin,
Beloved spouse of thy crucified Lord,
Thou who on earth, didst burn
With a love so intense toward
Thy God & my God, & now doth glow
With a brighter & purer flame in paradise:

Obtain for me also, I beseech thee,
A spark of that same holy fire
Which shall cause me to forget the world,
All things created, & even myself;
For thou didst ever avidly desire
To see Him loved by all men.

Grant that my every thought
And desire & affection
May be continually directed
To doing the will of God,
The supreme good,
Whether I am in joy or pain,
For He is worthy to be loved & obeyed forever.

Obtain for me this grace,
Thou who art so powerful with God;
May I be all on fire, like thee,
With the holy love of God. Amen

Liturgy of the Hours: Feast of St. Elijah the Prophet

Presider: Fr. Godfrey Chandya Lega, OCD
 Cantor 1: Jean Brown
 Cantor 2: Sharon Frazier

(Please stand)

Invitatory: Psalm 95

Presider/Fr. Godfrey	Lord, open my lips
All:	and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Antiphon	Come let us adore the living God, who speaks to us through the prophets.
All:	Come let us adore the living God, who speaks to us through the prophets.
1 st Cantor:	come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock who saves us. let us approach him with praise and thanksgiving and sing joyful songs to the Lord.
All:	Come let us adore the living God, who speaks to us through the prophets.
1 st Cantor:	The Lord is God, the mighty God the great king over all the gods he holds in his hands the depths of the earth and the highest mountains as well. he made the sea; it belongs to him, the dry land, too, for it was formed by his hands.
All:	Come let us adore the living God, who speaks to us through the prophets.
1 st Cantor:	Come, then, let us bow down and worship, bending the knee before the Lord, our, make he is our God and we are his people, the flock he shepherds.
All:	Come let us adore the living God, who speaks to us through the prophets.
1 st Cantor:	Today listen to that voice of the Lord: do not grow stubborn, as your fathers did

	in the wilderness, when at Meriba and Massah they challenged and provoked me, although they had seen all my works.
All:	Come let us adore the living God, who speaks to us through the prophets.
1 st Cantor:	Forty years I endured that generation. I said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray and they do not know my ways." so I Swore in my anger, "They shall not enter into my rest."
All:	Come let us adore the living God, who speaks to us through the prophets.
1 st Cantor:	Glory to the father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Amen.
All:	Come let us adore the living God, who speaks to us through the prophets.

Hymn: Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
 Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
 Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
 Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
 I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
 Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
 Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
 Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
 Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
 High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

O King of Heaven, my victory won,
 May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
 Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

After the hymn, please be seated

Ant 1	God lives,
1 st Cantor:	
All:	I am standing in his presence.
Psalm 63:2-9	
1 st Cantor:	O God you are my God, for you I long;
Side 1:	For you my soul is thirsting my body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. so I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.
Side 2:	For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. so I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands, my soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.
Side 1:	On my bed I remember you. on you I muse through the night for you have been my help; In the shadows of your wings I rejoice. my soul clings to you; your right hand hold me fast.
Side 2:	Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
Side 1:	As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever Amen.
Ant.	God lives;
1 st Cantor:	
All:	I am standing in his presence.
<i>Pause</i>	
Ant 2	Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord;
2 nd Cantor:	
All:	For the Lord is passing by.

Daniel 3: 57-88	
2 nd Cantor:	Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord.
Side 2:	Praise and exalt him above all forever. Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord. You heavens, bless the Lord. All you waters above the heavens, bless the Lord. All hosts of the Lord, bless the Lord. Sun and moon, bless the Lord. Stars of heaven, bless the Lord.
Side 1:	Every shower and dew, bless the Lord. All you winds, bless the Lord. Fire and heat, bless the Lord. Cold and chill, bless the Lord. Dew and rain, bless the Lord. Frost and chill, bless the Lord. Nights and days, bless the Lord. Light and darkness, bless the Lord. Lightnings and clouds bless the Lord.
Side 2:	Let the earth bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all forever. Mountains and hills, bless the Lord. Everything growing from the earth, bless the Lord. You springs, bless the Lord. Seas and rivers, bless the Lord. You dolphins and all water creatures, bless the Lord. All birds of the air, bless the Lord. All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord. You sons of men, bless the Lord.
Side 1:	O Israel, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all forever. Priests of the Lord, bless the Lord. Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord. Spirits and Souls bless the Lord. Holy men of humble heart, bless the Lord. Hananiah, Azariah, Mishael, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Side 2:	Let us bless the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Let us praise and exalt him above all forever.

	Blessed are you, Lord, in the firmament of heaven. Praiseworthy and glorious and exalted above all forever.
Ant 2 nd Cantor:	Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord;
All:	For the Lord is passing by.
<i>Pause</i>	
Ant 3 1 st Cantor:	I have been very zealous for the Lord,
All:	The God of hosts.
Psalm 149	
1 st Cantor:	Sing a new song to the Lord,
Side 1:	His praise in the assembly of the faithful. Let Israel rejoice in its maker, Let Zion's sons exult in their king. Let them praise his name with dancing and make music with timbrel and harp.
Side 2:	For the Lord takes delight in his people. He crowns the poor with salvation. let the faithful rejoice in their glory, Shout for joy and take their rest. let the praise of God be on their lips and a two-edged sword in their hand,
Side 1:	To deal out vengeance to the nations and punishment on all peoples; to bind their kings in chains and their nobles in fetters of iron; to carry out the sentence pre-ordained; this honor is for all his faithful.
Side 2:	Glory to the father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
Side 1:	as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Ant. 1 st Cantor:	I have been very zealous for the Lord,
All:	The God of hosts.

Reading Fr. Godfrey	1 Peter 1:19-21 We have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds. At the same time, we must be careful to remember that the interpretation of scriptural prophecy is never a matter for the individual. Why? Because no prophecy ever came from man's initiative. When men spoke for God it was the Holy Spirit that moved them.
Responsory	
1 st Cantor:	I will be satisfied, Lord.
All:	When your glory appears
1 st Cantor:	and in righteousness I shall see your face
All:	When your glory appears
1 st Cantor:	Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
All:	As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever
Canticle of Zechariah	
Ant Fr. Godfrey	Lord God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob,
All:	give proof this day that you are the God of Israel, and that I am your servant, and that all I have said is at your command.
Side 1:	Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; He has come to his people and set them free.
Side 2:	He has raised up for us a mighty savior, Born of the house of his servant David.
Side 1:	Through his holy prophets he promised of old That he would save us from our enemies, From all the hands of all who hate us.
Side 2:	He promised to show mercy to fathers and to remember his holy covenant.
Side 1:	This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham; to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

	free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in His sight all the days of our life.
Side 2:	You my child, shall be call the prophet of the Most High; For you will go before the Lord to prepare his way. To give his people knowledge of salvation By the forgiveness of their sins.
Side 1	In the tender compassion of our God The dawn from on high shall break upon us, To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the Shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Side 2:	Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
Side 1:	as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen
Ant Fr. Godfrey	Lord God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob,
All:	give proof this day that you are the God of Israel, and that I am your servant, and that all I have said is at your command.

RITE OF ADMISSION TO FORMATION

(The President of the Community calls the Candidates forward)

PRESIDENT: "I now invite, to come forward, Jackie Haraksin, Mike Loboeki, Julieta Noel, James Peck, and Margaret Tucker who are requesting admission into Formation of the Discalced Carmelite Seculars."

Celebrant: "The Lord has called you to live an evangelical life in the world as brothers and sisters. He brings us together today to receive those who have expressed their desire to begin Formation in the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites. This stage of Formation, with God's help, will lead to an evangelical commitment. Let us ask the Lord always to give them the grace of the Holy Spirit so that they may persevere in their purpose. May he also enable us to support them along the way."

Following this brief admonition, the priest says:

Celebrant: "Let us pray "Holy and merciful Father, you call us to holiness in Christ in order that our life may be a spiritual oblation. Look with favor on these your children. They desire to live in the world and to walk in the light of the Gospel in the spirit of the Teresian Carmel and under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Grant that they may come to know your will and to follow your inspirations with filial and generous love. We ask this through Christ our Lord."

All: Amen.

Celebrant: "Brothers and Sisters, what do you ask of the Community of the Secular Order of Carmel?"

Candidates: "Trusting in the mercy of God and in the fraternal help of all of you, we ask to be admitted to the period of Formation in the St. Joseph Community of Phoenix Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites. We wish to live our baptismal consecration according to the ideal of life of the Teresian Carmel, and to collaborate in fulfilling the mission of Carmel in the Church."

Celebrant: "The Church and the Order of Carmel accepts and confirms your petition. May the Lord grant you to persevere in your purpose, so that, when the time comes, you may make your promise for the glory of God and the good of the whole Church."

Complimentary Rites

The Celebrant gives the candidate a copy of the Gospels and the Constitutions, saying as he does:

Celebrant: "Brothers and Sisters, The Constitutions of the Secular Carmel are this: To live in allegiance to Our Lord Jesus Christ following the doctrine and example of St. Teresa of Jesus and St. John the Cross. May the Word of Christ dwell abundantly in your hearts. In all that you do, whether in words or in works, do it in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ."

Assisted by the Director of Formation, the candidates are clothed with the scapular which is the "signum habitus" or token of the habit, of the Carmelite Order, while saying to each:

Celebrant: "Receive this scapular. It is the habit of the Order of Carmel. Wear it worthily by imitating Mary in the service of Jesus Christ."

Celebrant: Hear, O father, the prayers of your family. Look with favor on Your sons and daughters whom You have called to Your service in the Secular Carmel. Grant that they may grow in perfect charity and so enter into eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

The Community is invited to clap as a sign of their Welcoming. (The new Novices take their seats)

RITE OF MAKING THE PROMISE AND VOW DURING THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Entrance Rite

Hymn: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul he leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me
And on his shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy Cross before to guide me.

Celebrant: "Dear brothers and sisters, we are here for this

Eucharistic sacrifice during which our brothers sisters will make their profession in the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites. We give thanks to God our Father for having called them to follow more closely his Son Jesus Christ, and we beg him to accept them as an oblation in Christ, who offered himself as a living victim for the life of the world."

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading
Responsorial Psalm
Proclamation of the Gospel

RITE OF PROMISES AND VOWS

The Formation Director calls those who will make their promise or vows, one by one.

Candidates: I ask to be admitted to the Promise in the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites. The experience of the period of formation has confirmed us in the certitude that the Lord is calling us to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the world in union with Mary, Mother of God, and under her protection, as Secular members of Carmel.

Celebrant: This Community accepts your petition and it accompanies you with its prayers. May the Holy Spirit confirm in you the work which he has begun.

All: Amen.

Homily

All take their seats for the homily. The celebrant comments on the readings from the Word of God and explains the evangelical meaning of the bonds of the Secular Order of Carmel.

Examination

When the homily has ended, the candidates stand up and the celebrant questions them in the following, or similar, words:

Celebrant: Beloved brothers and sisters, in the presence of this Community and of the other brothers and sisters in Christ who are here with us, I ask you: Do you wish to embrace the form of evangelical life which is inspired by the example and words of St. Teresa of Jesus and of St. John of the Cross and which is set forth in the Constitutions of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites?

Candidates: Yes, I do.

Celebrant: You are called to give witness to the Kingdom of God by living an evangelical life in the world in fraternal communion. Taking the Virgin Mary as your model, do you wish to be faithful to this vocation?

Candidates: Yes, I do.

Celebrant: You have been made members of the People of God through Baptism and you have been sealed with the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. You must witness to Christ in words and deeds. Do you wish to bind yourself more strictly to the Church in order to collaborate in her mission by means of contemplative prayer and apostolic activity?

Candidates: Yes, I do.

Celebrant: May Almighty God grant you this by his grace.

Celebrant: Let us pray.
Look with favor, Lord, on these your servants. Fill their hearts with your Spirit of Love so that, by the help of your grace, they may persevere faithfully in the life they propose to live. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Once the prayer is ended, the candidates come before the priest, one by one (facing the Community), and read the formula of the promise.

The Promise

Candidate: I, (Carmelite Name), inspired by the Holy Spirit, in response to God's call, I sincerely promise to the Superiors of the Order of the Teresian Carmel and to you my brothers and sisters, to tend toward evangelical perfection in the spirit of the evangelical counsels of chastity, poverty, obedience, and of the Beatitudes, according to the Constitutions of the Secular Order of the Discalced Carmelites, **for three years (for the rest of my life)**. I confidently entrust this, my promise, to the Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Carmel.

The Vow

I, (Carmelite Name), In order to live in union with the Virgin Mary in following Jesus Christ, make a vow of chastity and obedience to God in the hands of the Superior of the Order of the Teresian Carmel according to the Constitutions of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites for the rest of my life.

Acceptance

When all the candidates have made their promises and vows, the celebrant confirms their commitment:

Celebrant: Brothers and Sisters, in the name of the Teresian Carmel, I confirm your new commitment of the Promise. I welcome you with joy. All of us here present wish you the grace and peace of the Lord.

The Community is invited to clap...

Renewal of Promise for those who are Professed:

(Professed invited to stand for annual Renewal of Promise)

I, *(Carmelite Name)*, desiring to follow the Crucified and Risen Christ in the Secular Order of Carmel, renew my profession, and I promise to tend toward evangelical perfection in the spirit of the evangelical counsels of chastity, poverty and obedience, and of the Beatitudes, according to the Constitutions of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites. I confidently entrust my promise to the Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Carmel.

(Please be seated)

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Let us pray to God our father and ask him to bless these brothers and sisters whom he has called to follow Christ in way of holiness in union with the Virgin Mary.

For the entire Church, that, in union with the Holy father and the Pastors of the Church, all the baptized may persevere in prayer and in good works and give glory to Christ in their daily lives, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: For those who today commit themselves to persevering in the way of the Secular Order of Carmel, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: For our brothers and sisters who are called to follow Christ in the world, that their practice of the beatitudes and of the evangelical counsels, may strengthen their families in love and fill them with the peace of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: For all of us who are gathered together here so that we may serve the Lord with health in body and soul, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: We beseech you, Lord, that the powerful intercession of the Holy Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Carmel, may assist us always; so that, guided by Her example and protection, we may reach the summit of the Mount of Perfection, which is Christ Our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever,

All: Amen

Liturgy of The Eucharist

(The Liturgy of the Eucharist then follows in the normal way.)

Celebrant's Solemn Blessing

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing:
May God who inspires every good purpose enlighten and strengthen you so that you may faithfully fulfill your promise

All: Amen.

Celebrant: May he grant you to run joyfully with Christ in the way of perfection and to serve your brothers and sisters with untiring solicitude.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: May his Living flame of Love light your way as you walk through all the nights of this world.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: And may the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, come upon you and remain with you forever.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn: Salve Regina

Sal-ve, Re-gi-na, ma-ter mi-se-ri-cor-di-ae:

Vi-ta, dul-cè-do, et spes no-stra sal-ve.

Ad te cla-ma-mus, ex-su-les fi-li-i He-vae.

Ad te su-spi-ra-mus, ge-men-tes et flen-tes

in hac la-cri-ma-rum val-le.

E-ia er-go, Ad-vo-ca-ta no-stra,

il-los tu-os mi-se-ri-cor-des o-cu-los ad nos con-ver-te.

Et Je-sum, be-ne-dic-tum fruc-tum ven-tris tu-i,

no-bis post hoc ex-si-li-um o-sten-de.

O ---- cle-mens, O ---- pi-a,

O ---- dul-cis Vir-go Ma-ri-a.