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THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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PRESENTATION

With joy and satisfaction I present the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Claretian Missionaries) with the liturgical texts proper to our institute, approved by the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, dated December 21, 1998.

Since it was through the work of the Holy Spirit that our Congregation was born in the Church, in union with the people of God, we wish to remember, honor, petition and renew our commitment to follow Jesus glorifying God the Father. Daily we must pray to the Lord for the Church and the salvation of the world, but especially when we pray the Liturgy of the Hours (cf. CC 84).

These liturgical texts bring together the most important nuclei of our Claretian spirituality, which we must foment as required by our specific vocation and which we must share with others who feel animated by the same spirit: the Claretian family and those who collaborate with us in the transformation of the world according to God's design.

The publication of this liturgical book proper to the Congregation is part of the 150th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Congregation. It is our hope that by means of these liturgical texts we may receive from God the strength necessary, so that our life in Christ continues to grow, and helps us to foment the apostolate charity which motivated St. Anthony Mary Claret to give himself totally to announce the good news of the kingdom to the poor.

Aquilino Bocos Merino, C.M.F.
Superior General

Rome, April 4, 1999
Feast of the Resurrection

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR
OF THE MISSIONARY SONS
OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

May

22 Saint Joaquina de Vedruna, religious Memorial

June

15 Saint Mary Michael of the Blessed Sacrament, virgin Memorial

Saturday following the second Sunday after Pentecost:
Immaculate Heart of Mary
Title and Patron of the Congregation Solemnity

July

16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Anniversary of the foundation of the Congregation Feast

August

13 Blessed Philip of Jesus Munárriz and companions, martyrs^o Memorial

October

24 Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop and Founder Solemnity

November

5 Commemoration of the deceased of the Congregation,
family members and benefactors

May 22

SAINT JOAQUINA DE VEDRUNA, religious

Memorial

Saint Joaquina de Vedruna was born in Barcelona on April 16, 1783. In 1826 she founded the Carmelite Sisters of Charity. Saint Anthony Claret alluded to their long standing holy friendship when he wrote, "I knew her when I was a student." He later wrote: "Already a foundress, she asked me to review the rules of her institute, when I was a priest and later as an archbishop." Speaking of the Carmelite Sisters of Charity, he said, "The spirit of evangelical poverty, prayer and charity governs their lives." The Bishop of Vic appointed as their director Anthony Mary Claret who directed their retreats, obtained their approbation by the Spanish monarchy and worked for the final approbation of their Constitutions. Father Steven Sala followed Claret as spiritual director of the institute. Mother Joaquina de Vedruna died in Barcelona in 1854. She was canonized by Pope John XXIII on April 12, 1959.

From the common of holy women: religious, or of those who worked for the underprivileged, or for teachers.

Morning Prayer

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

Ant. Anyone who loves me, he will be loved by my Father and we will come to him and make our home with him, alleluia. *(See page 70)*

Prayer:

Lord, you gave the Church Saint Joaquina de Vedruna
for the Christian education of youth and to attend the sick.
May we learn to imitate her example and devote our lives
to the loving service of our brothers and sisters.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Evening Prayer

CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. Proclaim the greatness of the Lord who put down the mighty from their thrones and lifts up the lowly, Alleluia. *(See page 71)*

June 15

SAINT MARY MICHAEL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, Virgin

Memorial

Saint Mary Michael Desmaisières y Lopez de Dicastillo was born in Madrid January 1, 1809. In 1850 Saint Anthony Mary Claret persuaded her to dedicate her life to a work she had already begun, the rehabilitation of wayward women. Later he was her spiritual director, supporting and affirming her spirit of sacrifice. He encouraged her to write her autobiography and to cultivate a friendship with the Queen of Spain, Isabella II. He assisted her in the founding of her Congregation and the approval of the Constitutions. These two great saints maintained a deep lasting friendship. Following the orientations of Claret she dedicated herself to a heroic mission to help others, and died of the plague on August 24, 1865. She was beatified by Pope Pius XI on June 7, 1925. The same Pope inscribed her in the catalogue of the saints on March 4, 1934. On May 14, 1964, Pope Paul VI named Saint Anthony Mary Claret the principal patron of the Institute of Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament.

From the common of virgins or holy women: religious.

Morning Prayer

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

Ant. God proclaims peace to his people, to his friends and to those who truly repent.

(See page 70)

Prayer:

O God,
you love all and grant all your forgiveness;
awaken in us a spirit of generosity and love,
so that, nourished and strengthened by the Eucharist,
we may, like Saint Mary Michael,
be moved to find you in the poorest of the poor
and in those who most need your protection.
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.

Evening Prayer

CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. Let us love not only with our lips and words, but in truth and works.

(See page 71)

Saturday following the second Sunday after Pentecost

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Solemnity

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary is our title from the very beginning of our foundation (1849). In 1852 she was proclaimed as our patroness. Since 1862, the members of the Congregation in their religious profession have given themselves to the special service of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, to attain the objective for which our institute was constituted in the Church.

The expression “Heart of Mary” is taken in its biblical sense. It refers to the person of the Blessed Virgin, her innermost and singular “being,” the center and source of her interior life: her understanding, memory, will and her love, the undivided way she loved God and others, and gave herself totally to the saving work of her Son. The liturgy contemplates the motherly care of the Virgin Mary, model of a “new heart,” gift and sign of the new covenant.

Father Claret depicted the Heart of Mary as a blazing forge where the missionaries are shaped to be servants of the Word with the purpose of extending to all the role of the spiritual maternity of Mary.

From the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of the Congregation, our prophetic lifestyle receives a particular characteristic. She teaches us that without heart, without tenderness, without love, there is no credible prophecy.

Evening Prayer - I

HYMN from the appendix or other appropriate song

PSALMODY

Ant. 1. The Lord has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly.

Psalm 113

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!
Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised!

The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!
Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,
who looks far down upon the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.
He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the LORD!

Psalm-prayer:

Lord, you who sit on high looking down upon heaven and earth, you have fixed your gaze on Mary your humble servant and made her the happy Mother of many. May we who have made her our Mother, call ourselves and truly be sons of her Heart. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Ant. The Lord has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly.

Ant. 2. The Lord sent his message to Mary and made known his will.

Psalm 147:12-20

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!
For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your sons within you.
He makes peace in your borders; he fills you with the finest of the wheat.

He sends forth his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.
He gives snow like wool; he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

He casts forth his ice like morsels; who can stand before his cold?
He sends forth his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.
He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances.
Praise the LORD!

Psalm-prayer

Lord God, in the fullness of time you sent him who is your Word, born of a Woman. Teach us to welcome and conserve the Word in our hearts, as she did, so as to transform us into the Gospel of Jesus.

Ant. The Lord sent his message to Mary, and made known his will.

Ant. 3 The Lord has blessed Mary with every kind of spiritual and celestial goods, and through her we have received the Word of life.

Canticle

Eph 1: 3-10

Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

even as he chose us in him
before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy
and blameless before him.

He destined us in love to be his sons
through Jesus Christ,
according to the purpose of his will,

to the praise of his glorious grace
which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace
which he lavished upon us.
For he has made known to us in all wisdom
and insight the mystery of his will,
according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ

as a plan for the fullness of time,
to unite all things in him,
things in heaven and things on earth.

Ant. The Lord has blessed Mary with every kind of spiritual and celestial goods, and through her we have received the Word of life.

Psalm-prayer

Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have revealed the mystery of your will to the lowly. We ask that your Spirit, with the maternal collaboration of the Virgin Mary, make Christ present in our hearts so as to reach the fullness of human perfection.

READING

Gal 4: 4-5

When the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

RESPONSORY

Blessed are you, Virgin Mary, because you carried in your womb the Creator of the universe
— Blessed are you, Virgin Mary, because you carried in your womb the Creator of the universe.

And through you we have received the source of life.
— Because you carried in your womb the Creator of the universe.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
— Blessed are you, Virgin Mary, because you carried in your womb the Creator of the universe.

CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. Blessed is the Virgin Mary who kept the Word of God and pondered it in her heart.
(See page 71)

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrating the marvels of the almighty God our Father, who desired that all generations proclaim as blessed, Mary the Mother of his Son and Mother of the Church, we petition with love and confidence:
Loving Mother, inflame us with apostolic zeal

You, who associated Mary so closely and permanently to the saving work of your Son by making her

his Mother and our Mother,
— grant that with wholehearted faith we may accept your plan of salvation and with deep love accept Mary as our Mother and formator.

You who chose Mary as you most faithful servant to ponder the words of your Son in her Heart,
— through her intercession make us dedicated disciples of your Son and faithful servants of the Gospel.

You who strengthened Mary at the foot of the cross and filled her with joy at the resurrection of your Son,
— strengthen our hope amidst the adversities we find in apostolic ministry.

You who chose to have the Immaculate Virgin Mary participate body and soul in the glory of your Son and as a mother watch over all of us who continue our journey here on earth,
— grant that, set aflame with love in the fiery forge of her loving heart, we may labor to lead our brothers and sisters on the road to salvation.

You who filled the Heart of the Virgin Mary with love, making her the Mother of mercy,
— grant that sinners experience her protection and that our deceased brothers and sisters be granted the fullness of life eternal.

Our Father...

Prayer:

Lord God,
you chose Mary ever Virgin
to be the Mother of your Son and our Mother.
Grant that, by faithful dedication to her maternal Heart,
we may be more fully conformed with Christ and,
driven by his love,
we may devote ourselves more generously
to proclaim the Gospel to 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.

Invitatory

Ant. Come let us praise the Lord on this feast of the Immaculate Heart of the Virgin Mary.

Invitatory psalm, as in the Ordinary.

Office of Readings

HYMN from the appendix or other appropriate song

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 Mary, innocent and pure of heart, has received the blessing of the Lord.

When in the Invitatory Psalm 24 has been said, here Psalm 94 is used

Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein;
for he has founded it upon the seas,
and established it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false,
and does not swear deceitfully.
He will receive blessing from the LORD,
and vindication from the God of his salvation.

Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory!

Psalm-prayer

Lord God, you manifest yourself to the person with clean hands and pure heart; cleanse the heart of your faithful from all idolatry, and ignite in them the fire of that love that continuously burned in the Heart of Mary, so that we may stand in your holy place and receive your blessing.

Psalm-prayer (for Psalm 95):

Lord, mighty God, today let us hear your voice and, faithful to your law, let us know your ways and enter into your rest.

Ant. Mary, innocent and pure of heart, received the blessing of the Lord.

Ant. 2 Rejoice, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has wrought desolations in the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
he burns the chariots with fire!
"Be still, and know that I am God.
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth!"

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Psalm-prayer:

Lord God, our refuge and strength, you wished that your Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit, be incarnate in the womb of Mary. Grant that she may be the support for our hope in following your son.

Ant. Rejoice, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Ant. 3 With all generations we proclaim you blessed, Virgin Mary.

Psalm 87

On the holy mount stands the city he founded;
the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob.
Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God.

Among those who know me I mention Rahab and Babylon;
behold, Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia -- "This one was born there," they say.
And of Zion it shall be said, "This one and that one were born in her";
for the Most High himself will establish her.
The LORD records as he registers the peoples, "This one was born there."

Singers and dancers alike say, "All my springs are in you."

Psalm-prayer:

God, Father of all, your Son on the cross gave us Mary as our Mother; entrusting ourselves to her to cooperate in her maternal office in the apostolic mission, let her sons grow in number from every race and nation.

Ant. With all generations we proclaim you blessed, Virgin Mary.

V/. Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary.

R/. Because you carried the Creator of the universe within your womb.

FIRST READING

Proverbs 8: 22-36

Mary, the throne of wisdom

The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth; before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master workman; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the sons of men.

And now, my sons, listen to me: happy are those who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it. Happy is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors. For he who finds me finds life and obtains favor from the LORD; but he who misses me injures himself; all who hate me love death."

RESPONSORY

Zeph 3: 14,15

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!

— Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;

— Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

SECOND READING

From the Letters of Saint Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

(Selected Spiritual Writings, Vol 3, pgs. 584-588, 593)

The Heart of Mary, the temple of the Holy Spirit

I have just received your most welcome letter in which you ask me to say something that will help you grow daily in devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Dear friend, you could not ask me to do anything more to my liking. I only wish that all Christians had such a hunger and thirst for this devotion. Love Mary, my friend, and love her very much.

God is wont to give grace to each creature according to the end for which He destines it. Now as God destined Mary to be the Mother, Daughter and Spouse of God Himself, we may infer how great a Heart He gave her and with what great graces He adorned her.

There are two aspects which we must consider in Mary's Heart, namely, her material heart and her formal heart, which is her love and will.

The Heart of Mary combines all these properties and more besides: 1) The Heart of Mary was not only a living member of Jesus Christ through faith and charity, but was also the origin and spring from which His humanity was taken. 2) The Heart of Mary was a temple of the Holy Spirit, and more than a temple, from the most precious blood that flowed from this Immaculate Heart, the Holy Spirit formed the Sacred Humanity in the most pure and virginal womb of Mary, in the great mystery of the Incarnation. 3) The Heart of Mary has been the organ of virtues in a heroic degree, and singularly in charity toward God and toward men. The Heart of Mary is at this very moment a living and animate heart, lifted up to the sublimed height of glory. 5) The Heart of Mary is the throne from which all graces and mercies are dispensed.

Therefore, my friend, after Jesus, we must put all our trust and hope of our eternal salvation in her. O, happy is he who calls upon Mary, who turns to the Immaculate Heart of Mary with trust, for he will obtain the pardon of his sins, however many and grave they may be. He will obtain grace and finally the glory of heaven which I heartily desire for you and for all.

RESPONSORY

Blessed are you, Virgin Mary, and worthy of all praise, by your faith and love Christ was formed in your Heart.

— Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Blessed are you, Virgin Mary, you bore the Son of the eternal Father.

— Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Alternative:

Apostolic Exhortation *Marialis cultus* of Pope Paul VI, on devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary (nos. 17 and 18).

Mary is the attentive and praying Virgin

Mary is the attentive Virgin, who receives the word of God with faith, that faith which in her case was the gateway and path to divine motherhood, for, as Saint Augustine realized, "Blessed Mary by believing conceived Him [Jesus] whom believing she brought forth." In fact, when she received from the angel the answer to her doubt (cf. Lk. 1:34-37), "full of faith, and conceiving Christ in her mind before conceiving Him in her womb, she said, 'I am the handmaid of the Lord, let what you have said be done to me' (Lk. 1:38). It was faith that was for her the cause of blessedness and certainty in the fulfillment of the promise: "Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled" (Lk. 1:45). Similarly, it was faith with which she, who played a part in the Incarnation and was a unique witness to it, thinking back on the events of the infancy of Christ, meditated upon these events in her heart (cf. Lk. 2:19,51). The Church also acts in this way, especially in the liturgy, when with faith she listens, accepts, proclaims and venerates the word of God, distributes it to the faithful as the bread of life and in the light of that word examines the signs of the times and interprets and lives the events of history.

Mary is also the Virgin in prayer. She appears as such in the visit to the mother of the precursor, when she pours out her soul in expressions glorifying God, and expressions of humility, faith and hope. This prayer is the Magnificat (cf. Lk. 1:46-55), Mary's prayer par excellence, the song of the messianic times in which there mingles the joy of the ancient and the new Israel. As Saint Irenaeus seems to suggest, it is in Mary's canticle that there was heard once more the rejoicing of Abraham who foresaw the Messiah (cf. Jn. 8:56) and there rang out in prophetic anticipation the voice of the Church: "In her exultation Mary prophetically declared in the name of the Church: my soul proclaims the glory of the Lord...." And in fact Mary's hymn has spread far and wide and has become the prayer of the whole Church in all ages.

At Cana, Mary appears once more as the Virgin in prayer: when she tactfully told her Son of a temporal need, she also obtained an effect of grace, namely, that Jesus, in working the first of His "signs," confirmed His disciples' faith in Him (cf. Jn. 2: 1-2). Likewise, the last description of Mary's life presents her as praying. The apostles "joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers" (Acts 1:14). We have here the prayerful presence of Mary in the early Church and in the Church throughout all ages, for, having been assumed into heaven, she has not abandoned her mission of intercession and salvation. The title Virgin in prayer also fits the Church, which day by day presents to the Father the needs of her children, "praises the Lord unceasingly and intercedes for the salvation of the world."

RESPONSORY

Lk 1:45-46; cf. Ps 66:16

And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.

— And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord"

Come and hear, and I will tell what God has done for me.

— And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord"

The Hymn Te Deum is said.

Prayer as in Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer

HYMN from the appendix or other appropriate song

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

Psalm 63: 1-9

O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where no water is.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

Because your merciful love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
My soul is feasted as with marrow and fat,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

when I think of you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

Psalm-prayer:

Our souls thirst for you, O Lord, as dry land without water. Let us see that our yearning has become a reality in Mary, your humble servant, who is glorified in heaven united with her Son Jesus.

Ant. Because your merciful love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

Ant. 2 Mary, holy and humble of heart, bless the Lord with all the creatures of the earth.

Canticle

Dan 3: 57 - 88, 56

Bless the Lord, all works of the Lord,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, you heavens, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you angels of the Lord, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all waters above the heaven, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all powers, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, sun and moon, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, stars of heaven, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, all rain and dew, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all winds, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, fire and heat, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, winter cold and summer heat, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, dews and snows, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, nights and days, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, light and darkness, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, ice and cold, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, frosts and snows, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, lightnings and clouds, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

Let the earth bless the Lord; let it sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, mountains and hills, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all things that grow on the earth, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you springs, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, seas and rivers, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you whales and all creatures that move in the waters,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, all birds of the air, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all beasts and cattle, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you sons of men, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, O Israel, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you priests of the Lord, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you servants of the Lord, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, spirits and souls of the righteous, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you who are holy and humble in heart, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, Hananiah, Azariah, and Mishael, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever;

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Let us praise and exalt him above all for ever.
Blessed are you, Lord, in the firmament of heaven.
Praiseworthy and glorious and exalted above all for ever.

(At the end of the canticle the Glory to the Father is not said.)

Ant. Mary, holy and humble of heart, bless the Lord with all the creatures of the earth.

Ant. 3 Sing a new song to the Lord, for the Lord has crowned Mary, his humble servant, with victory.

Psalm 149

Praise the LORD!
Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful!
Let Israel be glad in his Maker,
let the sons of Zion rejoice in their King!
Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with timbrel and lyre!

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.
Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.
Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,

to wreak vengeance on the nations
and chastisement on the peoples,
to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,
to execute on them the judgment written!
This is glory for all his faithful ones.
Praise the LORD!

Ant. 3 Sing a new song to the Lord, for the Lord has crowned Mary, his humble servant, with victory.
Psalm-prayer

Lord God, our creator and liberator, we thank you for gifting Mary with a wise and docile heart,

unique and humble, strong and disposed to endure the sword of sorrow, and filled with faith awaited the resurrection of your Son.

Ant. Sing a new song to the Lord, for the Lord has crowned Mary, his humble servant, with victory.

READING

Heb 11: 11-12

By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

RESPONSORY

The Word of Christ dwells abundantly in you. Happy are those who abide by it.
— The Word of Christ dwells abundantly in you. Happy are those who abide by it.

The Word of faith we preach.
— Happy are those who abide by it.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
— The Word of Christ dwells abundantly in you. Happy are those who abide by it.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

Ant. Happy are you, Virgin Mary, because you believed; happy also are those who hear the Word of God and abide by it. *(See page 70)*

INTERCESSIONS

As we celebrate this feast with joy, let us raise our prayers to God through the intercession of the Heart of Mary, so that in our lives and ministry we may be true sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; and so we say:

Lord hear our prayer

You gave Mary a pure heart,
— purify us from all faults and grant that we may distance ourselves from all evil.

Through the Holy Spirit you consecrated Mary so she would be the Mother of your Son,
— let us consecrate our whole lives to your service.

You chose Mary as Ark of the Word,
— may we also conserve and meditate upon your Word in our hearts.

You willed that you Son, nailed to the cross, give us Mary as our Mother,
— grant that in announcing your kingdom, we show ourselves to be her true sons.

Your wished Mary to be present with the Apostles on the day of Pentecost,
— send your Holy Spirit and renew us to announce your Kingdom to all peoples.

Our Father...

Prayer:

Lord, our God, you chose Mary ever Virgin to be the Mother of your Son and our Mother. May we, by our offering of ourselves to her motherly Heart, configure ourselves more fully with Christ, and moved by her love, dedicate ourselves with greater generosity to the proclamation of the Gospel to all peoples. Through Christ our Lord.

Daytime Prayer

The gradual psalms of the complementary psalmody are used. Because they will be used in Evening Prayer II, psalms 122 and 127 may be substituted by psalms 129 and 131 respectively.

Midmorning

HYMN from the appendix or other appropriate song

Ant. From their hearts all prayed to God to watch over his people.

READING

Acts 1: 12-14

[After Jesus ascended into heaven, the Apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away; and when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

V/. Mary continuously praised the Lord.

R/. May she intercede for the salvation of the whole world.

Midday

HYMN from the appendix or other appropriate song

Ant. Come Lord with your saving grace now and always.

READING

Eph 3: 17-19

That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

V/. Happy are you, Virgin Mary, for you have believed.

R/. That what the Lord said would be accomplished.

Midafternoon

HYMN from the appendix or other appropriate song

Ant. Mary, Mother of beautiful love, fear, wisdom and of holy hope.

READING

Judith 13: 17,18

Blessed are you, our God, who has brought into contempt this day the enemies of your people. And Uzziah said to her, "O daughter, you are blessed by the Most High God above all women on earth.

V/. Mary received the blessing of the Lord.

R/. And the mercy of God, her Savior.

Prayer as in Morning Prayer

Evening Prayer II

HYMN from the appendix or other appropriate song

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Jerusalem, built as a city which is bound firmly together,
to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,

as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they prosper who love you!
Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers!"

For my brethren and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"
For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

Psalm-prayer

Lord, you invite us to your dwelling place and wish us to be in your presence; grant that "the ever Virgin Mary, who welcomed and kept the Word in her Heart to impart it to the world as the beginning and universal sacrament of salvation, guide us in our journey of fidelity."

Ant. Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Ant. 2 Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Psalm 127

Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain.

It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

Behold, sons are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth.

Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them!
He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Psalm-prayer

O God, builder of the house and guardian of the city, let us imitate Mary in her cooperation with the saving task of her Son, and dedicate ourselves with greater generosity to the apostolic mission of faithfully proclaiming the Gospel.

Ant. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Ant. 3 God chose Mary in the person of Christ, before the creation of the world.

Canticle

Eph 1: 3-10

Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
even as he chose us in him
before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy
and blameless before him.

He destined us in love to be his sons
through Jesus Christ,
according to the purpose of his will,
to the praise of his glorious grace
which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace
which he lavished upon us.
For he has made known to us in all wisdom
and insight the mystery of his will,
according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ
as a plan for the fullness of time,
to unite all things in him,
things in heaven and things on earth.

Ant. God chose Mary in the person of Christ, before the creation of the world.

READING

1 Cor 15: 22-23

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

Teach me to do your will, and guide me on level ground.

— Teach me to do your will, and guide me on level ground.

Because your will is our sanctification.

— And guide me on level ground.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

— Teach me to do your will, and guide me on level ground.

CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. Happy are you, Virgin Mary, for you carried in your womb Christ, the Savior; through you the world has salvation. (See page 71)

Or:

My spirit rejoices in God my Savior; the Almighty has done great things for me.

Intercessions as in Evening Prayer I

Prayer

Lord, our God, you chose Mary ever Virgin to be the Mother of your Son and our Mother. May we, by our dedication to her motherly Heart, configure ourselves more fully with Christ, and moved by her love, dedicate ourselves with greater generosity to the proclamation of the Gospel to all peoples. Through Christ our Lord.

July 16

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE CONGREGATION**

Feast

The Congregation of Missionaries Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Blessed Virgin Mary was founded on July 16, 1849, the beginnings were very humble. However, the founder, Anthony Claret, saw this as the beginning of a great work. "The foundation of the Congregation was attributed to the intervention of the Blessed Virgin." The presence of the picture of the Mother of Divine Love in the room of the founding, and the fact that it was on a day dedicated to the Virgin Mary, were as an omen and sure sign of the maternal protection of Mary for that group of missionaries who are called her sons and to whom they consecrate their plan of missionary life.

From the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Invitatory

Ant. Come, let us worship Christ, the Son of Mary.

Or:

Ant. Come, let us sing to the Lord as we celebrate this feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Invitatory psalm, as in the Ordinary.

Office of Readings

HYMN from the appendix or other appropriate song

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 Mary received the blessing of the Lord and loving kindness from God her Savior.

When Psalm 24 was used as the invitatory psalm, Psalm 95 is used as the first psalm of the Office of Readings.

Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein;
for he has founded it upon the seas,
and established it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false,
and does not swear deceitfully.

He will receive blessing from the LORD,
and vindication from the God of his salvation.

Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory!

Psalm-prayer:

Holy God, you reveal yourself to those with clean hands and a pure heart. Through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, may we proclaim your mercy to all, and love you as she did.

Ant. Mary received the blessing of the Lord and loving kindness from God her Savior.

Ant. 2 Come see the marvels of the Lord. He has done great things for me.

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has wrought desolations in the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
he burns the chariots with fire!
"Be still, and know that I am God.
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth!"

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Psalm-prayer:

O God, you do not cease to work marvels for your Church. You called Saint Anthony Mary Claret to found our Congregation through the special intervention of the Virgin Mary. Grant that our Institute be firmly rooted, full of life and strong, and give abundant apostolic fruit to its labors.

Ant. Come see the marvels of the Lord. He has done great things for me.

Ant. 3 God Almighty created her and all came from her.

Psalm 87

On the holy mount stands the city he founded;
the LORD loves the gates of Zion
more than all the dwelling places of Jacob.

Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God.
Among those who know me I mention Rahab and Babylon;
behold, Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia — "This one was born there," they say.

And of Zion it shall be said, "This one and that one were born in her";
for the Most High himself will establish her.

The LORD records as he registers the peoples,
"This one was born there."
Singers and dancers alike say,
"All my springs are in you."

Psalm-prayer:

Lord God, you love your Church, the work of your hands; we thank you for making us its members.
May we enrich it by fidelity to the vocation we have received.

Ant. God Almighty created her and all came from her.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Revelation 11:19,12:1-17

The great sign of the woman in the heavens

Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple;
and there were flashes of lightning, voices, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.
And a great sign appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet,

and on her head a crown of twelve stars; she was with child and she cried out in her pangs of birth, in anguish for delivery. And another sign appeared in heaven; behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems upon his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven, and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, that he might devour her child when she brought it forth; she brought forth a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which to be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they were defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world -- he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Rejoice then, O heaven and you that dwell therein! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!" And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had borne the male child. But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with the flood. But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river which the dragon had poured from his mouth. Then the dragon was angry with the woman, and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and bear testimony to Jesus.

RESPONSORY

Cf. Ps 106:4,5a,10

Remember us, O Lord, when you show favor to your people.

— *That we may see the prosperity of your chosen ones.*

You saved us from the hand of the foe, and delivered us from the power of the enemy.

— *That we may see the prosperity of your chosen ones.*

SECOND READING

From the writings of Saint Anthony Mary Claret, bishop.
(Autobiography, 1976, nos. 490, 492, 493 y 494.)

Your rod and your staff give me courage

On July 16, 1849, after we had gathered together in the seminary with the approval of the bishop and the rector, we commenced our own Spiritual Exercises, which we followed with all exactness and fervor.' Because July 16 is the Feast of the Holy Cross and of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, I based my first sermon on those words of the twenty-third Psalm: "Your rod and your staff give me courage" (v. 4), alluding to the devotion and confidence we should place in the Holy Cross and the Blessed Virgin Mary and applying it also to the project we were beginning.' We left those Exercises full of fervor, bound and determined to persevere, and, thanks be to God and Mary, all have persevered. Two have

already gone to the glory of heaven, enjoying God and the reward of their apostolic labors and praying for their brethren.

Thus we had begun and thus we continued, living together strictly in community. All of us were going out regularly to work in the sacred ministry. At the end of the Spiritual Exercises I gave to the tiny, newborn community, I was asked to give another set of Exercises to the clergy of Vic in the seminary chapel. On August 11, as I was coming down from the pulpit after the closing service, lo and behold, I was called to the bishop's palace. When I arrived there, he handed me a letter dated August 4, containing my royal appointment as Archbishop of Cuba. I was struck dead by the news. I said that I would by no means accept and begged the bishop to be good enough to answer for me, telling them that I would by no manner of means accept.

My God, may you be blessed for condescending to choose your humble servants to be Sons of the Immaculate Heart of your Mother!

Most Blessed Mother, may the courtesy of your Immaculate Heart, in accepting us as your Sons, be praised a thousand times! Mother, make us cooperate with such kindness by becoming daily more humble, fervent, and zealous for the salvation of souls.

I tell myself: A Son of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a man on fire with love, who spreads its flames wherever he goes. He desires mightily and strives by all means possible to set the whole world on fire with God's love. Nothing daunts him; he delights in privations, welcomes work, embraces sacrifices, smiles at slander, and rejoices in suffering. His only concern is how he can best follow Jesus Christ and imitate Him in working, suffering, and striving constantly and single mindedly for the greater glory of God and the salvation of souls.

RESPONSORY

Cf. Ps 80:15; Ps 16:5

Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine.
— The stock which your right hand planted and made healthy.

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
— The shoot which your right hand planted and made healthy.

HYMN Te Deum.

Prayer

God our Father, today your servants honor the memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary and celebrate the founding of our missionary Family. In your loving kindness let us be fully committed to our consecration and make our ministries bear abundant fruit so that always and in everything we be faithful sons of our common Mother. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Morning Prayer

HYMN from the appendix or other appropriate song

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 Blessed are you, O Mary, for the world's salvation came forth from you; now in Glory, you rejoice forever with the Lord. Intercede for us with your Son.

Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where no water is.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your merciful love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
My soul is feasted as with marrow and fat,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

when I think of you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

Psalm-prayer

O Lord, we lift up our hands and call upon you. May our Congregation of Missionaries, strengthened by the intercession of the Virgin Mary, glorify you by holy lives announcing the Good News of Salvation.

Ant. Blessed are you, O Mary, for the world's salvation came forth from you; now in Glory, you rejoice forever with the Lord. Intercede for us with your Son.

Ant. 2 You are the glory of Jerusalem, the joy of Israel; you are the fairest honor of our race.

Canticle

Dan 3: 57 - 88, 56

Bless the Lord, all works of the Lord,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, you heavens, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you angels of the Lord, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all waters above the heaven, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all powers, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, sun and moon, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, stars of heaven, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, all rain and dew, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all winds, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, fire and heat, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, winter cold and summer heat, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, dews and snows, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, nights and days, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, light and darkness, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, ice and cold, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, frosts and snows, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, lightnings and clouds, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

Let the earth bless the Lord; let it sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, mountains and hills, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all things that grow on the earth, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you springs, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, seas and rivers, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you whales and all creatures that move in the waters,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all birds of the air, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all beasts and cattle, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you sons of men, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, O Israel, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you priests of the Lord, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you servants of the Lord, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, spirits and souls of the righteous, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you who are holy and humble in heart, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, Hananiah, Azariah, and Mishael, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever;

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Let us praise and exalt him above all for ever.
Blessed are you, Lord, in the firmament of heaven.
Praiseworthy and glorious and exalted above all for ever.

(At the end of the canticle the Glory to the Father is not said.)

Ant. You are the glory of Jerusalem, the joy of Israel; you are the pride of our race.

Ant. 3 Rejoice, Virgin Mary! You bore in your womb Christ the Savior.

Psalm 149

Praise the LORD!
Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful!
Let Israel be glad in his Maker,
let the sons of Zion rejoice in their King!

Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with timbrel and lyre!

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.
Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.
Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,

to wreak vengeance on the nations
and chastisement on the peoples,
to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,
to execute on them the judgment written!
This is glory for all his faithful ones.
Praise the LORD!

Psalm-prayer

God, our Father and Savior, let us experience the joy that filled the Heart of Mary, Mother and Foundress of our Congregation, when she recognized the marvels done to her, may we join her in celebrating and joyfully singing your glory..

Ant. Rejoice, Virgin Mary! You bore in your womb Christ the Savior.

READING

Judith 13:18-19

Blessed be the Lord God, who created the heavens and the earth... Your hope will never depart from the hearts of men, as they remember the power of God.

RESPONSORY

The Lord has chosen her, his loved one from the beginning.
— The Lord has chosen her, his loved one from the beginning.

He has taken her to live with him,
— his loved one from the beginning.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
— The Lord has chosen her, his loved one from the beginning.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

Ant. Blessed are you, Virgin Mary, for your sons proclaim you blessed from one generation to the next.
(See page 70)

INTERCESSIONS

On this day that we, through the Virgin Mary's intercession, were born in the Church as a Family, gathered in the name of the Lord, let us now confidently petition the Father:
Lord, remember our Congregation

You who sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary,
— grant that we may not only be called, but truly be the sons of her love.

You who predestined us to be conformed to the image of your chosen Son,
— may he live in us so that we love you with our whole heart, in word and deed.

You who anointed your Son with the Holy Spirit to announce the Good news to the poor,
— fill us with your Spirit so we may announce the Gospel worthily and fruitfully.

You who are moved by the prayers of your Son and the Church to send workers into your harvest,
— send them to our Congregation so that our lives and ministry may always give you glory.

You who are ever faithful and know our weakness and inconstancy,
— confirm us in our vocation so that we may always praise you.

Our Father...

Prayer

God our Father, today your servants honor the memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary and celebrate the founding of our missionary Family. In your loving kindness let us be fully committed to our consecration and make our ministries bear abundant fruit so that always and in everything we be faithful sons of our common Mother. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Daytime Prayer

Psalms from the day of the week, with the following antiphons.

Midmorning

HYMN from the common of the Virgin Mary

Ant. All dedicated themselves to prayer in common, with Mary the Mother of Jesus.

READING

Zeph 3:14,15

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst.

R/. Blessed are those who hear the word of God.

V/. And cherish it in their hearts.

Midday

HYMN from the common of the Virgin Mary

Ant. The Mother of Jesus said: Do whatever he asks of you.

READING

Zech 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he.

R/. Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary

V/. Who bore the Son of the Eternal Father.

Midafternoon

HYMN from the common of the Virgin Mary

Ant. The Lord said to his Mother: Woman, this is your son, and to the disciple: This is your Mother.

READING

Judith 14:7

"Blessed are you in every tent of Judah! In every nation those who hear your name will be alarmed.

R/. Blessed are you among women.

V/. And blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Prayer as in Morning Prayer

Evening Prayer

HYMN from the appendix or other appropriate song

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Jerusalem, built as a city which is bound firmly together,
to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,

as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they prosper who love you!
Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers!"
For my brethren and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"
For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

Psalm-prayer:

O Lord, pour out upon us your bountiful peace, and keep united in your love those you have gathered together to follow the way of perfection and apostolic service which Saint Anthony Claret charted for us.

Ant. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Ant. 2 I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you have said.

Psalm 127

Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain.

It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

Behold, sons are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth.

Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them!
He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Psalm-prayer:

Lord, grant that through the intercession of Mary, our Congregation of Missionaries may grow abundantly in vocations and commitment to apostolic ministry.

Ant. I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you have said.

Ant. 3 Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Canticle

Eph 1:3-10

Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

even as he chose us in him
before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy
and blameless before him.

He destined us in love to be his sons
through Jesus Christ,

according to the purpose of his will,
to the praise of his glorious grace
which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace
which he lavished upon us.
For he has made known to us in all wisdom
and insight the mystery of his will,
according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ

as a plan for the fullness of time,
to unite all things in him,
things in heaven and things on earth.

Ant. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

READING

Rev 21:3

I heard a great voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them;

RESPONSORY

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
— Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
— The Lord is with you.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
— Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. Mary was blessed by the Lord and through her we have received the gift of vocation to glorify the Father. *(See page 71)*

INTERCESSIONS

As we commemorate the founding of our Congregation on this feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel let us praise our almighty Father, and ask:
May the power of the Spirit assist us, Lord.

You called us from different places to be part of one family,
— by the power of the Spirit may we call you Father.

You desired that your Son adopt us as brothers,
— may we live united in one spirit so that the world may believe.
You know our individualism and our ambitions,
— unite us around your Word and the table of your Sacrament so that we may grow in mutual

love and understanding.

You wish us to give witness of your mercy to all,
— let us truly configure the life of your Son.

You raised up your Son on the third day and promised eternal life to those who abandon all and follow you,
— mercifully fulfill your promises for our deceased brothers.

Our Father...

Prayer

God our Father, today your servants honor the memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary and celebrate the founding of our missionary Family. In your loving kindness let us be fully committed to our consecration and make our ministries bear abundant fruit so that always and in everything we may be faithful sons of our common Mother. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

August 13

BLESSED PHILIP OF JESUS MUNÁRRIZ AND COMPANIONS, Martyrs

Memorial

On July 20, 1936, during the bloody religious persecution in Spain, a group of revolutionaries assaulted a Claretian community in the town of Barbastro. The 9 priests, 12 brothers and 39 students who made up the community were imprisoned. The missionaries, most of them young, prepared themselves for martyrdom in an atmosphere of prayer, generously accepting the gift of martyrdom. They heroically rejected allurements and offers of freedom if they would renounce their religious principles. Father Felipe de Jesus Munárriz and fifty other missionaries were shot to death between August 2nd and the 18th in five different groups. All went to their martyrdom praising Christ the King and the Heart of Mary, and pardoning their assassins.

Common of martyrs.

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SECOND READING

From the Testament of the Martyrs of Barbastro.

(Positio. Summarium: Documenta. Epistola Dni Faustini Pérez, págs. 152-153)

Farewell to the Congregation

Beloved Congregation: The day before yesterday, the 11th, six of our brothers died with a generosity befitting martyrs. Today, the 13th, twenty more have won the palm of victory, and tomorrow, the 14th, the remaining twenty-one of us expect to die. Glory to God! Glory to God! And how nobly and heroically your sons have borne themselves, beloved Congregation! We are spending the day encouraging one another and praying for our enemies and for our beloved Institute.

When the moment comes to designate the next victims, we all feel a holy serenity and an eagerness to hear our names called, so that we can join the ranks of the chosen. We have been looking forward to this moment with generous impatience. When it came to those already chosen, we have seen some of them kiss the ropes that bound them, while others spoke words of pardon to the armed mob. As they drove off in the van towards the cemetery, we could hear them shouting, 'Long live Christ the King!' while the angry mob answered, 'Death to him! Death to him!' -- but nothing daunted them. They are your sons, beloved Congregation, these young men, surrounded by pistols and rifles, yet they have the calm courage and daring to cry out 'Long live Christ the King!' on their way to the cemetery. Tomorrow the rest of us will go, and we have already chosen the passwords we will shout, even as the shots are being fired: to the Heart of our Mother, to Christ the King, to the Catholic Church, and to you, the common Mother of us all. My comrades tell me that I must begin the 'Viva's' and they will respond. I will shout at the top of my lungs, and in our enthusiastic cries you will be able to discern how much we love you, beloved Congregation, since we will bear the memory of you even into those deep regions of suffering and death.

We all die happy, with no regrets or misgivings. We all die praying to God that the blood that falls

from our wounds will not be shed in vengeance, but will rather transfuse your veins and spur your growth and expansion throughout the world. Farewell, beloved Congregation. Your sons, the martyrs of Barbastro, greet you from prison and offer you our sufferings and anguish as a holocaust of expiation for our failings and as a witness to our faithful, generous and everlasting love. The martyrs of tomorrow, the 14th, are fully aware that they die on the eve of the Assumption. And what a special awareness it is! We are dying because we wear the cassock, and we are dying precisely on the same day of our investiture.

The martyrs of Barbastro greet you, as do I, the last and least worthy of their number.
(*Faustino Perez, C.M.F.*)

Long live Christ the King! Long live the Heart of Mary! Long live the Congregation!
Farewell, beloved Institute. We are going to heaven to pray for you. Farewell, farewell!

RESPONSORY

Rev 7:14

These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; 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.

— For this reason they stand before God's throne and worship him day and night in his temple.

Prayer

God our Father, you gave Philip of Jesus Munarriz and his companions the gift of fidelity to their missionary vocation by following Christ to martyrdom, and you made them witnesses to perfect charity in forgiving their persecutors. Grant us through their intercession the grace to persevere steadfastly in faith and in sincere charity, that we may love Christ in all our brothers and sisters. 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.

October 24

**SAINT ANTHONY MARY CLARET
Bishop and Founder of the Congregation**

Solemnity

Saint Anthony Mary Claret was born in northeast Spain, (the province of Barcelona) on December 23, 1807. He dedicated his life as an Apostolic Missionary in the ministry of the Word. "His spirit embraced the whole world." And to do with others that which he could not do alone, he founded the Congregation of Missionaries Sons of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Vic, Spain, on July 16, 1849. Later he founded the Daughters of the Heart of Mary also known as the Cordimarian Filiation. With Mother Maria Antonia Paris he founded the Religious of Mary Immaculate, Claretian Missionary Sisters. He also established the Lay Claretians, along with many associations and good works for the service of the Church. Anthony Claret was Archbishop of Santiago, Cuba, Confessor to Isabel II of Spain and participant in Vatican Council I. Enemies of the faith persecuted him until his death. He died in exile on October 24, 1870, in the monastery of Fontfroide, France. His body was moved to Vic, Spain, in 1897. Pius XII inscribed him in the catalogue of the saints on May 7, 1950.

Evening Prayer I

HYMN from the appendix or other appropriate song

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 Sing praise to God who glorified Saint Anthony Claret and made him father of many families in the Church.

Psalm 113

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!
Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised!

The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!
Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,
who looks far down upon the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.
He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the LORD!

Psalm-prayer:

All powerful God, who glorified your Son Jesus, hear our prayer and give us the spirit of Saint Anthony Claret, so that one day we may be admitted to your presence with him where your name is eternally praised.

Ant. Sing praise to God who glorified Saint Anthony Claret and made him father of many families in the Church.

Ant. 2 While I live, I will praise the Lord who is always faithful.

Psalm 146

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have being.

Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no help.
When his breath departs he returns to his earth; on that very day his plans perish.

Happy is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith for ever;
who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the
LORD loves the righteous.
The LORD watches over the sojourners, he upholds the widow and the fatherless; but the way of
the wicked he brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign for ever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

Psalm-prayer:

Lord God, you sent your Son on this earth to announce the Good News to the poor and to free the
enslaved. Give us the joy to follow Christ proclaiming the gospel, in imitation of Saint Anthony
Claret.

Ant. While I live, I will praise the Lord who is always faithful.

Ant. 3 In the person of Christ, God chose Saint Anthony Claret to become holy and to know the
mystery of his will.

Canticle

Eph 1:3-10

Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

even as he chose us in him
before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy
and blameless before him.

He destined us in love to be his sons
through Jesus Christ,
according to the purpose of his will,
to the praise of his glorious grace
which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood,

the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace
which he lavished upon us.

For he has made known to us in all wisdom
and insight the mystery of his will,
according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ

as a plan for the fullness of time,
to unite all things in him,
things in heaven and things on earth.

Ant. In the person of Christ, God chose Saint Anthony Claret to become holy and to know the
mystery of his will.

READING

Is 61:1-2a

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor.

RESPONSORY

Is 49:3,6

You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified. The LORD formed me from the womb.
— You are my servant through whom I show my glory. The LORD formed me from the womb.

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.
— The LORD formed me from the womb.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
— You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified. The LORD formed me from the
womb.

CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. Saint Anthony Claret was called to announce the death and resurrection of the Lord, so
that all may believe in him and be saved.. (See
page 71)

INTERCESSIONS

By the grace of the Spirit and the example and teaching of Saint Anthony Claret, we are a family
of God. Let us pray to our Father in heaven for our Congregation and ask:
Remember, Lord, your Congregation.

Father in heaven, you sent your Son into this world to bring the Good News of the Kingdom to
the poor,
— May we proclaim the Gospel to all peoples.

Father in heaven, you sent your Son so that the world be reconciled with you,
— help us to learn to collaborate with one another in this task of reconciliation.

Father in heaven, you led the Apostles to follow your Son in announcing the Gospel,
— help us to participate fully in the work of this missionary community founded by Saint Anthony Claret.

Father in heaven, through the prayers of your Son and the Church, you send workers to your harvest,
— deign to send laborers to our Congregation so that we may glorify you more and more by our lives and ministry.

Father in heaven, you inflamed the heart of Saint Anthony Claret with love of the Blessed Virgin, Mother of the Church,
— may we always feel her maternal protection so that we can truly be called her sons.

Father in heaven, you resurrected your Son from the dead,
— let those dedicated to Christ rise with him on the day he comes.

Our Father...

Prayer

Lord, our God, you chose Saint Anthony Mary Claret as founder of our Congregation. On fire with love he welcomed work, joyfully endured slander and trials. Graciously help us to be faithful to his teaching and example, and so proclaim your glory to the whole world and eagerly pursue the salvation of all peoples. 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.

Invitatory

Ant. With joy we celebrate the feast of Saint Anthony Mary Claret, apostolic missionary and founder of our Family.

Or:

Come, let us worship the Lord on this feast of Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Apostle of the Word.

Invitatory psalm, as in the Ordinary.

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HYMN from the appendix or other appropriate song

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 The Lord has set on his head a crown of pure gold and has given him life that will last without end.

Psalm 21:1-7,13

In your strength the king rejoices, O LORD; and in your help how greatly he exults!
You have given him his heart's desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips.

For you dost meet him with goodly blessings; you dost set a crown of fine gold upon his head.
He asked life of you; you gave it to him, length of days for ever and ever.

His glory is great through your help; splendor and majesty you bestow upon him.
Yes, you make him most blessed for ever; you make him glad with the joy of your face.

For the king trusts in the LORD; and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved.

Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power.

Psalm-prayer:

O God, you raised Jesus from the dead and gave him eternal life; look benignly on the coheirs with your Son and maintain them strong in combat, so that when they announce the Gospel to others, they may not be excluded from the Kingdom.

Ant. The Lord has set on his head a crown of pure gold and has given him life that will last without end.

Ant. 2 Lord, we acknowledge you and give you thanks because you have revealed your works and designs.

Psalm 92

I

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your merciful love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.
How great are your works, O LORD! your thoughts are very deep!
The dull man cannot know, the stupid cannot understand this:

that, though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, they are doomed to destruction for ever,
but you, O LORD, are on high for ever.

Psalm-prayer:

Lord, your works are our joy and our jubilation, let us understand your profound designs and, in the light of faith, search in all happenings the signs of your will so as to be faithful to our mission.

Ant. Lord, we acknowledge you and give you thanks because you have revealed your works and designs.

Ant. 3 The just shall flourish like a palm tree in the house of the Lord and bear fruit in abundance.

Psalm 92

II

For, behold, your enemies, O LORD, for, behold, your enemies shall perish; all evildoers shall be scattered.

But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; you have poured over me fresh oil. My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies, my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.

The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of the LORD, they flourish in the courts of our God.

They still bring forth fruit in old age, they are ever full of sap and green, to show that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Psalm-prayer

Anointed with the purest oil of the Spirit, we praise you, O Lord. Grant that, planted in your house and united to you, we may bear abundant fruit that will last forever.

Ant The just shall flourish like a palm tree in the house of the Lord and bear fruit in abundance.

V/. Your proclamation reaches all lands.

R/. And your message to the ends of the world.

FIRST READING

From the second Letter of the apostle Paul to the Corinthians

5:11-21

The charity of Christ urges us on

Brethren,

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men; but what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to be proud of us, so that you may be able to answer those who pride themselves on a man's position and not on his heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh; even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.

Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
— by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.
— by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Or:

A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

9:16-19,22-27

Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!

Brethren,

For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my preaching I may make the gospel free of charge, not making full use of my right in the gospel.

For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win the more. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Well, I do not run aimlessly, I do not box as one beating the air; but I pommel my body and subdue it, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

RESPONSORY

cf. Acts 20:21,24; Rom 1:16

I used all means to preach faith in our Lord Jesus.

- My life is of no importance; what is important is to complete the course and ministry given to me by the Lord Jesus, to bear witness to the Gospel of God's grace.

I am not ashamed of the Gospel. It is the power of God's salvation for everyone who believes.

- My life is of no importance; what is important is to complete the course and ministry given to me by the Lord Jesus, to bear witness to the Gospel of God's grace.

SECOND READING

From the Works of Saint Anthony Mary Claret

Vol. III, Selected Spiritual Writings, Chapt. IX, p. 493, Claretian Publications, 1991, and Autobiography, p.494.

The charity of Christ spurs us on

Aflame with this same love, apostolic missionaries have reached, are reaching and will continue to reach to the ends of the earth, in order to preach the word of God. Thus they can rightly apply to themselves the words of the Apostle Paul: *Charitas Christi urget nos.* "The charity or love of Christ

spurs and impels us to run and fly on the wings of holy zeal."

A truly loving person loves both God and his neighbor. The truly zealous person is also a lover, but in a higher degree of love. Indeed, the greater one's love, the more he is compelled by zeal; and if a person has no zeal, it is a sure sign that the fire of love or charity has gone out in his heart. A person who has zeal is always yearning and striving by all means possible to make God better known, loved and served both in this life and in the next, since this sacred love knows no bounds.

He does the same for his neighbor, yearning and striving to make everyone content in this life, and happy and blessed in the next; to see to it that all of them are saved and that none of them is eternally lost, that none of them offends God or lives for even a moment in sin. This is what we see in the holy Apostles and in any man endowed with the apostolic spirit. And not only in men, but also in women.

I tell myself: A Son of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a man on fire with love, who spreads its flames wherever he goes. He desires mightily and strives by all means possible to set the whole world on fire with God's love. Nothing daunts him; he delights in privations, welcomes work, embraces sacrifices, smiles at slander, and rejoices in suffering. His only concern is how he can best follow Jesus Christ and imitate Him in working, suffering, and striving constantly and single mindedly for the greater glory of God and the salvation of souls.

RESPONSORY

1 Thes 2:8; Gal 4:19

So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves,
— because you had become very dear to us.

My little children, with whom I am again in travail until Christ be formed in you!
— because you had become very dear to us.

Alternative:

From the writing of Saint Anthony Mary Claret

Cartas selectas, BAC, Madrid 1996, pp. 351, 352

Love for the missionaries

I can see what you tell me about the way in which our Congregation should spread and it seems good to me, and the more it spreads to the interior of Spain the better, since the need is greater there. I dare say that no one knows this better than I do, both because of my living in Madrid and of my travels with their Majesties. When I see how well the people are disposed, how hungry they are for the Word of God, I cannot rest content, so much so that I cannot hold back but am preaching the whole day long. If I only had the means to go about preaching throughout Spain, through the whole world!

The greatest temptation I have to resist is that of escaping from beside her Majesty, but I put up with my lot because I'm told it's the will of God, and for the moment I too believe it, and it is only this that allows me to endure, hoping that the Lord will release me.

Meanwhile, tell my beloved brothers, the missionaries, to be encouraged and work as hard as they can, God and the Blessed Virgin Mary will reward them. I have a lot of affection for priests that

dedicate themselves to missions. I would give my life's blood for them, I would wash and kiss their feet a thousand times, I would starve so they could eat. I care for them so much that this love drives me mad to know what to do for them. When one considers that they work so that God be better known and loved, that souls are saved rather than be condemned, I can't explain how I feel. At this moment as I write this, I have to put down my pen and dry my eyes. Oh, Sons of the Immaculate Heart of our most beloved Mother Mary! I want to write but can't continue because I am tearfully emotional. Preach and pray for me.

RESPONSORY

Cf. Mt 5:14; Mk 16:15; Ps 145:10-11

You are the light of the world, says the Lord.

— Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation.

All your works O LORD, shall speak of the glory of your kingdom.

— Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation.

HYMN Te Deum

Prayer

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Morning Prayer

HYMN from the appendix or other appropriate song

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 My soul is united to you, Lord; it longs for you and the salvation of all.

Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where no water is.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your merciful love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
My soul is feasted as with marrow and fat,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
when I think of you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
for you have been my help,

and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.
Psalm-prayer

Lord God, your Son proclaimed blessed those who hunger and thirst for justice. May we long for you and be filled with your word, so that our lips may joyously sing your praise and reveal your name to all peoples.

Ant. My soul is united to you, Lord; it longs for you and the salvation of all.

Ant. 2 Holy and humble of heart, bless the Lord forever.

Canticle

Dan 3: 57 - 88, 56

Bless the Lord, all works of the Lord,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, you heavens, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you angels of the Lord, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all waters above the heaven, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all powers, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, sun and moon, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, stars of heaven, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, all rain and dew, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all winds, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, fire and heat, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, winter cold and summer heat, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, dews and snows, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, nights and days, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, light and darkness, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, ice and cold, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, frosts and snows, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, lightnings and clouds, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

Let the earth bless the Lord; let it sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, mountains and hills, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all things that grow on the earth, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you springs, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, seas and rivers, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you whales and all creatures that move in the waters,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all birds of the air, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all beasts and cattle, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you sons of men, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, O Israel, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you priests of the Lord, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you servants of the Lord, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, spirits and souls of the righteous, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, you who are holy and humble in heart, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, Hananiah, Azariah, and Mishael, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever;

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Let us praise and exalt him above all for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, in the firmament of heaven.

Praiseworthy and glorious and exalted above all for ever.

(At the end of the canticle the Glory to the Father is not said.)

Ant Holy and humble of heart, praise the Lord forever.

Ant. 3 Sing a new song to the Lord, for he loves his people and crowns the humble with salvation.

Psalm 149

Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful!
Let Israel be glad in his Maker,
let the sons of Zion rejoice in their King!
Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with timbrel and lyre!

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.
Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.
Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,

to wreak vengeance on the nations
and chastisement on the peoples,
to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,
to execute on them the judgment written!
This is glory for all his faithful ones.
Praise the LORD!

Psalm-prayer:

Lord our God, you have crowned Saint Anthony Claret with victory. May the work of the ministry of salvation of those who follow his example bear abundant fruit, so that sinners may be converted to your Word, the indecisive may be strengthened, the just may love you ever more and more, and your praise may resound in the assembly of the faithful.

Ant. Sing a new song to the Lord, for he loves his people and crowns the humble with salvation.

Working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way.

RESPONSORY

I am a minister of the Gospel. By the gift of the grace of God.
— I am a minister of the Gospel. By the gift of the grace of God.

He has placed me as guide of his people.
— By the gift of the grace of God.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
— I am a minister of the Gospel. By the gift of the grace of God.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

Ant. The Lord gave to the Church his servant Anthony Claret to consecrate himself to Christ and to imitate his life announcing the Gospel. *(See page 70)*

INTERCESSIONS

We pray to Christ our Lord, sent by the Father, born of the Blessed Virgin Mary and anointed by the Spirit to be our teacher and Savior, saying:
Lord send your Spirit,

Lord Jesus, you called us to join in your mission and preach the Good News,
— let your friendship and the love of all continually grow in us.

Lord Jesus, you called us to live together in fraternity so that the world may believe because of our witness of our unity,
— may we persevere in this calling united in prayer and communion with Mary our Mother.

Lord Jesus, you who wish us to be the salt of the earth and light of the world,
— enlighten us with the light of your Word.

Lord Jesus, you who came to bring fire on this earth, and long to see the world aflame with the same fire,
— set us on fire with your love so we may spread it wherever we go.

Lord Jesus, you walked this earth doing good with special care for the poor and infirm,
— grant that following the example of Saint Anthony Claret, we may carefully seek the good of others.

Our Father...

Prayer

Lord, our God, you chose Saint Anthony Mary Claret as founder of our Congregation. On fire with love he welcomed work, joyfully endured slander and trials. Graciously help us to be faithful to his teaching and example, and so proclaim your glory to the whole world and eagerly pursue the salvation

of all peoples. 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

If it is Sunday, the psalms of Sunday I are said; in other cases the gradual psalms are taken from the complementary psalmody.

Midmorning

HYMN from the appendix or other appropriate song

Ant. This is the high priest who in his life pleased God.

READING

Sir 50:1,4,11b

The high priest, who in his life repaired the house, and in his time fortified the temple. He considered how to save his people from ruin. And he went up to the holy altar and made the court of the sanctuary glorious.

V/. God elected him to be his priest.

R/. To offer him a sacrifice of praise.

Midday

HYMN from the appendix or other appropriate song

Ant. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, confident and awaiting his mercy.

READING

Gal 2:19-20

For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

V/. The grandeur of Christ will be manifest in me.

R/. For me life is Christ.

Midafternoon

HYMN from the appendix or other appropriate song

Ant. The Lord has been good to those who fear him; to his friends he gives the inheritance.

READING

Prov 2:1-5

My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; yes, if you cry out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

V/. Look with favor upon your servant.

R/. And teach me your laws.

Prayer as in Morning Prayer

Evening Prayer II

HYMN from the appendix or other appropriate song

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 He who walks without fault and acts justly, Lord, will dwell on your holy mountain.

Psalm 15

O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?
Who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks blamelessly, and does what is right,
and speaks truth from his heart;
who does not slander with his tongue,

and does no evil to his friend,
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;
in whose eyes a reprobate is despised,
but who honors those who fear the LORD;

who swears to his own hurt and does not change;
who does not put out his money at interest,
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.

He who does these things shall never be moved.

Psalm-prayer:

Almighty God, may we live honorably and always act justly, daily be more humble, more eager and zealous for the salvation of all, so that we may be admitted to your tent and dwell with you on your holy mountain.

Ant. He who walks without fault and acts justly, Lord, will dwell on your holy mountain.

Ant. 2 Happy the person who administers his affairs justly; his descendants will be blessed.

Psalm 112

Praise the LORD. Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
who greatly delights in his commandments!
His descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in his house;
and his righteousness endures for ever.
Light rises in the darkness for the upright;

the LORD is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

It is well with the man who deals generously and lends,
who conducts his affairs with justice.
For the righteous will never be moved;
he will be remembered for ever.

He is not afraid of evil tidings;
his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.
His heart is steady, he will not be afraid,
until he sees his desire on his adversaries.

He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever;
his horn is exalted in honor.

The wicked man sees it and is angry;
he gnashes his teeth and melts away;
the desire of the wicked man comes to naught.

Psalm-prayer:

Maintain in us, Lord, a firm heart, steadfast and without fear, so that moved by love we may welcome privations, readily take on work, embrace sacrifices and glory in the Cross of Jesus Christ.

Ant. Happy the person who administers his affairs justly; his descendants will be blessed.

Ant. 3 All nations shall come and worship in your presence, because your deeds are clearly seen.

Canticle

Rev 15:3-4

Great and wonderful are your deeds,
O Lord God the Almighty!
Just and true are your ways,
O King of the ages!

Who shall not fear and glorify your name, O Lord?
For you alone are holy.
All nations shall come and worship you,
for your judgments have been revealed.

READING

2 Tm 4:3-5

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander into myths. As for you, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

RESPONSORY

Jn 20:21

As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.
— As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.

To be my witnesses to the ends of the earth.
— I also send you.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
— As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.

CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. Look down from heaven, behold, come to visit your vineyard, which you skillfully planted,
and which you made fruitful. (See page 71)

Intercessions as in Evening Prayer I

Prayer

Lord, our God, you chose Saint Anthony Mary Claret as founder of our Congregation. On fire with love he welcomed work, joyfully endured slander and trials. Graciously help us to be faithful to his teaching and example, and so proclaim your glory to the whole world and eagerly pursue the salvation of all peoples. 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.

NIGHT PRAYER

AFTER EVENING PRAYER I ON SUNDAYS AND SOLEMNITIES

For night prayer the formula of the corresponding day may be used or, if preferred, that which is specified for Sunday, saying, in that case, the second ending prayer.

God, come to my assistance.
— Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever will be for ever.
Amen. Alleluia.

Examination of Conscience

A brief examination of conscience may be made. In the communal celebration of the office, a penitential rite using the formulas of the Mass may be inserted here.

HYMN

We praise you, Father, for your gifts
Of dusk and nightfall over earth,
Foreshadowing the mystery
Of death that leads to endless day.

Within your hands we rest secure;
In quiet sleep our strength renew;
Yet give your people hearts that wake
In love to you, unsleeping Lord.

Your glory may we ever seek
In rest, as in activity,
Until its fullness is revealed,
O source of life, O Trinity.

Melody: Te lucis ante terminum (plain chant)
Music: Anon.,
Gregorian
Text: West Malling Abbey

Or:

This world, my God, is held within your hand,
Though we forget your love and steadfast might
And in the changing day uncertain stand,
Disturbed by morning, and afraid of night.

From youthful confidence to careful age,
Help us each one to be your loving friend,
Rewarded by the faithful servant's wage,
God in three persons, reigning without end.

Melody: in Manus Tuas 10.10.10.10.
Music: Herbert Howells
Text: Hamish Swanston

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 Have mercy, Lord, and hear my prayer.

Psalm 4

The resurrection of Christ was God's supreme and wholly marvelous work (Saint Augustine).

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!
You have given me room when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

O sons of men, how long will you be dull of heart?
How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

Be angry, but sin not;
commune with your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.
Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD!"

You have put more joy in my heart
than they have when their grain and wine abound.

In peace I will both lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Ant. Have mercy, Lord, and hear my prayer.

Ant. 2 In the silent hours of night, bless the Lord.

Psalm 134

Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.(Revelation 19:5).

Come, bless the LORD,
all you servants of the LORD,
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

Lift up your hands to the holy place,
and bless the LORD!

May the LORD bless you from Zion,
he who made heaven and earth!

Ant. In the silent hours of night, bless the Lord.

READING

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD;
and you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your might.
And these words which I command you this day
shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently
to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house,
and when you walk by the way,
and when you lie down, and when you rise.

RESPONSORY

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.
— Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.
— I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
— Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Luke 2:29-32

Christ is the light of the nations and the glory of Israel

Ant. Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as
we sleep, that awake, we may keep watch with Christ,
and asleep, rest in his peace.

Lord, now let you your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.

Glory to the Father. . .

Ant. Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us
as we sleep, that awake, we may keep watch with Christ,
and asleep, rest in his peace.

Prayer

When the feast falls on Sunday:

Lord,
be with us throughout this night.
When day comes may we rise from sleep
to rejoice in the resurrection of your Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Or: on solemnities that do not occur on Sunday:

Lord,
we beg you to visit this house
and banish from it
all the deadly power of the enemy.
May your holy angels dwell here
to keep us in peace,
and may your blessing be upon us always.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Conclusion

The blessing is said, even in individual recitation:

May the all-powerful Lord grant us a restful night and a peaceful death.
— Amen.

**AFTER EVENING PRAYER II
ON SUNDAYS AND SOLEMNITIES**

God, come to my assistance.
— Lord, make haste to help me.

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HYMN

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Though we forget your love and steadfast might
And in the changing day uncertain stand,
Disturbed by morning, and afraid of night.

From youthful confidence to careful age,
Help us each one to be your loving friend,
Rewarded by the faithful servant's wage,
God in three persons, reigning without end.

Melody: in Manus Tuas 10.10.10.10.
Music: Herbert Howells
Text: Hamish Swanston

PSALMODY

Ant. Night holds no terrors for me sleeping under God's wings.

Psalm 91

In the shadow of the omnipotent

Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions (Luke 10:19).

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;
he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand; but it will not come near you.
You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.
Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your habitation,
no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

For he will give his angels charge of you to guard you in all your ways.
On their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.
You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under
foot.

Because he clings to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my
name.

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will rescue him and
honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him,
and show him my salvation.

Ant. Night holds no terrors for me sleeping under God's wings.

READING

Revelation 22:4-5

They shall see his face, and his name shall be on their foreheads.
And night shall be no more; they need no light of lamp or sun,
for the Lord God will be their light, and they shall reign for ever and ever.

RESPONSORY

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.
— Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.
— I Commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
— Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Luke 2:29-32

Ant. Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep,
that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace.

Christ is the light of the nations and the glory of Israel

Lord, now let you your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel."
Glory to the Father . . .

Ant. Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep,
that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace.

Prayer

Lord,
we have celebrated today
the mystery of the rising of Christ to new life.
May we now rest in your peace,
safe from all that could harm us,
and rise again refreshed and joyful,
to praise you throughout another day.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Or: on solemnities that do not occur on Sunday:

Lord,
we beg you to visit this house
and banish from it
all the deadly power of the enemy.
May your holy angels dwell here
to keep us in peace,
and may your blessing be upon us always.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Conclusion

The blessing is said, even in individual recitation:

May the all-powerful Lord grant us a restful night and a peaceful death.
— Amen.

Conclusion and antiphon of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**COMPLEMENTARY PSALMODY
FOR MIDMORNING, MIDDAY AND MIDAFTERNOON**

*After the verse **God, come to my assistance** and the hymn, the gradual psalms, which follow, are said, with their antiphons in the Proper.*

Series I (Midmorning)

Psalm 120

Be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. (Romans 12:12).

In my distress I cry to the LORD, that he may answer me:
"Deliver me, O LORD, from lying lips, from a deceitful tongue."

What shall be given to you? And what more shall be done to you, you deceitful tongue?
A warrior's sharp arrows, with glowing coals of the broom tree!

Woe is me, that I sojourn in Meshech, that I dwell among the tents of Kedar!
Too long have I had my dwelling among those who hate peace.

I am for peace; but when I speak, they are for war!

Psalm 121

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. (Revelation 7:16).

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved, he who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore.

Psalm 122

*You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem (Hebrews 12:22).*

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Jerusalem, built as a city which is bound firmly together,
to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they prosper who love you!
Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers!"

For my brethren and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"
For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

Series II (Midday)

Psalm 123

*Two blind men sitting by the roadside, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out,
"Have mercy on us, Son of David!" (Matthew 20:30).*

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the LORD our God,
till he have mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.

Too long our soul has been sated with the scorn of those who are at ease,
the contempt of the proud.

Psalm 124

The Lord said to Paul: "Do not be afraid...I am with you" (Acts 18:9-10)

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, let Israel now say --
if it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us,
then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;
then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;
then over us would have gone the raging waters.

Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!
We have escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have
escaped!

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 125

Peace and mercy be upon ... the Israel of God. (Galatians 6:16)

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides for ever.
As the mountains are round about Jerusalem,
so the LORD is round about his people, from this time forth and for evermore.
For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest upon the land allotted to the righteous,
lest the righteous put forth their hands to do wrong.
Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,

and to those who are upright in their hearts!
But those who turn aside upon their crooked ways
the LORD will lead away with evildoers!
Peace be in Israel!

Series III (Midafternoon)

Psalm 126

You share in our sufferings; you will also share in our comfort. (2 Corinthians 1:7)

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."
The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb!
May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy!
He that goes forth weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

Psalm 127

You are God's field, God's building. (I Corinthians 3:9).

Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain.

It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

Behold, sons are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth.

Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them!
He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Psalm 128

"May the Lord bless You from Zion," that is, from the Church (Arnobius).

Blessed is every one who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways!
You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;
you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots around your table.
Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion!
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children!
Peace be upon Israel!

In place of psalms 120 and 127, psalms 129 and 131 may be recited respectively.

Psalm 129

The voice of the Church lamenting its suffering is heard in this psalm (Saint Augustine).

Sorely have they afflicted me from my youth," let Israel now say --
"Sorely have they afflicted me from my youth, yet they have not prevailed against me.

The plowers plowed upon my back; they made long their furrows."
The LORD is righteous; he has cut the cords of the wicked.

May all who hate Zion be put to shame and turned backward!
Let them be like the grass on the housetops, which withers before it grows up,

with which the reaper does not fill his hand or the binder of sheaves his bosom,
while those who pass by do not say, "The blessing of the LORD be upon you!
We bless you in the name of the LORD!"

Psalm 131

Learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart (Matthew 11:29).

O LORD, my heart is not lifted up,
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.
But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a child quieted at its mother's breast;
like a child that is quieted is my soul.
O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth and for evermore.

*If the solemnity of St. Anthony Claret falls on a Sunday,
the following psalms are recited.*

Psalm 118

I

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever!
Let Israel say, "His mercy endures for ever."

Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures for ever."
Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures for ever."

Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free.
With the LORD on my side I do not fear. What can man do to me?
The LORD is on my side to help me; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to put confidence in man.
It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

II

All nations surrounded me; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
They surrounded me like bees, they blazed like a fire of thorns; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the LORD helped me.
The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Listen, glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,
the right hand of the LORD is exalted, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"
I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.
The LORD has chastened me sorely, but he has not given me over to death.

III

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner.
This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day which the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Save us, we beg you, O LORD! O LORD, we beg you, give us success!

Blessed be he who enters in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
The LORD is God, and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.
O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his mercy endures for ever!

COMMON TEXTS

Invitatory

Psalm 95

(The antiphon is recited and then repeated)

O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

(Antiphon repeated)

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it; for his hands formed the dry land.

(Antiphon repeated)

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

(Antiphon repeated)

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
when your fathers tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

(Antiphon repeated)

For forty years I was wearied of that generation and said,
"They are a people who err in heart, and they do not regard my ways."
Therefore I swore in my anger that they should not enter my rest.

(Antiphon repeated)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

(Antiphon repeated)

Invitatory Psalms: In place of Psalm 95 one of the following three Psalms (100, 67 and 24) may be said. If the substituted Psalm occurs in the Office, Psalm 95 may be said in its place.

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the lands!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD is God!
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him, bless his name!

For the LORD is good;
his mercy endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!
The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.
God has blessed us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein;
for he has founded it upon the seas,
and established it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false,
and does not swear deceitfully.
He will receive blessing from the LORD,
and vindication from the God of his salvation.

Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Office of Readings

HYMN, Te Deum

You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free
you did not spurn the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death,
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

The following part of the hymn may be omitted.

V/. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.
R/. Govern and uphold them now and always.

V/. Day by day we bless you.
R/. We praise your name for ever.

V/. Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.
R/. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V/. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R/. for we put our trust in you.

V/. In you, Lord, is our hope:
R/. and we shall never hope in vain.

Morning Prayer

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

Lk 1:68-79

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people,

and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,
as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

that we should be saved from our enemies,
and from the hand of all who hate us;

to perform the mercy promised to our fathers,
and to remember his holy covenant,

the oath which he swore to our father Abraham,
to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

to give knowledge of salvation to his people
in the forgiveness of their sins,

through the tender mercy of our God,
when the day shall dawn upon us from on high

to give light to those who sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Glory to the Father.....

Evening Prayer

CANTICLE OF MARY

Lk 1:46-55

My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.

For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed;
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm,
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts,

he has put down the mighty from their thrones,
and exalted those of low degree;

he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent empty away.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his posterity for ever."

Glory to the Father.....

APPENDIX

Antiphons in honor of the Blessed Virgin

One of the antiphons in honor of Mary is said. Other hymns approved by the conference of bishops may be used.

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy,
our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve.
To you do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this exile
show to us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Or:

Loving mother of the Redeemer,
gate of heaven, star of the sea,
assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again.
To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator,
yet remained a virgin after as before.
You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting,
have pity on us poor sinners.

Or:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you!
Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the
fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of
God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of
our death.

Or:

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia,
has risen as he said, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!
For the Lord has truly risen alleluia

Or:

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia, quia
quem meruisti portare, alleluia,
resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia;
ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Gaude et latere, Virgo Maria, alleluia.
Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.

Or:

Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia caeli
porta manes, et stella maris, succurre cadenti,
surgere qui curat, populo: tu quae genuisti,
natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem,
Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore
sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.

Or:

Ave, Regina caelorum,
ave, Domina angelorum
salve, radix, salve, porta,
ex qua mundo lux est orta.
Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,
super omnes speciosa;
vale, o valde decora,
et pro nobis Christum exora.

Or:

Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae;
vita, dulcedo et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Evae.
Ad te suspiramus gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia ergo, advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos
ad nos converte.
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens, o pia, o dulcis Virgo Maria.

HYMNS

1. STAR OF SEA AND OCEAN

Star of sea and ocean, Gateway to God's haven, Mother of our Maker, Hear our prayer, O Maiden.

Welcoming the Ave, Gabriel's simple greeting, You have borne a Savior Far beyond all dreaming.

Loose the bonds that hold us Bound in sin's own blindness That with eyes now opened God's own light may guide us.

Show yourself our mother; He will hear your pleading Whom your womb has sheltered And whose hand brings healing.

Gentlest of all virgins, That our love be faithful Keep us from all evil, Gentle, strong, and grateful.

Guard us through life's dangers, Never turn and leave us. May our hope find harbor In the calm of Jesus.

Sing to God our Father Through the Son who saves us, Joyful in the Spirit, Everlasting praises. (Hours #298)

2. MAIDEN, YET A MOTHER

Maiden, yet a mother, Daughter of thy Son, High beyond all other, Lowlier is none; Thou the consummation Planned by God's decree, When our lost creation Nobler rose in thee!

Thus His place prepared, He Who all things made 'Mid His creatures tarried, In thy bosom laid; There His love He nourished Warmth that gave increase To the root whence flourished Our eternal peace.

Noon on Zion's mountain Is thy charity; Hope its living fountain Finds on earth in thee. Lady, such thy power, He who grace would buy Not as of thy dower, Without wings would fly.

Nor alone thou hearest, When thy name we hail; Often thou art nearest When our voices fail; Mirrored in thy fashion All creation's good Mercy might, compassion Grace thy womanhood.

Lady, lest our vision, Striving heavenward, fail, Still let thy petition With thy Son prevail, Unto Whom all merit, Power and majesty With the Holy Spirit And the Father be.

3. HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

Hail, holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria. Hail, Queen of mercy and of love, O Maria. Triumph, all ye Cherubim, Sing with us, ye Seraphim, Heaven and earth resound the hymn: Salve, Salve, Salve, Regina.

The cause of joy to all below, O Maria. The spring through which all graces flow, O Maria.

Angels, all your praises bring, Earth and heaven with us sing, All creation echoing: Salve.

O gentle, loving, holy one, O Maria. The God of light became your Son, O Maria. Triumph, all yet Cherubim, Sing with us, ye Seraphim, Heaven and earth resound the hymn: Salve.

4. IMMACULATE MARY

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing; You reign now in splendor with Jesus our King. Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria. Ave, Ave, Maria.

Predestined for Christ by eternal decree, God willed you both virgin and mother to be. Ave.

To you by an angel, the Lord God made known The grace of the Spirit, the gift of the Son. Ave. Most blest of all women, you heard and believed, Most blest in the fruit of your womb then conceived. Ave.

The angels rejoiced when you brought forth God's Son; Your Joy is the joy of all ages to come. Ave.

5. SANCTISSIMA

O sanctissima, O piissima, Dulcis virgo Maria! Mater amata, Intemerata, Ora, ore pro nobis.
Tu solatium Et refugium, Virgo mater Maria! Quidquid optamus, Per te speramus, Ora, ore pro nobis.

6. MARTYRS OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS

(Conrado Bueno, CMF)

Martyrs of the Church of Jesus;
Martyrs in Barbastro you died for Jesus' Kingdom.
Your blood is still running through our veins,
blood of pardon, forgiveness and love,
of hope unbroken.

Courageous and brave young Claretians!
We keep fresh in our memory your passion.
You are the inheritance of the Claretian family
that through you is already crowned in glory.

You were never afraid of cruel death.
Bravely singing you went to your torture;
not even bullets were able to detach you
from the love you professed for your Lord Jesus.

All the people who know of your great courage
draw from your strength and inspiration.
You proclaim by the shedding of your blood:
It's worth dying for the Lord and for his Kingdom.

7. LORD RENEW IN OUR CONGREGATION

Lord, renew in our Congregation
the Spirit that moved our Father St. Anthony Claret.

So that filled and strengthened by it
we may come to love what he loved
and put into practice what he taught us.

So that filled and strengthened by it
we may come to love what he loved
and put into practice what he taught us.
Amen

8. SONG FOR A YOUNG PROPHET

Oh the Word of my Lord,
Deep within my being,
Oh the Word of my Lord,
You have filled my mind.

Before I formed you in the womb,
I knew you through and through
I chose you to be mine. Before you left your mother's side
I called to you my child, to be my sign.

I know that you are very young, but he will make you strong.
I'll fill you with my Word,
And you will travel through the land,
Fulfilling my command, which you have heard.
And everywhere you are to go, my hand will follow you,
You will not be alone,
In all the danger you fear, you'll find me very near.
Your words my own.

9. BE NOT AFRAID

(BOB DUFFORD)

Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain

Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.

Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you
all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you!

10. A HYMN OF GRATITUDE

(Angel Ochagavia, CMF)

A hymn of gratitude to you O Lord, we sing;
you give us this vocation to bring your Word to the world.
Sons of Mary's burning Heart spread the Gospel to every land.
Missionaries like Claret are to day Servants of the Word.

In the past, at your command of bringing the Gospel every where,
our brothers traveled far and wide
eager to build in our land Christian communities,
sharing their lives sharing their Christ in dialogue of Life.

Let our commitment always be:
go to every place the call will be,
building up His kingdom here on earth,
preaching His law,
loving His church,
working for peace and truth.
Helping the poor, teaching the youth:
following Jesus Christ.

11. JESUS PASSED ALONG – Hymn to St. Anthony Mary Claret

- (E. Vicente Mateu (English Trans.: Jesus Vazquez, CMF)

Jesus passed along your path one morning,
and seeing you he called you by your name;
He would make you a witness of His kingdom,
you would bring the good news through-out His reign.
And you set out traversing seas and mountains,
to all you preached the message of the Lord;
You reached the farthest islands and their peoples,
showing them God's forgiveness and His love.

Claret!

You are a pilgrim, you are a sower,
the seed you scatter is the Good News,
you reach all colors and races;
there's only one Father only one Lord!

Claret!

Through your example we see our mission
we must be witnesses we must bring hope;
we want to follow your footsteps
and tell the people that God is love.

Your aim to spread the Gospel of your kingdom;
your life was filled with Jesus and His work;
and you brought Him to villages and peoples,
just like Mary her Son gave to the world.
We too will follow closely your example,
the new Claretian family of Christ;
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