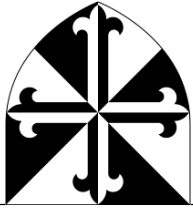


# Ceremonial for Reception and Profession



*In the Third Order of Penance of Saint Dominic*

2. In honour of Our Lady.

Sal-ve Re-gi-na, Ma-ter mi-se-ri-cordi-æ,  
 Vi-ta dul-cé-do et spes nostra, sal-ve. Ad-  
 te clamā-mus exsu-les fi-li-i He-væ. Ad te suspi-rā-  
 mus, gemēntes et flen-tes in hac lacrimā-rum val-le.  
 E-ja ergo advo-cā-ta nostra, il-los tu-os mi-se-ri-  
 cōr-des ōcu-los ad nos convēr-te. Et Je-sum  
 bene-di-ctum fructum ventris tu-i no-bis post hoc ex-  
 si-li-um o-stēde. O cle-mens, o pi-a, o  
 dulcis Virgo Ma-ri-a. T. P. Alle-lu-ia.

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The priest, dressed in the Cappa and white stole (or surplice and stole, if he be a secular priest), goes to the altar with a server carrying a candle and holy water. Two candles should be lighted on the altar, and the scapular to be blessed should be placed on the Epistle Side. The postulant(s) and novice(s) kneel, and the priest asks:

**Priest:** What do you seek?

**Novice and Postulant:** God's mercy and yours.

Now the priest may, if he wishes, give a short exhortation on the excellence or the duties of the Third Order; then, returning to the Epistle side of the altar, he blesses the habit as follows:

V. Ostende nobis, Domine,  
misericordiam tuam.

R. Et salutare tuum da nobis.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

OREMUS.

Domine Jesu Christe, qui tegimen mortalitatis nostrae induere dignatus es, obsecramus immensae largitatis tuae abundantiam, ut hoc genus vestimentorum, quod sancti Patres ad innocentiae et humilitatis indicium ferre sanxerunt, ita benedicere digneris, ut qui<sup>(1)</sup> hoc usus fuerit te induere mereatur, Christum Dominum Nostrum.  
R. Amen.

V. Show us thy mercy, O Lord.

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast deigned to put on the garment of our mortality, we beseech that in the abundance of Thy immense generosity Thou wouldst deign to bless this kind of garment, which the holy Fathers adopted to be worn as a sign of innocence and humility, so that he/she who wears it may be made worthy to put on Thee, Our Lord Christ.  
R. Amen.

<sup>1</sup> Italicised words and endings may be altered for masculine or feminine, singular or plural.

R. Qui fecit caelum et terram.

R. Who made heaven and earth.

The names of the newly professed, together with the names given them in the Order, as well as the place and date of Profession, should be entered in a book destined for this purpose, and a certificate of Profession should be given to the newly-professed.

**Ad libitum, after the ceremony:** (two antiphons from the Liturgy of the Friars Preachers).

1. In honour of our holy father Saint Dominic.

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lu-men Ec-clé-si-æ, Do-ctor ve-ri-tá-tis, Ro-sa pa-ti-én-ti-æ, E-bur casti-tá-tis, A-quam sa-pi-énti-æ pro-pi-násti gra-tis : Prædi-cá-tor grá-ti-æ, nos junde be-á-tis. T.P. Alle-lú-ia.

saeculorum.

R. Amen.

*For the newly professed.*

Odorem suavitatis sacrificii cordis

cum gratiarum actionibus suscipe,

quaesumus, Domine: et praesta, ut

*quem* per novitatum exaudire et

incolumem servare dignatus es, ab

omni in posterum animae et corporis

adversitate custodias, ut in tuo

servitio perseverans, in tuo amore

concrescat.

*For both :*

O God, qui renuntiantibus saeculo

mansiones paratas in caelo, dilata cor

famuli tui caelestibus bonis, ut

intercedente beato Dominico Patre

nostro, sic concordat vita *illius* cum

Poenitentiae nomine, ut professio

*illius* semper sentiat in opere. Per

Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

*The priest then sprinkles the novice(s) and newly professed with holy water,*

*saying:*

Benedictio Dei omnipotentis, Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti descendat

super te et maneat semper.

R. Amen.

*Then, he gives to the novice(s) a new name, and gives to each the badge of*

*the Order to wear.*

At baptism, you received the name of N.; in the Order, you will be known

as N.

*Finally, after giving the novices some further words of encouragement, if he*

*wishes, he turns towards the altar and says:*

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine

Domini.

V. Our help is in the name of the

*The priest here sprinkles the habit(s), and then the postulants, with holy*

*water, saying:*

Aspergat etiam te Dominus,

nostri jam nunc vestibus

induendum hyssopo, et

mundaris(*emini*); quatenus

mandatus et super nivem in

mentibus dealbatus, sic nostra

fortinsecus gerere valeas

indumenta; ut bonorum tuorum

operum exemplo, fias omnibus

quibuscum conversaberis, odor

vitae in vitam, ne forte, per mala

opera tua, vitperetur

ministerium nostrum.

R. Amen.

*The priest gives the postulant and/or novice a lighted candle. Then,*

*kneeling on the last step of the altar, he intones the Veni Creator; he rises*

*(together with everyone else) after the first stanza. The chant may be sung*

*by alternating choirs.*

VENI, Creator Spiritus,

mentes tuorum visita,

imple superna gratia

quae tu creasti pectora.

O comforter, to Thee we cry,

O heavenly gift of God Most High,

O fount of life and fire of love,

et spiritalis unctio.

and sweet anointing from above.

Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts art known;

Thou, finger of God's hand we own;

The promise of the Father, Thou

Who dost the tongue with power imbue.

Acende lumen sensibus:

Kindle our senses from above,

and make our hearts overflow with love;

infirma nostri corporis  
virtute firmans perpeti.

with patience firm and virtue high  
the weakness of our flesh supply.

Hostem repellas longius,  
pacemque dones protinus:  
ductore sic te praeviso  
vitemus omne noxium.

Far from us drive the foe we dread  
and grant to us Thy peace instead;  
and so shall we, with Thee for guide,  
avoid all harm our path beside.

Per te sciamus da Patrem,  
noscamus atque Filium;  
Teque utriusque Spiritum  
credamus omni tempore.

Oh, may Thy grace on us bestow  
the Father and the Son to know;  
and Thee, through endless times  
confessed,  
of both the eternal Spirit blest.

Sit laus Patri cum Filio,  
Sancto simul Paraclito,  
nobisque mittat Filius  
charisma Sancti Spiritus.  
Amen.

Now to the Father and the Son,  
Who rose from death, be glory given,  
with Thou, O Holy Comforter,  
henceforth by all in earth and heaven.  
Amen.

V. Emítte Spíritum túum et  
creabúntur.

V. Send forth Thy Spirit, and they  
shall be created.

R. Et renovábis fáciem térrae.

R. And Thou shalt renew the face  
of the earth.

V. Ora pro nobis, beate Pater  
Dominice.

V. Pray for us, O holy Father  
Dominic.

R. Ut digni efficiamur  
promissionibus Christi.

R. That we may be made worthy of  
the promises of Christ.

V. Laetamini in Domino et  
exultate, justi.

V. Rejoice in the Lord and exult, o  
ye just.

R. Et gloriámini, omnes recti  
corde.

R. And glory, all ye of upright  
heart.

V. Salvum fac servum tuum  
[ancilla tua/servos tuos].

V. Save your servant (handmaid/-s)

R. Deus meus, sperantem in te

R. O my God, who put their trust in  
Thee.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.  
Oremus.

R. And with thy spirit.

Deus, qui corda fidelium Sancti  
Spiritus illustratione docuisti: da

Let us pray.  
O God, Who didst instruct the

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.  
Oremus.

Deus, cujus misericordiae non est  
numerus, et bonitatis infinitus est  
thesaurus, tuae piissimae majestati  
pro collatis poenitentiae donis  
famulo tuo gratias agimus, tuam  
semper clementiam exorantes, ut qui  
petentibus postulata concedes,  
*eosdem* famulos tuos non deserens,  
ad majora obsequia tibi deferenda  
disponas.

*For the new novice:*

Deus qui *famulum tuum* a saeculi  
vanitate conversum ad bravium  
supernae vocationis accendis,  
gratiam ei qua in te perseveret  
infunde, ut intercedente Beato  
Dominico Patre nostro, cujus  
hodierna die poenitentiae Regulam  
animose amplexus est, sic ejusdem  
assiduus fiat aemulator ut quod, te  
donante, nunc incepit, te eodem  
auxilianter jugiter in sequentibus  
valeat adimplere.

Domine Jesu Christe, qui pro salute  
nostra humanam naturam  
suscipiens, te vestimento carnis  
induere dignatus es, infunde,  
quaesumus, benedictionem tuam  
sanctam in *hunc famulum tuum*  
quem indumentis poenitentiae  
vestivimus, ut tirociniis ejusdem  
poenitentialis Regulae feliciter  
expletis, te promovente, in  
mensuram aetatis plenitudinis tuae  
gaudens occurrat. Qui vivis et  
regnas per omnia saecula

R. And with thy spirit.  
Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies are without  
number, and the treasure of whose  
goodness is infinite, we give thanks  
to thy most gracious Majesty for the  
gifts of penance bestowed on thy  
servant, ever beseeching thy  
clemency that Thou who grantest  
the requests of those who ask Thee  
wilt never forsake this thy servant,  
but wilt dispose him to render Thee  
more perfect service.

*For the new novice:*

O God, who dost inflame Thy  
servant, converted from the vanity  
of the world, to strive for the prize  
of a heavenly vocation, pour into  
(him) grace in which (he) may  
persevere, so that by the intercession  
of our Blessed Father Saint  
Dominic, whose Rule of penance he  
has today willingly embraced, he  
may follow it so zealously as to  
fulfil, by Thy help, what by Thy  
grace he has today begun.  
O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast  
deigned to take on human nature,  
clothing thyself in a garment of  
flesh for our salvation, we beg Thee  
to pour Thy holy blessing upon this  
Thy servant whom we have clothed  
in the garments of penance, so that  
having happily completed the  
cadetship of this Rule of penance, he  
may, by Thy promotion, joyfully  
arrive at the measure of the age of  
thy fullness. Who livest and  
reignest...

hearts of the faithful by the light of  
 the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same  
 Spirit to relish what is right and  
 ever to rejoice in His consolation.  
 Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty  
 God, that thy servant(s) who is (are)  
 weighed down by the burden of  
 (his) sins may, being clothed in  
 these garments of penance, be lifted  
 up by the patronage of blessed  
 Dominic, our Father, thy Confessor.  
 Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty  
 God, that the example of the Saints  
 of our Order may help and inspire  
 this thy servant (handmaid) to a  
 better life, so that (he) who desires  
 to wear their sacred habit of  
 penance may also imitate their  
 virtuous actions.  
 Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty  
 God, that thy servant(s) who is (are)  
 weighed down by the burden of  
 (his) sins may, being about to  
 profess this rule of penance, be  
 lifted up by the patronage of  
 blessed Dominic, our Father, thy  
 Confessor.

nobis in eodem Spiritu recta  
 sapere; et de eius semper  
 consolatione gaudere.  
*For the postulant(s).*  
 Concede, quaesumus,  
 omnipotens Deus, ut *famuli* tui  
 qui peccatorum suorum pondere  
 premittur, his indutus  
 poenitentiae vestimentis beati  
 Dominici Confessoris tui Patris  
 nostri patrocinium subleventur.  
 Concede, quaesumus,  
 omnipotens Deus, ut ad  
 meliorem vitam Sanctorum  
 Ordinis nostri exempla hunc  
*famulum* tuum succurrant et  
 provocent, quatenus, quorum  
 sacram poenitentiae vestem  
 gerere cupit etiam virtutum  
 actiones imitentur.  
*For the novice(s).*  
 Concede, quaesumus,  
 omnipotens Deus, ut *famuli* tui  
 qui peccatorum suorum pondere  
 premittur, hanc poenitentiae  
 Regulam professurus beati  
 Dominici Confessoris tui Patris  
 nostri patrocinium subleventur.  
 Concede, quaesumus,  
 omnipotens Deus, ut ad  
 meliorem vitam Sanctorum  
 Ordinis nostri exempla hunc  
*famulum* tuum succurrant et  
 provocent, quatenus poenitentiae  
 Regulam quam professurus est  
 valeat eorum meritis et  
 intercessionibus adimplere.

be our Judge.  
*We beseech Thee, therefore, to help  
 Thy servants whom Thou hast  
 redeemed with Thy Precious Blood.*  
 Make them to be numbered with  
 Thy Saints in everlasting glory.  
 Save Thy people, O Lord, and bless  
 Thine inheritance!  
 Govern them, and raise them up  
 forever.  
 Every day we thank Thee,  
 And we praise Thy Name forever,  
 ya, forever and ever.  
 O Lord, deign to keep us from sin  
 this day.  
 Have mercy on us, O Lord, have  
 mercy on us.  
 Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us,  
 for we have hoped in Thee.  
 O Lord, in Thee I have hoped; let  
 me never be put to shame.  
*At the end of the Te Deum:*  
 V. Let us bless the Father, and the  
 Son, and the Holy Ghost.  
 R. Let us praise and exalt Him  
 above all forever.  
 V. Pray for us, o holy Father  
 Dominic.  
 R. That we may be made worthy of  
 the promises of Christ.  
 V. Be to him, O Lord, a tower of  
 strength.  
 R. From the face of the enemy.  
 V. The Lord be with you.

*All kneel for the following verse:*  
 Te ergo quaesumus, tuis famulis  
 subveni: quos pretioso sanguine  
 redemisti.  
 Aeterna fac cum sanctis tuis in  
 gloria numerari.  
 Salvum fac populum tuum, Domine,  
 et benedic hereditati tuae.  
 Et rege eos, et extolle illos usque in  
 aeternum.  
 Per singulos dies benedicimus te.  
 Et laudamus nomen tuum in  
 saeculum, et in saeculum saeculi.  
 Dignare, Domine, die isto sine  
 peccato nos custodire.  
 Miserere nostri, Domine, miserere  
 nostri.  
 Fiat misericordia tua, Domine, super  
 nos, quemadmodum speravimus in  
 te.  
 In te, Domine, speravi: non  
 confundar in aeternum.  
*At the end of the Te Deum:*  
 V. Benedicamus Patrem, et Filium,  
 cum Sancto Spiritu.  
 R. Laudemus et superexaltemus in  
 saecula.  
 V. Ora pro nobis, beate Pater  
 Domine.  
 R. Ut digni efficiamur  
 promissionibus Christi.  
 V. Esto ei Domine, turris  
 fortitudinis.  
 R. A facie inimici.  
 V. Dominus vobiscum.

Praetende Domine *famulo* tuo  
dexteram caelestis auxilii, ut te  
toto corde perquirat et quae  
digne postulat assequatur.  
Per Christum Dominum  
nostrum.  
R. Amen.

Stretch forth, O Lord, to thy  
servant(s) the right hand of  
heavenly assistance, so that (he)  
may seek Thee with his whole heart  
and obtain what (he) worthily asks  
for, through Christ, our Lord.  
R. Amen.

*At the end of the prayers, priest gives to the postulant (to each separately, if there be several), the scapular, saying:*

Accipe sancti Ordinis nostri  
Scapulare, potissimum  
praedicatoriae nostrae vestis partem,  
maternum de caelo Beatissimae  
Virginis Mariae in nos amoris  
pignus; sub cuius pennis et scapula  
erit tibi umbraculum ab aestu, et ab  
omnibus tam corporis quam animae  
periculis in morte propugnaculum et  
munimen.  
R. Amen.

Receive the Scapular of our holy  
Order, the principal part of our  
preaching habit, a maternal pledge  
from heaven of the Most Blessed  
Virgin Mary's love for us. Under  
her wings and shoulders you will  
find shade from the heat and from  
all dangers of body as well as of  
soul, in the hour of death, a bulwark  
and defence.  
R. Amen.

*The novice, on his knees and holding the lit candle in one hand and the book of the Rule in the other, pronounces distinctly the formula of his profession:*

**To the honour of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of Saint Dominic, I, Brother (Sister) \_\_\_\_\_, in your presence, Father \_\_\_\_\_, profess and declare that I wish henceforth to live according to the constitutions and way of life of the Brothers and Sisters of the Order of Penance of Saint Dominic, until death.**

*Afterwards, the priest gives the newly professed the kiss of peace (for Sisters, he gives them the hem of his scapular or stole to kiss); then, turning towards the Altar, he intones the Te Deum, which is sung or recited by alternating choirs.*

TE DEUM laudamus: te Dominum  
confitemur.  
Te aeternum Patrem omnis terra  
veneratur.  
Tibi omnes Angeli; tibi Caeli et  
universae Potestates;  
Tibi Cherubim et Seraphim  
incessabili voce proclamant:  
Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus  
Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra maiestatis  
gloriae tuae.  
Te gloriosus Apostolorum chorus,  
Te Prophetarum laudabilis numerus,  
Te Martyrum candidatus laudat  
exercitus.  
Te per orbem terrarum sancta  
confitetur Ecclesia,  
Patrem immensae maiestatis:  
Venerandum tuum verum et unicum  
Filius;  
Sanctum quoque Paraclitum  
Spiritus.  
Tu Rex gloriae, Christe.  
Tu Patris sempiternus es Filius.  
  
Tu ad liberandum suscepturus  
hominem, non horruisti Virginis  
uterum.  
Tu, devicto mortis aculeo, aperuisti  
credentibus regna caelorum.  
  
Tu ad dexteram Dei sedes, in gloria  
Patris.  
Iudex crederis esse venturus.

O GOD, we praise Thee: we  
acknowledge Thee as Lord.  
Everlasting Father, all the earth doth  
worship Thee.  
To Thee all the Angels, the Heavens  
and all the Powers,  
All the Cherubim and Seraphim,  
unceasingly proclaim:  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of  
Hosts!  
Heaven and earth are full of the  
Majesty of Thy glory.  
The glorious choir of the Apostles,  
the wonderful company of Prophets,  
The white-robed army of Martyrs,  
praise Thee.  
Holy Church throughout the world  
doth acknowledge Thee:  
The Father of infinite Majesty;  
Thy adorable, true and only Son;  
  
And the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.  
O Christ, Thou art the King of  
glory!  
Thou art the everlasting Son of the  
Father.  
Thou, having taken it upon Thyself  
to deliver man, didst not disdain the  
Virgin's womb.  
Thou hast overcome the sting of  
death and opened to believers the  
Kingdom of Heaven.  
Thou dost sit at the right hand of  
God, in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that Thou shalt come to