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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. The novice(s) kneel, and the priest asks:

Priest: What do you seek?

Novice: 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;

The priest gives the 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.

COME, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
and in our souls take up Thy rest;
come with Thy grace and heavenly aid
to fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

Qui Paraclitus diceris,
donum Dei altissimi,
fons vivus, ignis, caritas,
et spiritalis unctio.

O comforter, to Thee we cry,
O heavenly gift of God Most High,
O fount of life and fire of love,
and sweet anointing from above.

Tu, septiformis munere,
dextrae Dei tu digitus,
Tu rite promissum Patris,
sermone ditans guttura.

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.

Accende lumen sensibus:
infunde amorem cordibus:
infirma nostri corporis
virtute firmans perpeti.

Kindle our senses from above,
and make our hearts o'erflow with love;
with patience firm and virtue high
the weakness of our flesh supply.

Hostem repellas longius,
pacemque dones protinus:

Far from us drive the foe we dread
and grant to us Thy peace instead;

ductore sic te praevio
vitemus omne noxium.

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

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

V. Emítte Spíritum túum et
creabúntur.
R. Et renovábis fáciem térrae.
V. Ora pro nobis, beate Pater
Dominice.
R. Ut digni efficiamur
promissionibus Christi.
V. Laetamini in Domino et
exultate, justi.
R. Et gloriámini, omnes recti
corde.
V. *Salvum fac servum tuum*
[*ancilla tua/servos tuos*].
R. Deus meus, sperantem in te
V. Dominus vobiscum.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.
Oremus.
Deus, qui corda fidelium Sancti
Spiritus illustratione docuisti: da
nobis in eodem Spiritu recta
sapere; et de eius semper
consolatione gaudere.

and so shall we, with Thee for guide,
avoid all harm our path beside.

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.

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. Send forth Thy Spirit, and they
shall be created.
R. And Thou shalt renew the face
of the earth.
V. Pray for us, O holy Father
Dominic.
R. That we may be made worthy of
the promises of Christ.
V. Rejoice in the Lord and exult, o
ye just.
R. And glory, all ye of upright
heart.
V. Save your servant (handmaid/-s)
R. O my God, who put their trust in
Thee.
V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.
O God, Who didst instruct the
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.

For the novice(s).
Concede, quaesumus,
omnipotens Deus, ut *famuli tui*
qui peccatorum suorum pondere
premitur, hanc poenitentiae
Regulam professurus beati
Dominici Confessoris tui Patris
nostri patrocinium subleventur.

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.

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.

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 is about
to profess their rule of penance may
be able to fulfil it by their merits
and intercession.

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.

*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
Filium;

Sanctum quoque Paraclitum
Spiritum.

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.

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

Tu ad dexteram Dei sedes, in gloria Patris.

Iudex crederis esse venturus.

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 Dominice.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

V. Esto ei Domine, turris

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 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, yea, 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

fortitudinis.

R. A facie inimici.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

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 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 concreseat.

For both :

Deus, qui renuntiantibus saeculo mansiones paras 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 sentiatur in opere. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

strength.

R. From the face of the enemy.

V. The Lord be with you.

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 newly professed.

Receive, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the sweet odour of our heart's sacrifice and thanksgiving, and vouchsafe to guard henceforward from all evil of soul and body him whom Thou hast kept safe throughout his novitiate, that persevering in Thy service he may grow in Thy love.

For both :

O God, who dost prepare mansions in heaven for those who forsake the world, dilate the heart of Thy servant with heavenly blessings, that, by the intercession of blessed Dominic, our Father, his life may so agree with the name of penance that his profession may always be manifest in his works. Through

Christ, our Lord. 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.

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 Lord.

R. Qui fecit caelum et terram.

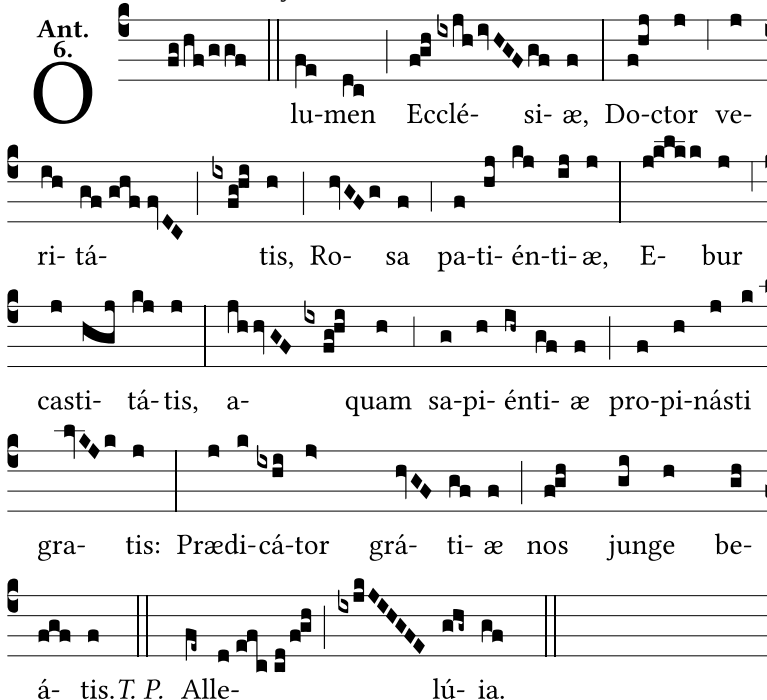
R. Who made heaven and earth.

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.

Ant.
6.



O lu-men Ecclé-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 junge be-
á-tis. *T. P.* Alle-lú-ia.

Ant.
1.

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al- ve, Re- gí- na, ma-ter mi-se-ri-

córdi- æ: Vi- ta, dul- cé- do, et spes

nostra, sal- ve. Ad te clamá-mus éxsul-es

fi-li i He- væ. Ad te suspi-ra- mus, geméntes et

flen- tes In hac lacrimá-rum val- le. E-ia, ergo,

advo-cá- ta nostra, il-los tu- os mi-se-ri-cór-

des ócu-los ad nos convér- te; Et Je-sum,

bene-díc- tum fructum ventris tu- i, No- bis post

hoc exsí- li- um os- ténde. O cle- mens, O

pi- a, O dulcis Virgo Ma-ri- a.- T.P.

Al-le- lú- ia.

In honour of Our Lady.