

The Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta
Federal Association
United States of America

Solemn Liturgy of Investiture

Saturday, the Thirteenth of March Two Thousand Twenty One Three O'Clock in the afternoon

Saint Bridget Catholic Church Richmond, Virginia

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout Bishop of the Diocese of Richmond, Presider



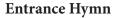
Votive Mass of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Venerated as the Patroness of the Order
Under the Title of
Our Lady of Philermos

ORDER OF THE LITURGY

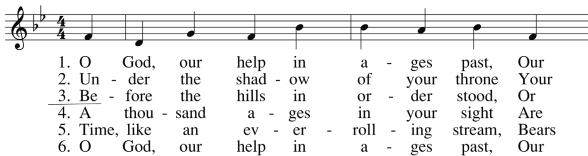
Prelude

Allegro from an Organ Concerto - George Frideric Handel

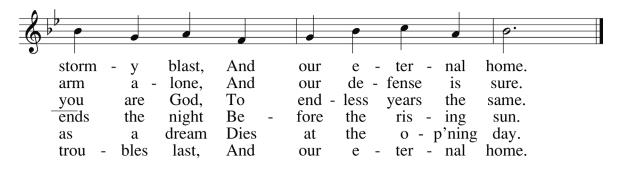




O God, Our Help in Ages Past







Text: Psalm 90; Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Tune: ST. ANNE, CM; attr. to William Croft, 1678–1727; harm. composite from 18th C. versions

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting

Act of Penitence

Collect Please be seated

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Micah 5:1-4

Proclaimed by: Michael Denton, KM



O shepherd of Israel, hear us, enthroned on the cherubim, shine forth.

Rouse up your might and come to save us. R.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore; look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted, the son of man you have claimed for yourself. R.

May your hand be on the man at your right hand,

the son of man you have confirmed as your own.

And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name. R.

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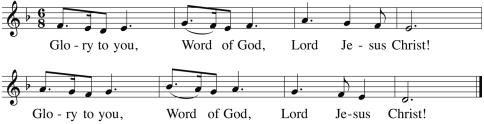
Second Reading

Proclaimed by: Arn Manella, KM

Romans 8:28-30

Please stand

Acclamation before the Gospel



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Gospel *Matthew 1:18-23*

Please be seated

Homily Bishop Barry C. Knestout

RITE OF INVESTITURE

Veni Creator Spiritus Please stand

Veni, creator spiritus, Mentes tuorum visita, Imple superna gratia Quae tu creasti pectora.

Qui diceris paraclitus, Altissimi donum dei, Fons vivus, ignis, caritas, Et spiritalis unctio.

Tu septiformis munere, Digitus paternae dexterae, Tu rite promissum patris Sermone ditans guttura.

Accende lumen sensibus, Infunde amorem cordibus, Infirma nostri corporis Virtute firmans perpeti.

Hostem repellas longius, Pacemque dones protinus; Ductore sic te praevio Vitemus omne noxium.

Per te sciamus da patrem, Noscamus atque filium, Teque utriusque spiritum Credamus omni tempore.

Deo patri sit gloria Et filio qui a mortuis Surrexit, ac paraclito In saeculorum saecula. Amen. Creator Spirit, come and visit the souls that are yours; fill with heavenly grace the hearts

that you created.

You are called by the names of Paraclete, gift of God's most high, spring of life, fire, love, and the soul's anointing.

Seven gifts are yours to give. You are the finger of the Father's right hand. You, the clear promise of the Father, give men's tongues the grace of speech.

Kindle a light in our minds, pour love into our hearts and uphold with your unfailing strength the frailty of our human nature.

Drive our enemy far from us and give us always the gift of peace; so may it be that, with your grace ever guiding us in this way, we may avoid all that is sinful.

Grant that through you we may know the Father and the Son, and may we ever believe you to be the Spirit of both the Father and the Son.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, who rose from the dead, and to the Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

Authorization Please be seated

Louise Hartz, DM - Hospitaller

I have the honor to announce and proclaim that His Excellency, Fra' Marco Luzzago, the Lieutenant of the Grand Master of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta, and the Sovereign Council have approved the admission to membership in the Third Class of the Order of those assembled here today to be invested.

We request that the insignia of the Order to be conferred upon this new member now be blest.

Blessing of the Insignia

Please stand

Bishop: Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

Emitte Spiritum tuum et creabuntur.

All: And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Et renovabis faciem terrae.

Bishop: O Lord, hear my prayer.

Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

All: And let my cry come unto you.

Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

Dominus vobiscum.

All: And with your spirit.

Et cum spiritu tuo.

Bishop: Let us pray.

Oremus.

God our Father, through the suffering, death and resurrection of your Son, the cross has become for us a sign of life. Pour down your blessing on this Cross which you have created. May those who wear them be blest. Let them learn that the yoke of the Lord is not oppressive, and that his burden is light. Let these Crosses ever be a reminder of our Faith, an inspiration to good works, a help to salvation, a comfort and a protection against all evil.

Deus, Pater noster, per Filii tui passionem, mortem et resurrectionem, crux facta est nobis signum vitae. Tuam benedictionem ★ effunde super has cruces quas creavisti, sintque benedicti omnes qui illas gerunt. Cognoscant iugum Domini suave esse eiusque onus leve. Sint hae cruces semper in fidei nostrae memoriam, ad opera bona incitamentum, ad salutem subsidium, et contra omne malum solatium et tutamen.

All: Amen

Convocation of New Member

Please be seated

Hospitaller: John McCulla, who is to be invested, please present yourself.

New Knight stands and remains in place.

Interlocution

Principal: John McCulla, what do you desire?

New Member: I ask the mercy of God, and to be received into the Sovereign Military

Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta.

Principal: What you request is a grave and serious matter. You wish to become a member of

> our Order, to achieve Christian perfection, and to practice the love of your neighbor. So, let us first implore the mercy of God and the intercession of our

patrons and of all the saints and angels.

We ask His Excellency for a special blessing on John McCulla, who is being

invested today.

We ask the general assembly to remain seated at this time.

The congregation remains seated

Bishop: Let us pray.

O God, look graciously down on this your servant who wishes to

follow our Lord Jesus Christ in our Order. Instill your grace in his heart and in our hearts. Let us not take false pride in our membership, but rather let us be

humble in your service.

New Member: Amen

The Bishop is seated, and the ceremony continues.

Principal: Reception in our Order, which you ask, belongs only to those who commit

themselves to follow the banner of Christ.

So I ask you: Are you ready to follow the banner of Christ, and of the Order, to witness and defend the Catholic Faith, and to do works of charity, as the Order

requires?

New Member: I, John McCulla, promise, calling on the name of God, in chivalrous fidelity, always

> to bear witness to the Catholic Faith, to defend the Church, and to lead my life in accordance with the teachings of Holy Mother Church. I declare myself ready as a member of the Order of Malta to care for our lords the sick and the poor with all my strength and ability. I also declare myself ready to obey the Constitution, the statutes, and the Rule of the Order, and to fulfill with fidelity and diligence whatever the Order and my superiors impose on me. To all this, so help me God, our Lady of Philermos, Saint John the Baptist our glorious patron, Blessed

Fra' Gerard our founder, and all the Saints of our Order. You here present I also

call to witness my commitment.

Principal: We are most pleased to hear your promise of commitment. We accept you as a

> confrère among our number, as servants of our lords the sick and the poor, and as witnesses of the Faith and defenders of the Church. We give you all the rights appropriate to your membership and rank in the Sovereign Order of Malta.

Principal:

We have given you the garment of our Order. Wear it as the armor of God and as the mark of being a member of our Order, so that it may be for you the robe of salvation.

With wisdom you should look to the past, confront the present, and prepare yourself for the future.

With righteousness you should deal with public and private matters.

With strength you should demonstrate at every opportunity a greatness of spirit.

Hold yourself aloof from avarice and a desire for wealth, lest you endanger your eternal possession of heaven.

Behold the cross, and Christ our crucified Lord and King. For our sake he carried the cross and died on it, to free us from the burden of sin and to gain for us life. Whoever wishes to belong to him and to serve him, must take up his cross and follow him.

Behold the sword, the symbol of the readiness of your predecessors in this chivalric order, even at the risk of their own lives, to defend the Faith and to protect widows, children, the helpless and the needy.

What more do you desire?

New member: I ask for the Cross of the Order.

The Principal holds his own Cross to be seen.

Principal:

Brother, we give you this Cross of the Order, this sign of Christ's passion, of his love for all. Let it always inspire you in the love of your neighbor. Cherish and defend the Cross. Should it ever happen that, in the battle for Christ and his Church, you turn your back on this Cross or desert it, then, in accordance with the ancient custom of our Order, this holy symbol must justly be taken from you, and you must be expelled from our community.

Investing with the Cross of the Order

Principal:

In the name of His Most Eminent Highness, the Prince and Grand Master, and of the Sovereign Council, and by virtue of the power delegated to me, I invest you in the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta.

I ask the Hospitaller to present the new member for investiture.

As his name is called, John McCulla presents himself to the Principal to receive the Cross of the Order. He then exchanges greetings with the Bishop and returns by way of the main aisle to his place in the pews.

Music at the Investiture

Chant with soft organ

Jesu dulcis memoria Jesu dulcis amor Salve Regina Jesu decus angelicum Universal Prayer Please stand

Read by Mrs. Frances Scott, DGD

Bishop: Dear friends,

let us direct our common prayers to our Lord and God,

through the intercession

of the most holy Virgin of Philermos,

of Saint John the Baptist, of Blessed Fra' Gerard, and of all the Saints.

Reader: For the holy Catholic Church:

that our Lord and God may confirm and protect her;

together with our Holy Father, Pope Francis,

with our Bishop Knestout, and with all the bishops, clergy, and religious;

and with the holy People of God.

Lord, hear us.

All Present: Lord, graciously hear us.

Reader: For the order of Saint John of Jerusalem:

that our Lord may guide and lead Fra' Marco,

the lieutenant of the Grand Master,

and His Sovereign Council in their responsibility of

spiritual leadership and governance.

Lord, hear us.

All Present: Lord, graciously hear us.

Reader: For the Prelate and the chaplains of our Order:

that they may be filled, like Saint John the Baptist,

with constancy, strength, and zeal.

Lord, hear us.

All Present: Lord, graciously hear us.

Reader: For the flourishing of our Order,

for its officers and members, auxiliaries and volunteers, and for the members

of the Alliance Orders of Saint John:

that we may always be faithful to our vocation.

Lord, hear us.

All Present: Lord, graciously hear us.

Reader: For the Knights and Dames and Chaplains

who today have been invested in the Order of Malta:

that God may strengthen their faith, renew their hope in eternal salvation, and increase their love of neighbor in the spirit of the Order of Saint John.

Lord, hear us.

All Present: Lord, graciously hear us.

Reader: For those members of the Order and their families

who are sick,

for the families of all members of the Order,

and for our beloved Malades:

that they may have God's special grace

on their pilgrimage in life.

Lord, hear us.

All Present: Lord, graciously hear us.

Reader: For all the deceased members of the Order,

especially all those who have died

during the past year,

that, accompanied by the angels, our patron Saint John the Baptist may lead them into everlasting life

Lord, hear us.

All Present: Lord, graciously hear us.

Reader: For all those

who are suffering persecution or exploitation of any sort: that the grace of God

and the intercession of Our Blessed Mother will aid and comfort them in their trials.

Lord, hear us.

All Present: Lord, graciously hear us.

Bishop: Almighty Father,

penetrate our hearts with the strength of your spirit

and the hearts of all people

with the noble spirit of Christian knighthood,

that we, with courage and firmness,

may be ready to stand up for justice and truth,

to care for the infirm,

and to defend those who need protection,

through Christ our Lord.

All Present: Amen.

Please be seated.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar and Offerings

Ave Verum - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Please kneel

Prayer over the Offerings

Preface Please stand

Preface Acclamation



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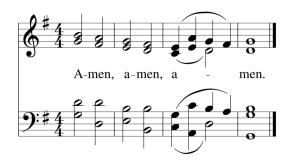
The Eucharistic Prayer

Memorial Acclamation

When we this Bread and drink this Cup, eat pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain. we

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Doxology and Great Amen



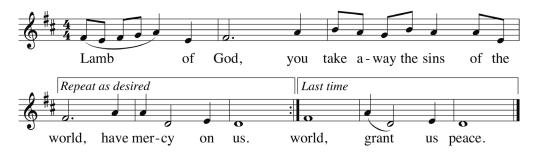
THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Please stand

The Rite of Peace

Breaking of the Bread



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Please kneel





Father, We Thank You, Who Have Planted



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Post-Communion Hymn

Panis Angelicus - Cesar Franck

Prayer after Communion

Please stand

Please remain standing for the Concluding Rites.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Anthem of the Order

adauge gratiam.

Ave Crux Alba (Hail White Cross)
Hail, thou White Cross, standard of greatest devotion,
Hail, thou White Cross, only hope of our salvation,
Inflame the hearts of the faith fol with increased

grace,

Ut omnia vincat tuorum ardens caritas,

Ave Crux Alba summae pietatis signum, Ave Crux Alba, salutis nostrae sola spes,

Ut omnia vincat tuorum ardens caritas.

Corda fidelium inflamma adauge gratiam,

increased grace,
That ardent love may conquer all your creation.

Daily Prayer of the Order

Lord Jesus, Thou hast seen fit to enlist me for Thy service in the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem.

I humbly entreat Thee through the intercession of the most holy virgin of Philermos, of Saint John the Baptist, of Blessed Fra' Gerard, and of all the saints, to keep me faithful to the traditions of our Order.

Be it mine to practice and defend the catholic, the apostolic, the Roman faith against sacrilege. Be it mine to practice charity towards my neighbors, especially the poor and the sick.

Give me the strength I need to carry out this my resolve, forgetful of myself, learning ever from Thy holy gospel a spirit of deep and generous Christian devotion, striving ever to promote God's glory, the world's peace, and all that may benefit the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem.

Amen.

Solemn Blessing and Dismissal

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

Dominus vobiscum

All Present: And with your spirit.

Et cum spiritu tuo.

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Sit nomen Domini benedictum.

All Present: Now and forever.

Ex hoc nunc et usque in saeculum.

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Adiutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

All Present: Who made heaven and earth.

Qui fecit caelum et terram.

Bishop: May almighty God bless you,

the Father, ♣ and the Son, ♣ and the Holy ♣ Spirit.

Benedicat vos ornnipotens Deus,

▶ Pater, et ▶ Filius, et ▶ Spiritus Sanctus.

All Present: Amen.

Deacon: The Mass is ended. Go in peace.

Ite, missa est.

All Present: Thanks be to God.

Deo gratias.

The Newly invested Knight recesses after the Cross, Sword, and Flags. All other Dames and Knights stay in place and then join the recessional <u>after</u> the Celebrant recesses.

Recessional Hymn

Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned Above



Text: Salve, Regina, mater misericordia; c.1080; tr. Roman Hymnal, 1884; st. 2–3, adapt. by M. Owen Lee, CSB, b.1930 Tune: SALVE REGINA COELITUM, 8 4 8 4 777 4 5; Choralmelodien zum Heiligen Gesänge, 1808; harm. by Healey Willan, 1880–1968

The Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta

Although the Order of Malta traces its origins to a hospice for pilgrims established in Jerusalem in the last half of the 11 th century, it celebrates 1099 as its official establishment. By a Bull of 15 February 1113 Pope Paschal II approved the fraternity "of The Hospital of Saint John" recognizing it as a religious institute of the Church. For centuries communities of monastics had followed one of several common rules such as the Basilians in the East and the Benedictines and Augustinians in the West, but the monasteries for the most part were autonomous in their governance. With a centralized administration and government, and all members answering to one head, this fraternity of Hospitallers of Saint John was in effect the first religious 'order' in the modem sense of that word, although that term and concept did not come into common usage in the Church until some years later.

Although a religious order, many members were knights who had laid down their swords to do hospitaller work. Within a generation, circumstances forced the knights again to take up arms to defend the pilgrims. The Hospitallers, as they were then known, helped defend the Holy Lands for almost 200 years. After the fall in 1291 of Acre, the last significant Christian holding in the Holy Land, they moved to Cyprus and in 1310 to Rhodes. Forced out by the arms of the Ottoman Turks in 1523, they moved to Malta in 1530, where they remained until Napoleon Bonaparte took the islands in 1798. In 1834 it established its extraterritorial headquarters in Rome from which it has since carried out its historic mission to help the sick and the poor.

The Order, from its beginnings and at all times in its history, has emphasized help to "our lords the sick and the poor". It developed the concept of modern hospitals and was a leader in medical science. Today it is operating in more than 120 countries with established hospitals, clinics, medical and social programs, as well as disaster relief in the case of armed conflicts and natural disasters. During its over 900 years of service it has cared for people of all beliefs: Muslim, Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Roma, and others.

The Order is recognized under international law as a sovereign entity. The fact that it has accredited diplomatic missions in more than 103 countries assists its humanitarian works. It also has official missions to major European countries as well as to European and international organizations.

The Order relies on the involvement of its 13,000 members, as well as approximately 80,000 trained volunteers and 25,000 qualified staff, the majority of whom are medical personnel.

During more than 900 years, the varying fortunes of the Order have presented an epic story. Twice the Order seemed in immediate danger of eclipse: first, following the fall of Rhodes, and second, when the Knights withdrew from Malta under the guns of the French Republic. Yet today the Order is more vigorous and flourishing than ever. Although the great fleets and fortresses of the past are no longer a part of the life of the Order, its name is known and respected in all countries of the world for its hospitaller activities. The number of members now is greater than in the days of its military grandeur.

The white eight-pointed Maltese Cross stands out everywhere as a symbol of charity towards mankind and as a comfort and consolation to the sick and the poor. The Order stands ready to meet the challenges of the modern age in the same spirit of selflessness and devotion that inspired its founders more than 900 years ago. As direct successors of the earlier defenders of Christianity, a Knight, Dame or Chaplain of Malta holds a high honor in the Church which carries with it the responsibility to maintain the inherited tradition and obligation to defend the Faith and Christian values and to provide, as did their noble predecessors of old, aid and assistance to the sick and the poor.



Acknowledgments:

Special thanks to all those who gathered here for this celebration, especially
Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout, Conventual Chaplain *ad honorem*, for presiding;
Reverend Monsignor William H. Carr, Pastor of Saint Bridget Catholic Church and
Associate Chaplain of the Richmond Region of the Federal Association of the Order of Malta;
Reverend Stefan Migac, Associate Chaplain of the Richmond Region
of the Federal Association of the Order of Malta;

Mr. Gregory J. Granitto, KM;

Reverend Sean Prince, Priest Secretary to the Bishop and Director of the Office of Worship; Mrs. Vy Barto, Administrative Assistant, Office of Worship;

Mr. Allen Bean, Minister of Music and Organist;

Sara Zoeller, Cantor;

the Ministers of the Word;

the Ministers of Hospitality;

the staff of Saint Bridget Catholic Church;

and all those whose ministry contributed to the beauty and order of the Liturgy.

The Investiture Committee would also like to thank our Knights and Dames, uniformed Auxiliaries, and Volunteers, for their service today during the Investiture.

The Rite of Investiture is in accordance with the *Ceremonial of Investiture into the Third Class of the Order of Malta* as approved by the Grand Master and Sovereign Council on 6 December 2001.

For more information about the Order of Malta, please visit www.orderofmaltafederal.org