

16. Consecration to a Life of Virginity

The readings are taken in whole or in part from the Mass of the day or from the texts listed below.

Reading from the Old Testament

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1. **Genesis 12:1-42** Leave your country, your family, and come.
2. **1 Samuel 3 :1-10** Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.
3. **I Kings 19:4-9a, 11-15a** Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord
4. **I Kings 19:16b, 19-21** Elisha left and followed Elijah
5. **Song of Songs 2:8-14** Rise, my love, and come.
6. **Song of Songs 8: 6-7** Love is as strong as death.
7. **Isaiah 44 : 1-5** One shall say, I am the Lord's.
8. **Isaiah 61: 9-11** I exult for joy in the Lord.
9. **Jeremiah 31 : 31-37** A new covenant.
10. **Hosea 2:14,19-20 (Hebrew: 16,21-22)** I will betroth you to myself for ever.

Reading from the New Testament

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1. **Acts 2:42-47** All those who believe were equal and held everything in common.
2. **Acts 4:32-35** One heart and one soul.
3. **Romans 6:3-11** Let us walk in newness of life.
4. **Romans 12:1-13** Offer your bodies as a living, holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God.
5. **1 Corinthians 1;22-31** To many, preaching a crucified Christ is madness; to us it is the power of God.
6. **1 Corinthians 7:25-35** An unmarried woman can devote herself to the Lord's work.
7. **Ephesians 1:3-14** The Father chose us in Christ to be holy and spotless in love.

8. **Philippians 2:1-4** Be united in your convictions and in your love.
9. **Philippians 3:8-14** I look on everything as useless if only I can know Christ.
10. **Colossians 3:1-4** Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are of the earth.
11. **Colossians 3:12-17** Above everything, have love for each other because that is the bond of perfection.
12. **1 Thessalonians 4:1-3a, 7-12** What God wants is for you to be holy.
13. **1 Peter 1:3-9** You have not seen the Christ, yet you love Him.
14. **1 John 4:7-16** As long as we love one another, God will live in us.
15. **Revelation 3:14b, 20-22** I will share a meal side by side with him.
16. **Revelation 22:12-14,16-17, 20** Come, Lord Jesus!

Responsorial Psalm

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1. **Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6**
R. (6) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.
2. **Psalm 27:1, 4, 5, 8b-9abc, 9d, and 11**
R. (8b) I long to see your face, O Lord.
3. **Psalm 33:2-3, 4-5, 11-12, 13-14, 18-19, 20-21**
R. (12b) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.
4. **Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9**
or: **Psalm 34:10-11, 12-13, 14-15, 17 and 19**
R. (2a) I will bless the Lord at all times.
or: R (9a) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
5. **Psalm 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 12**
R. (8a and 9a) Here am I, Lord: I come to do your will.
6. **Psalm 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17**
R (**Matthew 25:6**) The bridegroom is here; let us go out to meet Christ the Lord.
7. **Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9**
R (2b) My soul is thirsting for you, O lord my God.

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8. **Psalm 84:3,4,5-6a and 8a, 11, 12**
R (2) How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!
9. **Psalm 100:2, 3, 4, 5**
R (2c) Come with joy into the presence of the Lord.

Alleluia Verse and Verse before the Gospel

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1. **Psalm 133: 1** See how good it is, how pleasant, that all live together in unity.
2. **Matthew 11:25** Blessed are you, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom.
3. **John 13:34** I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
4. **John 15:5** I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord:
those who live in me and I in them, will bear much fruit.
5. **2 Corinthians 8:9** Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of His poverty.
6. **Galatians 6:14** My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.
7. **Philippians 3:8-9** I count all things worthless but this:
to gain Jesus Christ and to be found in Him.

Gospel

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1. **Matthew 11:25-30**
You have hidden these things from the learned and clever and revealed them to children.
2. **Matthew 16:24-27**
Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.
3. **Matthew 19: 3-12**
There are some persons who choose to remain unmarried for the sake of the kingdom of heaven.
4. **Matthew 19:16-26**
If you wish to be perfect, go sell everything you have and come, follow me.

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5. **Matthew 25: 1-13**

Look, the bridegroom is coming; go out and meet him.

6. **Mark 3:31-35**

Whoever does the will of God is my brother, my sister, my mother.

7. **Mark 10:24b-30**

We have left everything and have followed you.

8. **Luke 1: 26-38**

I am the handmaid of the Lord.

9. **Luke 9:57-62**

Once the hand is laid on the plow, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.

10. **Luke 10:38-42**

Jesus accepts the hospitality of Martha and praises the attentiveness of Mary.

11. **Luke 11:27-28**

Happy are they who hear the word of God and keep it.

12. **John 12:24-26**

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

13. **John 15:1-8**

All who remain in me, with me in them, bear fruit in plenty.

14. **John 15:9-17**

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

15. **John 17:20-26**

I want those you have given me to be with me where I am.