

Profession of Perpetual Vows



Sr. Laurie Sullivan, FSPA

September 12, 2020

Opening Song

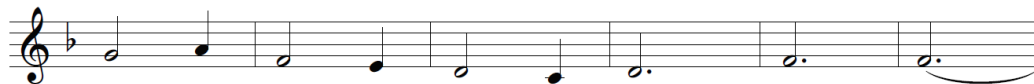
The Summons



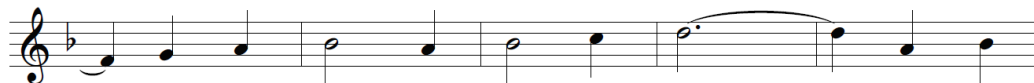
1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but



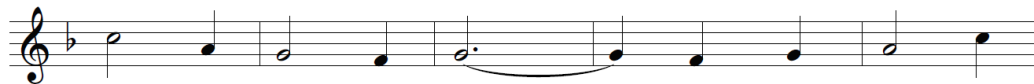
call your name? Will you go where
call your name? Will you care for
call your name? Will you set the
call your name? Will you quell the
call my name. Let me turn and



you don't know And nev - er be the same?
cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?
pris - 'ners free And nev - er be the same?
fear in - side And nev - er be the same?
fol - low you And nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, Will you
Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should you
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, And do
Will you use the faith you've found To re -
In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your



let my name be known, Will you let my
life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
such as this un - seen, And ad - mit to
shape the world a - round, Through my sight and
love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and



life be grown In you and you in me?
an - swer prayer In you and you in me?
what I mean In you and you in me?
touch and sound In you and you in me?
live and grow In you and you in me.

Welcome: Sr. Eileen McKenzie, President of FSPA

Penitential Rite

Opening Prayer

Gloria

First Reading: Deuteronomy 10: 12-13, 17-19, 15:7-8, 10-11

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 40: Here I Am

Refrain



Second Reading 1Jn 3:16-18

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Mt 19:21

Homily - Fr. Conrad Targonski, OFM

Reflection: Sr. Karen Lueck, FSPA

Calling to Profession

S. Beth Today, we are gathered for the privilege of witnessing Sister Laurie Sullivan profess perpetual vows as a Third Order Regular Franciscan. So I ask you, Sisters, who do we say we are?

All FSPA: We are the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration.

We consecrate our lives to God who calls us to live in community in order to be a sign of the unity of a life in Christ and an instrument for extending the reign of God. Through the bonds of religious consecration, we are ecclesial women, centered in Eucharist, we follow the Gospel as did our Holy Father Francis. Like our founders, we embrace a relationship of loving dependence on God through the vows of poverty, consecrated celibacy, and obedience. We continue in history, the charism given the whole church by St. Francis of Assisi and our founders: to live the Gospel in our times to renew ourselves in the heritage of poverty, conversion and simplicity, to abide in a constant and lively hope even in the most difficult circumstances, to trust in divine providence, to serve those in need, and to strive to integrate prayer and ministry. We are a community responding as Francis did to Christ's invitation, rebuild my church.

S. Beth With this Commitment in mind, I call forth Sister Laurie Sullivan

S. Laurie Here I am

S. Beth Laurie, you have discerned God's call to live fully and lovingly in Gospel ways, committed to be in relationship and service to others. What do you ask today?

S. Laurie I ask to profess perpetual vows as a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration

S. Beth My sisters, we have journeyed with Laurie for nine years. How shall we respond to her request to live in poverty, consecrated celibacy and obedience as a perpetually professed Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration?

ALL FSPA We affirm Sister Laurie in her response to God's love and we welcome her to continue our journey as Franciscans rooted in Eucharist and in communion with all Creation.

Examination for Profession

S. Eileen: S. Laurie, by your baptism you have already been consecrated to God's service; are you now resolved to unite yourself more closely to God by the bond of religious profession?

S. Laurie I am

S. Eileen Are you resolved to live your life following in the footprints of Jesus Christ, as did Francis and Clare, and to live out your response to God's call to community as a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration?

S. Laurie I am

S. Eileen Are you resolved to be sent as Jesus was sent to manifest God's love in the world; to proclaim the Gospel in word and action, to be centered in Eucharist, and to be loving presence through prayer, witness and service?

S. Laurie I am

S. Sue In vowing poverty, are you resolved to acknowledge and embrace your limitations and radical dependence upon God, trusting God's manifestation in all of life's goodness?

S. Laurie I am

S. Sue In vowing consecrated celibacy, are you resolved to live in covenant relationship with God and in right relationship with all Creation?

S. Laurie I am

S. Sue In vowing obedience, are you resolved to be attentive and responsive to the movements of the Spirit as revealed in the Gospel, in prayer, in daily events in the world, and in those around you?

S. Laurie I am

S. Eileen Let us call upon those who have gone before us as we commit ourselves anew to a life of faithful following.

Litany of the Saints

Repeat each invocation immediately after the priest or cantor:

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

(Saint Invocation) 1-4. Pray for us, Pray for us.
 ("Lord, be merciful.") 5. Save your peo-ple. Save your peo-ple.
 ("Lord, give new life.") 6. Hear our prayer. Hear our prayer.

Pray for us. Pray for us. Pray for us.
 Save your peo-ple. Save your peo-ple. Save your peo-ple.
 Hear our prayer. Hear our prayer. Hear our prayer.

1-4. All you ho-ly men and wom-en, pray for us.
 5-6. Christ, hear us; Lord Je-sus, hear our prayer.

Perpetual Profession

S. Eileen Sister Laurie, I invite you to profess your vows.

S. Laurie I, Sister Laurie Sullivan, vow to God almighty and into your hands, Sister Eileen, to live poverty, consecrated celibacy and obedience for life according to the Rule of the Third Order of St. Francis and the Constitutions of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. I ask the help of God, Mary the Mother of God, Saint Francis, Saint Clare, and you, my sisters.

S. Eileen You stand at this moment in the heart of our community. It is in this embrace that you are sustained, that you are encouraged to grow, and that you are sent to be Christ in the world. May you abide in the constant and lively hope that religious life offers to you and to the world.

It is with awe that I receive your vows, the gift of yourself to God and Community. By this profession, we welcome you to full membership in the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration.

Blessing and Presentation of the Ring

S. Eileen Let us bless the ring that Sister Laurie will wear as a sign of her perpetual vow commitment.

All Bless this ring, loving God. May Sister Laurie wear it as a sign of fidelity to you and to her religious vows. We ask this through Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

S. Eileen Sister Laurie, as a member of this Franciscan community, wear this ring as a sign of your commitment to Christ and to the Church. May it always remind you of God's tender love for you and of your promise to share this love with God's creation. May you grow in love and serve God joyfully.

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Verses 1, 2, 4



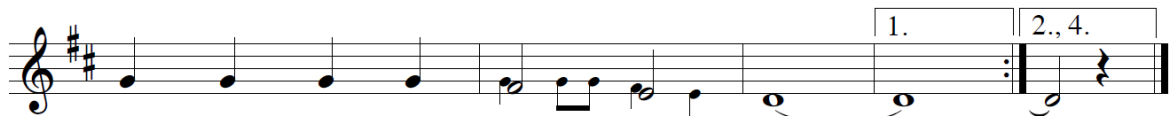
1. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where
2. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where
4. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. It



there is ha - tred, let me bring your love. Where
there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned, in



there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord, And
there is dark - ness, on - ly light, And
giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you. 1.
where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy. 2., 4.
dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

Verse 3



3. Oh, Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek So much to be con -



soled as to con - sole. To be un - der - stood as to un - der -



stand. To be loved as to love with all my soul. D.C.

Intercessions

Response: God of the Poor, Hear our Prayer

Preparation of the Altar and the Gift Song:

THE SERVANT SONG

Richard Gillard



- 1, 6. Will you let me be your ser - vant, Let me be as
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, We are trav - 'lers
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you In the night - time
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; When you laugh I'll
5. When we sing to God in heav - en We shall find such



- 1, 6. Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to
2. on the road; We are here to help each oth - er
3. of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
4. laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
5. har - mo - ny, Born of all we've known to - geth - er



- 1, 6. Let you be my ser - vant, too.
2. Walk the mile and bear the load.
3. Speak the peace you long to hear.
4. 'Til we've seen this jour - ney through.
5. Of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

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Communion Song :

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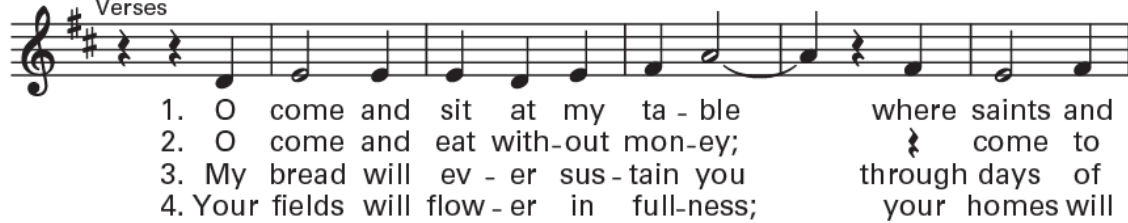
Dan Schutte

Refrain




Come to the feast of heav-en and earth! Come to the ta-
- ble of plen - ty! God will pro-vide for all that we
need, here at the ta - ble of plen - ty.


Verses



1. O come and sit at my ta - ble where saints and
2. O come and eat with-out mon-ey; & come to
3. My bread will ev - er sus-tain you through days of
4. Your fields will flow - er in full-ness; your homes will



1. sin - ners are friends. I wait to wel-come the lost and
2. drink with - out price. My feast of glad-ness will feed your
3. sor - row and woe. My wine will flow like a sea of
4. flour - ish in peace. For I, the giv - er of home and



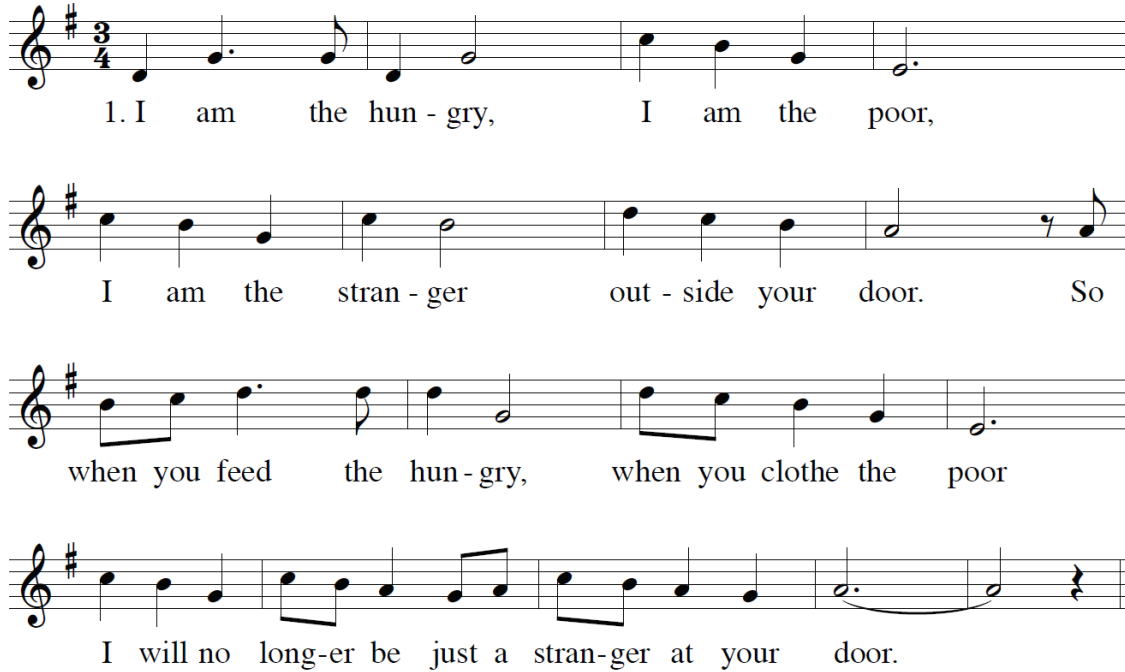
to Refrain

1. lone - ly to share the cup of my love.
2. spir - it with faith and full - ness of life.
3. glad-ness to flood the depths of your soul.
4. har-vest, will send my rain on the soil.

Communion Reflection Song:

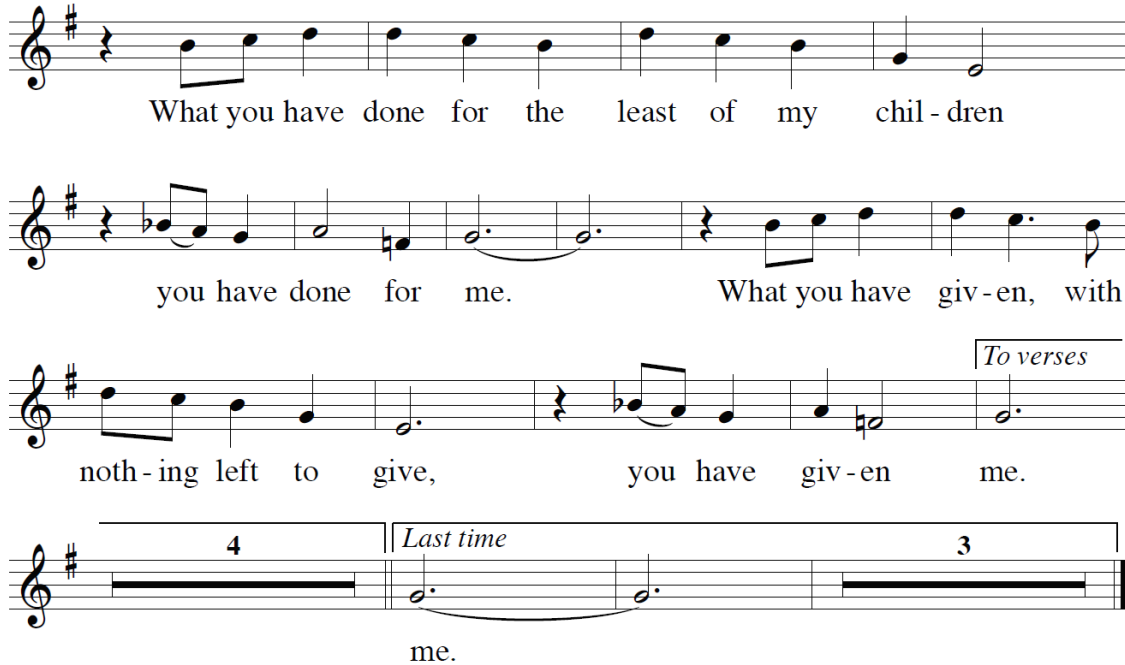
What You Have Done for Me

Verse 1



1. I am the hun - gry, I am the poor,
I am the stran - ger out - side your door. So
when you feed the hun - gry, when you clothe the poor
I will no long - er be just a stran - ger at your door.

Refrain



What you have done for the least of my chil - dren
you have done for me. What you have giv - en, with
noth - ing left to give, you have giv - en me.
me.

To verses

Last time

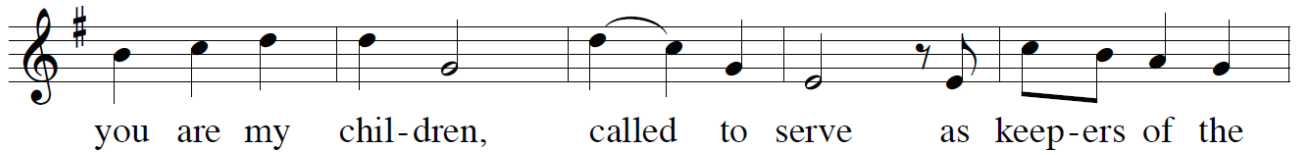
Verse 2



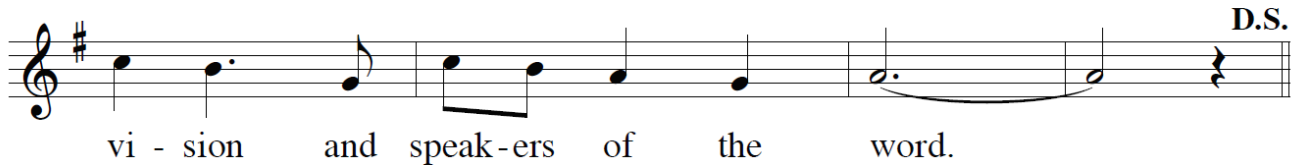
2. Come all you bless - ed, come and re - joice. In -



her - it the king - dom pre - pared for you. For

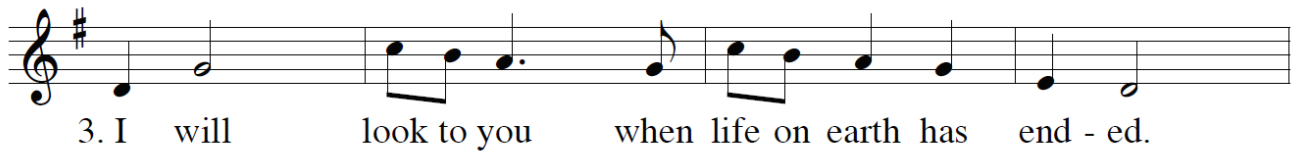


you are my chil-dren, called to serve as keep-ers of the

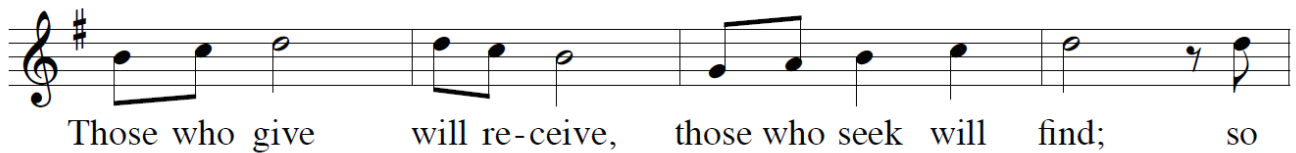


vi - sion and speak-ers of the word. **D.S.**

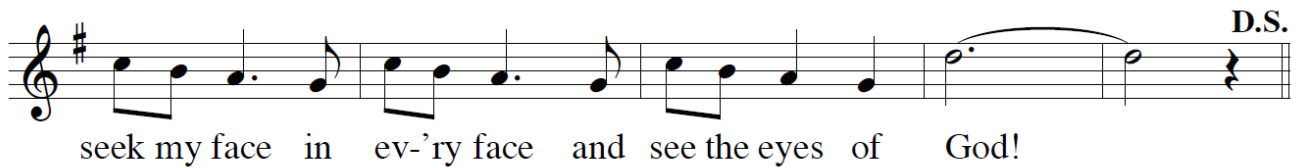
Verse 3



3. I will look to you when life on earth has end - ed.



Those who give will re-ceive, those who seek will find; so



seek my face in ev-'ry face and see the eyes of God! **D.S.**

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Recessional Song

CANTICLE OF THE TURNING

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN
Words and Tune Adapt. Rory Cooney

Based on the Magnificat, Luke 1:46-58

1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3. From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -

God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -

won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.

You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the

weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the
dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!