Profession of Perpetual Vows

Sr. Laurie Sullivan, FSPA

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Opening Song

The Summons

1. Will you come and follow me If I but
   call your name?
   Will you go where you don't know And never be the same?
   Will you let my love be shown, Will you let my life attract or scare?
   Will you answer prayer In you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind If I but
   call your name?
   Will you care for cruel and kind And never be the same?
   Will you risk the hostile stare Should your life attract or scare?
   Will you let me what I mean In you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see If I but
   call your name?
   Will you set the prisoners free And never be the same?
   Will you kiss the leper clean, And do that which is right and fair?
   Will you touch and sound in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
   call your name?
   Will you quell the fear inside And never be the same?
   Will you use the faith you've found To re-tell the old, old story?
   Will you grow and live and love in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true When you but
   call my name. Let me turn and follow you And never be the same.
   In your company I'll go Where your life is grown In me 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

Here I am, Lord, here I am. I come to do your will.

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 footsteps 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 mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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

Pray for us, Pray for us, Pray for us.
Save your people, Save your people, Save your people.
Hear our prayer, Hear our prayer, Hear our prayer.

1-4. All you holy men and women, pray for us.
5-6. Christ, hear us; Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

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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 channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
   Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope.
   Where is in pardon that we are pardoned, in where there’s doubt, true faith in you.
   where there’s sadness, ever joy.

2. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
   there is darkness, only light,
   And giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we’re born to eternal life.

4. Make me a channel of your peace. It

Verse 3

3. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console.
   To be understood as to understand.
   To be loved as to love with all my soul.

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Dedicated to Mrs. Frances Tracy
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 servant, Let me be as
2. We are pilgrims on a journey, We are travelers
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you In the night-time
4. I will weep when you are weeping; When you laugh I'll
5. When we sing to God in heaven 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 other
3. of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
4. laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow
5. harmony, Born of all we've known together

1. 6. Let you be my servant, too.
2. Walk the mile and bear the load.
3. Speak the peace you long to hear.
4. 'Til we've seen this journey through.
5. Of Christ's love and agony

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Communion Song:

TABLE OF PLENTY

Dan Schutte

Refrain
Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty! God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.

Verses
1. O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends. I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love.
2. O come and eat without money; come to drink without price. My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life.
3. My bread will ever sustain you through days of sorrow and woe. My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood the depths of your soul.
4. Your fields will flower in fullness; your homes will flourish in peace. For I, the giver of home and harvest, will send my rain on the soil.

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Communion Reflection Song:

What You Have Done for Me

Verse 1

1. I am the hungry, I am the poor,
I am the stranger outside your door. So
when you feed the hungry, when you clothe the poor
I will no longer be just a stranger at your door.

♫ Refrain

What you have done for the least of my children
you have done for me. What you have given, with
nothing left to give, you have given me.

To verses

Last time

Verse 2

2. Come all you blessed, come and rejoice. In-
Verse 3

3. I will look to you when life on earth has ended.

Those who give will receive, those who seek will find; so

seek my face in ev’ry face and see the eyes of God!

Text: Based on Matthew 25:44–41; Tony E. Alonso, b.1980
Tune: Tony E. Alonso, b.1980
Recessional Song

CANTICLE OF THE TURNING

Based on the Magnificat, Luke 1:46-58

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

1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the
2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3. From the halls of pow’r to the fortress tow’r, not a
4. Though the nations rage from age to age, we re-

God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the
work great things in me, and your mercy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your
member who holds us fast: God’s mercy must de-

wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
justice tears every tyrant from his throne.
liver us from the conqueror’s crushing grasp.

You fixed your sight on your servant’s plight, and my
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the
This saving word that our forebears heard is the

weakness 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 never earn; there are tables spread, every promise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.
crushed by God, who is turning the world around.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the

fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the
dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!

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