



# Investiture of Jed

Postulancy of Baptiste

Presided by Cardinal Philippe Barbarin

*Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple*

Community of the Lamb, November 21, 2020

Hymn:

Rejoice, O Mary, rejoice, O Mary, Mother of the Savior ! Alleluia !  
Alleluia !

1. Rejoice, O you, through whom joy will shine forth; / Rejoice, O  
you through whom the curse will disappear; / Rejoice, O Restoration  
of the fallen Adam; / Rejoice, O redemption of the tears of Eve!

2. Rejoice, O Peak above the reach of human thought; / Rejoice, O  
Depth even beyond the sight of angels; / Rejoice, O you who have  
become a kingly throne; / Rejoice, O you who carry him who carries  
all.

Opening of the Celebration

## Call

Celebrant:

Brethren, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare  
ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

R/ Kyrie...Christe...Kyrie...

Celebrant:

What do you ask?

Postulants and little brother:

*The mercy of God and of the Church, that of the Community  
of the Lamb, and yours.*

R/ 1. Kyrie eleison

Celebrant:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life. *Amen.*

Gloria

## Collecte

As we celebrate the memorial of the most holy Virgin Mary, grant us, Lord, through her intercession, to be partakers of the fullness of grace. Through Christ...

## *Liturgy of the Word*

### Lector 1: From the Book of Isaiah

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. Is 61:10-11

### Lector 2: (like an echo)

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My delight is in her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. Is 62:1-5

### Lector 3:

HOSEA

I will espouse you for ever;  
I will espouse you in righteousness and in justice,  
in steadfast love, and in mercy.  
I will espouse you in faithfulness;  
and you shall know the Lord. Hos 2:19-20

Mary, Mary, full of grace, you are resplendent with the beauty of the Lord; go forth, go forth to meet him, like a bride adorned with his love.

1. Behold the dawn of salvation arises,  
when in the Temple Mary is presented to the Lord,  
she is brought to the King, her maker and her husband,  
to the Holy One of Israel,' her Redeemer.

R/ Mary, Mary full of grace...

Lector 1:

‘Who is she who ascends in pure whiteness<sup>1</sup>... as the rising dawn, beautiful as the moon, excellent as the sun?’

From a homily by Amadeus of Lausanne<sup>2</sup>

Let us gaze upon her glory and, entering the depth of so great a light, let us with swelling heart and unspeakable joy hasten through the vivid brightness of the paths, saying with Solomon, ‘Her paths are lovely and all her ways are peaceful’. (Prov 3:12) What if, as the same prophet says, ‘the path of the just, as a shining light, goes forth and grows into the perfect day’? (Prov 4:18) Who will be able to express the light and brightness of her path? [...]

For she possessed progress clearly marked and distinct growth, so that she advanced according to fairest order of charity and, (Song 2:4) going forward from virtue to virtue, she saw the God of gods in Sion, (Ps 84:7) being changed from glory to glory as by the Spirit of the Lord. (2Cor 3:18) [...]

[The Lord and the angels] marvel at the pure maiden, the mother of the Lord, soon to be the queen of heaven, and they break forth in these words of wonder and praise: ‘Who is she who ascends in pure whiteness?’ (Song 8:5 in LXX)

What is ‘pure whiteness’ if not adornment with white vesture? Adorned surely with the adornment of beauty and honor, of righteousness and holiness. The greatest of the prophets shone

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<sup>1</sup> “in pure whiteness”: version of the Septuagint

<sup>2</sup> Amadeus of Lausanne: Homily II, in: Magnificat, Homilies in praise of the blessed Virgin Mary by Bernard of Clairvaux and Amadeus of Lausanne, Cistercian Publications, 1979, pp.69-74

with the adornment of these garments when he said, ‘I will rejoice greatly in the Lord and my soul will exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness as a bridegroom adorned with a garland and as a bride with her jewels’. (Is 61:10)

‘Who is she who ascends in pure whiteness?’ (Song 8:5 in LXX). ‘Who is she who goes forth as the rising dawn, beautiful as the moon, excellent as the sun?’ (Song 6:10) [...]

The King greatly desires your beauty, Mary, draw near to him with gladness and joy.

PSALM 132

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, remémber Dávid  
and all the many hárdships he endúred,  
<sup>2</sup> the oath he swóre to the Lórd,  
his vow to the Stróng One of Jácob.

<sup>3</sup> “I will not enter the hóuse where I líve  
nor go to the béd where I rést.

<sup>4</sup> I will give no sléep to my éyes,  
to my éyelids I will gíve no slúmber

<sup>5</sup> till I find a pláce for the Lórd,  
a dwelling for the Stróng One of Jácob.”

<sup>6</sup> At Ephrata we héard of the árck;  
we found it in the pláins of Yéarim.

<sup>7</sup> “Let us go to the pláce of his dwélling;  
let us go to knéel at his fóotstool.”

<sup>8</sup> Go up, Lord, to the pláce of your rést,  
you and **the árck of your strength.**

<sup>9</sup> Your priests shall be clóthed with hóliness:  
your faithful shall ríng out their jóy.

<sup>10</sup> For the sake of Dávid your sérvant  
do not rejéct your anóinted.

<sup>11</sup> The Lord swore an óath to Dávid;  
he will not go bák on his wórd:

**“A son, the frúit of your bódy,  
will I sét upon your thróne.**

<sup>12</sup> If they keep my covenant in truth  
and my laws that I have taught them,  
their sons also shall rule  
**on your throne from age to age.”**

<sup>13</sup> **For the Lord has chosen Zion;  
he has desired it for his dwelling:**

<sup>14</sup> **“This is my resting-place for ever;  
here have I chosen to live.**

<sup>15</sup> I will greatly bless her produce,  
I will fill her poor with bread.

<sup>16</sup> I will clothe her priests with salvation  
and her faithful shall ring out their joy.

<sup>17</sup> There David’s stock will flower:  
I will prepare a lamp for my anointed.

<sup>18</sup> I will cover his enemies with shame  
but on him my crown shall shine.”

R/ The King desires...

| Alleluia

Do not be afraid, Mary,  
for you have found favor with God.  
The Holy Spirit will come upon you,  
and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.”

Lk 1:30.35

| Holy God, holy Mighty, holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

| Lord, I am not worthy that you enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

He who has my commandments and keeps them,  
he it is who loves me;  
and he who loves me will be loved by my Father,  
and I will love him and manifest myself to him.” [...]

If a man loves me,  
he will keep my word,

and my Father will love him,  
and we will come to him  
and make our home with him.  
He who does not love me does not keep my words;  
and the word which you hear is not mine  
but the Father's who sent me.

These things I have spoken to you,  
while I am still with you.  
But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name,  
he will teach you all things,  
and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.  
Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you;  
not as the world gives do I give to you.  
Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Jn 14:21,23b-27

| Alleluia + Song of the Gospel (above)

Homily

*Silence 2'*

O eternal Trinity,  
You created us for your glory,  
That we may partake of your eternal beauty,  
O abyss of charity!

My soul exults in my God,  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
and in joy he guides me  
in the light of his glory.

R/ O eternal Trinity...

Celebrant:

Please rise.

Little sister Marie:

During your postulancy you have experienced the life of the Community of the Lamb, a very simple life of fraternal communion, of prayer, of study of the Word of God, of preaching the Gospel, a

life of poverty and of abandonment to Divine Providence, of mendicancy, a life of humble and joyful service to the community, where together you all attach yourselves to live the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, announcing the universal reconciliation of men and the return of Jesus.

Do you desire to live this life according to the Purpose of Life of the Community of the Lamb?

Postulant:

*- Yes, I do, with the grace of God!*

Celebrant: May God who has begun his work in you bring it to fulfillment.

Postulant: *Amen.*

*All kneel.*

### Litanies of the Virgin Mary

Celebrant:

Grant, O Lord, your all-powerful aid to your servants; may they seek you with all their heart and obtain that which they humbly beseech. Through Christ our Lord. R/  
Amen.

*All rise during the Amen.*

### Vesture

Celebrant:

May the Lord have you put off the old nature with its practices and put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness of truth.

The Prior *while consigning the tunic:*

Receive the tunic. May the Lord clothe you in mercy and tender compassion! Let the same mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; may the Lord clothe you in strength and gladness.

Postulans: *Lord, I pray you!*

R/ *Kyrie eleison...*

The Prior *while consigning the scapular:*

Receive the scapular, this blessed garment. It is the yoke of Christ, meek and humble; wear it joyfully and, along with it, put on the meekness and humility of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Postulant: *Lord, I pray you!*

R/ Kyrie eleison...

The Prior *while consigning the belt:*

Receive the belt. May the Lord gird you with fortitude and truth, may he keep you awake in love and find you watchful at his every coming.

Postulant: *Lord, I pray you!*

R/ Kyrie eleison...

The Prior *while consigning the sandals*

As you put on the sandals, may the Lord grant you the zeal to spread the Gospel of peace, the promptness and attention to every form of obedience and to every good deed, the patience and vigilance to carry out the offices of the night and of the day.

Postulant: *Lord, I pray you!*

R/ Kyrie eleison...

Little sister Marie: *while consigning the rosary:*

Receive this rosary, and may the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, aid you to enter into the mysteries of her Son Jesus, she to whom are entrusted all the children of Saint Dominic. May Christ be fixed upon

Postulant: *Amen.*

*The celebrant blesses each element of the habit.  
Meanwhile the following is sung.*

As many as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ, alleluia...

Fr. Jean-Claude:

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. (Eph 6:10-13)

R/ As many as were baptized...

Fr. Jean-Claude:

Stand therefore, having fastened the belt of truth around your waist, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the

flaming darts of the Evil One. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints. (Eph 6:14-18)

R/ As many as were baptized into Christ...

*The postulant withdraws to vest.*

### Chaplet of the Lamb

*Upon his return the following is sung:*

Praise and bless my Lord, alleluia! Give him thanks and serve him, alleluia. Give him thanks and serve him in great humility.

### Consigning of the New Name

The Prior:

You were called...

In the community of the Lamb, you will be called little brother...

*Then:*

Little Brother N. is with us, alleluia!

*At the end: R/ Alleluia!*

Celebrant:

Little brother, you have received the habit through the authority of the Church and of the Community. Thus opens the novitiate that permits you to continue to experience the life of the Community of the Lamb. At the close of the novitiate, if the Community, in the name of the Church, calls you to pursue this way and if you so request, you will be received to profession. Without delay, **today**, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, live in charity, obedience, and prayer.

Novice: *Amen!*

R/ Alleluia!

*Liturgy of the Eucharist*

Offertory

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,  
and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

1. How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name.

2. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name.  
My vows to the Lord I will fulfill  
before all his people.

Prière sur les offrandes

Lord, receive these gifts from our grateful hearts  
as we celebrate this memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
from whose life we learn the secret of prayer and praise.  
In your goodness grant that like her  
we may offer you a sacrifice of holiness  
by doing always what is pleasing in your sight.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Mary, Temple of the Lord*

V. The Lord be with you.  
R. **And with your spirit.**

V. Lift up your hearts.  
R. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
R. **It is right and just.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For by the grace of the Holy Spirit  
you purify our hearts by your light  
and sanctify them with your presence,

so that they become the dwelling-place of your glory.

But because of her obedience of faith  
and the mystery of the Incarnation  
you made the Blessed Virgin your temple without compare:  
a house of gold adorned by the Spirit  
with every kind of virtue,  
a royal palace resplendent  
with the presence of the One who is the Truth,  
the holy city, rejoicing in its streams of grace,  
the ark of the New Covenant  
enshrining the author of the New Law,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him the Angels of heaven  
offer their prayer of adoration  
as they rejoice in your presence for ever.  
May our voices be one with theirs  
in their triumphant hymn of praise:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Communion Hymn:

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*A la fin du temps d'action de grâces :  
Le futur postulant s'avance au milieu du chœur à l'appel de son  
nom. Il se tient debout.*

## *Acceptance into Postulancy*

Lb François-Dominique: Baptiste, as you enter the postulancy, are you deeply intent on experiencing the life of the Community of the Lamb, in a firm resolve of charity and humility, in obedience, in an ever-renewed resolve of conversion?

Postulant : *Yes, I am with the grace of God.*

### Blessing of the Cross

Lord, bless this cross, and by the grace of your Holy Spirit, grant that he who will wear it may follow you resolutely, in the footsteps of our fathers Saint Dominic and Saint Francis, of our sisters Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Clare of Assisi and Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Through Christ our Lord.

Postulant : *Amen.*

Lb. François-Dominique :

Baptiste, as a sign of your resolve of conversion,  
receive the cross of Jesus.  
Receive as well the Purpose of Life of the Community  
and the Book of the Sources  
You are a postulant in the Community of the Lamb.

| Alleluia

Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,  
you have nourished us with food and drink from heaven;  
grant that, like the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
we may serve you in holiness of life,  
revere your presence in our neighbor,  
and with Mary proclaim your greatness  
with sincerity of heart.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Final Blessing

May God, who through the childbearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary willed in his great kindness to redeem the human race, be pleased to enrich you with his blessing.

**R. Amen.**

May you know always and everywhere the protection of her, through whom you have been found worthy to receive the author of life.

**R. Amen.**

May you, who have devoutly gathered to celebrate this memorial of our Lady, carry away with you the gifts of spiritual joys and heavenly rewards.

**R. Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

**R. Amen.**

### **Magnificat**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, +  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: +  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their coneit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empy.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,+  
to the God who is, who was, and who is to come,  
for ever and ever. Amen