

Postcommunion

WE BESEECH Thee, O Lord, that the solemn Commemoration of the most blessed Virgin Mary, Thy Mother, may always be to us an occasion of joy: that it may shed upon us the gladness of her protection and the security of peace, and make us pleasing to Thee: Who livest and reignest with the Father and Holy Ghost, world without end.



WHEN ON the holy day of Pentecost the Apostles, through heavenly inspiration, spoke divers tongues and worked many miracles by the invocation of the most holy name of Jesus, it is said that many men who were walking in the footsteps of the holy prophets Elijah and Elisha, and had been prepared for the coming of Christ by the preaching of John the Baptist, saw and acknowledged the truth, and at once embraced the faith of the Gospel. These new Christians were so happy as to be able to enjoy familiar intercourse with the Blessed Virgin, and venerated her with so special an affection, that they, before all others, built a chapel to the purest of Virgins on that very spot of Mount Carmel where Elijah of old had seen the cloud, a remarkable type of the Virgin, ascending.

Many times each day they came together to the new oratory, and with pious ceremonies, prayers, and praises honored the most Blessed Virgin as the special protectress of their Order. For this reason, people

from all parts began to call them the Brethren of the Blessed Mary of Mount Carmel; and the Sovereign Pontiffs not only confirmed this title, but also granted special indulgences to whoever called either the whole Order or individual Brothers by that name. But the most noble Virgin not only gave them her name and protection, she also bestowed upon Saint Simon Stock (✠1265), the Englishman, the holy scapular as a token, wishing the holy Order to be distinguished by that heavenly garment and to be protected by it from the evils that were assailing it. Moreover, as formerly the Order was unknown in Europe, and on that account many were importuning Pope Honorius III for its abolition, the loving Virgin Mary appeared by night to Honorius and clearly bade him receive both the Order and its members with kindness. The Blessed Virgin has enriched the Order so dear to her with many privileges, not only in this world, but also in the next (for everywhere she is most powerful and merciful).

LETATA NOS, Dómine, quæsumus, beatissimæ Virginitatis tuæ solémnis Commemoratio semper excipiat; quæ jucunditatem nobis suæ protectionis, et pacis securitatem infundat, et tibi nos reddat acceptos: Qui cum Patre et Spíritu Sancto vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculórum.

From the Divine Office (Extraordinary Form) for July 16 (Our Lady of Mount Carmel).

Proper Prayers of the Mass in the Extraordinary Form

Solemn Commemoration of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

(from the Supplement to the Roman Missal for use in Carmelite Churches)



Introit (Isaias 7:1; 4:2)

QUAM PULCHRI sunt gressus tui, filia principis! Favus distillans labia tua, et odor vestimentórum tuórum sicut odor thuris. *Ps. 97:1.* Cantáte Dómino cánticum novum: quia mirabilia fecit. *V.* Glória Patri, et Filio, et Spíritu Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. — Quam pulchri sunt ...

HOW GRACEFUL is thy carriage, O daughter of the prince! Thy lips are a dropping honeycomb, and the smell of thy garments is as the smell of frankincense. *Psalm.* Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle: for He hath done wonderful things. *V.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. — How graceful is thy carriage ...

Collect

DEUS, QUI beatissimæ semper Virginitatis et Genitricis tuæ Mariæ singulari título Carméli Órdinem decorásti: concéde propítius; ut, cujus hódie Commemorationem solémni celebrámus officio, ejus muníti præsídiis, ad gáudia sempiterna pervenire mereámur: Qui vivis et regnas ...

O LORD GOD, Who hast honored the Order of Carmel with the special title of Thy most Blessed Mother Mary, ever Virgin: mercifully grant, that we who celebrate her Commemoration this very day with solemn devotion, may be shielded by her protection and deserve to come to everlasting joys: Who livest and reignest ...

Lesson (III Kings 18 : 42–45)

AND ELIAS WENT up to the top of Carmel: and casting himself down upon the earth, put his face between his knees: And he said to his servant: go and look toward the sea. And he went up and looked, and said: there is nothing. And again he said to him: Return seven times. And at the seventh time, behold a little cloud arose out of the sea like a man's foot. And he said: Go up and say to Achab: Prepare thy chariot and go down, lest the rain prevent thee. And while he turned himself this way and that way, behold the heavens grew dark with clouds and wind, and there fell a great rain.

Gradual (Judith 15 : 10)

THOU ART the glory of Jerusalem, thou art the joy of Israel, thou art the honor of our people. (*Cant.* 7:5.) Thy head is like Carmel: and the hairs of thy head as the purple of the king bound in the channels. **Alleluia, alleluia.** (*Isa.* 35:2.) The glory of Libanus is given to her: the beauty of Carmel and Saron. Alleluia.

Gospel (John 19 : 25–27)

AT THAT TIME, there stood by the cross of Jesus His Mother, and His Mother's sister, Mary of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalen. When Jesus therefore had seen His Mother and the disciple standing whom He loved, He saith to His Mother: Woman, behold thy son. After that, He saith to the disciple: Behold thy mother. And from that hour, the disciple took her to his own. — *Creed.*

ELÍAS AUTEM ascéndit in vérticem Carméli, et pronus in terram pósuit faciém suam inter genua sua, et dixit ad púerum suum: Ascénde, et próspecte contra mare. Qui cum ascendísset, et contemplátus esset, ait: Non est quidquam. Et rursum ait illi: Revértere septem vicibus. In séptima autem vice, ecce, nubécula parva quasi vestigi- um hóminis ascendébat de mari. Qui ait: Ascénde, et dic Achab: Junge currum tuum et descénde, ne óccupet te plúvia. Cumque se vértet huc atque illuc, ecce, cœli contenebráti sunt, et nubes, et ventus, et facta est plúvia grandis.

TU GLÓRIA Jerúsalem, tu lætítia Ísraël, tu honorificén- tia pópuli nostri. *Ÿ.* Caput tuum ut Carmélus; et comæ cápitis tui sicut púrpura regis vincta canálibus. **Alleluia, alleluia.** *Ÿ.* Glória Libani data est ei: decor Carméli et Saron. Alleluia.

IN ILLO TÉMPORE: Stabant juxta crucem Jesu, mater ejus, et soror matris ejus María Cléophæ, et María Magdaléne. Cum vidísset ergo Jesus matrem, et discipulum stantem, quem diligébat, dicit matri suæ: Múlier, ecce filius tuus. De- ín- de dicit discipulo: Ecce mater tua. Et ex illa hora accépit eam discipulus in sua. — *Crede.*

Offertory (Ezechiel 46 : 1)

PORTA ÁTRII interiórís, quæ respícit ad Oriéntem, erit clausa sex diébus: die autem Sábbati aperiétur.

THE GATE of the inner court that looketh toward the east, shall be shut the six days; but on the sabbath day it shall be opened.

Secret

TUA NOS, Dómine, abundán- tia pietátis indúlgeat: ut per sacra múnera, quæ tibi reverén- ter offérimus, gratum beatíssimæ Filii tui Matri famulátum exércere valeá- mus. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum ...

MAY THY abundance of mercy pardon us, O Lord: that through the sacred Gifts which we reverently offer to Thee, we may be able to practice grateful service to the most Blessed Mother of Thy Son. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord ...

Preface of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel

VERE DIGNUM et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper, et ubique grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnipotens, ætérne Deus: Qui per nubem levem, de mari ascendéntem, immaculátam Vírginem Mariám beáto Eliæ Prophétæ mirábiliter præsignásti; eique cultum a filiis prophetárum præstári voluísti. Quos autem beáta Virgo (hodiérna die) per sacrum Scapuláre in filios dilectiónis assúpsit, eodémque indútos ac pie moriéntes, ad montem sanctum tuum quantócius per- dúcere dignéris. Et ideo cum Ángelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dominatióibus, cumque omni millítia cœlés- tis exércitus, hymnum glóriæ tuæ cánimus, sine fine dicén- tes: — *Sanctus.*

IT IS TRULY meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God: Who through the rising cloud ascending from the sea, didst wonderfully prefigure to the blessed Prophet Elias the Immaculate Virgin Mary, and wished devotion to be paid to her by the children of the prophets; whom moreover the Blessed Virgin (this very day) received for the children of her love through the holy Scapular: mayest Thou vouchsafe to bring them, clothed in the same and dutifully dying to self, the more quickly to Thy holy mountain. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing a hymn to Thy glory, evermore saying: — *Sanctus.*

Communion (Jeremias 2 : 7)

INDÚXI VOS in terram Car- méli, ut comederétis fructum ejus et óptima illius.

I BROUGHT YOU into the land of Carmel, to eat the fruit and the best things thereof.