



A Service of Consecration to the Single Consecrated Life

Life Vow of Consecrated Celibacy

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Recessional Hymn

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

**When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
and see the brook and feel the gentle breeze;**

Then sings my soul,

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.**

Then sings my soul,

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
and then proclaim: my God, how great thou art!**

Then sings my soul,

Carl Robert

All Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Light refreshments will be available after the service.

THE GATHERING

If you are a visitor here today, we hope you feel at home. It is wonderful that you are able to be alongside Janine on this significant occasion.

*Please join in with the words in **bold type** as you feel able to do so.*

Entry of the ministers

Processional Hymn

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;
sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!
Have you not seen, all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you.
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriends you.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.**

Joachim Neander, translated Catherine Winkworth

Greeting

Bishop

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ,
be with you

All

and also with you.

Welcome and Introduction

Bishop

We have come together in the presence of God as those who are willing to accompany Janine on her journey of faith. We are here to thank God for the gift of her vocation, to witness her vow, to share in her joy, and to pray for God's blessing as she makes her life commitment to the single consecrated life.

Janine, we rejoice with you that you have been called to surrender every aspect of your life into God's hands. And we celebrate the gift of celibacy that God has given you.

God is Love and Relationship;
a union of Three loving Persons,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We are all invited to know this Love for ourselves,
and to experience the fullness of
God's joy and delight in us.
We are all known, held and loved.
Created in God's image, we are all expressions of God's love,
and we find the fullest expression of our humanity through an ever-deepening relationship with God.

We are all called to put our whole trust
in God's great goodness,
to offer ourselves freely and frequently to God,
and to trust God to be our everything.

We were all made for union with God.

So, as we come to witness Janine make her life vow,
let us pray that we may all
recognise our own longing for God,
and know more of God's deep desire for us.

With Janine, may we too seek to prefer nothing whatever to the love of God,
experience the joy of knowing God's love for us, and discover the joy of giving God our wholehearted 'yes'.

Prayer and Blessing

The Bishop blesses Janine

May God, who inspires all holy desires
and brings them to fulfilment,
protect you always by his grace,
so that you may fulfil your vocation
with a faithful heart.

All **Amen.**

May he make you a witness and a sign of love
for all people.

All **Amen.**

May he make those bonds with which
he has bound you to Christ on earth
endure for ever in heavenly love.

All **Amen.**

The Bishop blesses all those present

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Music during Communion

To be in your presence,
To sit at your feet
Where your love surrounds me
And makes me complete.

*This is my desire, O Lord,
This is my desire.
This is my desire, O Lord,
This is my desire.*

To rest in your presence,
Not rushing away;
To cherish each moment,
Here I would stay.

*This is my desire, O Lord,
This is my desire.
This is my desire, O Lord,
This is my desire.*

Noel Richards

Post Communion

Bishop Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

All **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Silent reflection

Bishop Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

All **Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning mist,
like the dew that goes early away.
Have mercy on us,
deliver us from judgement,
bind up our wounds and revive us,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.** *cf Hosea 6*

Absolution

Bishop Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and keep *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Collect

Bishop Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may
obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Psalm 42:1-8

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?
My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long,
“Where is your God?”

These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house
of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise
among the festive throng.

Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in
God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember you from the land of
the Jordan, the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar.

Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers
have swept over me.

By day the LORD directs his love, at night his song is with me— a prayer to the
God of my life.

Gospel Reading

*Please stand if you feel able and sing together the **Alleluia**
as the Gospel book is carried to the middle of the church and the congregation turn to
face the reader.*



Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you O Lord.

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei

**All Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

The Bishop offers an invitation to Communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray in the language closest to our heart:

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

John 15:1-11

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you O Christ.**

The Alleluia is sung again as the Gospel book is returned.

Sermon

Song

**As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.**

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.*

**I want you more than gold or silver,
Only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye.**

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.*

**You're my friend and you are my brother
Even though you are a King.
I love you more than any other,
So much more than anything.**

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.*

Marty Nystrom

THE RITE OF CONSECRATION

The Presentation and Scrutiny

Rev Emily Sharman presents Janine to the Bishop
Bishop Saju, I present to you Janine
who asks you to receive her life vow
to the Single Consecrated Life.

Bishop Janine, what do you seek?

Janine I seek to make a vow of celibacy
and to continue to consecrate my life to God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Bishop Are you truly resolved to live to the end of your days in the state of
celibacy and in the service of God and his Church?

Janine I am.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,
born of Mary, to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the
new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

All Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The Bishop takes the bread and wine and offers this prayer:

Bishop Blessed are you, Lord of all creation:
Through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
Which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
Through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Bishop washes his hands symbolising our desire to come together at the Lord's table with pure hearts and minds.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Bishop The Lord is here.
All **His Spirit is with us.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music
of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all
creation.
You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all
the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

Bishop Are you resolved to accept solemn consecration in the single life,
following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who in
love, gave his life for the salvation of the world?

Janine I am.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Janine kneels before the Bishop.

Bishop Brothers and sisters, let us pray to God the Almighty Father through his
Son Jesus Christ, that he will pour out the Holy Spirit on Janine, his
servant whom he has called to be consecrated in his service.
Come Holy Spirit. Come with anointing love.
Come with grace and power.

Invitation and Profession

Bishop Janine, I now invite you to make your profession.

Janine Bishop Saju, receive my resolution to follow Christ in
a life of consecrated celibacy,
which I here profess for life
before you and God's people,
and pray that I may be given grace to persevere in
love and faithfulness.

The Prayer of Consecration

Bishop Loving Father, you have loved and redeemed us through your Son Jesus
Christ. He is your Word, through whom all things were made.
Look with favour on this your servant Janine, who has
resolved to follow you in the holy state of celibacy.
You have inspired her to make this vow and she now gives you her
heart.
Lord, protect Janine as she desires to be strengthened
by your blessing and consecration.

Through the gift of your Holy Spirit,
give Janine chastity with right judgement,
kindness with true wisdom,
gentleness with strength of character,
freedom with purity of heart.
Give her the gift of love
to love you above all others.
May she give you glory by holiness of life.
Be yourself her glory, joy and whole desire.
Be her comfort in sorrow,
her wisdom in perplexity,
her protection in the midst of injustice,
her patience in adversity,
her riches in poverty,
her food in fasting,
her remedy in sickness.

She has chosen you above all things;
may she find all things in possessing you.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

The Bishop introduces the Peace

God is love,
and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

During this song Janine signs the SCL registration forms with Bishop Saju and receives the Deed of Declaration while the altar-table is prepared.

**There is none like you.
No one else can touch my heart like you do.
I can search for all eternity long
And find there is none like you.**

**There is none like you.
No one else can touch my heart like you do.
I can search for all eternity long
And find there is none like you.**

**Your mercy flows like a river wide
And healing comes from your hand.
Suffering children are safe in your arms.
There is none like you.**

**There is none like you.
No one else can touch my heart like you do.
I can search for all eternity long
And find there is none like you.**

Lenny Leblanc