

### Ritual at the Closing of the Casket

Sisters, family and friends, I invite you to be seated. It is time for us to journey one step further in bidding farewell to Sister Clarice Carlson. Before the casket is closed, let us continue to give thanks and bless our God for all the time Sister Clarice was with us.

As a community of faith, we place our confidence in our Provident God who has called Sister Clarice home.

### All: We exalt your Providence, O God.

Father and Creator of the earth to which Sister Clarice now returns, in Baptism you called her to a life of service and an eternity of praise.

### All: We exalt your Providence, O God.

Bread of Life, you nourished Sister Clarice in the Eucharist and she became nourishment for others in the Body of Christ.

### All: We exalt your Providence, O God.

Breath of Life, you are the Spirit in whose name Sister Clarice was anointed for discipleship, and she followed you in mission.

### All: We exalt your Providence, O God.

God of Providence, you called Sister Clarice by name and your love impelled her to a lifelong commitment as a Sister of Divine Providence.

### All: We exalt your Providence, O God.

(The community ring and symbol are now removed.)

Provident God, we commend to you, Sister Clarice. May her lifelong commitment know its completion in eternity.

### All: We exalt your Providence, O God.

Sister Clarice wore these symbols of her profession of vows and of her commitment as a member of this Community, to make God's Providence more visible in the world. Receive these signs of her dedication and fidelity to the People of God through this Congregation.

### All: We exalt your Providence, O God.

May those who wear this ring and this Community symbol in the future hold Sister Clarice in memory and prayer. This we ask in the spirit of our founders, William Emmanuel von Ketteler and Marie de la Roche and in the name of our Provident God.

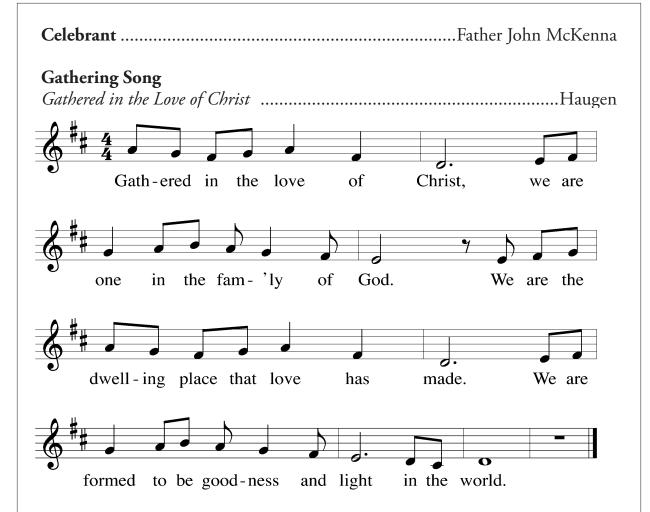
All: Amen.

## Introductory Rites

(The presider sprinkles the coffin with holy water saying:)

In the waters of Baptism, Sister Clarice died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May she now share with him eternal glory.

(As the pall is placed on the coffin, the opening hymn is sung.)



# Liturgy of the Word

Responsorial Psalm Evermore I'll Sing Your Praise...... Lawton I'll sing your praise, Ev - er - more more through end-less days, God of all sea-sons, right and Lord of love and end-less grace. rea-son, Gospel Acclamation Refrain



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Al - le - lu - ia,

Gospel	Luke 1:30-46
Reflection	Sister Donna Marie Gribschaw
	Provincial Councillor

(The vow formula of the Sisters of Divine Providence is proclaimed by all the vowed members, recalling the life long commitment of Sister Clarice Carlson.)

Drawn by the love of Jesus Christ, your Son, reaffirming the promises of my baptism and confirmation, I give myself to you, heavenly Father, through the Holy Spirit, to serve your people.

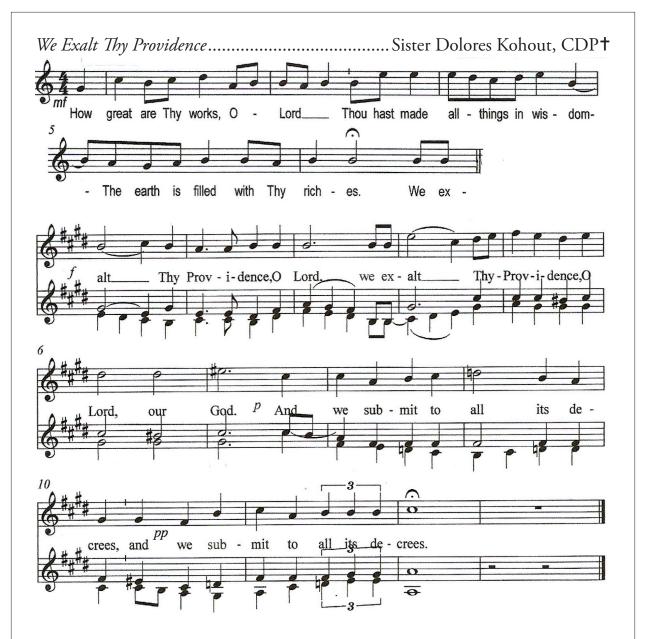
In order to be free for this service,
I promise to lead a life of consecrated virginity in the Congregation of the Sisters of Divine Providence.
I will accept in obedience the decisions made in community and expressed by lawful authority.

Joyfully do I promise to live and work in evangelical poverty with you, my Sisters, for the attainment of our common goal in Christ.

### Sister Michele Bisbey, Provincial Director:

Because God is faithful, with confidence we entrust you, Sister Clarice, to the fulfillment of God's promise which is eternal life.

(The candle, symbol of Sister Clarice and her lifelong fidelity, is now lit. This candle will burn in her memory whenever the Community gathers in prayer.)

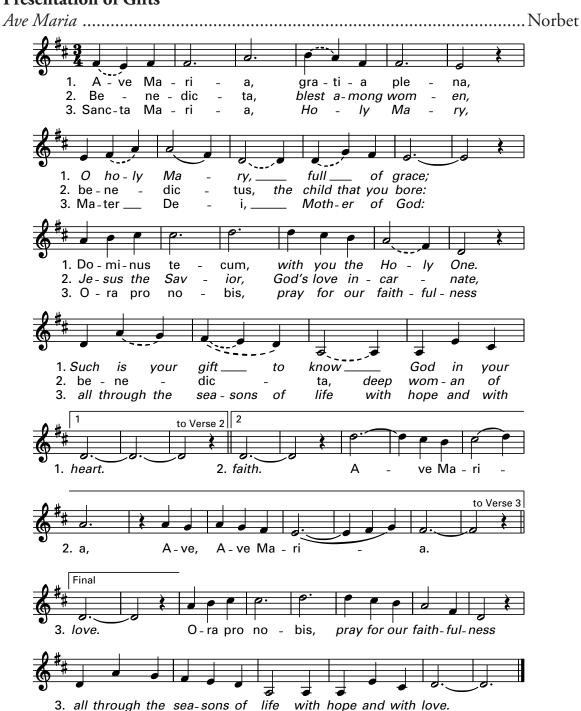


### Prayers of the Faithful

Response .......Provident God, hear our prayer

(The Sister's ring/community symbol are carried with the gifts of bread & wine.)

#### Presentation of Gifts



### Liturgy of the Eucharist

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Lord, Ho-ly Lord God of Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. hosts. ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est. san - na, is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na, ho san - na,

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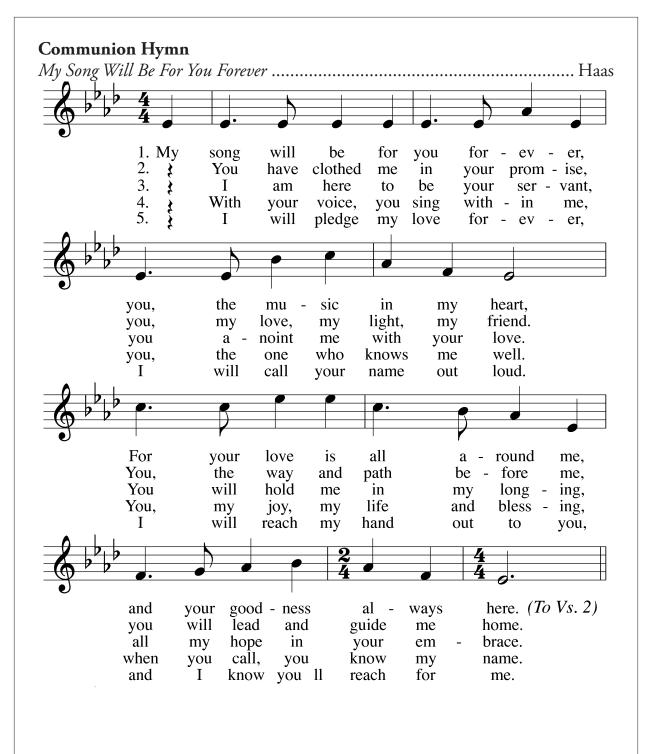


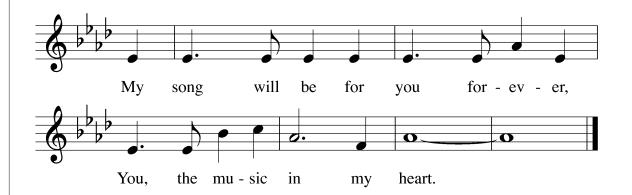




Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the





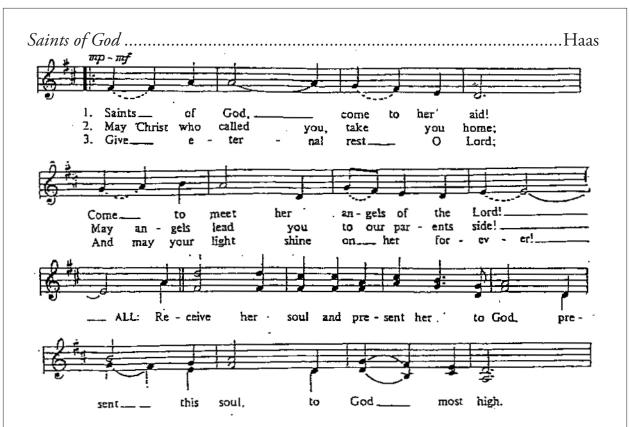




### Final Commendation and Farewell

Presider: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our Sister Clarice. May our farewell express our affection for her. May it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope.

All: One day we shall joyfully greet Sister Clarice again, when the love of Christ unites us all as a church triumphant.



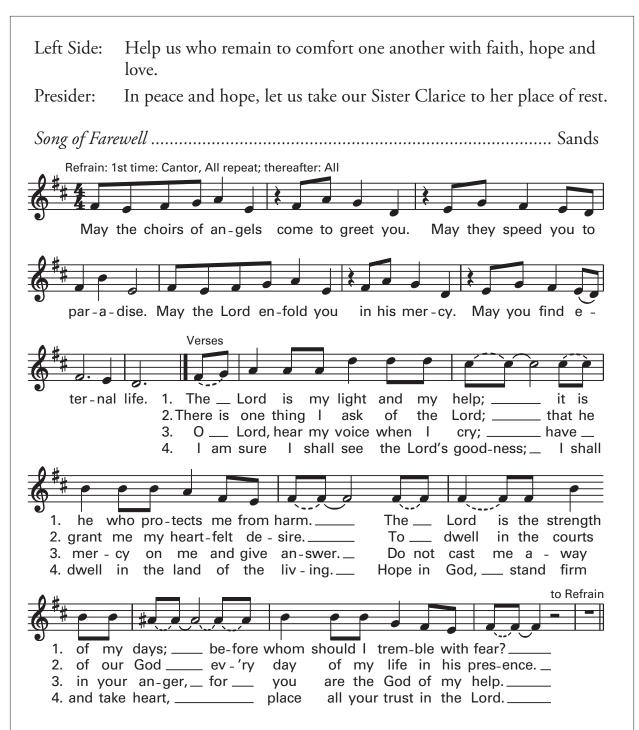
Right Side: Into your hands, God of mercy and love, we commend our Sister Clarice, in the sure and certain hope that she is safe and rejoicing before you whom she served so faithfully.

Left Side: We celebrate the life of Sister Clarice with us, and offer our gratitude to you, O God, for the blessing and goodness that came to us through her.

Right Side: May Sister Clarice rest in God's presence.

Left Side: May she be alive in the palm of God's hand.

Right Side: By the sign of the cross, Sister Clarice was claimed for Christ, and in the waters of Baptism she died with Christ so as to live with him forever. Merciful God, turn toward us and listen to our prayers; open the gates of paradise to Sister Clarice.



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