

## The Congregation of the Presentation of Mary Temple of God

*Do you not know that you yourselves are God's temple  
and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? (1 Cor 3, 16)*

### Office of the day

### Word of God – Jn 14: 23-26

*Jesus answered him: "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."*

### Refrain or silence

### Reflection

Mary is the friend who is ever concerned that the wine is not lacking in our lives. She is the woman whose heart was pierced by a sword and who understands all our pain. As mother of all, she is a sign of hope for peoples suffering the birth pangs of justice. She is the missionary who draws near to us and accompanies us throughout life, opening our hearts to faith by her maternal love. As a true mother, she walks at our side, she shares our struggles and she constantly surrounds us with God's love. (The Joy of the Gospel, 286)

In a wholly singular way Mary cooperated by her obedience, faith, hope, and burning charity in the Savior's work of restoring supernatural life to souls. For this reason she is a mother to us in the order of grace. (CEC, 968)

As a living memory of the exigencies of the Gospel, consecrated life speaks to all the baptized and to the world in order to walk with them the path that leads to holiness. Religious men and women must therefore express through their way of life "an absolute thirst for God and for the radicalism of the beatitudes". (Paul VI)

In Mary, it is the whole Church that journeys: in the charity of the one who reaches out to the most fragile, in the hope of the one who knows he will be accompanied and in the faith of the one who has a special gift to share. In Mary, may each of us, driven by the wind of the Spirit, live our own vocation to move forward! (Congregation for the Institutes of Religious Life)

## Saint Marie Rivier

With what joy Mary entered the temple again after the birth of the Child Jesus. The same will be true of you, my dear Daughters. What joy you will experience on returning to the house which was the cradle of your vocation, this blessed temple where, following Mary's example, you prepared yourselves for the important task that the Lord has entrusted to you. (S.W., 51)

## Rule of Life

The obedience of the Son, that we want to live ... is listening to and welcoming the Word in all that happens. It is being attentive to the Spirit, being constantly present to God, always seeking the perfection of filial life in a progressive configuration to Jesus Christ. C44

## Canticle

Listen, my daughter, look and listen; forget your people  
and your father's house.

## Moment of prayer

- Lord God, through Saint Marie Rivier, you have opened for us a temple dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, **R/ We bless you.**
- Lord God, through Saint Marie Rivier, you invite us to dwell in the temple, lovingly attentive to your presence, **R/ We bless you.**
- Lord God, through the intercession of Saint Marie Rivier, keep us faithful to her spirit and virtues, **R/ We bless you.**

## Our Father

## Final prayer

Lord God, you who called us to this temple of the Presentation of Mary, following the example of Mary, keep us faithful to the spirit of Jesus Christ that we might come to know him and to love him ever more deeply. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**All for God!**  
**All through holy love!**