

Canon for the Crowning of a Maiden

Blessing of Garments

Before everything they bring the garments to the priest. The deacon says, "Again in peace...". And the priest says, "Blessing and glory to the Father and to the Son...". And he offers incense and says:

Hymns

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Today the heavenly ones rejoiced at the renewal of us earthly ones. For the Renewer of all creation, the Spirit, descended into the holy Upper Room. And through Him the assembly of the apostles was renewed.

Today our earthen nature delights in its reconciliation with the Father. For the One who lifted the Spirit from the humanity of those created in body, has returned the same as a gift.

Today the children of the church celebrate with delight the coming of the Holy Spirit, through whom they have been bedecked in dazzling and resplendent garments. They sing, "Holy, holy, holy" with the Seraphim.

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The One who, through the differentiation of the languages at the tower, split up those who had been unified, today united again the different national languages in the Upper Room. All souls, praise the Spirit of God!

The Spirit of the Lord, who descended and led the twelve tribes of Israel in the desert today leads the twelve apostles to the Gospel. All souls, praise the Spirit of God!

The Spirit of the Lord, who filled Beseliel, the architect of the tabernacle, today builds humanity into a tabernacle of the holy Trinity. All souls, praise the Spirit of God!

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Mary, unwed mother of the Light, blessed are you among women.

You bore the shadowless Light in the womb. Blessed are you among women.

Never cease interceding for us. Blessed are you among women.

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Upon the rock of faith you built your holy church. Keep her in peace.

You poured the grace of mercy into the dwelling of the angels, the place of humanity's expiation. Grant her your unwavering peace.

In the temple of the glory of your holiness, the children sing to you. Grant them your abundant mercy.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

O Mary, you became the mother of the love of the immortal Groom. Intercede for us on this awesome day.

Prayer

Christ our God, bless these wedding garments with a spiritual blessing, so that no evil spirits of demons or swindlers may dare come near them. Fortified, rather, in the power of your holy

Cross, may they be delivered from Satan's every trap. And to you is due glory, dominion and honor now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Proclamation

Let us make supplication to the Lord by means of this holy Cross, so that through it He may deliver us from sin and restore us to life by the grace of his mercy. May the almighty Lord our God save us and have mercy on us.

Prayer

Guardian and hope of the faithful, O Christ our God, defend and keep your people in peace under the shadow of your holy and precious Cross. Deliver us from every visible and invisible enemy. Make us worthy, with thanksgiving, to glorify you with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Blessed be our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen. Our Father, who art in heaven...

