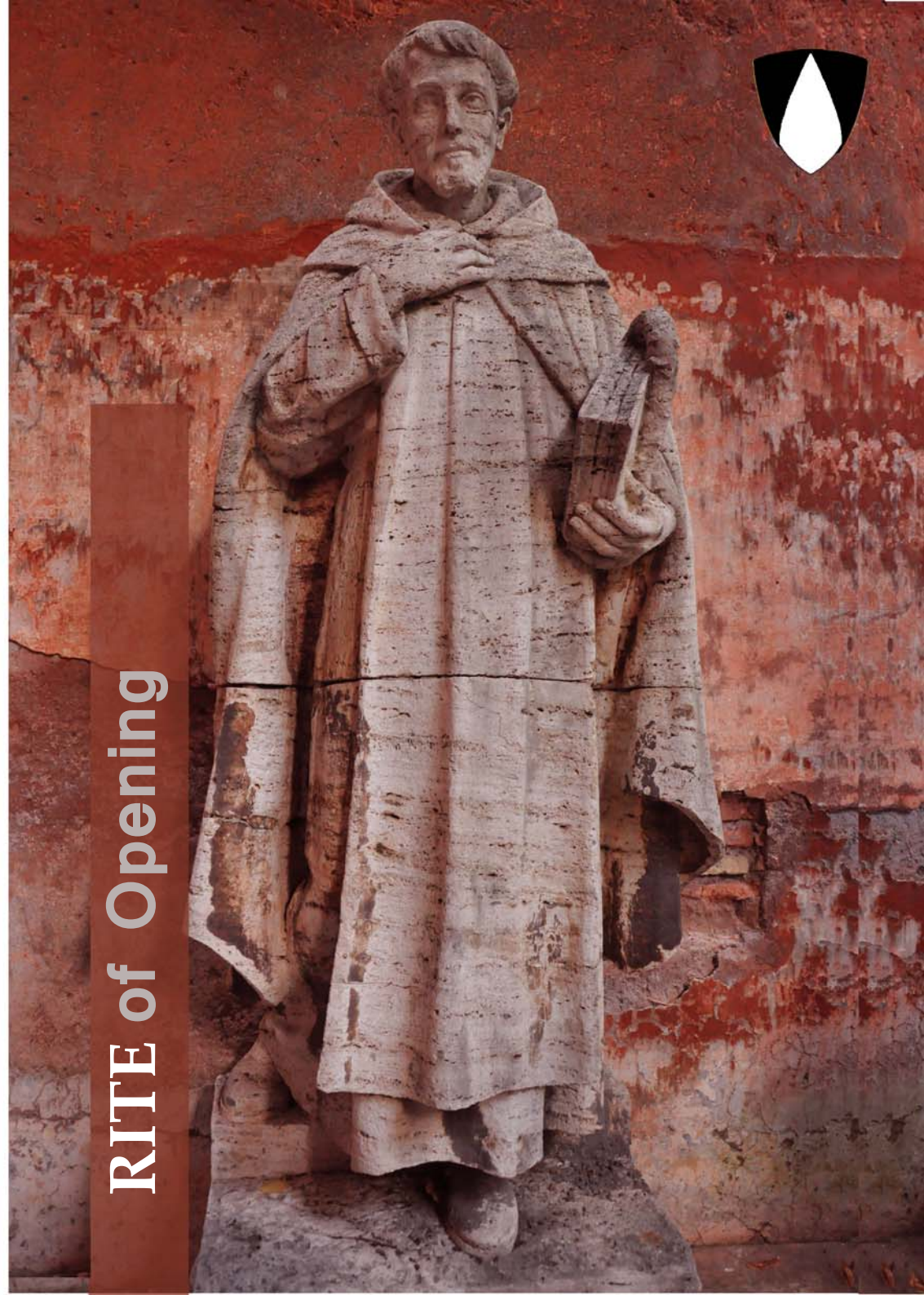




RITE of Opening



## INTRODUCTION TO THE CELEBRATION - PROCESSION

- **Opening song**
- **Message from the Master of the Order** *(read text or display video)*
- **Ritual of the light:**

**Presider:** Brothers and Sister, having heard from Fr. Bruno Cadoré, the Master of the Order of Preachers, we gather now for the opening liturgy of our jubilee grateful to God, in Christ Jesus, for the many blessings bestowed upon the Order and the Dominican family during 800 years of preaching the gospel, following our founder, St. Dominic de Guzman, and the holy men and women who joyously followed his example.

In this long journey, we have shared our joys and sorrows as a people of faith. The word of God spoken through the prophet Isaiah resounds in our minds and hearts as we celebrate this year of jubilee and as we look forward to the future with hope and gladness: "Do not be afraid, for I am with you." (Is. 43:5) In the celebrations of this year and in our preaching we ask God to stay with us in his mercy.

- **Ritual of the Light** *(after the admonition a large candle is lit in silence or accompanying the gesture with an appropriate song).*

- **Prayer:**

**Presider:** O God, we bring you this candle to be used throughout this jubilee year. As St. Dominic de Guzman enshrined and shared the fire of your love may we, through our preaching and ministry, share that same love with others. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

- **A reading from the Gospel of Saint Matthew** *(10, 5-16)*

*At that time, Jesus sent out the twelve charging them: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.*

*"Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts— no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff, for the worker is worth his keep. Whatever town or village you enter, search there for some worthy person*

*and stay at their house until you leave. As you enter the home, give it your greeting. If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet. Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.*

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

- **Procession**

**President or deacon:** With confidence and joy let us go to meet the Lord.

*The procession begins carrying the candle toward the altar singing the Hymn of Jubilee. Once in the sanctuary the candle is placed next to the ambo.*

*If the opening is celebrated within the Eucharist: once President come to the altar and kisses it, intones the Glory. Everything follows as in the mass. After the prayer after communion follows the second part of the ritual, as shown below.*

*If the opening is celebrated within one of the hours of the Divine Office: once the procession ends and the Presider arrives to his place, the celebration continues with the psalter. After the final prayer of the Divine Office, the second part of the rite continues, as shown below.*

- **Hymn of Jubilee**

*Laudare, Benedicere, Prædicare*

*Laudare*, we praise our Lord with our saints  
*Benedicere*, we lift our voice in song  
*Prædicare*, we proclaim  
your Word to the world.

Sent out to preach by Dominic  
sent two by two to all the world  
sent out to study the Gospel of grace  
to find new ways to preach.

Un cœur, une âme, tout donnés  
contemplatifs émerveillés  
joyeux amis, apprenez-nous  
pour les pécheurs, miséricorde.

Presencia del amor de Dios  
Presencia profética  
Presencia compasiva  
Sembradores de esperanza

Embrace with grace the marketplace  
Embrace the world not of the world  
Embrace the mission with  
compassion  
to preach the word to the world

## RITUAL OF SENDING (at the end of the celebration)

- **Lighting the candles** (*the president lights one by one the candles representing each community taking fire from large candle*).
- **Te Deum** (*while the candles are lit the assembly sings the hymn "Te Deum" or another appropriate song*).
- **Jubilee prayer** (*president and assembly together*)

*God, Father of mercy,  
who called your servant Dominic de Guzman  
to set out in faith  
as an itinerant pilgrim and a preacher of grace,  
as we celebrate the Jubilee of the Order  
we ask you to pour again into us  
the Spirit of the Risen Christ,  
that we might faithfully and joyfully proclaim  
the Gospel of peace,  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

- **Final blessing**

P. The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit**

May God, the Father almighty,  
who made Saint Dominic a servant of the Gospel  
strengthen you in your vocation. **Amen.**

May God, who made the kindness and compassion of our Savior  
shine forth in his servant Dominic,  
make you conformed to the image of his Son. **Amen.**

May God, who made Saint Dominic,  
rich in mercy toward sinners and the poor,  
fill you with the Holy Spirit  
for proclaiming the Gospel of peace. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
descend upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God!**

- **Salve Regina**

## INTRODUCTION

1. This ritual of solemn opening of the Dominican Jubilee is intended as a celebration that can bring the whole Dominican Family in the same country or region. It can be integrated within broader liturgical celebration: the Eucharist or a celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours.

2. This ritual involves two stages: an introductory, which includes a procession, and other of sending, at the end of the celebration.

3. The message of the Master of the Order for the opening of the Jubilee will be sent to all provinces few weeks before the opening (written text and video)

3. The introductory moment retakes the importance of the processions within the Dominican liturgical tradition. The Order, since its origins has always retained some processions throughout the liturgical year. The Master of the Order, Blessed Jacinto Maria Cormier, in the Letter of promulgation of the *Processionarium* (1913), recalled that "this prayer is very appropriate, so to speak, to a natural religion, whether in the Old Law, as in New, either to implore the mercy of God, or to give more joy to the solemnities and feasts in general". For this reason, we suggest a procession (which can be from one church to another, or also within the cloister of the convent) to solemnize the opening of the Dominican Jubilee. By doing this procession or solemn entrance, we realize that we are God's people on the way, we find the Lord when we join in prayer, that imitating Santo Domingo walk in the joy of the Lord and symbolically entered the jubilee year.

4. Three signs referring to the Jubilee Year slogan are present In the opening ritual: Light/torch, the Gospel and the sending/mission. It is proposed to prepare a large candle, which can serve also to other provincial celebrations during the Jubilee. This candle can be decorated with some Dominican symbols. It is important not to confuse it with the Easter candle (and not use it as such). Likewise, each local community can make a smaller candle, which can also be decorated with Dominican symbols and can be present during different jubilee celebrations of the community.

The Gospel proposed for this ritual is the apostolic sending taken from the Gospel of Matthew. According to his biographers, Saint Dominic carried always the Gospel of Matthew with him and that he knew it almost by heart.

5. The rite of the opening of the jubilee year concludes with a gesture of sending, symbolized by the transmission of light: while singing the *Te Deum*, the superior or delegate from each Dominican community, taking fire from the main candle, light a candle for his community. The, we conclude by the recitation of the Jubilee prayer, final blessing and the *Salve Regina*.