PROPER of the MASS

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Psalm 21: 15

FACTUM est cor meum tamquam cera liquéscens in médio ventris mei: quóniam zelus domus tuæ comédit me. *Ps. 72: 1.* Quam bonus Israël Deus: his, qui recto sunt corde. Gloria Patri.

DEUS, qui beátum Francíscum, novi órdinis institutórem, orándi stúdio et pœniténtiæ amóre decorásti: da fámulis tuis in ejus imitatióne ita profícere; ut, semper orántes et corpus in servitútem redigéntes, ad cœléstem glóriam perveníre mereántur. Per Dóminum.

Wisdom 4: 7-14

JUSTUS, si morte præoccupátus fúerit, in refrigério erit. Senéctus enim venerábilis est non diutúrna, neque annórum número computáta: cani autem sunt sensus hóminis, et ætas senectútis vita immaculáta. Placens Deo factus est diléctus, et vivens inter peccatóres translátus est. Raptus est ne malítia mutáret intelléctum ejus, aut ne fíctio decíperet ánimam illíus. Fascinátio enim nugacitátis obscúrat bona, et inconstántia concupiscéntiæ transvértit sensum sine malítia. Consummátus in brevi explévit témpora multa, plácita enim erat Deo ánima illíus: propter hoc properávit edúcere illum de médio iniquitátum.

INTROIT

My heart is become like wax melting in the midst of my bowels: for the zeal of Thy house hath eaten me up. *Ps.* How good is God to Israel: to them are of a right heart. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT

O God, Who didst adorn blessed Francis, as the founder of a new order, with the spirit of prayer and the love of penance, grant Thy servants to make such progress in imitating him that, by prayer without ceasing, and by bringing the body into subjection, they may deserve to attain heavenly glory. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE

The just man if he be prevented with death, shall be in rest. For venerable age is not that of long time, nor counted by the number of years; but the understanding of a man is grey hairs. And a spotless life is old age. He pleased God and was beloved, and living among sinners he was translated. He was taken away lest wickedness should alter his understanding, or deceit beguile his soul. For the bewitching of vanity obscureth good things, and the wandering of concupiscence overturneth the innocent mind. Being made perfect in a short space, he fulfilled a long time. For his soul pleased God: therefore He hastened to bring him out of the midst of iniquities.

Psalm 41: 2-3

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QUEMÁDMODUM desíderat cervus ad fontes aquárum: ita desíderat ánima mea ad te, Deus. Sitívit ánima mea ad Deum fortem vivum.

Psalm 72: 26

ALLELÚIA, allelúia. Defécit caro mea, et cor meum: Deus cordis mei, et pars mea Deus in ætérnum. Allelúia.

Luke 12:: 35-40

IN illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discípulis suis: Sint lumbi vestri præcincti, et lucérnæ ardéntes in mánibus vestris, et vos símiles homínibus exspectántibus dóminum suum, quando revertátur a núptiis: ut, cum vénerit, et pulsáverit, conféstim apériant ei. Beáti servi illi, quos, cum vénerit dóminus, invénerit vigilántes: amen dico vobis, quod præcínget se, et fáciet illos discúmbere, et tránsiens ministrábit illis. Et si vénerit in secúnda vigília, et si in tértia vigília vénerit, et ita invénerit, beáti sunt, beati sunt servi illi. Hoc autem scitóte, quóniam si sciret paterfamílias, quia hora fur vénerit, vigilaret útique, et non sineret pérfodi domum suam. Et vos estúte paráti, quia qua hora non putátis. Fílius hóminis véniet.

Psalm 91. 13

JUSTUS ut palma florébit; sicut cedrus Líbani multiplicábitur.

DA nobis, clementissime Jesu: ut præclára beáti Francísci mérita recoléntes, eódem nos, ac ille, caritátis igne succénsi, digne in circúitu sacræ hujus mensæ tuæ esse valeámus: Qui vívis et regnas.

GRADUAL

As the hart panteth after the fountains of waters, so my soul panteth after Thee, O God. My soul hath thirsted after the strong living God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. My flesh and my heart hath fainted away. Thou art the God of my heart, and the God that is my portion forever. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: Let your loins be girt, and lamps burning in your hands, and you yourselves like to men, who wait for their lord, when he shall return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open to him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He cometh, shall find watching. Amen, I say to you, that He will gird Himself, and make them sit down to meat, and passing will minister unto them. And if He shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. But this know ye, that if the householder did know at what hour the thief would come, he would surely watch, and would not suffer his house to be broken open. Be ye then also ready; for at what hour you think not, the Son of man will come.

OFFERTORY

The just man shall flourish like the palm tree, he shall grow up like the cedar of Libanus.

SECRET

Grant us, O most merciful Jesus, that, while celebrating the noble virtues of blessed Francis, we, being enkindled with the same fire of charity that burned within him, may be able to stand worthily about Thy sacred table. Who livest and reignest.

COMMON PREFACE

VERE dignum et justum est, æquum et salutare, nos tibi semper, et ubique gratias agere: Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, æterne Deus: per Christum Dominum nostrum. Per quem majestatem tuam laudant Angeli, adorant Dominationes, tremunt Potestates. Cæli, cælorumque Virtutes ac beata Seraphim socia exultatione concelebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces, ut admitti, jubeas, supplici confessione dicentes:

Psalm 30: 20

QUAM magna multitúdo dulcédinis tuæ, Dómine, quam abscondísti timéntibus Te!

SACROSÁNCTI sacrifícii, quæsumus, Dómine, quod hódie in solemnitáte beáti Francísci tuæ obtúlimus majestáti, grata semper in méntibus nostris memória persevéret, et fructus. Per Dóminum. It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God: through Christ our Lord. through Whom the Angels praise Thy Majesty, Dominations worship, Powers stand in awe. The Heavens and the Heavenly hosts together with the blessed Seraphim in triumphant chorus unite to celebrate it. Together with them we entreat Thee, that Thou mayest bid our voices also to be admitted, while we say in lowly praise:

COMMUNION

O how great is the multitude of Thy sweetness, O Lord, which Thou hast hidden from them that fear Thee!

POSTCOMMUNION

Let the happy memory of the most holy sacrifice, which we have this day offered to Thy majesty on the solemn feast of blessed Francis, ever endure in our minds together with its fruits. Through our Lord.