

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. Cœli, cœlorumque Virtutes ac beata Seraphim sociâ exultatione concelebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces, ut admitti, jubeas, supplici confessione dicentes:

*Psalm 118: 121, 122, 128*

FECI judicium et justitiam, Domine, non calumnientur mihi superbi: ad omnia mandata tua dirigebar, omnem viam iniquitatis odio habui. (T.P. Alleluia.)

DIVINI muneris largitate satiati, quæsumus Domine Deus noster: ut, intercedente beata N. Virgine et Martyre tua, in ejus semper participatione vivamus. Per Dominum.

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, Dominationes 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

I have done judgement and justice, O Lord, give me not up to them that slander me: I was directed to all Thy commandments, I have hated all wicked ways. (P.T. Alleluia.)

POSTCOMMUNION

Filled with the Gifts of Thy divine bounty, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our God; that by the intercession of blessed N., Thy Virgin and Martyr, we may partake thereof for evermore. Through our Lord.

PROPER of the MASS

COMMON OF A VIRGIN MARTYR

"ME EXSPECTAVERUNT"

*Psalm 118: 46, 47, 1* INTROIT

ME exspectaverunt peccatores, ut perderent me: testimonia tua, Domine, intellexi: omnis consummationis vidi finem: latum mandatum tuum nimis. (T.P. Alleluia, alleluia.) Ps. Beati immaculati in via: qui ambulant in lege Domini. Gloria Patri.

The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I have understood Thy testimonies, O Lord: I have seen an end of all perfection; Thy command is exceeding broad. (P.T. Alleluia, alleluia.) Ps. Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the law of the Lord. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT

INDULGENTIAM nobis, quæsumus Domine, beata N. Virgo et Martyr imploret: quæ tibi grata semper exstitit et merito castitatis, et tuæ professione virtutis. Per Dominum.

May blessed N. we beseech Thee, O Lord, obtain pardon for us: for both by her chastity and by her confession of Thy power, she was ever pleasing to Thee. Through our Lord.

*Ecclesiasticus 51: 13-17* EPISTLE

DOMINE Deus meus, exaltasti super terram habitationem meam, et pro morte defluente deprecata sum. Invocavi Dominum patrem Domini mei, ut non derelinquat me in die tribulationis meæ, et in tempore superbiorum sine adiutorio. Laudabo nomen tuum assidue, et collaudabo illud in confessione, et exaudita est oratio mea. Et liberasti me de perditione, et eripuisti me de tempore iniquo. Propterea confitebor, et laudem dicam tibi, Domine Deus noster.

O Lord my God, Thou hast exalted my dwelling place upon the earth, and I have prayed for death to pass away. I called upon the Lord, the Father of my Lord, that He would not leave me in the day of my trouble, and in the time of the proud without help. I will praise Thy Name continually, and will praise it with thanksgiving, and my prayer was heard. And Thou hast saved me from destruction, and hast delivered me from the evil time. Therefore I will give thanks and praise to Thee, O Lord our God.

*Psalm 45: 6,5*

ADJUVABIT eam Deus vultu suo: Deus in medio ejus, non commovebitur. *Ÿ*. Fluminis impetus lætificat civitatem Dei: sanctificavit tabernaculum suum Altissimus.

GRADUAL

God will help her with His countenance: God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved. *Ÿ*. The stream of the river maketh the city of God joyful: the Most High hath sanctified His own tabernacle.

ALLELUIA

ALLELUIA, alleluia. Hæc est Virgo sapiens, et una de numero prudentum. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. This is a wise virgin, and one of the number of the prudent. Alleluia.

*From Septuagesima the Alleluia and the Verse Haec are omitted and the following is said:*

*Psalm 44: 8,5*

VENI, sponsa Christi, accipe coronam, quam tibi Dominus præparavit in æternum: pro cujus amore sanguinem tuum fudisti. *Ÿ*. Dilexisti justitiam, et odisti iniquitatem; propterea unxit te Deus, Deus tuus, oleo lætitiæ præ consortibus tuis. *Ÿ*. Specie tua, et pulchritudine tua intende, prospere procede, et regna.

TRACT

Come thou, spouse of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord hath prepared for thee from everlasting: for those who love thou didst shed thy blood. *Ÿ*. Thou hast loved justice and hated iniquity: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. *Ÿ*. With thy comeliness and thy beauty set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

*During Eastertide the Gradual is omitted and the following Alleluia is said:*

*Ps. 44.15,16,5*

ALLELUIA, alleluia. Adducentur Regi virgines post eam: proximæ eius afferentur tibi in lætitia. Alleluia. Specie tua, et pulchritudine tua intende, prospere procede, et regna. Alleluia.

PASCHAL ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. After her shall virgins be brought to the King: her neighbors shall be brought to Thee with gladness. Alleluia. With thy comeliness and thy beauty set out, proceed prosperously, and reign. Alleluia.

*Matthew 13: 44-52*

IN illo tempore: Dixit Jesus discipulis suis parabolam hanc: Simile est regnum cœlorum thesauro abscondito in agro, quem qui invenit homo, abscondit, et præ gaudio illius vadit, et vendit universa quæ habet, et emit agrum illum. Iterum simile est regnum cœlorum homini negotiatori, quærenti bonas margaritas. Inventa autem una pretiosa margarita, abiit, et vendidit omnia quæ habuit, et emit eam. Iterum simile est regnum cœlorum sagenæ missæ in mare, et ex omni genere piscium congreganti. Quam, cum impleta esset, educentes, et secus littus sedentes, elegerunt bonos in vasa, malos autem foras miserunt. Sic erit in consummatione sæculi: exhibunt Angeli, et separabunt malos de medio justorum, et mittent eos in caminum ignis: ibi erit fletus, et stridor dentium. Intellexistis hæc omnia? Dicunt ei: Etiam. Ait illis: Ideo omnis scriba doctus in regno cœlorum, similis est homini patrifamilias, qui profert de thesauro suo nova et vetera.

GOSPEL

At that time, Jesus spoke to His disciples this parable: The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a treasure hidden in a field. Which a man having found, hid it, and for joy thereof goeth, and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again the Kingdom of Heaven is like to a merchant seeking good pearls. Who when he had found one pearl of great price, went his way, and sold all that he had, and bought it. Again the Kingdom of Heaven is like to a net cast into the sea, and gathering together of all kind of fishes. Which, when it was filled, they drew out, and sitting by the shore, they chose out the good into vessels, but the bad they cast forth. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall go out, and shall separate the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have ye understood all these things? They say to him: Yes. He said unto them: Therefore every scribe instructed in the Kingdom of Heaven is like to a man that is a householder, who bringeth forth out of his treasure new things and old.

*Psalm 44: 3*

DIFFUSA est gratia in labiis tuis: propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum, et in sæcula sæculi. (T.P. Alleluia.)

OFFERTORY

Grace is poured abroad in thy lips: therefore hath God blessed thee for ever. (P.T. Alleluia.)

SECRET

HOSTIAS tibi, Domine, beatæ N., Virginis et Martyris tuæ dicatas meritis, benignus assume: et ad perpetuum nobis tribue provenire subsidium. Per Dominum.

Graciously receive, O Lord, the offerings consecrated to Thee by the merits of blessed N, Thy Virgin and Martyr, and grant that they may ever bring us help. Through our Lord.