



*Exodus 13.22; Psalm 98.6-7*

COLUMNAM ducem habemus quænumquam defuit per diem neque per noctem coram populo. V. Invocabant Dominum, et ipse exaudivat eos: in columna nubis loquebatur ad eos. Gloria Patri.

OMNIPOTENS sempiternus Deus, qui per gloriosissimam Filii tui Matrem cælestem præsidium nobis mirabiliter præparasti: concede propitius, ut quam peculiari titulo de Columna pia devotione veneramur, ejus perpetuo protegámur auxilio. Per eundem Dominum.

*Ecli. 24.5-13*

EGO ex ore Altissimi prodivi primogenita ante omnem creaturam. Ego feci in cælis, ut oriretur lumen indeficiens, et sicut nebula texti omnem terram. Ego in altissimis habitavi, et thronus meus in columna nubis. Gyrum cæli circuivi sola, et profundum abyssi penetravi: in fluctibus maris ambulavi, et in omni terra steti, et in omni populo et in omni gente primatum habui: et omnium excellentium et humilium corda virtute calcavi: et in his omnibus requiem quæsi, et in hereditate Domini morabor. Tunc præcepit et dixit mihi Creator omnium: et qui creavit me requievit in tabernaculo meo, et dixit mihi: In Jacob inhabitabit, et in Israël hereditabit, et in electis meis mitte radices.

*Psalm 26.6, 39.3*

IN petra exaltavit me: et nunc exaltavit caput meum super inimicos meos. V. Stetit super petram pedes meos: et direxit gressus meos.

INTROIT

For a guide we have the pillar that never failed by day nor by night before the people. V. They called upon the Lord, and he heard them: he spoke to them in the pillar of the cloud. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who by the most glorious Mother of thy Son hast marvelously made ready a heavenly support for us: mercifully grant that we may be safeguarded by the constant help of her whom we reverence with godly devotion under the special title of the Pillar. Through the same Lord.

EPISTLE

I came out of the mouth of the Most high, the firstborn before all creatures. I made that in the heavens there should rise light that never faileth, and as a cloud I covered all the earth. I dwelt in the highest places, and my throne is in a pillar of a cloud. I alone have compassed the circuit of heaven, and have penetrated into the bottom of the deep: and have walked in the waves of the sea, and have stood in all the earth, and in every people and in every nation I have had the chief rule: and by my power I have trodden under my feet the hearts of all the high and low: and in all these I sought rest, and I shall abide in the inheritance of the Lord. Then the Creator of all things commanded and said to me: and he that made me rested in my tabernacle, and he said to me: Let thy dwelling be in Jacob, and thine inheritance in Israel, and take root in mine elect.

GRADUAL

He hath exalted me upon a rock: and now he hath lifted up my head above mine enemies. V. He set my feet upon a rock: and directed my steps.

ALLELUIA

ALLELUIA, alleluia. V. En ego stabo ibi coram te super petram. Alleluia.

*Luke 11.27-28*

IN illo tempore: Loquente Jesu ad turbas, extollens vocem quædam mulier de turba, dixit illi: Beatus venter qui te portavit, et ubera quæ suxisti. At ille dixit: Quinimmo beati qui audiunt verbum Dei et custodiunt illud.

*Ecli. 45.14*

CORONA aurea super caput ejus, expressa signo sanctitatis et gloria-honoris: opus virtutis, et desideria oculorum.

DEUS, qui protegente Genetrice Filii tui, fidei lumen nobis splendescere fecisti; præsta, quæsumus: ejus meritis et precibus, in eadem fide stabiles inveniamur, et in caritate ferventes. Per eundem.

VERE dignum et justum est, æquum et salutare, nos tibi semper, et ubique gratias agere: Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, æterne Deus: Et te in festivitate beate Mariæ semper Virginis collaudare, benedicere et prædicare. Quæ et Unigenitum tuum Sancti Spiritus obumbratione concepit: et virginitatis gloria permanente, lumen æternum mundo effudit, Jesum Christum Dominum nostrum. Per quem majestatem tuam laudant Angeli, adorant Dominationes, tremunt Potestates. Cæli, cælorumque Virtutes, ac beata Seraphim, socia exultatione concèbrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces, ut admitti jubeas, deprecámur, supplici confessione dicentes:

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Behold I will stand there before thee upon the rock. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

At that time: When Jesus was speaking to the multitudes, a certain woman from the crowd, lifting up her voice, said to him: Blessed is the womb that bore thee, and the paps that gave thee suck. But he said: Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

OFFERTORY

A crown of gold upon her head, wherein is engraved holiness, an ornament of honour: a work of power, and delightful to the

SECRET

O God, who by the safeguarding of thy Son's Mother hast caused the light of faith to shine brightly in us, grant, we beseech thee, that by her deserts and prayers we may be found steadfast in the same faith, and burning with charity. Through the same.

PREFACE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty and eternal God: and that we should praise, bless and proclaim Thee in the festivity of the blessed Mary ever virgin: who conceived Thine only-begotten Son by the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost; and losing not the glory of her virginity, gave forth to the world the eternal Light, Jesus Christ our Lord: through Whom the angels praise Thy majesty, Dominations worship, Powers stand in awe: the Heavens and the hosts of heaven, with blessed Seraphim unite, exult, and celebrate; and we entreat that Thou wouldst bid our voices also to be heard with theirs, singing in lowly praise: