

Luke 12: 42 COMMUNION

FIDELIS servus et prudens, quem constituit dominus super familiam suam: ut det illis in tempore tritici mensuram.

This is the faithful and wise steward, whom his lord setteth over his family: to give them their measure of wheat in due season.

POSTCOMMUNION

DEUS, fidelium remunerator animarum præsta; ut beati Thomas, Confessoris tui atque Pontificis, cujus venerandam celebramus festivitatem, precibus indulgentiam consequamur. Per Dominum.

O God, the rewarder of faithful souls, grant that by the prayers of blessed Thomas, Thy Confessor and Bishop, whose venerable feast we celebrate, we may obtain pardon. Through our Lord.

COMMEMORATION of St Maurice and his Companions

CÆLĒSTIBUS refecti sacramentis et gaudiis: supplices te rogamus, Domine: ut, quorum gloriamur triumphis, protegámur auxiliis. Per Dominum.

Refreshed with heavenly sacraments and joys, we, Thy suppliants, beseech Thee, O Lord, that we be protected by the assistance of those in whose triumphs we glory. Through the Lord.

PROPER of the MASS ST THOMAS OF VILLANOVA

September 22

Eccles. 45: 30; Ps. 131: 1 INTROIT

STATUIT ei Dominus testamentum pacis, et principem fecit eum: ut sit illi sacerdotii dignitas in æternum. *Ps.* Memento Domine, David: et omnis mansuetudinus ejus. Gloria Patri.

The Lord made to him a covenant of peace, and made him a prince: that the dignity of priesthood should be to him for ever. *Ps.* O Lord, remember David: and all his meekness. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT

DEUS, qui beátum Thomam Pontificem insignis in páuperes misericordiæ virtute decorásti: quæsumus; ut, ejus intercessióne, in omnes, qui te deprecántur, divítias misericordiæ tuæ benígnus effúndas. Per Dominum.

O God, Who didst adorn blessed Thomas, Thy Bishop, with the virtue of a consuming charity for the poor: we beseech Thee that, through his intercession, Thou graciously pour forth the riches of Thy mercy upon all who pray to Thee. Through the Lord.

COMMEMORATION of St Maurice and his Companions

ANNUE, quæsumus omnipotens Deus: ut sanctorum Mártyrum tuorum Maurítii et Sociórum ejus nos lætíficet festíva solémnitas; ut, quorum suffrágiis nítimur, eórum natalítis gloriémur. Per Dominum.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that the solemn festival of Thy holy Martyrs, Maurice and his companions, may bring us joy, that we may glory in the natal day of those upon whose patronage we lean. Through our Lord.

Ecclesiasticus 44: 16-27; 45: 3-20 EPISTLE

ECCE sacerdos magnus, qui in diebus suis placuit Deo, et inventus est justus: et in tempore iracundiæ factus est reconciliatio. Non est inventus similis illi, qui conservavit legem Excelsi. Ideo jurejurando fecit illum Dominus crescere in plebem suam. Benedictionem omnium gentium dedit illi, et testamentum suum confirmavit super caput ejus. Agnovit eum

Behold, a great priest, who in his days pleased God, and was found just; and in the time of wrath he was made a reconciliation. There was not found the like to him who kept the law of the most High. Therefore by an oath the Lord made him to increase among his people He gave him the blessing of all nations, and confirmed His covenant upon his head. He acknowl-

in benedictionibus suis: conservavit illi misericordiam suam: et invenit gratiam coram oculis Domini. Magnificavit eum in conspectu regum: et dedit illi coronam gloriæ. Statuit illi testamentum æternum, et dedit illi sacerdotium magnum: et beatificavit illum in gloria. Fungi sacerdotio, et habere laudem in nomine ipsius, et offerre illi incensum dignum in odorem suavitatis.

Ecclus 44: 66, 20

ECCE sacerdos magnus, qui in diebus suis placuit Deo. Non est inventus similis illi, qui conservaret legem Excelsi.

Psalm 109: 4

ALLELUIA, alleluia. Tu es sacerdos in æternum, secundum ordinem Melchisedech. Alleluia.

Matthew 25: 14-23

IN illo tempore: Dixit Jesus discipulis suis parabolam hanc: Homo peregre proficiscens, vocavit servos suos, et tradidit illis bona sua. Et uni dedit quinque talenta, alii autem duo, alii vero unum, unicuique secundum propriam virtutem, et profectus est statim. Abiit autem qui quinque talenta acceperat, et operatus est in eis, et lucratus est alia quinque. Similiter et qui duo acceperat, lucratus est alia duo. Qui autem unum acceperat, abiens fodit in terram, et abscondit pecuniam domini sui. Post multum vero temporis venit dominus servorum illorum, et posuit rationem cum eis. Et accedens qui quinque talenta acceperat, obtulit alia quinque talenta, dicens: Domine, quinque talenta tradidisti mihi, ecce alia quinque superlucratus sum. Ait illi dominus ejus: Euge serve bone et fidelis, quia super pauca fuisti fidelis, super multa te constituam: intra in gaudium domini tui. Accessit autem et qui duo talenta acceperat, et ait: Domine, duo

edged him in His blessings; He preserved for him His mercy; and he found grace before the eyes of the Lord. He glorified him in the sight of kings, and gave him a crown of glory. He made an everlasting covenant with him, and gave him a great priesthood: and made him blessed in glory. To execute the office of the priesthood, and to have praised in His name, and to offer him a worthy incense for an odour of sweetness.

GRADUAL

Behold a great priest, who in his days pleased God. There was not found the like to him, who kept the law of the Most High.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. Thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchisedech. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

At that time, Jesus spoke this parable to His disciples: A man going into a far country called his servants, and delivered to them his goods. And to one he gave five talents, and to another two, and to another one, to every one according to his proper ability: and immediately he took his journey. And he that had received the five talents went his way, and traded with the same, and gained another five. And in like manner he that had received the two gained other two. But he that had received the one, going his way, digged into the earth and hid his lord's money. But after a long time the lord of those servants came and reckoned with them. And he that had received the five talents coming, brought other five talents, saying: Lord, thou didst deliver to me five talents, behold I have gained other five over and above. His lord said to him: Well done, good and faithful servant, because thou has been faithful over a few things, I will place thee over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy

talenta tradidisti mihi, ecce alia duo lucratus sum. Ait illi dominus ejus: Euge, serve bone et fidelis, quia super pauca fuisti fidelis, super multa te constituam: intra in gaudium domini tui.

Psalm 88: 21-22

INVENI David servus meum, oleo sancto meo unxi eum: manus enim mea auxiliabitur ei, et brachium meum confortabit eum.

SANCTI Thomas, Confessoris tui atque Pontificis, quæsumus, Domine, annua solemnitas pietati tuæ nos reddat acceptos: ut, per hæc piæ placationis officia, et illum beata retributio comitetur, et nobis gratiæ tuæ dona conciliet. Per Dominum.

RÉSPICE, quæsumus, Dómine, múnera, quæ in sanctorum Mátyrum tuorum Mauritií et Sociórum ejus commemoratione deférimus: et præsta; ut, quorum honóre sunt grata, eórum nobis fiant intercessióne perpétua. Per Dominum.

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:

lord. And he also that had received the two talents came and said: Lord, thou deliverest two talents to me, behold I have gained other two. His lord said to him: Well done, good and faithful servant, because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will place thee over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

OFFERTORY

I have found David My servant, with My holy oil I have anointed him: for My hand shall help him, and My arm shall strengthen him.

SECRET

May this annual feast of Saint Thomas, Thy Confessor and Bishop, make us in Thy kindness acceptable to Thee, O Lord: and may this present rite duly appease Thee, bring happy recompense to him, and assure gifts of Thy grace to us. Through our Lord.

COMMEMORATION of St Maurice and his Companions

Regard, we beseech Thee O Lord, our gifts which we bring in commemoration of Thy holy Martyrs, Maurice and his companions, and grant that they be made pleasing by the perpetual intercession of those in whose honour they are offered. Through our Lord.

COMMON PREFACE

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: