

STS. VINCENT & ANASTASIUS, MARTYRS

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These two martyrs also had each the honor of a separate station Mass at Rome. St. Vincent, a Spanish deacon, suffered death for the Faith, under Diocletian, in the year 300. St. Anastasius, a native of Persia, was also put to death for being a Christian. The feasts of these two are both celebrated on the same day. The example of the heroic fortitude of the martyrs, who in the hope of the resurrection, rather than betray the Faith, seek no escape from death, is, indeed, necessary in our days when a sentimental pietistic feeling threatens to replace in the conscience of many the practical profession of the Christian life.

INTROIT Psalms 78: 11, 12, 10

Intret in conspéctu tuo, Dómine, gémitus compeditórum: redde vicinis nostris séptuplum in sinu eórum: vindica sánguinem Sanctórum tuórum, qui effúsus est. (Ps 78: 1) Deus, venérunt gentes in hereditátem tuam: polluérunt templum sanctum tuum: posuérunt Ierúsalem in pomórum custódiam. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Intret in conspéctu tuo, Dómine, gémitus compeditórum: redde vicinis nostris séptuplum in sinu eórum: vindica sánguinem Sanctórum tuórum, qui effúsus est.

COLLECT

Adésto, Dómine, supplicatióibus nostris: ut, qui ex iniquitatē nostra reos nos esse cognóscimus, beatórum Mártyrum tuórum Vincéntii et Anastásii intercessióne liberémur. . Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

LESSON Wisdom 3: 1-8

Justórum ánimæ in manu Dei sunt, et non tanget illos torméntum mortis. Visi sunt óculis insipiéntium mori: et æstimáta est afflictio exitus illórum: et quod a nobis est iter exterminium: illi autem sunt in pace. Et si coram homínibus torménta passi sunt, spes illórum immortalitáte plena est. In paucis vexáti, in multis bene disponéntur: quóniam Deus tentávit eos, et invénit illos dignos se. Tamquam aurum in fornáce probávit illos, et quasi holocáusti hóstiam accépit illos, et in témpore erit respéctus illórum. Fulgébunt justí, et tamquam scintillæ in arundinétó discúrent. Judicábunt nátiónes, et dominabúntur pópulis, et regnábít Dóminus illórum in perpétuum.

GRADUAL Exodus 15: 11, 6

Gloriósus Deus in Sanctis suis: mirábilis in maiestáte, fáciens prodígia. Dextera tua, Dómine, glorificáta est in virtúte: dextera manus tua confrégit inimicos.

LESSER ALLELUIA

Ecclesiasticus. 44: 14

Allelúja, allelúja. Córpora Sanctórum in pace sepúlta sunt, et nómina eórum vivent in generatiónem et generatiónem. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Luke 21: 9-19

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discíplis suis: Cum audieritis prælia et seditiões, nolíte terréri: opórtet primum hæc fieri, sed nondum statim finis. Tunc dicébat illis: Surget gens contra gentem, et regnum advérsus regnum. Et terrémótus magni erunt per loca, et pestiléntiæ, et fames, terrorésque de cælo, et signa magna erunt. Sed ante hæc ómnia iniícient vobis manus suas, et persecúntur tradéntes in synagógas et custódias, trahéntes ad reges et præsides propter nomen meum: contínget autem vobis in testimónium. Pónite ergo in córdibus vestris non præmeditári, quemádmódu respondeátis. Ego enim dabo vobis os et sapiéntiam, cui non potérent resistere et contradícere omnes advérsárii vestri. Tradémini autem a paréntibus, et frátribus, et cognátis, et amicis, et morte affíciant ex vobis: et éritis ódio ómnibus propter nomen meum: et capillus de cápíte vestro non períbit. In paciéntia vestra possidébitis ánimas vestras.

OFFERTORY Psalms 67: 36

Mirábilis Deus in Sanctis suis: Deus Israël, ipse dabit virtútem et fortitúdinem plebi suæ: benedíctus Deus, allelúja.

SECRET

Múnera tibi, Dómine, nostræ devotiónis offérimus: quæ et pro tuórum tibi grata sint honóre justórum, et nobis salutária, te miseránte, reddántur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

COMMUNION Wisdom 3: 4-6

Et si coram homínibus torménta passi sunt, Deus tentávit eos: tamquam aurum in fornáce probávit eos, et quasi holocáusta accépit eos.

POSTCOMMUNION

Quæsumus, omnipotens Deus: ut, qui cæléstia aliménta percépimus, intercedéntibus beátis Martýribus tuis Vincéntio et Anastásio, per hæc contra ómnia advérsa muniámur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Let the sighings of the prisoners come in before Thee, O Lord; render to our neighbors sevenfold in their bosom; revenge the blood of Thy Saints, which hath been shed. (Ps. 78: 1) O God, the heathens are come into Thine inheritance; they have defiled Thy holy temple: they have made Jerusalem as a place to keep fruit. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Let the sighings of the prisoners come in before Thee, O Lord; render to our neighbors sevenfold in their bosom; revenge the blood of Thy Saints, which hath been shed.

Listen, O Lord, to our supplications: that we who know we are guilty of our own sin, may be saved by the intercession of Thy blessed Martyrs Vincent and Anastasius. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torment of death shall not touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure was taken for misery: and their going away from us, for utter destruction: but they are in peace. And though in the sight of men they suffered torments, their hope is full of immortality. Afflicted in few things, in many they shall be well rewarded: because God hath tried them, and found them worthy of Himself. As gold in the furnace He hath proved them, and as a victim of a holocaust He hath received them, and in time there shall be respect had to them. The just shall shine, and shall run to and fro like sparks among the reeds. They shall judge nations, and rule over people, and their Lord shall reign for ever.

Glorious is God in His Saints, marvelous in majesty, doing wonders. Thy right hand, O Lord, is magnified in strength: Thy right hand hath slain the enemy.

Alleluia, alleluia. The bodies of the Saints are buried in peace, and their name liveth unto generation and generation. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples:

When you shall hear of wars and seditions, be not terrified: these things must first come to pass; but the end is not yet presently. Then he said to them: Kingdom shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there shall be great earthquakes in divers places, and pestilences, and famines, and terrors from heaven; and there shall be great signs. But before all these things, they will lay their hands upon you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and into prisons, dragging you before kings and governors, for my name's sake. And it shall happen unto you for a testimony. Lay it up therefore into your hearts, not to meditate before how you shall answer: For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to resist and gainsay. And you shall be betrayed by your parents and brethren, and kinsmen and friends; and some of you they will put to death. And you shall be hated by all men for my name's sake. But a hair of your head shall not perish. In your patience you shall possess your souls.

God is wonderful in His Saints: the God of Israel is He who will give power and strength to His people: blessed be God, alleluia.

We offer unto Thee, O Lord, the gifts of our devotion: may they please Thee as honoring Thy just ones, and through Thy mercy profit us unto salvation.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

And though in the sight of men they suffered torments, God hath tried them: as gold in the furnace He hath proved them, and as a victim of a holocaust He hath received them.

We beseech Thee, almighty God, that we who have eaten heavenly food may through it be protected from all adversities by the intercession of Thy blessed Martyrs Vincent and Anastasius. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.