

MARCH 6, STS. PERPETUA & FELICITY, MARTYRS

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St. Perpetua had just become a mother and St. Felicitas was on the point of becoming one, when they were thrown into prison at Carthage during the persecution of Severus. They prayed that they might become martyrs and were filled with joy at their condemnation. They were put to death in the amphitheatre in 202.

They were the first saints to be included from outside Rome in the Roman Calendar of the Fourth Century. They are named in the Canon of the Mass.

INTROIT Psalms 118: 95-96

Me expectaverunt peccatores, ut perderent me: testimonia tua, Domine, intellexi: omnis consummationis vidi finem: latum mandatum tuum nimis. (Ps. 118: 1) Beati immaculati in via: qui ambulat in lege Domini. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in secula seculorum. Amen. Me expectaverunt peccatores, ut perderent me: testimonia tua, Domine, intellexi: omnis consummationis vidi finem: latum mandatum tuum nimis.

COLLECT

Da nobis, quaesumus, Domine, Deus noster, sanctarum Martyrum tuarum Perpétuæ et Felicitatis palmas incessabili devotione venerari: ut, quas digna mente non possumus celebrare, humilibus saltem frequentemus obsequiis. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia secula seculorum.

Lenten Feria: Wednesday, 3rd week

Præsta nobis quaesumus, Domine: ut salutariibus jejuniis eruditi, a noxiis quoque vitiiis abstinentes, propitiationem tuam facilius impetremus. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia secula seculorum.

LESSON Ecclesiasticus 51: 13-17

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 superborum 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 dico tibi, Domine, Deus noster.

GRADUAL Psalms 45: 6, 5

Adjuvabit eam Deus vultu suo: Deus in medio eius, non commovebitur. Fluminis impetus lætificat civitatem Dei: sanctificavit tabernaculum suum Altissimus.

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LESSER ALLELUIA

Allelúja, allelúja. Hæc est Virgo sapiens, et una de numero prudentum. Allelúja.

TRACT

Veni, sponsa Christi, accipe coronam, quam tibi Dominus præparavit in æternum: pro cuius amore sanguinem tuum fudisti. (Ps. 44: 8, 5) Dilexisti iustitiam, et odisti iniquitatem; propterea unxit te Deus, Deus tuus, oleo lætitiæ præ consortibus tuis. Specie tua, et pulchritudine tua intende, prospere procede, et regna.

GOSPEL Matthew 13: 44-52

In illo tempore: Dixit Iesus discipulis suis parabolam me: Simile est regnum cælorum thesauro abscondito in agro: quem qui invenit homo, abscondit, et præ gaudio illius vadit, et vendit univèrsa, quæ habet, et emit agrum illum. Iterum simile est regnum cælorum homini negotiatóri, quærenti bonas margaritas. Inventa autem una pretiosa margarita, abiit, et vendidit omnia, quæ habuit, et emit eam. Iterum simile est regnum cælorum sagænae, missæ in mare et ex omni genere piscium congreganti. Quam, cum impléta esset, educentes, et secus litus sedentes, elegerunt bonos in vasa, malos autem foras miserunt. Sic erit in consummatione sæculi: exibunt Angeli, et separabunt malos de medio iustorum, 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 cælorum similis est homini patrifamilias, qui profert de thesauro suo nova et vetera.

OFFERTORY Psalms 44: 3

Diffusa est grátia in labiis tuis: propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum, et in seculum sæculi.

SECRET

Intende, quaesumus, Domine, múnera altaribus tuis pro sanctarum Martyrum tuarum Perpétuæ et Felicitatis festivitáte propósita: ut, sicut per hæc beata mysteria illis glóriam contulisti; ita nobis indulgentiam largiaris. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia secula seculorum.

Lenten Feria: Wednesday, 3rd week

Suscipe, quaesumus, Domine, preces populi tui cum oblationibus hostiarum: et tua mysteria celebrantes, ab omnibus nos defende periculis. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia secula seculorum.

PREFACE OF LENT

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutare, nos tibi semper et ubique grátias ágere: Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, ætérne Deus: Qui corporáli jejúnio vítia cómprimis, mentem élevas, virtútem largiris et præmia: per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Per quem majestátem tuam laudant Angeli, adorant Dominatiónes, tremunt Potestátes. Cæli cælórúmque Virtútes ac beáta Séraphim sócia exultatióne concélebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces ut admitti júbeas, deprecámur, súpplici confessiône dicéntes:

COMMUNION

Psalms 118: 121, 122, 128

Feci iudicium et justitiam, Domine, non calumniéntur mihi supérbi: ad omnia mandata tua dirigébar, omnem viam iniquitátis ódio hábui.

POSTCOMMUNION

Mýsticis, Domine, repléti sumus votis et gáudiis: præsta, quaesumus; ut ntercessiõnibus sanctárum Mátyrum tuárum Perpétuæ et Felicitátis, quæ temporáliter ágimus, spirituáliter consequámur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia secula seculorum.

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Sanctificet nos, Domine, qua pastis sumus, mensa cælestis: et a cunctis erroribus expiátos, supérnis promissiõnibus reddat accéptos. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia secula seculorum.

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. (Ps. 118: 1) Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the law of the Lord. 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. 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.

Give unto us, we beseech thee, O Lord our God, to reverence with unceasing devotion the glory of Thy holy Martyrs Perpetua and Felicity; and though it be not ours worthily to honor their triumph, to persevere in offering them the humble tribute of our duty. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Grant us, we beseech Thee O Lord, that, being taught by salutary fasts, abstaining also from baneful vices, we may the more easily obtain Thy merciful forgiveness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

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.

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

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

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. (Ps. 44: 8, 5) Thou hast loved justice and hated iniquity: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. With thy comeliness and thy beauty set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

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.

Grace is poured abroad in thy lips: therefore hath God blessed thee for ever.

Favorably look down we beseech Thee, O Lord, upon the gifts laid upon Thine altars for the feast-day of Thy holy Virgin-Martyrs Perpetua and Felicity, and as by these Sacred Mysteries, Thou didst raise Thy Saints to glory everlasting, so through them vouchsafe to us Thy forgiveness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Receive, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the prayers of Thy people, with offerings of sacrifices, and defend from all dangers them that celebrate Thy mysteries. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

It is truly fitting and just, proper and beneficial, that we should always and everywhere, give thanks unto Thee, holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God. Who by this bodily fast, dost curb our vices, dost lift up our minds and bestow on us strength and rewards through Christ our Lord. Through Whom the Angels praise Thy majesty, the Dominations adore, the Powers tremble: the heavens and the hosts of heaven, and the blessed Seraphim, together celebrate in exultation. With whom, we pray Thee, command that our voices of supplication also be admitted in confessing Thee saying:

I have done judgment 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.

Thou hast filled us, O Lord, with mystic graces and joys: grant, we beseech Thee, that through the prayers of Thy holy Martyrs, Perpetua and Felicity, we may profit eternally from having in this our time ministered to Thee. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

May the heavenly banquet, with which we have been regaled, sanctify us, O Lord, and render us, forgiven all our errors, fit subjects for the promises of Heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.