

MAY 11, STS. PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES

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In the Church of the Twelve Apostles in Rome there were some relics of the apostles Philip and James the Just (or Less). Because of the consecration of the Church of the Holy Apostles on May 1, and the relics of St. James preserved in this Church, the feast of James the Less was joined with that of St. Philip and celebrated on this day. The station mass is said here on all Fridays in ember week and on Easter Thursday.

The apostle St. Philip was one of the first chosen disciples of Christ. He preached the Gospel in Eastern Europe, and in Phrygia, and in the end suffered death by crucifixion. St. James governed the Church of Jerusalem for nearly thirty years, until about A.D. 62, when he was stoned to death by the Jews. With the coming of the feast of St. Joseph the Worker to May 1, the feast of Sts. James and Philip was moved to this day in the calendar.

INTROIT 2 Esdras 9: 27

Clamavérunt ad te, Dómine, in témpore afflictiónis suæ, et tu de cælo exaudísti eos. Allelúja, allelúja. (Ps. 32: 1) Exsultáte, justí, in Dómino: rectos decet collaudátio. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Clamavérunt ad te, Dómine, in témpore afflictiónis suæ, et tu de cælo exaudísti eos. Allelúja, allelúja.

COLLECT

Deus, qui nos ánnua Apostolórum tuórum Philíppi et Jacóbi solemnitate lætíficas: præsta, quæsumus; ut, quorum gaudémus méritis, instruámur exémpis. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

LESSON Wisdom 5: 1-5

Stabunt justí in magna constántia advérsus eos, qui se angustiavérunt, et qui abstulérunt labóres eórum. Vidéntes turbabúntur timóre horríbili, et mirabúntur in subitátione insperátæ salutis, dicéntes intra se, pœniténtiam agéntes, et præ angústia spíritus geméntes: Hi sunt, quos habúimus aliquándo in derísum, et in similitúdinem impropéii. Nos insensáti vitam illórum æstimabámus insániam, et finem illórum sine honóre: ecce quómodo computáti sunt inter filios Dei, et inter Sanctos sors illórum est.

GREATER ALLELUIA Psalms 88: 6

Allelúja, allelúja. Confitebúntur cæli mirabilia tua, Dómine: etenim veritátem tuam in ecclésia sanctorum. Allelúja. (John 14: 9) Tanto témpore vobíscum sum, et non cognovístis me? Philíppe, qui videt me, videt et Patrem meum. Allelúja.

GOSPEL John 14: 1-13

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discíplis suis: Non turbétur cor vestrum. Crédítis in Deum, et in me crédite. In domo Patris mei mansiónes multæ sunt. Si quo minus dixíssem vobis: Quia vado paráre vobis locum. Et si abíero, et præparávero vobis locum: íterum vénio, et accípíam vos ad meípsum, ut ubi sum ego, et vos sitis. Et quo ego vado scítis, et víam scítis. Dicit ei Thomas: Dómine, nescímus quo vadis: et quómodo póssumus víam scire? Dicit ei Jesus: Ego sum via, véritas, et vita; nemo venit ad Patrem, nisi per me. Si cognovíssetis me, et Patrem meum útique cognovíssetis: et ámodo cognoscétis eum, et vidístis eum. Dicit ei Philippus: Dómine, osténde nobis Patrem, et súfficit nobis. Dicit ei Jesus: Tanto témpore vobíscum sum, et non cognovístis me? Philíppe, qui videt me, videt et Patrem. Quómodo tu dicis: 'Osténde nobis Patrem?' Non crédítis, quia ego in Patre, et Pater in Me est? Verba, quæ ego loquor vobis, a meípso non loquor. Pater autem in Me manens, ipse facit ópera. Non crédítis, quia ego in Patre, et Pater in Me est? Alióquin propter ópera ipsa crédite. Amen, amen dico vobis, qui crédit in Me, ópera quæ ego fácio, et ipse fáciat, et májora horum fáciat: quia ego ad Patrem vado. Et quodcúmque petíerítis Patrem in nómine Meo, hoc fáciam.

OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 6

Confitebúntur cæli mirabilia tua, Dómine: et veritátem tuam in Ecclésia sanctorum, allelúja, allelúja.

SECRET

Múnera, Dómine, quæ pro Apostolórum tuórum Philíppi et Jacóbi solemnitate deférimus, propítius súscipe: et mala ómnia, quæ merémur, avérte. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

PREFACE OF THE APOSTLES

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, Te, Dómine, suppliciter exoráre, ut gregem tuum Pastor ætérne, non déseras: sed per beátos Apóstolos tuos continúa protectióne custódiás. Ut íisdem rectóribus gubernétur, quos óperis tui vicários eidem contulísti præesse pastóres. Et ídeo cum Ángelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dominatió nibus, cumque omni milítia cæléstis exércitus, hymnum glóriæ tuæ cánimus, sine fine dicéntes:

COMMUNION John 14: 9-10

Tanto témpore vobíscum sum, et non cognovístis me? Philíppe, qui videt me, videt et Patrem meum, allelúja: non credis, quia ego in Patre, et Pater in me est? Allelúja, allelúja.

POSTCOMMUNION

Quæsumus, Dómine, salutáribus repléti mystériis. ut, quorum solémnia celebrámus, eórum oratió nibus adjuvémur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

In the time of their tribulation they cried to Thee, O Lord, and Thou heard them from heaven, alleluia, alleluia. (Ps. 32: 1) Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting. 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. In the time of their tribulation they cried to Thee, O Lord, and Thou heard them from heaven, alleluia, alleluia.

O God, Who dost gladden us with the annual solemnity of Thine apostles, Philip and James, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may learn from the examples of those in whose merits we rejoice. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Then shall the just stand with great constancy against those that have afflicted them and taken away their labors. These seeing it, shall be troubled with terrible fear, and shall be amazed at the suddenness of their unexpected salvation, saying within themselves, repenting, and groaning for anguish of spirit: These are they whom we had some time in derision and for a parable of reproach. We fools esteemed their life madness and their end without honor; behold how they are numbered among the children of God, and their lot is among the Saints.

Alleluia, alleluia. The Heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord; and Thy truth in the church of the saints. Alleluia. (John 14: 9) So long a time have I been with you, and have you not known Me? Philip, he that seeth me, seeth My Father also. Alleluia.

At that time Jesus said to His disciples:

Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house there are many mansions. If not, I would have told you, that I go to prepare a place for you. And if I shall go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you also may be. And whither I go you know, and the way you know. Thomas saith to Him, Lord, we know not whither Thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith to him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No man cometh to the Father, but by Me. If you had known Me, you would without doubt have known My Father also: and from henceforth you shall know Him; and you have seen Him. Philip saith to Him, Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us. Jesus saith to him, So long a time have I been with you, and have you not known Me? Philip, he that seeth Me, seeth the Father also. How sayest thou, show us the Father? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you, I speak not of Myself. But the Father Who abideth in Me, He doeth the works. Believe you not that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? Otherwise, believe for the very works' sake. Amen, amen, I say to you, he that believeth in Me, the works that I do, he also shall do; and greater than these shall he do. Because I go to the Father: and whatsoever you shall ask the Father in My name, that will I do.

The Heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord; and Thy truth, in the church of the saints, alleluia, alleluia.

Graciously receive O Lord, the offerings which we bring for the feast of Thine Apostles Philip and James, and turn aside ail the evils which we deserve. 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 meet and just, right and for our salvation, to entreat Thee humbly, O Lord, that Thou wouldst not desert Thy flock, O everlasting Shepherd, but through Thy blessed Apostles wouldst keep it under Thy constant protection; that it may be governed by those same rulers, whom as vicars of Thy work, Thou didst set over it to be its pastors. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing the hymn of Thy glory, saying without end:

So long a time have I been with you, and have you not known Me? Philip, he that seeth Me; seeth My Father also, alleluia: believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? alleluia, alleluia.

Filled with the mysteries of salvation, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may be assisted by the prayers of those whose we celebrate. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.