

OCTOBER 5, ST. PLACID & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

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St. Placidus, together with St. Maurus were committed to the care of St. Benedict when both were very young. Their parents were friendly to the holy patriarch, who like them belonged to the nobility. St. Benedict had great love for these two early companions. On one occasion while drawing water from the lake of Subiaco, as St. Gregory relates, Placidus fell in and the waves carried him far from the shore. At the command of Benedict, Maurus hastened to the rescue and only after he had safely brought the young Placidus to the shore did he note that he had walked upon the waters. Little is known of the life of St. Placidus. Since the Tenth Century he has been venerated as a saint in the Benedictine Order.

INTROIT Psalms 36: 39

Salus autem justórum a Dómino: et protéctor eórum est in témpore tribulatiónis. (Ps. 36: 1) Noli æmulári in malignántibus: neque zeláveris faciéntes iniquitátem. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Salus autem justórum a Dómino: et protéctor eórum est in témpore tribulatiónis.

COLLECT

Deus, qui nos concédis sanctórum Mártyrum tuórum Plácidí et Sociórum ejus natalítia cólere: da nobis in æténa beatitudine de eórum societáte gaudére. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

EPISTLE Hebrews 10: 32-38

Fratres: Rememorámini prístinos dies, in quibus illumináti magnum certámen sustinuístis passiónum: et in áltero quidem oppróbriis et tribulatióibus spectáculum facti: in áltero autem sócii táliter conversántium effécti. Nam et vinctis compássi estis, et rapínam bonórum vestrórum cum gáudio suscepístis, cognoscéntes vos habere meliórem et manéntem substántiam. Nolíte itaque amíttere! confidéntiam vestram, quæ magnam habet remuneratióem. Patiéntia enim vobis necéssaria est: ut, voluntátem Dei faciéntes, reportétis promissióem. Adhuc enim módicum aliquántulum, qui ventúrus est, véniet, et non tardábit. Justus autem meus ex fide vivit.

GRADUAL Psalms 33: 18-19

Clamavérunt justí, et Dóminus exaudivit eos: et ex ómnibus tribulatióibus eórum liberávit eos. Juxta est Dóminus his, qui tribuláto sunt corde: et húmiles spíritu salvábit.

LESSER ALLELUIA

Allelúja, allelúja. Te Mártyrum candidátus laudat exércitus, Dómine. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Luke 12: 1-8

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discíplis suis: Atténdite a ferméto pharisæórum, quod est hypócrisis. Nihil autem opértum est, quod non revelétur: neque abscondítum, quod non sciátur. Quóniam, quæ in ténebris dixístis, in lúmine dicéntur: et quod in aurem locuti estis in cubiculis, prædicábitur in tectis. Dico autem vobis amicis meis: Ne terreámini ab his, qui occídunt corpus, et post hæc non habent ámplius quid fáciant. Osténdam autem vobis, quem timeátis: timéte eum, qui, postquam occíderit, habet potestátem míttre in gehénnam. Ita dico vobis: hunc timéte. Nonne quinque pásseres véneunt dipóndio, et unus ex illis non est in oblivióne coram Deo? Sed et capílli capítis vestri omnes numerári sunt. Nolíte ergo timére: multis passéribus pluris estis vos. Dico autem vobis: Omnis, quicumque conféssus fuerit me coram homínibus, et Fílius hóminis confitébitur illum coram Ángelis Dei.

OFFERTORY Wisdom 3: 1-3

Justórum ánimæ in manu Dei sunt, et non tanget illos torméntum malítiae: visi sunt óculis insipiéntium mori: illi autem sunt in pace, 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 unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

COMMUNION Matthew 10: 27

Quod dico vobis in ténebris, dícite in lúmine, dicit Dóminus: et quod in aure audítis, prædicáte super tecta.

POSTCOMMUNION

Præsta nobis, quæsumus, Dómine: intercedéntibus sanctis Martýribus tuis Plácido et Sóciis ejus; ut, quod ore contíngimus, pura mente capiámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

The salvation of the just is from the Lord: and He is their protector in the time of trouble. (Ps. 36: 1) Be not emulous of evil-doers: nor envy them that work iniquity. 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 salvation of the just is from the Lord: and He is their protector in the time of trouble.

O God, who dost grant unto us to celebrate the heavenly birthday of Thy holy Martyrs Placid and his companions: grant that we may rejoice in their fellowship in everlasting bliss. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Brethren, call to mind the former days, wherein, being illuminated, you endured a great fight of afflictions. And on the one hand indeed, by reproaches and tribulations were made a gazing stock; and on the other, be come companions of them that were used in such sort. For you both had compassion on them that were in bands, and took with joy the being stripped of your own goods, knowing that you have a better and lasting substance. Do not therefore lose your confidence, which hath a great reward. For patience is necessary for you: that doing the will of God you may receive the promise. For yet a little and a very little while, and He that is to come, will come and will not delay. But my just man liveth by faith.

The just cried, and the Lord heard them, and delivered them out of all their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart; and He will save the humble of spirit.

Alleluia, alleluia. The white-robed army of martyrs praiseth Thee, O Lord. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. There is nothing covered that shall not be revealed: nor hidden, that shall not be known. For whatsoever things you have spoken in darkness, shall be published in the light; and that which you have spoken in the ear in chambers shall be preached on the house-tops. And I say to you, My friends, be not afraid of them who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will show you Whom you shall fear: fear ye Him Who, after He hath killed, hath power to cast into Hell. Yea, I say to you, fear Him. Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings and not one of them is forgotten before God? Yea, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore: you are of more value than many sparrows. And I say to you, whosoever shall confess Me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God.

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torment of malice shall not touch them: in the sight of the unwise they seemed to die, but they are in peace, 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.

That which I tell you in the dark, speak ye in the light; and that which you hear in the ear preach ye upon the housetops.

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, through the intercession of Thy holy martyrs Placid and his companions, that what we take with the mouth, we may receive with a pure heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.