

INTROIT Isaiah 9: 6

Puer natus est nobis, et filius datus est nobis: cuius impérium super húmerum ejus: et vocábitur nomen ejus magni consílii Ángelus. (Ps. 97: 1) Cantáte Dómino cáanticum novum, quia mirabília fecit. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sǽcula sǽculórum. Amen. Puer natus est nobis, et filius datus est nobis: cuius impérium super húmerum ejus: et vocábitur nomen ejus magni consílii Ángelus.

COLLECT

Concéde, quæsumus, omnípotens Deus: ut nos Unigéniti tui nova per carnem Natívitas líberet: quos sub peccáti jugo vetústa sérvitus tenet. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sǽculórum.

(For St. Thomas Becket)

Deus, pro cuius Ecclésia gloriósus Póntífex Thomas gládiis impiórum occúbit: præsta, quæsumus; ut omnes, qui ejus implórant auxílium, petitiónis suæ salutárem consequántur efféctum. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sǽculórum.

EPISTLE Titus 3: 4-7

Caríssime: Appáruit benígnitas et humánitas Salvatóris nostri Dei: non ex opéribus justítiae, quæ fécimus nos, sed secúndum suam misericórdiam salvos nos fecit per lavácrum regenerationis et renovationis Spíritus Sancti, quem effúdit in nos abúnde per Jesum Christum, Salvatórem nostrum: ut, justificáti grátia ipsíus, herédes simus secúndum spem vitæ ætérnæ: in Christo Jesu Dómino nostro.

GRADUAL Psalms 97: 3-4, 2

Vidérunt omnes fines terræ salutáre Dei nostri: jubiláte Deo omnis terra. Notum fecit Dominus salutáre suum: ante conspéctum géntium revelávit justítiam suam.

LESSER ALLELUIA

Alleluja, alleluja. Dies sanctificátus illúxit nobis: veníte, gentes, et adoráte Dóminum: quia hódie descéndit lux magna super terram. Alleluja.

GOSPEL Luke 2: 15-20

In illo témpore: Pastóres loquebántur ad ínvicem: Transeámus usque Béthlehem, et videámus hoc verbum, quod factum est, quod Dóminus osténdit nobis. Et venérunt festinátes: et invenérunt Mariám et Joseph, et infántem pósitum in præsépio. Vidéntes autem cognovérunt de verbo, quod dictum erat illis de púero hoc. Et omnes, qui audiérunt, miráti sunt: et de his, quæ dicta erant a pastóribus ad ipsos. María autem conservábát ómnia verba hæc, cónferens in corde suo. Et revérsi sunt pastóres, glorificáentes et laudántes Deum in ómnibus, quæ audíerant et víderant, sicut dictum est ad illos.

OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 12, 15

Tui sunt cæli, et tua est terra: orbem terrárum, et plenitúdinem ejus tu fundásti: justitia et judícium præparátio sedis tuæ.

SECRET

Obláta, Dómine, múnera, nova Unigéniti tui Nativitáte sanctifica: nosque a peccatórum nostrórum máculis emúnda. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sǽculórum.

(For St. Thomas Becket)

Múnera tibi, Dómine, dicáta sanctifica: et, intercedénte beáto Thoma Mártire tuo atque Pontífice, per eádem nos placátus inténde. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sǽculórum.

PREFACE OF THE NATIVITY

Vere dignum et justum est, áequum et salutáre, nos tibi semper, et ubíque grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnípotens, ætére Deus. Quia per incarnáti Verbi mystérium nova mentis nostræ óculis lux tuæ claritáts infúlsit: ut dum visibíliter Deum cognoscimus, per hunc in invisibilium amórem rapiámur. Et ídeo cum Ángelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dominatiónbis, cumque omni militia cælestis exércitus, hymnum glóriæ tuæ cánimus, sine fine dicéntes:

COMMUNICANTES**FOR THE NATIVITY**

Communicántes, et diem sacratissimum celebrántes, quo beatæ Maríæ intemerata virginítas huic mundo édedit Salvatórem: sed et memoriá venerántes, in primis ejúsdem gloriósae semper Vírginis Mariæ, Genetrícis ejúsdem Dei et Dómini Jesu Christi: sed et beatí Joseph ejúsdem Vírginis Sponsi, et beatórum Apostólorum ac Mártyrum tuórum, Petri et Pauli, Andréæ, Jacóbí, Joánnis, Thomæ, Jacóbí, Philíppi, Bartholomæi, Matthæi, Simónis, et Thaddæi: Lini, Cleti, Cleméntis, Xysti, Cornélii, Cypríani, Lauréntii, Chrysógoni, Joánnis et Pauli, Cosmæ et Damiáni: et ómnium Sanctórum tuórum; quorum méritis, precibúsque concédas, ut in ómnibus protectiónis tuæ muniámur auxílio. Per eúndem Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

COMMUNION Ps 97: 3

Vidérunt omnes fines terræ salutáre Dei nostri.

POSTCOMMUNION

Præsta, quæsumus, omnípotens Deus: ut natus hódie Salvátor mundi, sicut divínæ nobis generationis est auctor; ita et immortalitáts sit ipse largítor: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sǽculórum.

(For St. Thomas Becket)

Hæc nos commúnio, Dómine, purget a crímine: et, intercedénte beáto Thoma Mártire tuo atque Pontífice, cælestis remédií fáciat esse consórtes. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sǽculórum.

A child is born to us, and a Son is given to us: Whose government is upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called the Angel of great counsel. (Ps. 97: 1) Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle: because He hath done wonderful things. 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. A child is born to us, and a Son is given to us: Whose government is upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called the Angel of great counsel.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that the new birth in the flesh of Thine only-begotten Son may set us free, whom the old bondage doth hold under the yoke of sin. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

(For St. Thomas Becket)

O God, for the sake of Whose Church the glorious Bishop Thomas fell by the sword of ungodly men: grant, we beseech Thee, that all who implore his aid, may obtain the good fruit of their petition. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Dearly beloved: the goodness and kindness of God our Savior appeared: not by the works of justice which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us by the laver of regeneration and renovation of the Holy Ghost, Whom He hath poured forth upon us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior: that, being justified by His grace, we may be heirs according to hope of life everlasting: in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God: sing joyfully to God, all the earth. The Lord hath made known His salvation: He hath revealed His justice in the sight of the Gentiles.

Alleluia, alleluia. A sanctified day hath shone upon us: come, ye Gentiles, and adore the Lord: for this day a great light hath descended upon the earth. Alleluia.

At that time the shepherds said one to another: Let us go over to Bethlehem, and let us see this word that is come to pass, which the Lord hath shewed to us. And they came with haste: and they found Mary and Joseph, and the Infant lying in the manger. And seeing they understood of the word that had been spoken to them concerning this Child. And all that heard wondered: and at those things that were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these words, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Thine are the heavens, and Thine is the earth, the world and the fullness thereof Thou hast founded: justice and judgment are the preparation of Thy throne.

Sanctify, O Lord, the gifts offered to Thee by the new birth of Thine only-begotten Son: and cleanse us from the stains of our sins. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

(For St. Thomas Becket)

Sanctify, O Lord, the gifts dedicated to Thee, and by the intercession of blessed Thomas, Thy Martyr and Bishop, through them look upon us with mercy. 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, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God: for through the Mystery of the Word made flesh, the new light of Thy glory hath shone upon the eyes of our mind, so that, while we acknowledge God in visible form, we may through Him be drawn to the love of things invisible. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dóminations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing the hymn of Thy glory, evermore saying:

Communicating, and keeping this most holy day, in which the spotless virginity of blessed Mary brought forth a Savior to this world; and also reverencing the memory of the same glorious Mary, ever Virgin, Mother of the same God and Lord Jesus Christ: as also blessed Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin, and of Thy blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddeus; Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all Thy Saints, through whose merits and prayers, grant that we may in all things be defended by the help of Thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our Lord.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that as the Savior of the world born on this day is the Author of our heavenly birth, so He may Himself also be to us the Giver of immortality: Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

(For St. Thomas Becket)

May this Communion, O Lord, cleanse us from guilt; and, through the intercession of blessed Thomas, Thy Martyr and Bishop, make us partakers of the heavenly remedy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.