

VOTIVE MASS FOR ST. BERNADETTE OF LOURDES, VIRGIN

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Bernadette of Soubirous experienced 18 visions in 1858 at a grotto near Lourdes, France, of a "dazzling light and a white figure," which she later called "a small young lady." This apparition eventually identified herself, saying "I am the Immaculate Conception." The apparition is known as "Our Lady of Lourdes," which has its own feast day on February 11.

INTROIT Psalms 44: 13, 15-16

Vultum tuum deprecabuntur omnes divites plebis: adducuntur regi virgines post eam: proximae ejus adducuntur tibi in laetitia et exultatione. (Ps. 44: 2) Eructavit cor meum verbum bonum: dico ego opera mea regi. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Vultum tuum deprecabuntur omnes divites plebis: adducuntur regi virgines post eam: proximae ejus adducuntur tibi in laetitia et exultatione.

COLLECT

Humilium Deus protector et amator, qui famulam tuam Mariam Bernardam Immaculatam Virginis Mariae apparitione et alloquio recreasti: praesta, quaesumus, ut, per simplices fidei semitas, ad tuam in caelis visionem pervenire mereamur. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

(For St. Simeon)

Infirmatam nostram respice, omnipotens Deus: et, quia pondus propriae actionis gravat, beati Simeonis, Martyris tui atque Pontificis intercessio gloriosa nos protegat. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

LESSON Isaiah 55: 1-9

Omnes sitientes venite ad aquas, et qui non habetis argentum properate, emite, et comedite: venite, emite absque argento et absque ulla commutatione vinum et lac. Quare appenditis argentum non in panibus, et laborem vestrum in saturitate? Audite audientes me, et comedite bonum, et delectabitur in crassitudine anima vestra. Inclinate aurem vestram, et venite ad me: audite et vivet anima vestra, et feriam vobiscum pactum sempiternum; misericordias David fidelis. Quae rite Dominum dum inveniri potest; invocate eum dum prope est. Derelinquat impius viam suam, et vir iniquus cogitationes suas, et revertatur ad Dominum, et miserabitur ejus, et ad Deum nostrum, quoniam multus est ad ignoscendum. Non enim cogitationes meae, cogitationes vestrae: neque viae vestrae, viae meae, dicit Dominus. Quia sicut exaltantur caeli a terra, sic exaltatae sunt viae meae a viis vestris, et cogitationes meae a cogitationibus vestris.

(In Eastertide the Gradual, Lesser Alleluia, and Tract are replaced by the Greater Alleluia.)

GRADUAL Psalms 44: 5

Species tua et pulchritudine tua intende, prospere procede et regna. Propter veritatem, et mansuetudinem et justitiam, et deducet te mirabiliter dextera tua.

(After Septuagesima until Easter the Lesser Alleluia is replaced by the Tract.)

LESSER ALLELUIA

Alleluja, alleluja. Vidi speciosam sicut columbam, et circumdabant eam flores rosarum et lilia convallium. Alleluja.

TRACT Psalms 44: 11, 12

Audi, filia, et vide, et inclina aurem tuam: quia concupivit rex speciem tuam. (Ps 44: 13,10) Vultum tuum deprecabuntur omnes divites plebis: filiae regum in honore tuo. (Ps 44: 15, 16) Adducuntur regi virgines post eam: proximae ejus afferuntur tibi. Afferuntur in laetitia, et exultatione: adducuntur in templum regis.

(The Greater Alleluia is only said during Eastertide.)

GREATER ALLELUIA

Alleluja, alleluja. Vidi speciosam sicut columbam, et circumdabant eam flores rosarum et lilia convallium. Veni, electa mea, et ponam in te thronum meum, quia concupivit rex speciem tuam. Alleluja.

GOSPEL Matthew 13: 44-52

In illo tempore: Dixit Jesus, discipulis suis parabolam hanc: "Simile est regnum caelorum thesauro abscondito in agro: quem qui invenit homo, abscondit, et prae gaudio illius vadit, et vendit universa quae habet, et emit agrum illum. Iterum simile est regnum caelorum homini negotiatori, quaerenti bonas margaritas. Inventa autem una pretiosa margarita, abiit, et vendidit omnia quae habuit, et emit eam. Iterum simile est regnum caelorum sagena missae in mare, et ex omni genere piscium congreganti. Quam, cum implata esset, educentes, et secus littus sedentes, elegerunt bonos in vasa, malos autem foras miserunt. Sic erit in consummatione saeculi: exibunt Angeli, et separabunt malos de medio iustorum, et mittent eos in caminum ignis: ibi erit fletus, et stridor dentium. Intellexistis haec omnia?" Dicunt ei: "Etiam." Ait illis: "Ideo omnis scriba doctus in consummatione saeculi: est homini patrifamilias, qui profert de thesauro suo nova et vetera."

OFFERTORY Psalms 44: 15, 16

Afferuntur regi virgines post eam, proximae ejus afferuntur tibi in laetitia et exultatione; adducuntur in templum regis. Pro patribus tuis nati sunt tibi filii: constitues eos principes super omnem terram.

SECRET

Caelstem nobis, Domine, praebeant tua sancta fervorem, quo beata Virgo Maria Bernarda seipsam hostiam laudis tibi placentem exhibuit. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

(For St. Simeon)

Hostias tibi, Domine, beati Simeonis Martyris tui atque Pontificis dicatas merpetum nobis tribue provenire subsidium. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

COMMUNION Eccl. 39

Florate flores quasi liliium, et date odorem, et frondete in gratiam. Collaudate canticum, et benedicite Dominum in operibus suis.

POSTCOMMUNION

Sacris, Domine, recreatis mysteriis, quaesumus; ut miram beatam Mariam Bernardam constantiam aemulantes, patientiam consequi mereamur praeteritum. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

(For St. Simeon)

Refecti participatione muneri sacri, quaesumus, Domine, deus noster: ut, cujus exsequimur cultum, intercedente beato Simeone, Martire tuo atque Pontifice, sentiamus effectum. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

All the rich among the people shall entreat Thy countenance: after her shall virgins be brought to the king: her neighbors shall be brought to thee with gladness and rejoicing. (Ps. 44: 2) My heart hath uttered a good word: I speak my works to the king. 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. All the rich among the people shall entreat Thy countenance: after her shall virgins be brought to the king: her neighbors shall be brought to thee in gladness and rejoicing.

O God who dost love and protect the humble and who transformed Thy handmaid Marie Bernadette by the apparition and spoken words of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, grant, we beseech Thee, that following the simple pathways of faith, we may be deemed worthy to come to Thy heavenly vision. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Have regard to our weakness, O almighty God: and grant that we who are borne down by the weight of our own evil deeds may be safeguarded by the glorious intercession of Blessed Simeon, thy Martyr and Bishop. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

All you that thirst, come to the waters: and you that have no money, make haste, buy and eat. Come ye: buy wine and milk without money and without any price. Why do you spend money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which doth not satisfy you? Hearken diligently to me and eat that which is good: and your soul shall be delighted in fatness. Incline your ear and come to me. Hear and your soul shall live. And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, the faithful mercies of David. Behold I have given him for a witness to the people, for a leader and a master to the Gentiles. Behold thou shalt call a nation which thou knewest not: and the nations that knew not thee shall run to thee, because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found: call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the unjust man his thoughts, and let him return to the Lord; and he will have mercy on him: and to our God; for he is bountiful to forgive. For my thoughts are not your thoughts: nor your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are exalted above the earth, so are my ways exalted above your ways, and my thoughts above your thoughts.

With thy comeliness and thy beauty set out: precede prosperously and reign. Because of truth and meekness and justice: and thy right hand shall conduct thee wonderfully,

Alleluia, alleluia. I have seen her beautiful as a dove, and flowers from the rose-trees and lilies from the valleys surrounded her. Alleluia.

Harken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear: for the king hath greatly desired thy beauty. (Ps 44: 13, 10) All the rich among the people shall entreat thy countenance: the daughters of kings in thy honor. (Ps 44: 15, 16) After her shall virgins be brought to the King: her neighbors shall be brought to thee. They shall be brought with gladness and rejoicing: they shall be brought into the temple of the King.

Alleluia, alleluia. I have seen her beautiful as a dove, and flowers from the rose-trees and lilies from the valleys surrounded her. Come, my elect, and I will set up on my throne within thee, for the king hath desired thy beauty. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus spoke this parable to His disciples: 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.

After her shall virgins be brought to the king; her neighbors shall be brought to thee with gladness and rejoicing; they shall be brought into the temple of the King. Instead of thy fathers, sons are born to thee; Thou shalt make them princes over all the earth.

O Lord, may the gifts of thy Holiness set before us the heavenly fervour by which the holy virgin Marie Bernadette hath shown herself a sacrifice of praise pleasing unto 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.

Graciously receive, O Lord, the Sacred Victim we, by the merits of Blessed Simeon., Thy martyr and bishop, dedicate to Thee; and grant that it may be to us an everlasting help. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Send forth flowers as the lily, and yield a smell, and bring forth leaves in grace. And praise with canticles and bless the Lord in His works.

Made anew by the holy mysteries we beseech Thee, O Lord, that striving to attain the admirable constancy of blessed Marie Bernadette, we may be found worthy to gain the eternal reward of patient endurance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Our strength renewed from having shared in Thy sacred gift, we beseech Thee, O Lord our God, that by the intercession of Blessed Simeon, Thy martyr and bishop, we may ever feel the mighty power of the sacrament we worship. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.