

APRIL 25, MASS OF ROGATION

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The pagan festival, *Robigalia*, occurred on April 25th; young people used to go across the Milvian bridge to sacrifice to Robigus, who preserved grain from blight. The Christian procession formed at St. Lawrence in Lucina and went by the Flaminian Way over the same bridge, where the sign *In hoc signo vinces* appeared to Constantine. Then going along the Tiber, passing in back of Castel Sant Angelo entered St. Peter's. The people were thus taught that it was not the favor of the heathen god, but a devout life, humble prayer, and the intercession of the saints, especially that of St. Peter, the *Pastor ovium*, which would disarm the justice of God offended by our sins. This rite is called the Greater Litanies, because it was of a much more solemn nature than the ordinary stational litanies.

The procession is a survival of classical tradition incorporated into religious customs; the Church preferred to give a spiritual significance to observances implanted in the hearts of the people, rather than suppress them partially. The Litany still preserves the very ancient type of prayer which ended the night vigil and served as a transition between the vigil Office and the offering of the Holy Sacrifice. The oldest part of the Litany is that which begins with the words "Through the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation" which belongs to primitive Christianity.

The whole Mass shows us how highly we should value prayer. Even in the middle of the night, and even to the extent of seeming unfortunate, our prayers should rise to God, because our miseries and our weaknesses are so numerous, and because God has decreed that His grace shall be granted to us only on the wings of prayer.

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**I - THE PROCESSION & LITANIES**

*(The officiating Priest wears a violet stole and cope. The Cantors stand as they sing the following:)*

**Psalms 43: 26, 2**

Exsúrge, Dómine, ádjuva nos: et libera nos propter nomen tuum. Allelúja.  
Deus, áuribus nostris audívimus: patres nostri annuntiavérunt nobis. Glória Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Exsúrge, Dómine, ádjuva nos: et libera nos propter nomen tuum. Allelúja.

*(Then all kneel and two Cantors begin the Litany of the Saints. Each invocation is repeated by the Choir. At the invocation Sancta Maria all stand and the procession begins. After the Litany of the Saints the psalm Deus, in adiutorium is sung.)*

**LITANY OF THE SAINTS**

Kýrie, eléison.  
*Kýrie, eléison.*

Christe, eléison.  
*Christe, eléison.*

Kýrie, eléison.  
*Kýrie, eléison.*

Christe, audi nos.  
*Christe, audi nos.*

Christe, exáudi nos.  
*Christe, exáudi nos.*

Pater de cælis, Deus, *miserére nobis.*  
Fili, Redemptor mundi, Deus, *miserére nobis.*  
Spíritus Sancte, Deus, *miserére nobis.*  
Sancta Trínitas, unus Deus, *miserére nobis.*

Sancta Maria, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancta Dei Génatrix, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancta Virgo vírginum, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Míchaël, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Gábrael, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Ráphtaël, *ora pro nobis.*

Omnes sancti Angeli et Archángeli, *oráte pro nobis.*  
Omnes sancti beatórum Spírituum órdines, *oráte pro nobis.*

Sancte Joánnes Baptísta, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Joseph, *ora pro nobis.*

Omnes sancti Patriárchæ et Prophétæ, *oráte pro nobis.*

Sancte Petre, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Paule, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Andréa, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Jacóbe, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Joánnes, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Thoma, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Jacóbe, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Philippe, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Bartolomaée, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Matthaée, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Simon, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Thaddæe, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Matthia, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Bárnaba, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Luca, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Marce, *ora pro nobis.*

Omnes sancti Apóstoli et Evangelístæ, *oráte pro nobis.*  
Omnes sancti Discípuli Dómini, *oráte pro nobis.*  
Omnes sancti Innocéntes, *oráte pro nobis.*

Sancte Stéphane, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Lauréinti, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Vincéinti, *ora pro nobis.*

Sancti Fabiáne et Sebastiáne, *oráte pro nobis.*  
Sancti Johánnes et Paule, *oráte pro nobis.*  
Sancti Cosma et Damiáne, *oráte pro nobis.*  
Sancti Gervási et Protási, *oráte pro nobis.*  
Omnes sancti Márytes, *oráte pro nobis.*

Sancte Silvéster, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Gregóri, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Ambrósi, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Augustíne, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Hierónyme, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Martíne, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Nicolaë, *ora pro nobis.*

Omnes sancti Pontífices et Confessóres, *oráte pro nobis.*  
Omnes sancti Doctóres, *oráte pro nobis.*

Sancte Antóni, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Benedicte, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Bernárde, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Dominice, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancte Francisce, *ora pro nobis.*

Omnes sancti Sacerdótes et Levítæ, *oráte pro nobis.*  
Omnes sancti Mónachi et Eremítæ, *oráte pro nobis.*

Sancta María Magdaléna, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancta Agatha, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancta Lúcia, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancta Agnes, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancta Cæcília, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancta Catharína, *ora pro nobis.*  
Sancta Anastásia, *ora pro nobis.*

Omnes sancti Vírgines et Víduæ, *oráte pro nobis.*

Omnes Sancti et Sanctæ Dei, *intercédite pro nobis.*

Propítius esto, *parce nos, Dómine.*

Propítius esto, *exáudi nos, Dómine.*

Ab omni peccáto, *libera nos, Dómine*  
Ab omni peccáto, *libera nos, Dómine*  
Ab ira tua, *libera nos, Dómine.*  
A subitáne et improvisa morte, *libera nos, Dómine.*  
Ab insidiis diabóli, *libera nos, Dómine.*  
Ab ira et ódio et omni mala voluntáte, *libera nos, Dómine.*  
A spírítu fornicatiónis, *libera nos, Dómine*  
A fúlgure et tempestáte, *libera nos, Dómine*  
A flagéllo terræmótu, *libera nos, Dómine*  
A peste, fame et bello, *libera nos, Dómine*  
A morte perpétua, *libera nos, Dómine*  
Per mystérium sanctæ Incarnatiónis tuæ, *libera nos, Dómine*  
Per advéntum tuum, *libera nos, Dómine*  
Per nativitatém tuam, *libera nos, Dómine*  
Per baptísmum et sanctum jejúnium tuum, *libera nos, Dómine*  
Per crucem et passiónem tuam, *libera nos, Dómine*  
Per mortem et sepultúram tuam, *libera nos, Dómine*  
Per sanctam resurrectiõem tuam, *libera nos, Dómine*  
Per admirábilem ascensiõem tuam, *libera nos, Dómine.*  
Per advéntum Spíritus Sancti Parácliti, *libera nos, Dómine.*  
In die júdicii, *libera nos, Dómine.*

Peccatóres, *Te rogámus audi nos.*  
Te rogá parcas, *Te rogámus audi nos.*  
Ut nobis indúlgeas, *Te rogámus audi nos.*  
Ut ad veram pæniténtiam nos perdúcere dignéris, *Te rogámus audi nos.*  
Ut Ecclésiám tuam sanctam régere et conserváre dignéris, *Te rogámus audi nos.*  
Ut domnum apóstolicum et omnes ecclesiásticos órdines in sancta religióne conserváre dignéris, *Te rogámus audi nos.*  
Ut inimícos sanctæ Ecclésiæ humiliáre dignéris, *Te rogámus audi nos.*  
Ut régibus et princípibus cristiánis pacem et veram concórdiam donáre dignéris, *Te rogámus audi nos.*  
Ut cuncto pópulo cristiáno pacem et unitatém largíri dignéris, *Te rogámus audi nos.*  
Ut omnes errántes ad unitátem Ecclésiæ revocáre, et infidéles univérsos ad Evángelii lumen perdúcere dignéris, *Te rogámus audi nos.*  
Ut nosmetípsos in tuo sancto servítio confortáre et conserváre dignéris, *Te rogámus audi nos*  
Ut mentes nostras ad cæléstia desidéria érigas, *Te rogámus audi nos.*  
Ut ómnibus benefactóribus nostris sempitérna bona retribuas, *Te rogámus audi nos.*  
Ut ánimas nostras, fratrum, propinquórum et benefactórum nostrorum ab ætérna damnatióne erípias, *Te rogámus audi nos.*  
Ut fructus terræ dare et conserváre dignéris, *Te rogámus audi nos.*  
Ut ómnibus fidélibus defúncis réquiem ætérnam donáre dignéris, *Te rogámus audi nos.*  
Ut nos exaudíre dignéris, *Te rogámus audi nos.*

Fili Dei, Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, *parce nobis, Dómine.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, *exaudi nos, Dómine.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, *miserére nobis.*

Christe, *audi nos.*

Christe, *exáudi nos.*

Kýrie, eléison.  
*Kýrie, eléison.*

Christe, eléison.  
*Christe, eléison.*

Kýrie, eléison.  
*Kýrie, eléison.*

Pater noster. . . (*silently*).  
V. Et ne nos indúcas in tentatiónem.  
R. Sed libera nos a malo.

Arise, O Lord, help us and deliver us for Thy name's sake. Alleluia. We have heard, O God, with our ears; our fathers have told us. 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. Arise, O Lord, help us and deliver us for Thy name's sake. Alleluia.

Lord, have mercy.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

Christ, have mercy.  
*Christ, have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

Christ, hear us.  
*Christ, hear us.*

Christ, graciously hear us.  
*Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of heaven, *have mercy on us.*  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*  
God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us.*  
Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, *pray for us.*  
Holy Mother of God, *pray for us.*  
Holy Virgin of virgins, *pray for us.*  
St. Michael, *pray for us.*  
St. Gabriel, *pray for us.*  
St. Raphael, *pray for us.*

All ye holy Angels and Archangels, *pray for us.*  
All ye holy orders of blessed Spirits, *pray for us.*

St. John the Baptist, *pray for us.*  
St. Joseph, *pray for us.*

All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets, *pray for us.*

St. Peter, *pray for us.*  
St. Paul, *pray for us.*  
St. Andrew, *pray for us.*  
St. James, *pray for us.*  
St. John, *pray for us.*  
St. Thomas, *pray for us.*  
St. James, *pray for us.*  
St. Philip, *pray for us.*  
St. Bartholomew, *pray for us.*  
St. Matthew, *pray for us.*  
St. Simon, *pray for us.*  
St. Thaddeus, *pray for us.*  
St. Matthias, *pray for us.*  
St. Barnabas, *pray for us.*  
St. Luke, *pray for us.*  
St. Mark, *pray for us*

All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists, *pray for us.*  
All ye holy Disciples of the Lord, *pray for us.*  
All ye holy Innocents, *pray for us.*

St. Stephen, *pray for us.*  
St. Lawrence, *pray for us.*  
St. Vincent, *pray for us.*

SS. Fabian and Sebastian, *pray for us.*  
SS. John and Paul, *pray for us.*  
SS. Cosmas and Damian, *pray for us.*  
SS. Gervase and Protase, *pray for us.*  
All ye holy Martyrs, *pray for us.*

St. Sylvester, *pray for us.*  
St. Gregory, *pray for us.*  
St. Ambrose, *pray for us.*  
St. Augustine, *pray for us.*  
St. Jerome, *pray for us.*  
St. Martin, *pray for us.*  
St. Nicholas, *pray for us.*

All ye holy Bishops and Confessors, *pray for us.*  
All ye holy Doctors, *pray for us.*

St. Anthony, *pray for us.*  
St. Benedict, *pray for us.*  
St. Bernard, *pray for us.*  
St. Dominic, *pray for us.*  
St. Francis, *pray for us.*

All ye holy Priests and Levites, *pray for us.*  
All ye holy Monks and Hermits, *pray for us.*

St. Mary Magdalen, *pray for us.*  
St. Agatha, *pray for us.*  
St. Lucy, *pray for us.*  
St. Agnes, *pray for us.*  
St. Cecilia, *pray for us.*  
St. Catherine, *pray for us.*  
St. Anastasia, *pray for us.*

All ye holy Virgins and Widows, *pray for us.*

All ye holy Saints of God, *intercede for us.*

Be merciful, *spare us, O Lord*

Be merciful, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*

From all evil, *deliver us, O Lord.*  
From all sin, *deliver us, O Lord.*  
From Thy wrath, *deliver us, O Lord.*  
From sudden and unprovided death, *deliver us, O Lord.*  
From the snares of the devil, *deliver us, O Lord.*  
From anger, and hatred, and every evil will, *deliver us, O Lord.*  
From the spirit of fornication, *deliver us, O Lord.*  
From lightning and tempest, *deliver us, O Lord.*  
From the scourge of earthquakes, *deliver us, O Lord.*  
From plague, famine and war, *deliver us, O Lord.*  
From everlasting death, *deliver us, O Lord.*  
Through the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation, *deliver us, O Lord.*  
Through Thy Coming, *deliver us, O Lord.*  
Through Thy Birth, *deliver us, O Lord.*  
Through Thy Baptism and holy Fasting, *deliver us, O Lord.*  
Through Thy Cross and Passion, *deliver us, O Lord.*  
Through Thy Death and Burial, *deliver us, O Lord.*  
Through Thy holy Resurrection, *deliver us, O Lord.*  
Through Thine admirable Ascension, *deliver us, O Lord.*  
Through the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete, *deliver us, O Lord.*  
In the day of judgment, *deliver us, O Lord.*

We sinners, *we pray Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst spare us, *we pray Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst pardon us, *we pray Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst bring us to true penance, *we pray Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to govern and preserve Thy holy Church, *we pray Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to preserve our Apostolic Prelate, and all orders of the Church in holy religion, *we pray Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to humble the enemies of holy Church, *we pray Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give peace and true concord to Christian kings and princes, *we pray Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant peace and unity to the whole Christian world, *we pray Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst call back to the unity of the Church all who have strayed from her fold, and to guide all unbelievers into the light of the Gospel, *we pray Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to comfort and preserve us in Thy holy service, *we pray Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst lift up our minds to heavenly desires, *we pray Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst render eternal blessings to all our benefactors, *we pray Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst deliver our souls, and the souls of our brethren, relations, and benefactors, from eternal damnation, *we pray Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give and preserve the fruits of the earth, *we pray Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed, *we pray Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst deign to hear us, *we pray Thee, hear us.*

Son of God, Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*

Christ, *hear us.*

Christ, *graciously hear us.*

Lord, have mercy,  
*Lord, have mercy.*

Christ, have mercy,  
*Christ, have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy,  
*Lord, have mercy.*

Our Father. . . (*silently*).  
V. And lead us not into temptation  
R. But deliver us from evil.





