

**COMMUNION Matthew 25: 4, 6**

Quinque prudéntes vírgines  
 acceperunt óleum in vasis suis cum  
 lampádibus: média autem nocte  
 clamor factus est: Ecce sponsus venit:  
 exíte óbviam Christo Dómino.

**POSTCOMMUNION**

Refécti cibo potúque cælésti, Deus  
 noster, te súpplices exorámus: ut, in  
 cujus hæc commemoratióne  
 percépimus, ejus muniámur et  
 précibus. Per Dóminum nostrum  
 Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui  
 tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus  
 Sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula  
 sæculórum.

The five wise virgins took oil in their  
 vessels with the lamps; but at midnight  
 there was a cry made: Behold the  
 bridegroom cometh, go ye forth to  
 meet Christ our Lord.

We who have been refreshed with  
 heavenly food and drink, humbly  
 entreat Thee, O our God, that we may  
 be defended by the prayers of her in  
 whose memory we have partaken of  
 these mysteries. Through our Lord  
 Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and  
 reigneth with You in the unity of the  
 Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

**MASS PROPER: JANUARY 21, ST. AGNES, VIRGIN & MARTYR**

MASS (*Me expectavérunt*) (red)

**INTROIT Ps. 118: 95-96, 1**

Me expectavérunt peccatóres, ut  
 pérderent me: testimónia tua, Dómine,  
 intelléxi: omnis consummationis vidi  
 finem: latum mandátum tuum nimis.  
 Ps. Beáti immaculáti in via: qui  
 ámbulant in lege Dómini. Glória Patri  
 et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in  
 princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in  
 sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Me  
 expectavérunt peccatóres, ut  
 pérderent me: testimónia tua, Dómine,  
 intelléxi: omnis consummationis vidi  
 finem: latum mandátum tuum nimis.

**COLLECT**

Omnípotens sémpiterne Deus, qui  
 infírma mundi éligis, ut fórtia quæque  
 confúndas: concéde propítius; ut, qui  
 beátæ Agnétiis Vírginis et Mártiris tuæ  
 solémnia cólimus, ejus apud te  
 patrocínia sentiámus. Per Dóminum  
 nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium  
 tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in  
 unitáte Spíritus Sancti Deus, per  
 ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

**LESSON Wisdom 51: 1-8, 12**

Confitébor tibi, Dómine rex, et  
 collaudábo te Deum salvatórem  
 meum. Confitébor nómini tuo:  
 quóniam adjútor et protéctor factus es  
 mihi, et liberásti corpus meum a  
 perditiónē, a láqueo linguæ iníquæ,  
 et a lábiis operántium mendácium, et  
 in conspéctu adstántium factus es  
 mihi adjútor. Et liberásti me secúndum  
 multitudinem misericórdiæ nóminis tui  
 a rugiéntibus, præparátis ad escam de  
 mánibus quæréntium ánimam meam,  
 et de portis tribulatiónum, quæ

The wicked have waited for me to  
 destroy me: but I have understood Thy  
 testimonies, O Lord: I have seen an  
 end of all perfection; Thy command is  
 exceeding broad. Ps. Blessed are the  
 undefiled in the way: who walk in the  
 law of the Lord. 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 wicked have  
 waited for me to destroy me: but I  
 have understood Thy testimonies, O  
 Lord: I have seen an end of all  
 perfection; Thy command is exceeding  
 broad.

O Almighty and everlasting God, who  
 dost choose the weak things of the  
 world to confound the strong:  
 mercifully grant that we who keep the  
 solemn feast of blessed Agnes, Thy  
 Virgin and Martyr, may experience the  
 benefit of her pleading with Thee.  
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy  
 Son, Who liveth and reigneth with You  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,  
 forever and ever.

I will give glory to Thee, O Lord, O  
 King, and I will praise Thee, O God my  
 Saviour. I will give glory to Thy name:  
 for Thou hast been a helper and  
 protector to me, and hast preserved  
 my body from destruction, from the  
 snare of an unjust tongue, and from  
 the lips of them that forge lies: and in  
 the sight of them that stood by Thou  
 hast been my helper. And Thou has  
 delivered me, according to the  
 multitude of the mercy of Thy name,  
 from them that did roar prepared to

circumdedérunt me: a pressúra flammæ, quæ circúmdedit me, et in médio ignis non sum æstuáta: de altitúdine ventris ínferi, et a lingua coinquináta, et a verbo mendácii, a rege íniquo, et a lingua ínjústa: laudábit usque ad mortem ánima mea Dóminum: quóniam éruis sustinéntes te, et líberas eos de mánibus géntium, Dómine Deus noster.

**GRADUAL Psalm 44: 3, 5**

Diffusa est grátia in lábiis tuis: proptérea benedíxit te Deus in ætérnam. Propter veritátem, et mansuetúdinem, et justítiam: et dedúcet te mirabíliter délixtera tua.

*(After Septuagesima, the Alleluia is omitted and the Tract is said instead.)*

**LESSER ALLELUIA Matthew 25: 4, 6**

Allelúia, allelúia. Quinque prudéntes vírgines accepérunt óleum in vasis suis cum lampádibus: média autem nocte clamor factus est: Ecce sponsus venit, exíte óbviám Christo Dómino. Allelúia.

**TRACT Psalm 44: 8, 5**

Veni, sponsa Christi, áccipe corónam, quam tibi Dóminus præparávit in ætérnum: pro cuius amóre sánguinem tuum fudísti. (Ps.) Dilexísti justítiam, et odísti iniquitátem; proptérea unxit te Deus, Deus tuus, óleo lætítie præ consórtibus tuis. Spécie tua, et pulchritúdine tua inténde, próspere procéde, et regna.

**GOSPEL Matthew 25: 1-13**

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discíplis suis parábolam hanc: Símile erit

devour; out of the hands of them that sought my life, and from the gates of afflictions which compassed me about: from the oppression of the flame which surrounded me, and in the midst of the fire I was not burnt: from the depth of the belly of hell, and from an unclean tongue, and from lying words, from an unjust king, and from a slanderous tongue. My soul shall praise the Lord even to death: because Thou, O Lord our God, deliverest them that wait for Thee, and savest the out of the hands of the nations.

Grace is poured abroad in thy lips: therefore hath God blessed thee forever. Because of truth, and meekness, and justice: and thy right hand shall conduct thee wonderfully.

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Alleluia, alleluia. The five wise virgins took oil in their vessels with the lamps: and at midnight there was a cry made: Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye forth to meet Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Come thou, spouse of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord hath prepared for thee from everlasting: for those who love thou didst shed thy blood. (Ps.) Thou hast loved justice and hated iniquity: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. With thy comeliness and thy beauty set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

At that time, Jesus spoke to His disciples this parable: The kingdom of

regnum cælórum decem virgínibus: quæ accipiéntes lámpades suas, exiérunt óbviám sponso et sponsæ. Quinque autem ex eis erant fátuæ, et quinque prudéntes: sed quinque fátuæ, accéptis lampádibus, non sumpsérunt óleum secum: prudéntes vero accepérunt óleum in vasis suis cum lampádibus. Moram autem faciéntes sponso, dormitavérunt omnes et dormiérunt. Média autem nocte clamor factus est: Ecce sponsus venit, exíte óbviám ei. Tunc surrexérunt omnes vírgines illæ, et ornavérunt lámpades suas. Fátuæ autem sapiéntibus dixérunt. Date nobis de óleo vestro: quia lámpades nostræ exstinguúntur. Respondérunt prudéntes, dicéntes: Ne forte non sufficiat nobis, et vobis, ite pótius ad vendéntes, et émite vobis. Dum autem irent émere, venit sponsus: et quæ parátæ erant, intravérunt cum eo ad núptias, et clausa est jánuá. Novíssime vero véniunt et réliquæ virgines, dicéntes: Dómine, Dómine, áperi nobis. At ille respóndens, ait: Amen dico vobis, nescio vos. Vigilate ítaque, quia nescitis diem, neque horam.

**OFFERTORY Psalm 44: 15-16**

Afferéntur regi vírgines post eam: Próximæ ejus afferéntur tibi in lætítia, et exsultatióne: adducéntur in templum regi Dómino.

**SECRET**

Hóstias, Dómine, quas tibi offérimus, propítius súscipe: et intercedénte beáta Agnéte Vírgine et Mártire tua, víncula peccatórum nostrórum absólve. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Heaven shall be like to ten virgins, who taking their lamps went out to meet the bridegroom and the bride. And five of them were foolish, and five wise; but the five foolish having taken their lamps, did not take oil with them: but the wise took oil in their vessels with the lamps. And the bridegroom tarrying, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made: Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye forth to meet him. Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise: Give us of your oil, for our lamps are gone out. The wise answered, saying: Lest perhaps there be not enough for us and for you, go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. Now, whilst they went to buy, the bridegroom came: and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage, and the door was shut. But at last came also the other virgins, saying: Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answering said: Amen I say to you, I know you not. Watch ye therefore, because you know not the day nor the hour.

After her shall virgins be brought to the King: her neighbours shall be brought to Thee with gladness and rejoicing: they shall be brought into the temple of the King, the Lord.

O Lord, graciously receive the oblations which we offer up to Thee; and by the intercession of blessed Agnes, Thy Virgin and Martyr, loose the bonds of our sins. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.