

St. Martina was a noble Roman lady who was martyred in the Third Century. Urban VIII composed hymns for her feast.

INTROIT Psalms 118: 46, 47

Loquébar de testimoniis tuis in conspectu regum, et non confundébar: et meditábar in mandátis tuis, quæ diléxi nimis. (Ps 118:1) Beáti immaculáti in via: qui ámbulant in lege Dómini. Glória Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Loquébar de testimoniis tuis in conspectu regum, et non confundébar: et meditábar in mandátis tuis, quæ diléxi nimis.

COLLECT

Deus, qui inter cétera poténtiae tuae miracula, étiam in sexu frágili victórium martýrii contulisti: concéde propítius; ut qui beátae Martinæ Vírginis et Mártiris tuae natalítia cólimus, per ejus ad te exémpa gradiámur. 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; 51: 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 perditíone, a láqueo línguæ iniquæ et a lábiis operántium mendácium, et in conspectu astántium factus es mihi adjútor. Et liberásti me secúndum multítudinem misericórdiæ nóminis tui a rugiéntibus, præparáti ad escam, de mánibus quæréntium ánimam meam, et de portis tribulatiónum, quæ circumdedérunt me: a pressúra flammæ, quæ circumdedit me, et in médio ignis non sum æstuáta: de altitúdinem venis inféri, et a língua coinquináta, et a verbo mendácii, a rege iníquo, et a língua injústa: laudábit usque ad mortem ánima mea Dóminum: quóniam éruis sustinéntes te, et liberás eos de mánibus géntium, Dómine, Deus noster.

GRADUAL Psalms 44: 8

Dilexisti iustitiam, et odisti iniquitatem. Propterea unxit te Deus, Deus tuus, oleo laetitiae.

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LESSER ALLELUIA

Psalms 44: 15, 16

Allelúja, allelúja. Adducentur Regi virgines post eam: proximae eius afferentur tibi in laetitia. Allelúja.

TRACT

Veni, Sponsa Christi, áccipe corónam, quam tibi Dóminus præparávit in ætérnum: pro cuius amóre sánguinem tuum fudisti. (Ps 44: 8, 5) Dilexisti iustítiam, et odísti iniquitátem: proptérea unxit te Deus, Deus tuus, óleo lætítiae præ consórtibus tuis. Spécie tua et pulchritúdiine tua inténde, prospere procéde et regna. Tempore autem Pascháli emittitur

GOSPEL Matthew 25: 1-13

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discíplis suis parábolam hanc: Simile erit regnum cælórum decem vírginibus: quæ, accipiéntes lámpades suas, exierunt óbviam 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. Horam autem faciénte sponso, dormitáverunt omnes et dormiérunt. Média autem nocte clamor factus est: Ecce, sponsus venit, exite óbviam ei. Tunc surrexérunt omnes vírgines illae, et ornáverunt 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 iánua. Novíssime vero véniunt et réliquæ vírgines, dicéntes: Dómine, Dómine, áperi nobis. At ille respóndens, ait: Amen, dico vobis, nescio vos. Vigilate itaque, quia nescítis diem neque horam.

OFFERTORY Psalms 44: 15, 16

Afferéntur Regi Vírgines post eam: próximæ eius afferéntur tibi in lætítia et exsultatióne: adducántur in templum Regi Dómino.

SECRET

Súscipe, Dómine, múnera, quæ in beátae Martinæ, Vírginis et Mártiris tuæ solemnitate deférimus: cujus nos confidimus patrocínio liberári. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

COMMUNION Psalms 118: 78, 80

Confundántur supérbi, quia injúste iniquitátem fecérunt in me: ego autem in mandátis tuis exercébor, in tuis justificatióibus, ut non confundar.

POSTCOMMUNION

Auxiliéntur nobis, Dómine, sumpta mystéria: et, interdecénte beáta Martinæ, Vírgine et Mártire tua, sempitérna faciánt protectióne gaudére. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

I spoke of Thy testimonies before kings, and I was not ashamed: I meditated also on Thy commandments, which I loved. (Ps. 118: 1) 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. I spoke of Thy testimonies before kings, and I was not ashamed: I meditated also on Thy commandments, which I loved.

O God, who among the other marvels of Thy power, hast granted even to the weaker sex the victory of martyrdom: mercifully grant: that we who celebrate the heavenly birthday of blessed Martina, Thy Virgin and Martyr, may, by her example draw nearer to 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.

I will give glory to Thee, O Lord, O King, and I will praise Thee, O God my Savior. 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 hast delivered me, according to the multitude of the mercy of Thy Name, from them that did roar, prepared to 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 body 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 unto death: because Thou, O Lord our God, deliverest them that wait for Thee, and savest them out of the hands of the nations.

Thou hast loved justice and hated iniquity. Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness.

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Alleluia, alleluia. After her shall virgins be brought to the King: her neighbors shall be brought to Thee with gladness. 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. 44: 8, 5) 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 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 come 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 neighbors shall be brought to Thee with gladness and rejoicing: they shall be brought into the temple of the King, the Lord.

Receive, O Lord, the gifts which we bring Thee, on the feast of blessed Martina, Thy Virgin and Martyr, by whose patronage we hope to be delivered. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Let the proud be ashamed, because they have done unjustly towards me: but I will be employed in Thy commandments, in Thy justifications, that I may not be confounded.

May the Mysteries which we have received, help us, O Lord; and by the intercession of blessed Martina, Thy Virgin and Martyr, may we ever enjoy their protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.