

MARCH 6, STS. PERPETUA & FELICITY, MARTYRS

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St. Perpetua had just become a mother and St. Felicitas was on the point of becoming one, when they were thrown into prison at Carthage during the persecution of Severus. They prayed that they might become martyrs and were filled with joy at their condemnation. They were put to death in the amphitheatre in 202.

They were the first saints to be included from outside Rome in the Roman Calendar of the Fourth Century. They are named in the Canon of the Mass.

INTROIT Psalms 118: 95-96

Me expectavérunt peccatóres, ut pérderent me: testimónia tua, Dómine, intelléxi: omnis consummationis vidi finem: latum mandátum tuum nimis. (Ps. 118: 1) Beáti immaculáti in via: qui ámbulant in lege Dómini. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, 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

Da nobis, quæsumus, Dómine, Deus noster, sanctarum Mátyrum tuárum Perpétuæ et Felicitátis palmas incessábilis devotíone venerári: ut, quas digna mente non pössumus celebráre, humilibus saltem frequentémus obséquiiis. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Commemoration of Lenten Feria

Da, quæsumus, Dómine, nostris effectum jejúniis salutárem: ut castigatio carnis assumpta, ad nostrárum vegetatióne transeat animárum. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

LESSON Ecclesiasticus 51: 13-17

Dómine, Deus meus, exaltásti super terram habitatióne meam, et pro morte defluente deprecáta sum. Invocávi Dóminum, Patrem Dómini mei, ut non derelinquat me in die tribulatióne meæ, et in témpore superbórum sine adjutório. Laudábo nomen tuum assidue, et collaudábo illud in confessiône, et exaudíta est oratio mea. Et liberásti me de perditíone, et eripuísti me de témpore iniquo. Propterea confitébor et laudem dicam tibi, Dómine, Deus noster.

GRADUAL Psalms 45: 6, 5

Adjuvabit eam Deus vultu suo: Deus in mídiis eius, non commovébitur. Flúminis impetus lætificat civitátem Dei: sanctificávit tabernáculum suum Altíssimus.

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LESSER ALLELUIA

Allelúja, allelúja. Hæc est Virgo sapiens, et una de número prudéntum. Allelúja.

TRACT

Veni, sponsa Christi, accipe coronam, quam tibi Dominus praeparavit in aeternum: pro cuius amore sanguinem tuum fudisti. (Ps. 44: 8, 5) Dilexisti iustitiam, et odisti iniquitatem; propterea unxit te Deus, Deus tuus, oleo laetitiae prae consortibus tuis. Specie tua, et pulchritudine tua intende, prospere procede, et regna.

GOSPEL Matthew 13: 44-52

In illo témpore: Dixit Iesus discipulis suis parabolam me: Simile est regnum cælórum thesáuro abscondito in agro: quem qui invénit homo, abscondit, et præ gáudio illius vadit, et vendit univérsa, quæ habet, et emit agrum illum. Iterum simile est regnum cælórum hómini negotiátóri, quærénti bonas margarítas. Invénta autem una pretiósá margaríta, ábiit, et véndidit ómnia, quæ hábuit, et emit eam. Iterum simile est regnum cælórum sagénae, missæ in mare et ex omni genere piscium congregánti. Quam, cum impléta esset, educéntes, et secus litus sedéntes, elegérunt bonos in vasa, malos autem foras misérunt. Sic erit in consummatione sæculi: exíbut Angeli, et separábunt malos de médio iustórum, et mittent eos in cánum ignis: ibi erit fletus et stridor déntium. Intellexistis hæc ómnia? Dicunt ei: Etiam. Ait illis: Ídeo omnis scriba doctus in regno cælórum similis est hómini patrifamílias, qui profert de thesáuro suo nova et vétera.

OFFERTORY Psalms 44: 3

Diffúsa est grátia in lábiis tuis: propterea benedixit te Deus in ætérnum, et in sæculum sæculi.

SECRET

Inténde, quæsumus, Dómine, múnera altáribus tuis pro sanctárum Mátyrum tuárum Perpétuæ et Felicitátis festivitáte propósita: ut, sicut per hæc beáta mystéria illis glóriam contulísti; ita nobis indulgéntiam largiáris. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Commemoration of Lenten Feria

His sacrificiis, Dómine, concéde placátus: ut, qui próprios orámnis absólvi delictis, non gravemur extérnis. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

PREFACE OF LENT

Vere dignum et iustum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper et ubique grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnipotens, ætérne Deus: Qui corporáli jejúnio vítia cóprimis, mentem élevas, virtútem largiris et præmia: per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Per quem majestátem tuam laudant Angeli, adórant Dominatiónes, tremunt Potestátes. Cæli cælórumque Virtútes ac beáta Séraphim sócia exultatióne concélebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces ut admítte júbeas, deprecámur, súplici confessiône dicéntes:

COMMUNION

Psalms 118: 121, 122, 128

Feci iudiciúme et justitiam, Dómine, non calumniárum mihi supérbi: ad ómnia mandáta tua dirigébar, omnem viam iniquitátis odio hábui.

POSTCOMMUNION

Mýsticis, Dómine, repléti sumus votis et gáudiis: præsta, quæsumus; ut transcússióne sanctarum Mátyrum tuárum Perpétuæ et Felicitátis, quæ temporáliter ágimus, spirituáliter consequámur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Commemoration of Lenten Feria

Sacraménti tui, Dómine, divína libátio, penetralia nostri cordis infúndat: et sui nos partícipes poténter efficiat. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

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. 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. 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.

Give unto us, we beseech thee, O Lord our God, to reverence with unceasing devotion the glory of Thy holy Martyrs Perpetua and Felicity; and though it be not ours worthily to honor their triumph, to persevere in offering them the humble tribute of our duty. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that our fasting may be beneficial to us, so that by chastising our flesh we may obtain strength for our souls. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

O Lord my God, Thou hast exalted my dwelling place upon the earth, and I have prayed for death to pass away. I called upon the Lord, the Father of my Lord, that He would not leave me in the day of my trouble, and in the time of the proud without help. I will praise Thy Name continually, and will praise it with thanksgiving, and my prayer was heard. And Thou hast saved me from destruction, and hast delivered me from the evil time. Therefore I will give thanks and praise to Thee, O Lord our God.

God will help her with His countenance: God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved. The stream of the river maketh the city of God joyful: the Most High hath sanctified His own tabernacle.

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Alleluia, alleluia. This is a wise virgin, and one of the number of the prudent. 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 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.

Grace is poured abroad in thy lips: therefore hath God blessed thee for ever.

Favorably look down we beseech Thee, O Lord, upon the gifts laid upon Thine altars for the feast-day of Thy holy Virgin-Martyrs Perpetua and Felicity, and as by these Sacred Mysteries, Thou didst raise Thy Saints to glory everlasting, so through them vouchsafe to us Thy forgiveness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Appeased by these sacrificial gifts, O Lord, grant that we who pray for absolution from our own sins may not be burdened by those which are foreign to us. 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 fitting and just, proper and beneficial, that we should always and everywhere, give thanks unto Thee, holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God. Who by this bodily fast, dost curb our vices, dost lift up our minds and bestow on us strength and rewards through Christ our Lord. Through whom the Angels praise Thy majesty, the Dominations adore, the Powers tremble: the heavens and the hosts of heaven, and the blessed Seraphim, together celebrate in exultation. With whom, we pray Thee, command that our voices of supplication also be admitted in confessing Thee saying:

I have done judgment and justice, O Lord, give me not up to them that slander me: I was directed to all Thy commandments, I have hated all wicked ways.

Thou hast filled us, O Lord, with mystic graces and joys: grant, we beseech Thee, that through the prayers of Thy holy Martyrs, Perpetua and Felicity, we may profit eternally from having in this our time ministered 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.

May the sacrament of which we have partaken, O Lord, penetrate the depths of our hearts and make us share in its strength. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.