

STS. TIBERTIUS VALERIAN, & MAXIMUS, MARTYRS

St. Justin, a converted philosopher, and probably priest, is the greatest of the early Apologetes. Before arriving at the sublime knowledge of the Cross, he passed through all the various schools of philosophy. He fearlessly proclaimed Christianity, both in argument with the Jew Trypho and in his *Apologies* to the Emperors and the Senate. As in the writings of St. Justin, so in his Mass said today, the antithesis between human learning and divine knowledge is ever recurring. Thus in the Gradual we read "The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God" (1 Cor. 3: 19). Under the Emperor Marcus Aurelius, he was scourged and put to death April 13, 162. His tomb is believed to be in the Cemetery of Priscilla, and in 1882, Pope Leo XIII made him, after Thomas Aquinas, Patron of Catholic Philosophy, and prescribed the celebration of his feast throughout the whole Church.

St. Valerian was espoused to St. Cecilia, and was converted to the Faith by her, and with her became the means of converting his brother, Tiburtius. Maximus, the officer appointed to attend their execution, was brought to the Faith by their example.

INTROIT Psalms 63: 3

Narravérunt mihi iníqui fabulatiónes, sed non ut lex tua: ego autem loquébar de testimoniis tuis in conspéctu regum et non confundébar. Allelúja, allelúja. (Ps. 118: 1) Beáti immaculáti in via, qui ámbulant in lege Dómini. v. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

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COLLECTS

Deus, qui per stultítiam crucis eminéntem Jesu Christi sciéntiam beátum Justínus Mátyrem mirabíliter docuísti; ejus nobis intercessióne depúlsa, fidei firmitátem consequámur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

(for Tibertius, Valerain, & Maximus)

Præsta, quæsumus, omnipotens Deus: ut, qui sanctorum Mátyrum tuorum Tibúrtii, Valeriáni et Máximi solémnia cólimus: eórum étiam virtútes imitémur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 1: 18-30

Fratres: Verbum crucis, pereúntibus quidem stultítia est: iis autem, qui salvi fiunt, id est nobis, Dei virtus est. Scriptum est enim: Perdam sapiéntiam sapiéntium, et prudéntiam prudéntium reprobábo. Ubi sapiens? ubi scriba? ubi conquistator hujus sæculi? Nonne stultam fecit Deus sapiéntiam hujus mundi? Nam quia in Dei sapiéntia non cognóvit mundus per sapiéntiam Deum: plácuít Deo per stultítiam prædicatiónis salvos facere credétes. Quóniam et Judæi signa petunt, et Græci sapiéntiam quærunt: nos autem prædicámus Christum crucifixum: Judæis quidem scándalum géntibus autem stultítiam, ipsis autem vocátis Judæis, atque Græcis, Christum Dei virtútem, et Dei sapiéntiam: quia quod stultum est Dei, sapiéntiam est homínibus: et quod infirmum est Dei, fórtius est homínibus. Ex ipso autem vos estis in Christo Jesu, qui factus est nobis sapiéntia a Deo, et justítia, et sanctificatió, et redemptio.

GREATER ALLELUIA

Allelúja, allelúja. (1 Cor. 3: 19, 20) Sapiéntia hujus mundi stultítia est apud Deum, scriptum est enim: Dóminus novit cogitatiónes sapiéntium, quóniam vane sunt. Allelúja. (Philippians 3: 8) Verúmtamen exístimo ómnia detriméntum esse propter eminéntem sciéntiam Jesu Christi Dómini mei. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Luke 12: 2-9

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discíplis suis: Nihil opértum est quod non revelétur: neque absconditum; quod non sciátur. Quóniam quæ in ténebris aivistis in lúmine dicéuntur: et quod in aurem locúti estis in cubículis, prædicábitur in tectis. Dico autem vobis amicis meis: Ne terreámini ab his qui occídunt corpus, et post hæc non habent ámplius quid fácient. Osténdam autem vobis quem timeátis: timéte eum qui, postquam occiderit, habet potestátem mittere in gehénnam; ita dico vobis, hunc timéte. Nonne quinque pásseres véneunt dipóndio, et unus ex illis non est in oblivióne coram Deo? Sed et capíilli cápitis vestri omnes numerati sunt. Nolíte ergo timéte: nonne passeres plúres estis vos. Dico autem vobis: Omnis quicumque confessus fuerit me coram homínibus, et Fílius hóminis confitébitor illum coram Angelis Dei.

OFFERTORY 1 Corinthians 2: 2

Non enim judicávi me scire áliquid inter vos nisi Jesum Christum, et hunc crucifixum. Allelúja.

SECRETS

Múnera nostra, Dómine Deus, benígnus súscipe: quorum mirábile mystérium sanctus Martyr Justínus advérsus impiórum calúrnias strénuè deféndit. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

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Hæc hóstia, quæsumus, Dómine, quam sanctorum Mátyrum natalítia recenséntes offérimus: et víncula nostræ miserícordiæ absólvat, et tuæ nobis miserícordiæ dona concíliet. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

PREFACE FOR EASTER

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, te quidem, Dómine, omni témpore, sed in hac potíssimum die, gloriósius prædicáre, cum Pascha nostrum immolátnus est Christus. Ipse enim verus est Agnus, qui ábstulit peccáta mundi. Qui mortem nostram moriéndo destrúxit, et vitam resurgéndo reparávit. Et ídeo cum Ángelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dóminatióibus, cumque omni milítia cæléstis exércitus, hymnum glóriæ tuæ cánimus sine fine dicétes:

COMMUNION 2 Timothy 4: 8

Repósita est mihi coróna justítiæ, quam reddet mihi Dóminus in ília die iustus judex. Allelúja.

POSTCOMMUNIONS

Cœlésti alimónia refécti. súpplices te, Dómine, deprecámur: ut, beáti Justíni Mátyris tui mónitis, de accéptis donis semper in gratiárum actióne maneámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

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Sacro múnere satiáti, súpplices te, Dómine, deprecámur: ut, quod débitæ servitútis celebrámus officio, salvatiónis tuæ sentiámus augméntum. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

(for Tibertius, Valerain, & Maximus)

Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that, as we observe the feast of Thy holy Martyrs, Tiburtius, Valerian and Maximus, we may likewise imitate their virtues. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

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Brethren, the word of the cross, to them indeed that perish, is foolishness; but to them that are saved, that is, to us, it is the power of God. For it is written: I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; and the prudence of the prudent I will reject. Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For seeing that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God; it pleased God by the foolishness of our preaching to save them that believe. For both the Jews require signs, and the Greeks seek after wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews indeed a stumbling block, and unto the Gentiles foolishness; but unto them that are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. But of Him are you in Christ Jesus, Who of God is made unto us wisdom and justice, and sanctification, and redemption.

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Alleluia, alleluia. (1 Cor. 3: 19, 20) The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God, for it is written: The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. Alleluia. (Philippians 3: 8) Furthermore I count all things to be but loss, for the excellent knowledge of Jesus Christ my Lord. Alleluia.

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At that time, Jesus said to His disciples, There is nothing covered that shall not be revealed: nor hidden, that shall not be known. For whatsoever things you have spoken in darkness, shall be published in the light; and that which you have spoken in the ear in chambers shall be preached on the house-tops. And I say to you, My friends, be not afraid of them who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will show you Whom you shall fear: fear ye Him Who, after He hath killed, hath power to cast into Hell. Yea, I say to you, fear Him. Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings and not one of them is forgotten before God? Yea, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore: you are of more value than many sparrows. And I say to you, whosoever shall confess Me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God.

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For I judged not myself to know any thing among you, but Jesus Christ; and Him crucified. Alleluia.

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Graciously accept our gifts, O Lord, the wondrous mystery of which St. Justin, martyr, strenuously defended against the calumnies of the impious. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

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May this sacrifice, O Lord, which we offer commemorating the birthday of Thy holy Martyrs, both loose us from the bonds of our base desires and gain for us the gifts of Thy mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever

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It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, at all times to praise Thee, O Lord, but more gloriously especially at this time above others when Christ our Pasch was sacrificed. For He is the true Lamb Who hath taken away the sins of the world: Who by dying hath destroyed our death: and by rising again hath restored us to life. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing the hymn of Thy glory, evermore saying:

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There is laid up for me a crown of justice, which the Lord, the just judge, will render to me in that day. Alleluia.

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Refreshed with heavenly food, we humbly pray Thee, O Lord, that, following the admonitions of Thy blessed martyr, Justin, we may give thanks incessantly for the gifts we have received. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

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Filled With Thy sacred gifts, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that what we celebrate in fulfilment of our bounden service we may feel in the increase of Thy salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.