MAY 10, ST. ANTONINUS, CONFESSOR & BISHOP

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St. Antoninus entered the Dominican Order in his sixteenth year. In 1446 he was compelled to accept the archbishopric of Florence. When the false Renaissance was beginning to give a tone of classical paganism to society, he set an example of fervent pastoral zeal, joined with the love of study and of the most austere virtues of the cloister. He died in 1459.
Commemoration of Gordian & Epimachus. Under Pope Adrian I the bodies of these two martyrs were placed in the same tomb. Gordian was a Roman judge converted by a holy priest who was brought before him for trial under Julian the Apostate. St. Epimachus was an Alexandrian martyr who at first had a separate mass in the Liturgy.

INTROIT Ecclesiasticus 45: 30

Státuit ei Dóminus testaméntum pacis, et príncipem fecit eum: ut sit illi sacerdótii dígnitas in ætérnum. Allelúja, allelúja. (Ps 131: 1) Meménto, Dómine, David: et omnis mansuetúdinis ejus. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sǽcula sæculórum. Amen. Státuit ei Dóminus testaméntum pacis, et príncipem fecit eum: ut sit illi sacerdótii dígnitas in ætérnum. Allelúja, allelúja.

The Lord made to him a covenant of peace, and made him a prince; that the dignity of priesthood should be to him forever. Alleluia, alleluia. (Ps. 131: 1) O Lord, remember David: and all his meekness. 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 Lord made to him a covenant of peace, and made him a prince; that the dignity of priesthood should be to him forever. Alleluia, alleluia.

COLLECT

Sancti Antoníni, Dómine, Confessóris tui atque Pontíficis, méritis adjuvémur: ut, sicut te in illo mirábilem prædicámus, ita in nos misericórdem fuísse gloriémur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sæculórum.

May we be assisted, O Lord, by the merits of St. Antoninus, Thy confessor and bishop, that, as we declare Thee wonderful in him, so we may glory in Thy mercy toward 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.

(Commemoration of Sts. Gordian & Epimachus)

Da quǽsumus, omnípotens Deus: ut, qui beatórum Màrtyrum tuórum Gordiáni et Epimáchi solémnia cólimus eórum apud te intercessiónibus adjuvémur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sæculórum.

(Commemoration of Sts. Gordian & Epimachus)

Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that we, who venerate the festival of Thy blessed martyrs Gordian and Epimachus, may be helped by their intercession with 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.

LESSON Ecclesiasticus 44: 16-27; 45: 3-20

Ecce sacérdos magnus, qui in diébus suis plácuit Deo, et invéntus est justus: et in témpore iracúndiæ factus est reconciliátio. Non est invéntus símilis illi, qui conservávit legem Excélsi. Ideo jurejurándo fecit illum Dóminus créscere in plebem suam. Benedictiónem ómnium géntium dedit illi, et testaméntum suum confirmávit super caput ejus. Agnóvit eum in benedictiónibus suis: conservávit illi misericórdiam suam: et invenit grátiam coram óculis Dómini. Magnificávit eum in conspéctu regum: et dedit illi corónam glóriæ. Státuit illi testaméntum ætérnum, et dedit illi sacerdótium magnum: et beatificávit illum in glória. Fungi sacerdótio, et habére laudem in nómine ipsíus, et offérre illi incénsum dignum in odórem suavitátis.

Behold a great priest, who in his days pleased God, and was found just; and in the time of wrath was made a reconciliation. There was not any found like to him, who kept the law of the Most High. Therefore by an oath the Lord made him increase among his people. He gave him the blessing of all nations, and confirmed His covenant upon his head. He acknowledged him in His blessings: He preserved for him His mercy: and he found grace before the eyes of the Lord. He glorified him in the sight of kings, and gave him a crown of glory. He made an everlasting covenant with him; and gave him a great priesthood; and made him blessed in glory. To execute the office of the priesthood and to have praise in his name, and to offer to him worthy incense for an odor of sweetness.

GREATER ALLELUIA Psalms 109: 4

Allelúja, allelúja. Tu es sacérdos in ætérnum, secúndum órdinem Melchísedech. Allelúia. Hic est sacérdos, quem coronávit Dóminus. Allelúja.

Alleluia, alleluia. Thou art a priest according to the order of Melchisedech. Alleluia. This is the priest whom the Lord hath crowned. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 25: 14-23

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discípulis suis parábolam hanc: Homo péregre profiscíscens vocávit servos suos, et trádidit illis bona sua. Et uni dedit quinque talénta, álii autem duo, álii vero unum, unicuíque secúndum próprian virtútem, et proféctus est statim. Abiit autem, qui quinque talénta accéperat, et operátus est in eis, et lucrátus est ália quinque. Simíliter et, qui duo accéperat, lucrátus est ália duo. Qui autem unum accéperat, ábiens fodit in terram, et abscóndit pecúniam dómini sui. Post multum vero témporis venit dóminus servórum illórum, et pósuit ratiónem cum eis. Et accédens qui quinque talénta accéperat, óbtulit ália quinque talénta,dicens: Dómine, quinque talénta tradidísti mihi, ecce, ália quinque superlucrátus sum. Ait illi dóminus ejus: Euge, serve bone et fidélis, quia super pauca fuísti fidélis, super multa te constítuam: intra in gáudium dómini tui. Accéssit autem et qui duo talénta accéperat, et ait: Dómine, duo talénta tradidísti mihi, ecce, ália duo lucrátus sum. Ait illi dóminus ejus: Euge, serve bone et fidélis, quia super pauca fuísti fidélis, super multa te constítuam: intra in gáudium dómini tui.

At that time, Jesus spoke this parable to His disciples: A man going into a far country called his servants, and delivered to them his goods. And to one he gave five talents, and to another two, and to another one, to every one according to his proper ability: and immediately he took his journey. And he that had received the five talents, went his way, and traded with the same, and gained other five. And in like manner he that had received the two, gained other two. But he that had received the one, going his way digged into the earth, and hid his lord's money. But after a long time the lord of those servants came, and reckoned with them. And he that had received the five talents coming, brought other five talents, saying: Lord, thou didst deliver to me five talents, behold I have gained other five over and above. His lord said to him: Well done, good and faithful servant, because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will place thee over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. And he also that had received the two talents came and said: Lord, thou deliveredst two talents to me: behold I have gained other two. His lord said to him: Well done, good and faithful servant: because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will place thee over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 21-22

Invéni David servum meum, óleo sancto meo unxi eum: manus enim mea auxiliábitur ei, et bráchium meum confortábit eum. Allelúja, allelúja.

I have found David My servant, with My holy oil I have anointed him: for My hand shall help him, and My arm shall strengthen him. Alleluia.

SECRET

Sancti tui, quǽsumus, Dómine, nos úbique lætíficent: ut, dum eórum mérita recólimus, patrocínia sentiámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sæculórum.

May Thy saints, we beseech Thee, O Lord, everywhere make us joyful, that, while we venerate their merits, we may experience their patronage. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

(Commemoration of Sts. Gordian & Epimachus)

Hostias tibi, Domine, beatorum Martyrum Tuorum Gordiani et Epimachi dicatas meritis, benignus assume: et ad perpetuum nobis tribue provenire subsidium. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sæculórum.

(Commemoration of Sts. Gordian & Epimachus)

Graciously receive, O Lord, these offerings, which we dedicate to Thee relying on the merits of Thy holy martyrs Godrian and Epimachus: and grant that they may become for us an everlasting help. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

PREFACE OF EASTER SEASON

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, Te quidem, Dómine, omni témpore, sed in hoc potíssimum, gloriósius prædicáre, cum Pascha nostrum immolátus 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 Dóminatiónibus, cumque omni milítia cæléstis exércitus, hymnum glóriæ tuæ cánimus sine fine dicéntes:

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, certainly at all times to proclaim Thee, O Lord, but above all in this time more gloriously, 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:

COMMUNION Luke 12: 42

Fidélis servus et prudens, quem constítuit dóminus super famíliam suam: ut det illis in témpore trítici mensúram. Allelúja.

This is the faithful and wise steward, whom his lord setteth over his family: to give them their measure of wheat in due season. Alleluia.

POSTCOMMUNION

Præsta, quǽsumus, omnípotens Deus: ut, de percéptis munéribus grátias exhibéntes, intercedénte beáto Antoníno, Confessóre tuo atque Pontífice, benefícia potióra sumámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sæculórum.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that as we thank Thee for the favors we have received, we may, by the intercession of blessed Antoninus,Thy Confessor and Bishop, obtain still greater blessings. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

(Commemoration of Sts. Gordian & Epimachus)

Quǽsumus, omnipotens Deus: ut, Qui Caelestia alimenta percepimus, intercedentibus sanctis Martyribus Tuis Gordiano et Epimacho, per haec contra omnia adversa muniamur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sæculórum.

(Commemoration of Sts. Gordian & Epimachus)

O almighty God, we beseech Thee, that, through the prayers of Thy holy martyrs Gordian and Epimachus, the Heavenly food of which we have partaken, may be our sure defense in all adversity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.