

St. Boniface, a Roman martyr, suffered at Tarsus, the capital of Cilicia, at the beginning of the Fourth Century. He had gone thither, as a penance for the sins of his past life, to recover relics of the saints. After his martyrdom his body was taken back to Rome and enshrined in a church that was erected in his honor.

INTROIT Psalms 20: 2-3

In virtúte tua, Dómine, lætábitur justus: et super salutáre tuum exsultábit veheménter: desidérium ánimæ ejus tribuísti ei. (Ps.20: 4) Quóniam prævenísti eum in benedictiónibus dulcédinis: posuísti in cápíte ejus coronam de lápide pretiósó. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. In virtúte tua, Dómine, lætábitur justus: et super salutáre tuum exsultábit veheménter: desidérium ánimæ ejus tribuísti ei.

COLLECT

Da, quæsumus, omnípotens Deus: ut, qui beáti Bonifátii Mártyris tui sollémnia cólimus, ejus apud te intercessiónibus adjuvémur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

LESSON Wisdom 10: 10-14

Justum dedúxit Dóminus per vias rectas, et ostendit illi regnum Dei, et dedit illi sciéntiam sanctorum: honestávit illum in labóribus, et complévit labores illíus. In fraude circumveniéntium illum áffuit illi, et honéstum fecit illum. Custodívit illum ab inimícis, et a seductóribus tutávit illum, et certámen forte dedit illi, ut vínceret et sciret, quóniam ómnium poténtior est sapiéntia. Hæc vénditum júsum non derelíquit, sed a peccatóribus liberávit eum: descendítque cum illo in fóveam, et in vínculis non derelíquit illum, donec afférret illi sceptrum regni, et poténtiam advérsus eos, qui eum deprimébant: et mendáces osténdit, qui maculavérunt illum, et dedit illi claritátem ætérnam, Dóminus, Deus noster.

GRADUAL Psalms 111: 1-2

Beátus vir, qui timet Dóminum: in mandátis ejus cupit nimis. Potens in terra erit semen ejus: generátio rectórum benedicétur.

LESSER ALLELUIA Psalms 20: 4

Allelúja, allelúja. Posuísti, Dómine, super caput ejus coronam de lápide pretiósó. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Matthew 10: 34-42

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discipulis suis: Nolíte arbitrári, quia pacem vénerim mittere in terram: non veni pacem mittere, sed gládium. Veni enim separáre hóminem advérsus patrem suum, et fíliam advérsus matrem suam, et inurum advérsus socrum suam: et inimíci hóminis doméstici ejus. Qui amat patrem aut matrem plus quam me, non est me dignus: et qui amat fílium aut fíliam super me, non est me dignus. Et qui non áccipit crucem suam, et séquitur me, non est me dignus. Qui invénit ánimam suam, perdet illam: et qui perdíderit ánimam suam propter me, invéniet eam. Qui récipit vos, me récipit: et qui me récipit, récipit eum, qui me misit. Qui récipit prophétam in nómine prophétæ, mercédem prophétæ accipiet: et qui récipit justum in nómine justí, mercédem justí accipiet. Et quicumque potum déderit uni ex mínimis istis cálicem aquæ frígíidæ tantum in nómine discípuli: amen, dico vobis, non perdet mercédem suam.

OFFERTORY Psalms 8: 6-7

Glória et honóre coronásti eum: et constituísti eum super ópera mánuum tuárum, Dómine.

SECRET

Muneribus nostris, quæsumus, Dómine, precibusque suscéptis: et cæléstibus nos munda mystériis, et cleménter exáudi. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

(During Ascensio[n]tide)

PREFACE OF THE ASCENSION

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper et ubíque grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnípotens, ætérne Deus: per Christum, Dóminum nostrum. Qui post resurrectionem suam ómnibus discipulis suis maniféstus appáruit, et ípsis cernéntibus est elevátus in cælum, ut nos divinitátis suæ tribúeret esse participes. Et ídeo cum Ángelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dominatió[n]ibus cumque omni milítia cæléstis exércitus, hymnum glóriæ tuæ cánimus, sine fine dicétes:

COMMUNION Matthew 16: 24

Qui vult veníre post me, ábneget semetípsum, et tollat crucem suam, et sequátur me.

POSTCOMMUNION

Refécti participatióne múneris sacri, quæsumus, Dómine, Deus noster: ut, júsus exséquimur cultum, intercedénte beáto Bonifátio Mártyre tuo, sentiámus efféctum. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

In Thy strength, O Lord, the just man shall joy: and in Thy salvation he shall rejoice exceedingly: Thou hast given him his heart's desire. (Ps. 20: 4) For Thou hast prevented him with blessings of sweetness: Thou hast set on his head a crown of precious stones. 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. In Thy strength, O Lord, the just man shall joy: and in Thy salvation he shall rejoice exceedingly: Thou hast given him his heart's desire.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that, keeping the festival of Thy blessed martyr, Boniface, we may be helped by his 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.

The Lord conducted the just through the right ways, and showed him the kingdom of God, and gave him the knowledge of holy things: made him honorable in his labors, and accomplished his labors. In the deceit of them that overreached him, He stood by him, and made him honorable. He kept him safe from his enemies, and He defended him from seducers, and gave him a strong conflict, that he might overcome, and know that wisdom is mightier than all. He forsook not the just when he was sold, but delivered him from sinners: He went down with him into the pit. And in bands He left him not, till He brought him the sceptre of the kingdom, and power against those that oppressed him: and shewed them to be liars that had accused him, and the Lord our God gave him everlasting glory.

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord: he delighteth exceedingly in His commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the righteous shall be blessed.

Alleluia, alleluia. O Lord, Thou hast set on his head a crown of precious stones. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: Do not think that I came to send peace upon earth: I came not to send peace, but the sword. For I came to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's enemies shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than Me, is not worthy of Me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me, is not worthy of Me. And he that taketh not up his cross, and followeth Me, is not worthy of Me. He that findeth his life, shall lose it: and he that shall lose his life for Me, shall find it. He that receiveth you, receiveth Me: and he that receiveth Me, receiveth Him that sent Me. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet, shall receive the reward of a prophet: and he that receiveth a just man in the name of a just man, shall receive the reward of a just man. And whosoever shall give to drink to one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, amen I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.

Thou hast crowned him with glory and honor: and hast set him over the works of Thy hands, O Lord.

Receive, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our offerings and prayers: cleanse us by virtue of these heavenly mysteries and graciously hear 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.

(During Ascensio[n]tide)

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God, through Christ our Lord. Who, after His Resurrection, appeared openly to all His disciples, and, while they looked on, was taken up into heaven, that He might grant unto us to be sharers in His own divinity. And therefore with the Angels and Archangels, with the Thrones and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing the hymn of Thy glory, evermore saying:

If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

Our strength renewed from having shared in Thy sacred gift, we beseech Thee, O Lord our God, that by the intercession of Blessed Boniface, Thy martyr, we may ever feel the mighty power of the sacrament we worship. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.