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JUNE 1, ST. ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN

The feast of the foundress of the Ursulines under the rule of the Third Order of St. Francis was inserted in the Calendar of the Universal Church by Pius IX in 1861. The devout pilgrimages of St. Angela to the Holy Land and to Rome recall, in a manner, those made by St. Bridget of Sweden some two centuries earlier. She showed the same faith and enjoyed equal respect with the Popes, so much so that Clement VII would not allow her to leave the Eternal City. After having brought together a band of holy women, who devoted themselves to the Christian education of girls, St. Angela passed away from this life, full of merits, on January 27, 1540.

INTROIT Psalms 44: 8
Dilexísti justítiam, et odísti iniquitátem: proptérea unxit te Deus, Deus tuus, óleo lætítiæ præ consórtibus tuis. (T.P. Alleluja, alleluja.) (Ps. 44: 2) Eructávit cor meum verbum bonum: dico ego ópera mea Regi. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Dilexísti justítiam, et odísti iniquitátem: proptérea unxit te Deus, Deus tuus, óleo lætítiæ præ consórtibus tuis. (T.P. Allelúja, alleluja.)

Thou hast loved justice, and hated iniquity: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. (P.T. Alleluia, alleluia.) (Ps. 44: 2) My heart hath uttered a good word: I speak my works to the King. 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. Thou hast loved justice, and hated iniquity: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. (P.T. Alleluia, alleluia.)

COLLECT
Deus, qui novum per beátam Ángelam sacrárum Vírginum collégium in Ecclésia tua floréscere voluísti: da nobis, ejus intercessióne, angélicis móribus vívere; ut, terrénis ómnibus abdicátis, gáudiis pérfrui mereámur ætérnis. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

O God, Who through blessed Angela didst cause a new society of holy virgins to flourish in Thy Church; grant through her intercession, that living angelic lives, and by detaching our hearts from earthly joys, we may merit to enjoy those that are eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

EPISTLE
2 Corinthians 10,17-18; 11: 1-2
Fratres: Qui gloriátur, in Dómino gloriétur. Non enim qui seípsum commréndat, ille probátus est; sed quem Deus commréndat. Utinam sustinerétis módicum quid insipiéntiæ meæ, sed et supportáte me: æmulor enim vos Dei æmulatióne. Despóndi enim vos uni viro vírginem castam exhibére Christo.

Brethren, he that glory, let him glory in the Lord. For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but he whom God commendeth. Would to God you could bear with some little of my folly, but do bear with me. For I am jealous of you with the jealousy of God. For I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

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GRADUAL Psalms 44: 5
Spécie tua, et pulchritúdine tua intende, próspere procéde, et regna. Propter veritátem, et mansuetúdinem, et justítiam: et dedúcet te mirabíliter déxtera tua.

With thy comeliness and thy beauty set out, proceed prosperously, and reign. Because of truth, and meekness and justice: and thy right hand shall conduct thee wonderfully.

LESSER ALLELUIA
Allelúja, allelúja. Adducéntur regi vírgines post eam: próximæ ejus afferéntur tibi in lætítia. Allelúja.

Allelúia, allelúia. After her shall virgins be brought to the King: her neighbors shall be brought to thee with gladness. Alleluia.

GREATER ALLELUIA
Allelúja, allelúja. Adducéntur regi vírgines post eam: próximæ ejus afferéntur tibi in lætítia. Allelúja. Spécie tua, et pulchritúdine tua intende, próspere procéde, et regna.

Allelúia, allelúia. After her shall virgins be brought to the King: her neighbors shall be brought to thee with gladness. Alleluia. With thy comeliness and thy beauty set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

GOSPEL Matthew 25: 1-13
In illo tempore: Dixit Jesus discípulis suis parabolam hanc: Símile erit regnum coelórum decem virgínibus quæ accipiéntes lámpades suas exiérunt óbviam sponso et sponsæ. Quínque autem ex eis erant fátuæ, et quínque prudéntes: sed quínque fátuæ, accéptis lampádibus, non sumpsérunt óleum secum: prudéntes vero accepérunt óleum in vasis suis cum lampádibus. Moram autem faciénte sponso, dormitavérunt omnes et dormiérunt. Média autem nocte clamor factus est: Ecce sponsus venit, exíte óbviam ei. Tunc surrexérunt omnes vírgines illæ, et ornavérunt lampádes suas. Fátuæ autem sapiéntibus dixérunt: Date nobis de óleo vestro: quia lampádes 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 jánua. Novíssime vero véniunt et réliquæ vírgines, dicéntes: Dómine, Dómine, áperi nobis. At ille respóndens ait: Amen, dico vobis, néscio vos. Vigiláte ítaque, quia nescítis diem, neque horam.

At that time, Jesus spoke this parable to His disciples, 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 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 you 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 came also the other virgins, saying Lord, Lord, open to us; but he answering said, Amen I say to you, I know ye not. Watch ye, therefore, because you know not the day nor the hour.

OFFERTORY Psalms 44: 10
Filiæ regum in honóre tuo: ástitit regina a dextris tuis in vestítu deauráto, circúmdata varietáte. (T.P.Allelúja.)

The daughters of kings in thy glory: the queen stood on thy right hand in gilded clothing, surrounded with variety. (P.T. Alleluia.)

SECRET
Hóstia, Dómine, quam tibi beátæ Ángelæ memóriam recoléntes offérimus, et nostræ pravitátis véniam impléret, et grátiæ tuæ nobis dona conciliet. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

May the sacrifice, O Lord, which we offer Thee in remembrance of blessed Angela, both implore for us the pardon of our iniquity, and obtain for us the gifts of Thy grace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

(from Easter Sunday until Ascension)
PREFACE OF THE ASCENSION
Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, Te quidem, Dómine, omni témpore, sed in hoc potíssimum, gloriósius præsídicare, 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 Angelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dominatiónibus cumque ómni 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:

(from Ascension until Pentecost)
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 resurrectiónem suam ómnibus discípulis suis maniféstus appáruit, et ipsis cernéntibus est elevátus in cælum, ut nos divinitátis suæ tríbueret esse partícipes. Et ídeo cum Angelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dominatiónibus cumque ómni milítia cæléstis exércitus, hymnum glóriæ tuæ cánimus, sine fine dicéntes:

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:

COMMUNION Matthew 25: 4, 6
Quínque prudéntes vírgines accepérunt óleum in vasis suis cum lampádibus: média autem nocte clamor factus est: Ecce sponsus venit: exíte óbviam Christo Dómino. (T.P.Allelúja.)

The five wise virgins took oil in their vessels with the lamps: and at midnight there was a cry made, Behold the bridegroom cometh: go ye forth to meet Christ our Lord. (P.T. Alleluia.)

POSTCOMMUNION
Cælésti alimónia refécti, súpplices te, Dómine, deprecámur: ut, beátæ Ángelæ précibus et exémplo ab omni labe mundáti, et córpore tibi placeámus et mente. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Refreshed with this heavenly food, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, that by the prayers and example of blessed Angela, we may be cleansed from all sin, and become pleasing to Thee both in body and mind. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.