

AUGUST 18, ST. AGAPITUS, MARTYR

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The Roman Martyrology commemorates today Agapitus who, at the age of fifteen, was put to death with a sword at Prameste in Italy. His tomb has recently been found with the inscription "Agapitus, pray for me." His body was transferred to Corneto in 1437.

INTROIT Psalms 63: 11

Lætábitur justus in Dómino, et sperábit in eo: et laudabúntur omnes recti corde. (Ps. 63: 2) Exáudi, Deus, oratióne meam, cum déprecor: a timóre inimíci éripe ánimam meam. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Lætábitur justus in Dómino, et sperábit in eo: et laudabúntur omnes recti corde.

COLLECT

Lætétur Ecclésia tua, Deus, beáti Agápiti Mártiris tui confísa suffrágiis: atque, ejus précibus gloriósis, et devóta permáneat et secúra consistat. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

EPISTLE 2 Timothy 2: 8-10; 3: 10-12

Caríssime: Memor esto, Dóminum Jesum Christum resurrexísse a mórtuis ex sémine David, secúndum Evangélium meum, in quo labóro usque ad víncula, quasi male óperans: sed verbum Dei non est alligátum. Ideo ómnia sustíneo propter eléctos, ut et ipsi salútem consequántur, quæ est in Christo Jesu, cum glória cælésti. Tu autem assecútus es meam doctrínam, institutióne, propósitum, fidem, longanimitátem, dilectiÓnem, paciéntiam, persecutiÓnes, passiÓnes: quália mihi facta sunt Antiochiæ, Icónii et Lystris: quales perseditiÓnes sustinui, et ex ómnibus eripuit me Dóminus. Et omnes, qui pie volunt vívere in Christo Jesu, persecutiÓnem patiéntur.

GRADUAL Psalms 36: 24

Justus cum ceciderit, non collidétur: quia Dóminus supponit manum suam. (Ps. 36: 26) Tota die miserétur, et cómmodat: et semen ejus in benedictiÓne erit.

LESSER ALLELUIA John 8: 12

Allelúja, allelúja. Qui séquitur me, non ámbulat in ténebris: sed habébit lumen vitæ æternæ. Allelúja.

GOSPEL John 12: 24-26

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discíplis suis: Amen, amen dico vobis, nisi granum frumenti, cadens in terram, mortuum fuerit, ipsum solum manet: si autem mortuum fuerit, multum fructum affert. Qui amat ánimam suam, perdet earn: et qui odit ánimam suam in hoc mundo, in vitam æternam custodit earn. Si quis mihi ministrat, me sequátur: et ubi sum ego, illic et minister meus erit. Si quis mihi ministráverit, honorificábit eum Pater meus.

OFFERTORY Psalms 20: 4-5

Posuísti, Dómine, in cápite ejus corónam de lápide pretiÓso: vitam pétiit a te, et tribuísti ei, allelúja.

SECRET

Súscipe, Dómine, múnera, quæ in ejus tibi solemnitate deférimus: cujus nos confídimus patrocínio liberári. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

COMMUNION John 12: 26

Qui mihi mínistrat, me sequátur: et ubi sum ego, illic et mínister meus erit.

POSTCOMMUNION

Satiásti, Dómine, familiam tuam munéribus sacris: ejus, quæsumus, semper interventiÓne nos réfove, cujus solémnia celebrámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

The just shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall hope in Him: and all the upright in heart shall be praised. (Ps. 63: 2) Hear, O God, my prayer when I make supplication to Thee: deliver my soul from the fear of the enemy. 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 just shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall hope in Him: and all the upright in heart shall be praised.

May Thy Church, O Lord, rejoice, trusting in the intercession of Thy blessed martyr, Agapitus, and, through his glorious prayers, let it continue devout and be established in security. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Dearly beloved, be mindful that the Lord Jesus Christ is risen again from the dead, of the seed of David, according to my gospel. Wherein I labor even unto bands, as an evildoer: but the word of God is not bound. Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they may also obtain the salvation, which is in Christ Jesus, with heavenly glory. But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, long-suffering, love, patience, persecutions, afflictions, such as came upon me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured and out of them all the Lord delivered me. And all that will live godly in Jesus Christ shall suffer persecution.

When the just man shall fall, he shall not be bruised: for the Lord putteth His hand under him. (Ps. 36: 26) He showeth mercy and lendeth all the day long: and his seed shall be in blessing.

Alleluia, alleluia. He that followeth Me walketh not in darkness, but shall have the light of life eternal. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples: Amen, amen I say to you, unless the grain of wheat falling into the ground die, itself remaineth alone. But if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world, keepeth it unto life eternal. If any man minister to me, let him follow me; and where I am, there also shall my minister be. If any man minister to me, him will my Father honor.

O Lord, Thou hast set on his head a crown of precious stones: he asked life of Thee, and Thou hast given it to him. Alleluia.

Receive, O Lord, the gifts which we present to Thee on the feast day of him by whose patronage we hope to be delivered. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

If any man minister to Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there also shall My minister be.

Thou hast satisfied, O Lord, Thy household with holy gifts: ever cherish us, we beseech Thee, through the intercession of him whose festival we are keeping. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.