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INTROIT Eccl. 15: 5

In médio Ecclésiæ apéruit os ejus: et implévit eum Dóminus spíritu sapiéntiæ et intelléctus: stolam glóriæ índuit eum. (Ps. 91. 2). Bonum est confitéri Dómino: et psállere nómini tuo Altíssime. V. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sǽcula sæculórum. Amen. In médio Ecclésiæ apéruit os ejus: et implévit eum Dóminus spíritu sapiéntiæ et intelléctus: stolam glóriæ índuit eum.

In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth: and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding. He clothed him with a robe of glory. (Ps. 91. 2). It is good to give praise to the Lord: and to sing to Thy Name, O Most High. V.: 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 the midst of the Church he opened his mouth: and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding. He clothed him with a robe of glory.

COLLECT

Deus, qui pópulo tuo ætérnæ salútis beátum Bernárdum. minístrum tribuísti: præsta, quǽsumus; ut quem Doctórem vitæ habúimus in terris, intercessórem habére mereámur in cælis. Per Dóminum nostrum, Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sæculórum.

O God, who didst give blessed Bernard as a minister of eternal salvation to Thy people: grant, we beseech Thee, that we, who have had him for our teacher on earth, may deserve to have him for our advocate in heaven. 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 Eccli. 39, 6-14

Justus cor suum tradet ad vigilándum dilúculo ad Dóminum, qui fecit illum, et in conspéctu Altíssimi deprecábitur. Apériet os suum in oratióne, et pro delíctis suis deprecábitur. Si enim Dóminus magnus volúerit, spíritu intellegéntiæ replébit illum: et ipse tamquam imbres mittet elóquia sapiéntiæ suæ, et in oratióne confitébitur Dómino: et ipse díriget consílium ejus et disciplínam, et in abscónditis suis consiliábitur. Ipse palam fáciet disciplínam doctrínæ suæ, et in lege testaménti Dómini gloriábitur. Collaudábunt multi sapiéntiam ejus, et usque in sǽculum non delébitur. Non recédet memória ejus, et nomen ejus requirétur a generatióne in generatiónem. Sapiéntiam ejus enarrábunt gentes, et laudem ejus enuntiábit ecclésia.

The just man will give his heart to resort early to the Lord his Maker, and he will pray in the sight of the Most High. He will open his mouth in prayer, and will ask pardon for his sins. Then, if it pleases the Lord Almighty, He will fill him with the spirit of understanding; and he will pour forth his words of wisdom as showers, and in prayer give thanks to the Lord, Who will direct his knowledge and his counsel, as he meditates upon His mysteries. He will show the wisdom of what he has learned and glory in the Law of the Lord's covenant. Many will praise his understanding; his fame can never be effaced; unfading will be his memory, through all generations his name will live; peoples will speak of his wisdom, the assembly will sing his praises.

GRADUAL Ps. 36: 30, 31.

Os justi meditábitur sapiéntiam, et lingua ejus loquétur judícium. V. Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsíus: et non supplantabúntur gressus ejus.

The mouth of the just shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak judgment. V. The law of his God is in his heart: and his steps shall not be supplanted.

LESSER ALLELUIA

Allelúja, allelúja. V. Amávit eum Dóminus, et ornávit eum: stolam glóriæ índuit eum. Allelúja.

Alleluia, alleluia. V. (Eccl. 45. 8.) The Lord loved him and adorned him: He clothed him with a robe of glory. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 5: 13-19

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discípulis suis: Vos estis sal terræ. Quod si sal evanúerit, in quo saliétur? Ad níhilum valet ultra, nisi ut mittátur foras, et conculcétur ab homínibus. Vos estis lux mundi. Non potest civitas abscóndi supra montem pósita. Neque accéndunt lucérnam, et ponunt eam sub módio, sed super candelábrum, ut lúceat ómnibus qui in domo sunt. Sic lúceat lux vestra coram homínibus: ut vídeant ópera vestra bona, et gloríficent Patrem vestrum, qui in cælis est. Nolíte putáre quóniam veni sólvere legem aut prophétas: non veni sólvere, sed adimplére. Amen quippe dico vobis, donec tránseat cælum et terra, iota unum aut unus apex non præteríbit a lege donec ómnia fiant. Qui ergo sólverit unum de mandátis istis mínimis, et docúerit sic hómines, mínimus vocábitur in regno cælórum: qui autem fecérit et docúerit, hic magnus vocábitur in regno cælórum.

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt lose its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is good for nothing any more but to be cast out, and to be trodden on by men. You are the light of the world. A city seated on a mountain cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but upon a candlestick, that it may shine to all that are in the house. So let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. Do not think that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets. I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For amen I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot, or one tittle shall not pass of the law, till all be fulfilled. He therefore that shall break one of these least commandments, and shall so teach men, shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven. But he that shall do and teach, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

OFFERTORY Ps. 91: 13

Justus ut palma florébit: sicut cedrus, quæ in Líbano est, multiplicábitur.

The just shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow up, like the cedar of Libanus.

SECRET

Sancti Bernárdi Confessóris tui atque Doctóris nobis, Dómine, pia non desit orátio: quæ et múnera nostra concíliet; et tuam nobis indulgéntiam semper obtíneat. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sæculórum.

May the holy prayer of St. Bernard, Thy Confessor and Doctor, fail us not, O Lord: may it render our offerings acceptable, and ever obtain for us Thy pardon. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

COMMUNION Luke 12: 42

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

The faithful and wise servant, whom his lord setteth over his family: to give them their measure of wheat in due season.

POSTCOMMUNION

Ut nobis, Dómine, tua sacrifícia dent salútem: beátus Bernárdus, Conféssor tuus, et Doctor egrégius, quǽsumus, precátor accédat. Per Dóminum nostrum, Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sæculórum.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, that blessed Bernard, Thy Confessor and illustrious Doctor, may approach to pray for us, that these Thy sacrifices may bring us 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.