

**INTROIT Psalms 36: 30, 31**

Os justi meditabitur sapiéntiam, et lingua ejus loquétur judícium: lex Dei ejus in corde ipsíus. (Ps. 36: 1) Noli æmuláris in malignántibus: neque zeláveris faciéntes iniquitátem. Glória Patri et Filio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Os justi meditabitur sapiéntiam, et lingua ejus loquétur judícium: lex Dei ejus in corde ipsíus,

**COLLECT**

Concéde, quæsumus, Ecclésiæ tuæ, omnipotens Deus: ut beátum Stéphánem Conféssórem tuum, quem regnántem in terris propagatórem hábuit, propugnatórem habére mereátur gloriósum in coelis. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

**LESSON Ecclesiasticus 31: 8-11**

Beátus vir, qui invéntus est sine mácula, et qui post aurum non ábiit, nec sperávit in pecúnia et thesáuris. Quis est hic, et laudábimus eum? fecit enim mirabília in víta sua. Qui probátus est in illo, et perféctus est, erit illi glória æténa: qui pótuít tránsgridi, et non est tránsgréssus: fácere mala, et non fecit: ídeo stabilíta sunt bona illíus in Dómino, et eleemósynas illíus enarrábit ómnino ecclésia sanctorúm.

**GRADUAL Psalm 91: 13, 14**

Justus ut palma florébit: sicut cedrus Líbani multiplicátur in domo Dómini. Ad annuntiándum mane misericórdiam tuam, et veritátem tuam per noctem.

**LESSER ALLELUIA James 1: 12**

Allelúja, allelúja. Beátus vir, qui suffert tentatiónem. quóniam cum probátus fúerit, accípiet corónam vitæ. Allelúja.

**GOSPEL Luke 19: 12-26**

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discíplis Suis parábolam hanc: Homo quídam nóbilis ábiit in regiónem longínquam accípere sibi regnum et revérti. Vocátis autem decem servis suis, dedit eis decem mnas et ait ad illot: Negotiámini dum vénio. Cives autem ejus óderant eum: et misérunt legatiónem post illum, dicéntes: Nólumus hunc regnáre super nos. Et factum est, ut redíret, accépto regno; et jussit vocári servos, quibus dedit pecúniam, ut sciret quantum quisque negotiátus esset. Venit autem primus, dicens: Dómine mna tua decem mnas acquisívit. Et sit illi: Euge bone serve, quia in módico fuísti fidélis, eris potestátem habens decem civitátes. Et alter venit, dicens: Dómine, mna tua fecit quinque mnas. Et huic ait: Et tu esto super quinque civitátes. Et alter venit, dicens: Dómine, ecce mna tua, quam habui repósitam in sudário; tímui enim te, quía homo austéris es: tollis quod non pósui, et metens quod non seminávi: et quare non dedísti pecúniám meam ad mensam, ut ego véniens cum usúris útique exegíssem illam? Et adstántibus dixit: Auférte ab illo mnam, et date illi, qui decem mnas habet. Et dixerunt ei: Dómine, habet decem mnas. Dico autem vobis: Quia omni habénte dónabitur, et abundábit: ab eo autem qui nón habet, et quod habet, auferétur ab eo.

**OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 25**

Véritas mea et misericórdia mea cum ipso: et in nómine meo exaltábitur cornu eius.

**SECRET**

Réspice, quas offérimus hóstias, omnipotens Deus: et præsta; ut, qui passiónis Domínicæ mystéria celebrámus, imitémur quod ágimus. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

**COMMUNION Matthew 24: 46-47**

Beátus ille servus quem cum vénerit dóminus eius invénerit sic faciéntem. Amen dico vobis quóniam super ómnia bona sua constítuet eum.

**POSTCOMMUNION**

Præsta, quæsumus, omnípotens Deus: ut beáti Stépháni Conféssóris tui fidem cóngua devotióne sectémur; qui pro ejúsdem fidei dilatatióne, de terréno regno ad cæléstis regni glóriam méruit pervenire. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

The mouth of the just shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak judgment: the law of his God is in his heart. (Ps. 36: 1) Be not emulous of evildoers: nor envy them that work iniquity. 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 mouth of the just shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak judgment: the law of his God is in his heart.

Grant unto Thy Church, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that it may be worthy to have for its glorious defender in heaven blessed Stephen, Thy confessor, whom it had for its champion while he reigned on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Happy the man found without fault, who turns not aside after gain, nor puts his trust in money nor in treasures! Who is he, that we may praise him? For he has done wonders in his life. He has been tested by gold and come off safe, and this remains his glory forever; he could have sinned but did not, could have done evil but would not, so that his possessions are secure in the Lord, and the assembly of the Saints shall recount his alms.

The just shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow up like the cedar of Lebanon in the house of the Lord. To show forth Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth in the night.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he hath been proved, he shall receive the crown of life. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus spoke this parable to His disciples: A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And calling his ten servants, he gave them ten pounds; and said to them, Trade till I come. But his citizens hated him; and they sent an embassy after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. And it came to pass that he returned, having received the kingdom; and he commanded his servants to be called, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. And the first came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds; and he said to him, Well done, thou good servant, good servant, because thou hast been faithful in a little, thou shalt have power over ten cities. And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds: and he said to him, Be thou also over five cities. And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin; for I feared thee, because thou art an austere man; thou takest up what thou didst not lay down, and thou reapest that which thou didst not sow. He saith to him, Out of thy own mouth I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knowest that I was an austere man, taking up what I laid not down, and reaping that which I did not sow: and why then didst thou not give my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have exacted it with usury? And he said to them that stood by, Take the pound away from him, and give it to him that hath the ten pounds. And they said to Him, Lord, he hath ten pounds. But I say to you, that to every one that hath shall be given, and he shall abound; and from him that hath not, even that which he hath shall be taken from him.

My truth and My mercy shall be with him: and in My name shall his horn be exalted.

Do Thou regard, O almighty God, the sacrifices which we offer, and grant that we, who celebrate the mysteries of the Lord's passion, may imitate what we commemorate. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Blessed is that servant, whom when his lord shall come he shall find so doing. Amen I say to you, he shall place him over all his goods.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God that we may follow with due devotion the faith of blessed Stephen, Thy confessor, who, by spreading abroad the same faith, merited to go from an earthly kingdom into the glory of Thy heavenly kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.