

DECEMBER 13, ST. LUCY, VIRGIN – MARTYR

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St. Lucy, a native of Syracuse, Sicily, consecrated herself to God from her childhood. Her mother did not know of her vow and wished her to marry a young pagan. At the tomb of St. Agatha, she prayed for the cure of her mother from a serious disease. When this prayer was granted she informed her mother of her vow, to which her mother then consented. When the young pagan saw her distributing her goods among the poor, his anger knew no bounds. He accused her before Paschasius, the governor, of being a Christian. She was brought before a judge who commanded her to be exposed to temptation in an evil house. But God watched over her and made her absolutely immovable so that no number of guards could carry her to that place. In a similar way, He preserved her from the pains of fire and other dreadful torments. Finally, she died in prison of wounds she had received (304). Her name is in the Canon of the Mass.

INTROIT Psalms 118: 95-96

Dilexisti justitiam, et odisti iniquitatem: propterea unxit te Deus, Deus tuus, oleo lætitiæ præ consórtibus tuis. (Ps. 44: 2) Eructávit cor meum verbum bonum: dico ego ópera mea Regi. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum.

Amen. Dilexisti justitiam, et odisti iniquitatem: propterea unxit te Deus, Deus tuus, oleo lætitiæ præ consórtibus tuis.

COLLECT

Exáudi nos, Deus, salutáris noster: ut, sicut de, beátæ Lúciæ Virgínis et Márytis tuæ festivitáte gaudémus; ita piæ devotiónis erudiámur afféctu. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Commemoration of the Advent feria

Éxcita, Dómine, corda nostra ad præparándas Unigéniti tui vias: ut per ejus advéntum, purificáti tibi méntibus servire mereámur. Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 10: 17-18; 11: 1-2

Fratres: Qui gloriátur, in Dómino gloriétur. Non enim qui seipsum comméndat, ille probátus est; sed quem Deus comméndat. Útinam sustinerétis módicum quid insipiéntiæ meæ, sed et supportáte me: æmulor enim vos Dei æmulatióne. Despóndi enim vos uni viro virgínem castam exhibére Christo.

GRADUAL Psalms 44: 8

Dilexisti justitiam, et odisti iniquitatem. Propterea unxit te Deus, Deus tuus, oleo lætitiæ.

LESSER ALLELUIA Psalms 44: 3

Allelúja, allelúja. Diffúsa est grátia in lábiis tuis: propterea benedixit te Deus in ætérnum. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Matthew 13: 44-52

In illo témpore: Dixit Iesus discípulis suis parábolam hanc: Símile est regnum cælórum thesáuro abscondito in agro: quem qui invénit homo, abscondit, et præ gáudio illius vadit, et abscondit, quæ habet, et emit agrum illum. Íterum símile est regnum cælórum hómini negotiátóri, quærénti bonas margarítas. Invénta autem una pretiósá margaríta, ábiit, et véndidit ómnia, quæ hábuit, et emit eam. Íterum símile est regnum cælórum sagénæ missæ in mare, et ex omni génere píscium congregánti. Quam, cum impléta esset, educéntes, et secus litus sedéntes, elegérunt bonos in vasa, malos autem foras misérunt. Sic erit in consummatione sæculi: exíbunt Ángeli, et separábunt malos de médio justórum, et mittent eos in camínium ignis: ibi erit fletus et stridor déntium. Intellexístis hæc ómnia? Dicunt ei: Etiam. Ait illis: Ídeo omnis scriba doctus in regno cælórum similis est hómini patrifamílias, qui profert de thesáuro suo nova et vétera.

OFFERTORY Psalms 44: 15-16

Afferéntur Regi vírgines post eam: próximæ ejus afferéntur tibi in lætítia et exsultatióne: adducéntur in templum Regi Dómino.

SECRET

Accépta tibi sit, Dómine, sacráæ plebis oblátio pro tuórum honóre Sanctórum: quorum se méritis, de tribulatióne percepisse cognóscit auxiliium. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Commemoration of the Advent feria

Placáre, quæsumus, Dómine, humilitátis nostræ préribus et hóstiis: et ubi nulla súppetunt suffrágia meritórum, tuis nobis succúrre præsídiis. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

PREFACE OF ADVENT

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper, et ubique grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnipotens, ætérne Deus: per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Quem pèrditum hóminum géneri Salvatórem misericóris et fidélis promisió: cujus véritas instrúeret íncios, sáncitas justificáret ímpios, virtus adjuváret infirmos. Dum ergo prope est ut véniat quem missúrus es, et dies affúlget liberatiónis nostræ, in hac promissiónum tuárum fide, piis gáudiis exsultámus. Et ídem cum Ángelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dominatióibus, cumque omni militia cæléstis exércitus, hymnum glóriæ tuæ cánimus, sine fine dicéntes:

COMMUNION Psalms 118: 161

Príncipes persecúti sunt me gratis, et a verbis tuis formidávit cor meum: lætábor ego super elóquia tua, quasi qui invénit spólia multa.

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.

Commemoration of the Advent feria

Repleti cibo spiriutális alimóniæ, súpplices te, Dómine, deprecámur: ut hujus participatióne mystérii, dóceas nos terréna despícere et amáre cæléstia. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Thou hast loved justice and hated iniquity: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. (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.

Harken unto us, O God, our Savior, that as we rejoice in the festival of blessed Lucy, Thy virgin and martyr, so we may be instructed by the affection of pious devotion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way of Thine only-begotten Son: that through His coming we may attain to serve Thee with purified minds. Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Brethren, he that glory, let him glory in the Lord. For not that 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.

Thou hast loved justice, and hated iniquity. Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness.

Alleluia, alleluia. Grace is poured abroad in thy lips, therefore hath God blessed thee forever. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus spoke to His disciples this parable: The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a treasure hidden in a field. Which a man having found, hid it, and for joy thereof goeth, and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again the Kingdom of Heaven is like to a merchant seeking good pearls. Who when he had found one pearl of great price, went his way, and sold all that he had, and bought it. Again the Kingdom of Heaven is like to a net cast into the sea, and gathering together of all kind of fishes. Which, when it was filled, they drew out, and sitting by the shore, they chose out the good into vessels, but the bad they cast forth. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall go out and shall separate the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have ye understood all these things? They say to him: Yes. He said unto them: Therefore every scribe instructed in the Kingdom of Heaven is like to a man that is a householder, who bringeth forth out of his treasure new things and old.

After her shall virgins be brought to the King: her neighbors shall be brought to thee with gladness and rejoicing: they shall be brought into the temple to the Lord the King.

May the offering of Thy consecrated people be accepted by Thee, O Lord, in honor of Thy saints, by whose merits it knoweth that it hath received aid in time of trouble. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Be appeased, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the prayers and sacrifices of our humility: and where no pleadings of merit suffice, do Thou, by Thine aid, assist us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who with Thee lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times and places give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, almighty Father, eternal God, through Christ our Lord; for in Thy mercy and fidelity Thou hast promised Him as Savior for the lost race of men, to instruct the ignorant with His truth, justify the wicked with His holiness, and help the weak by His power. Now that the time draweth nigh that He Whom Thou art to send should come, and the day of our liberation should dawn, with faith in Thy promises, we rejoice with holy exultation. And therefore with the Angels and Archangels, with the Thrones and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing a hymn of Thy glory, evermore saying:

Princes have persecuted me without cause, and my heart hath been in awe of Thy words: I will rejoice at Thy words, as one that hath found great spoil.

Thou hast filled Thy household, O Lord, with sacred gifts: ever comfort us, we beseech Thee, through her intercession whose festival we celebrate. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Filled with the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly entreat Thee, O Lord, that by our partaking of this mystery, Thou wouldst teach us to despise the things of earth, and to love those of 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.