

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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The ordinary Sundays of the year are never characterized by any stational solemnity. This Sunday, counted either from Christmas or from the Epiphany in ancient Lectionaries, is an exception. Why this day was chosen for a station we do not know. Possibly on one of the days following the Epiphany there was a procession at St. Eusebius and when this procession was abandoned the station was transferred to the Sunday.

The Communion tells of the miraculous changing of the water into wine and of the surprise of the ruler of the feast, and brings out fully the meaning of the miracle by connectfng it with the Holy Eucharist. Our Lord has kept the good wine until now because only in this last age of the world, the Messianic age, as St. John calls it, has He given to men the good wine of His Blood in the Blessed Sacrament. Furthermore, the sweetness of the holy love of God is an inebriating draught which He keeps until the last for those Who serve Him faithfully.

INTROIT Psalms 65: 4

Omnis terra adóret te, Deus, et psallat tibi: psalmum dicat nómini tuo, Altíssime, (Ps. 65. 1-2) Jubiláte Deo, omnis terra, psalmum dícite nómini ejus: date glóriam laudi ejus. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Omnis terra adóret te, Deus, et psallat tibi: psalmum dicat nómini tuo, Altíssime.

COLLECT

Omnipotens sempitérne Deus, qui cæléstia simul et terréna moderáris: supplicatiónes pópuli tui cleménter exáudi; et pacem tuam nostris concéde tempóribus. Per Dóminum nosstrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

EPISTLE Romans 12: 6-16

Fratres: Habétes donatiónes secúndum grátiam, quæ data est nobis, differétes: sive prophetíam secúndum ratiónem fidei, sive ministérium in ministrándo, sive qui docet in doctrína, qui exhortátur in exhortándo, qui tríbuit in simplicitáte, qui præest in hilaritáte. Diléctio sine simulatióne. Odiétes malum, adhærétes bono: Caritáte fraternitátis ínvicem diligétes: Honóre ínvicem præveniétes: Sollicitúdine non pigri: Spíritu fervétes: Dómino serviétes: Spe gaudétes: In tribulatióne patiétes: Oratióni instátes: Necessitátibus sanctórum comunicátes: Hospitalitátem sectátes. Benedícite persecúentibus vos: benedícite, et nolíte maledícere. Gaudére cum gaudéntibus, flere cum fléntibus: idípsum ínvicem sentiétes: Non alta sapiétes, sed humílibus consentiétes.

GRADUAL Psalms 106: 20-21

Misit Dóminus verbum suum et sanávit eos: et erípuit eos de intéritu eórum. Confiteántur Dómino misericórdiæ ejus: et mirabilia ejus filiis hóminum.

LESSER ALLELUIA Psalms 148: 2

Alleluia, alleluia. Laudáte Dóminum, omnes Angeli ejus: laudáte eum, omnes virtútes ejus. Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 2: 1-11

In illo témpore: Núptiæ factæ sunt in Cana Galilææ: et erat mater Jesu ibi. Vocátus est autem et Jesus, et discipuli ejus ad núptias. Et deficienté vino, dicit mater Jesu ad eum: Vinum non habent. Et dicit ei Jesus: Quid mihi et tibi est, múlier? Nondum venit hora mea. Dicit mater ejus ministris: Quodcúmque dixerit vobis, fácite. Erant autem ibi lapídeæ hýdriæ sex pósitæ secúndum purificatiónem Judæórum, capiétes singulæ metrétas binas vel ternas. Dicit eis Jesus: Impléte hýdrias aqua. Et impleverunt eas usque ad summum. Et dicit eis Jesus: Hauríte nunc, et ferte architriclínó. Et tulérunt. Ut autem gustávit architriclínus aquam vinum factam, et non sciébat unde esset, ministri autem sciébant, qui háuserant aquam: vocat sponsum architriclínus, et dicit ei: Omnis homo primum bonum vinum ponit: et cum inebriáti fúerint, tunc id, quod detérius est: tu autem servásti bonum vinum usque adhuc. Hoc fecit inítium signórum Jesus in Cana Galilææ: et manifestávit glóriam suam, et credidérunt in eum discipuli ejus.

OFFERTORY Psalms 65: 1-2, 16

Jubiláte Deo, univérsa terra: psalmum dícite nómini ejus: veníte, et audíte, et narrábo vobis, omnes qui tímétis Deum, quanta fecit Dóminus ánimæ meæ. Alleluia.

SECRET

Obláta Dómine, múnera sanctífica: nosque a peccatórum nostrórum máculis emúnda. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

COMMUNION John 2: 7, 8, 9, 10-11

Dicit Dóminus: Impléte hýdrias aqua, et ferte architriclínó. Cum gustásset architriclínus aquam vinum factam, dicit sponso: Servásti bonum vinum usque adhuc. Hoc signum fecit Jesus primum coram discipulis suis.

POSTCOMMUNION

Augeátur in nobis, Dómine, tuæ virtútis operátio: ut divínis vegetáti sacraméntis, ad eórum promíssa capiénda, tuo múnere præparémur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Let all the earth adore Thee, O God, and sing to Thee: let it sing a psalm to Thy name, O Most High. (Ps. 65: 1-2) Shout with joy to God, all the earth, sing ye a psalm to His name: give glory to His praise. 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. Let all the earth adore Thee, O God, and sing to Thee: let it sing a psalm to Thy name, O Most High.

Almighty and everlasting God who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Thy people, and grant us Thy peace in our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Brethren: Having different gifts, according to the grace that is given us: either prophecy, to be used according to the rule of faith; or ministry, in ministering; or he that teaches, in doctrine; he that exhorts, in exhorting; he that gives, with simplicity; he that rules, with carefulness; he that shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation. Hating that which is evil, cleaving to that which is good: loving one another with the charity of brotherhood, with honor preventing one another: in carefulness not slothful: in spirit fervent: serving the Lord: rejoicing in hope: patient in tribulation: instant in prayer: communicating to the necessities of the saints: pursuing hospitality. Bless them that persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that rejoice, weep with them that weep: being of one mind one towards another; not minding high things, but consenting to the humble.

The Lord sent His word, and healed them: and delivered them from their destruction. Let the mercies of the Lord give glory to Him: and His wonderful works to the children of men.

Alleluia, alleluia. Praise ye the Lord, all His Angels: praise ye Him, all His hosts. Alleluia.

At that time there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee: and the mother of Jesus was there. And Jesus also was invited, and His disciples, to the marriage. And the wine failing, the mother of Jesus saith to Him: They have no wine. And Jesus saith to her: Woman, what is that to Me and to thee? My hour is not yet come. His mother saith to the waiters: Whatsoever He shall say to you, do ye. Now there were set there six water pots of stone, according to the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three measures apiece. Jesus saith to them: Fill the water-pots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And Jesus saith to them: Draw out now, and carry to the chief steward of the feast. And they carried it. And when the chief steward had tasted the water made wine, and knew not whence it was, but the waiters knew who had drawn the water: the chief steward calls the bridegroom, and saith to him: Every man at first sets forth good wine: and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee; and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

Shout with joy to God, all the earth: sing ye a psalm to His name: come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will tell you what great things the Lord hath done for my soul. Alleluia.

Sanctify, O Lord, the gifts which we offer, and cleanse us from the stains of our sins. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

The Lord saith: Fill the water pots with water, and carry to the chief steward. When the chief steward had tasted the water made wine, he saith to the bridegroom: Thou hast kept the good wine until now. This first miracle did Jesus in the presence of His disciples.

May the operation of Thy power be increased within us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that being quickened by Thy divine sacraments, we may by Thy bounty, be prepared to receive that which they promise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.