

Besides the solemn feast two days after Christmas, the Church commemorates the attempt to put St. John to death in a caldron of boiling oil outside the Latin Gate. The saint came from it unhurt, and even more vigorous than before. A church now marks the site which a late tradition assigns to this event. This feast celebrates the martyrdom of the evangelist who, according to the prophecy of the Savior, was also, like his brother, to drink of the chalice of the Passion, in order that he might have the right to one of the highest thrones in the Messianic kingdom, which his mother had begged for him.

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**AT THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR
(Kneel)**

P: †In nómine Patris, et Fíllii, et Spíritus Sancti. Amen.

P: Introíbo ad altáre Dei.

S: Ad Deum qui lætíficat juventútem meam.

(Psalm 42)

P: Júdice me, Deus, et discérne causam meam de gente non sancta: ab hómine iníquo et dolóso érué me.

S: Quia tu es, Deus, fortitúdo mea: quare me repulísti, et quare tristis incédo, dum afflígit me inimícus?

P: Emítte lucem tuam, et veritatéem tuam: ipsa me deduxerunt, et adduxerunt in montem sanctum tuum, et in tabernácula tua.

S: Et introíbo ad altáre Dei: ad Deum qui lætíficat juventútem meam.

P: Confitébor tibi in cíthara, Deus, Deus meus: quare tristis es, ánima mea, et quare contúrbas me?
S: Spera in Deo, quóniam adhuc confitébor illi: salutáre vultus mei, et Deus meus.

P: Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spíritui Sancto.
S: Sicut erat in princípíio, et nunc, et semper: et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

P: Introíbo ad altáre Dei.
S: Ad Deum qui lætíficat juventútem meam.

P: †Adjutórium nostrum in nómine Dómini.
S: Qui fecit cælum et terram.

P: Confíteor Deo omnipoténti, beátæ Mariæ semper Vírgini, beáto Michaéli Archángelo, beáto Joánni Baptistæ, sanctis Apóstolis Petro et Paulo, ómnibus Sanctis, et vobis fratres: quia peccávi nimis cogitatióne, verbo, et ópere: mea culpa, mea culpa, mea máxima culpa. Ídeo precor beátam Mariám semper Vírginem, beátum Michaélem Archángelum, beátum Joánnem Baptistam, sanctos Apóstolos Petrum et Paulum, omnes Sanctos, et vos fratres, oráre pro me ad Dóminum Deum nostrum.

S: Misereátur tui omnipotens Deus, et, dimíssis peccátis tuis, perdúcat te ad vitam ætérnam.
P: Amen.

S: Confíteor Deo omnipoténti, beátæ Mariæ semper Vírgini, beáto Michaéli Archángelo, beáto Joánni Baptistæ, sanctis Apóstolis Petro et Paulo, ómnibus Sanctis, et tibi pater: quia peccávi nimis cogitatióne, verbo, et ópere: **(strike breast 3 times)** mea culpa, mea culpa, mea máxima culpa. Ídeo precor beátam Mariám semper Vírginem, beátum Michaélem Archángelum, beátum Joánnem Baptistam, sanctos Apóstolos Petrum et Paulum, omnes Sanctos, et te Pater, oráre pro me ad Dóminum Deum nostrum.

P: Misereátur vestri omnipotens Deus, et, dimíssis peccátis vestris, perdúcat vos ad vitam ætérnam.
S: Amen.

P: †Indulgéntiam, absolutiõem, et remissiõem peccatórum nostrórum, tríbuat nobis omnípotens et miséricors Dóminus.
S: Amen.

P: Deus, tu convérsus vivificábis nos.

S: Et plebs tua lætábitur in te.
P: Osténde nobis, Dómine, misericórdiam tuam.
S: Et salutáre tuum da nobis.
P: Dómine, exáudi oratióneem meam.
S: Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

P: Dóminus vobíscum.
S: Et cum spírítu tuo.
P: Orémus.

P: Aufer a nobis, quæsumus, Dómine, iniquitatés nostras: ut ad Sancta sanctórum puris mereámur méntibus introíre. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: Orámus te, Dómine, per mérita Sanctórum tuórum, quórum reliquiæ hic sunt et ónium Sanctórum: ut indulgére dignéris ómnia peccáta mea. Amen.

(Only at High Mass when incense is used)

P: Ab illo benedicáris, in cujus honóre cremáberis.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: We pray Thee, O Lord, by the merits of Thy Saints whose relics are here, and of all the Saints: that Thou would deign to pardon me all my sins. Amen.

(Only at High Mass when incense is used)

P: Be blessed by Him in Whose honor you will be burnt.

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

NTRIOIT Psalms 63: 3
Protexísti me, Deus, a convéntu malignántium, allelúja: a multitúdi-ne operántium iniquitatéem, allelúja, allelúja. (Ps. 63: 2) Exáudi, Deus, oratióneem meam cum déprecor: a timóre inimíci éripe ánimam meam. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípíio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Protexísti me, Deus, a convéntu malignántium, allelúja: a multitúdi-ne operántium iniquitatéem, allelúja, allelúja.

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

Thou hast protected me, O God, from the assembly of the malignant, alleluia: from the multitude of the workers of iniquity, alleluia. alleluia. (Ps. 63: 2) Hear, O God, my prayers, 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. Thou hast protected me, O God, from the assembly of the malignant, alleluia: from the multitude of the workers of iniquity, alleluia. alleluia.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: Kýrie, eléison.
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(Stand at High Mass)

P: Glória in excélsis Deo. Et in terra pax homínibus bonæ voluntátis. Laudámus te. Benedícimus te. Adorámus te. Glorificámus te. Grátias ágimus tibi propter magnam glóriam tuam. Dómine Deus, Rex cæléstis, Deus Pater omnípotens. Dómine Fili unigénite, Jesu Chríste. Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Fílius Patris. Qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis. Qui tollis peccáta mundi, súscipe deprecatióneem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserére nobis. Quóniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dóminus. Tu solus Altíssimus, Jesu Chríste. †Cum solus Spírítus, in glória Dei Patris. Amen.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: Lord, have mercy.
S: Lord, have mercy.
P: Lord, have mercy.
S: Christ, have mercy.
P: Christ, have mercy.
S: Christ, have mercy.
P: Lord, have mercy.
S: Lord, have mercy.
P: Lord, have mercy.

(Stand at High Mass)

P: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will. We praise Thee; we bless Thee; we adore Thee; we glorify Thee. We give Thee thanks for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. Thou Who takest away the sins of the world; have mercy on us. Thou Who takest away the sins of the world; receive our prayer. Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father; have mercy on us. For Thou alone art holy; Thou alone art the Lord; Thou alone art most high, Jesus Christ, †with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P: Dóminus vobíscum.
S: Et cum spírítu tuo.

P: The Lord be with you.
S: And with your Spirit.

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

COLLECT
Deus, qui cónspicis quia nos úndique mala nostra pertúrband: præsta, quæsumus; ut beátii Joánnis Apóstoli tui et Evangelístæ intercessió gloríosa nos próteget. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

S: Amen.

(Sit)

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

O God, Who beholdest that our own ill deeds disquiet us on every side, grant, we beseech Thee, that the glorious intercession of blessed John, Thine apostle and evangelist, may be our protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

S: Amen.

(Sit)

LESSON Wisdom 5: 1-5
Stabunt justi in magna constántia advérsus eos, qui se angustíaverunt, et quis abstulérunt labóres eórum. Vidéntes turbabúntur timóre horríbili, et mirabúntur in subitatióne insperátæ salutis, dicéntes intra se, pœniténtiam agéntes; et præ angústia spíritus geméntes: Hi sunt, quos habúimus aliquándo in derísimum, et in similitúdinem impropéirii. Nos insensáti vitam illórum æstimábamus inhániam, et fecim illórum sine honóre: ecce quómódo computáti sunt inter filios Dei, et inter Sanctos sors illórum est.

S: Deo grátias.

Then shall the just stand with great constancy against those that have afflicted them and taken away their labors. These seeing it, shall be troubled with terrible fear, and shall be amazed at the suddenness of their unexpected salvation, saying within themselves, repenting, and groaning for anguish of spirit: These are they whom we had some time in derision and for a parable of reproach. We fools esteemed their life madness and their end without honor; behold how they are numbered among the children of God, and their lot is among the Saints.

S: Thanks be to God.

GREATER ALLELUIA
Psalms 91: 13
Allelúja, allelúja. Justus ut palma florébit: sicut cedrus Líbani multiplicábitur. (Osee 14: 6) Justus germinábit sicut lílium: et florébit in ætérnum ante Dóminum. Allelúja.

Alleluia, alleluia. The just shall flourish like the palm-tree; he shall grow up like the cedar of Libanus. Alleluia. (Osee 14: 6) The just shall spring as the lily: and flourish for ever before the Lord. Alleluia.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

(Only at High Mass when incense is used)

P: Ab illo benedicáris, in cujus honóre cremáberis.

P: Munda cor meum ac lábía mea, omnípotens Deus, qui lábía Isaíæ Prophétæ cálculo mundásti ignito: ita me tua grata miseratióne dignáre mundáre, ut sanctum Evangélium tuum digné váleam nuntiáre. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.
P: Jube, Dómine, benedicere. Dóminus sit in corde meo, et in labíis meis: ut digne et competéter annúntiem Evangélium suum. Amen.

AT THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

(Stand)

P: Dóminus vobíscum.
S: Et cum spírítu tuo.
P: Seqúentia sancti Evangélii secúndum Matthæum.
S: Glória tibi, Dómine.

AT THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

(Stand)

P: The Lord be with you.
S: And with your spirit.
P: The continuation of the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
S: Glory to Thee, O Lord.

**AT THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ALTAR
(Stand)**

P: Dóminus vobíscum.

S: **Et cum spírítu tuo.**

P: Inítium sancti Evangéllii secúndum Joánnem.

S: **Glória tibi, Dómine.**

P: In princípío erat Verbum, et Verbum erat apud Deum, et Deus erat Verbum. Hoc erat in princípío apud Deum.

Ómnia per ipsum facta sunt: et sine ipso factum est nihil, quod factum est: in ipso víta erat, et víta erat lux hóminum: et lux in ténebris lucet, et ténebræ eam non comprehendérunt. Fuit homo missus a Deo, cui nomen erat Joánnes. Hic venit in testimónium, ut testimónium perhibéret de lúmine, ut omnes créderent per illum. Non erat ille lux, sed ut testimónium perhibéret de lúmine. Erat lux vera, quæ illúminat omnem hóminem veniéntem in hunc mundum. In mundo erat, et mundus eum non cognóvit. In própria venit, et sui eum non recepérunt. Quotquot autem recepérunt eum, dedit eis potestátem filios Dei fferi, his qui credunt in nómine ejus: qui non ex sanguínibus, neque ex voluntáte carnis, neque ex voluntáte viri, sed ex Deo nati sunt.

(Genuflect) ET VERBUM CARO

FACTUM EST

et habitávit in nobis: et vídimus glóriam ejus, glóriam quasi Unigéniti a Patre, plenum grátiaë et veritátis.

S: Deo grátias.

**AT THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ALTAR
(Stand)**

P: The Lord be with you.

S: And with your spirit.

P: The beginning of the holy Gospel according to John.

S: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

P: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him: and without Him was made nothing that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to give testimony of the light, that all men might believe through him. He was not that light, but was to give testimony of the light. That was the true light, which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world.

He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, He gave them power to be made the sons of God, to them that believe in His name. Who are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

(Genuflect) AND THE WORD WAS

MADE FLESH,

and dwelt among us, (and we saw His glory, the glory as it were of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

S: Thanks be to God.

[Leonine Prayers](#)

(optional after Low Mass)