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in veritáte tua humiliásti me: confíge timore tuo carnes meas, a mandátis tuis tímui. (Psalm 118) Beáti immaculáti in via: qui ámbulant in lege Dómini. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sécula seculórum. Amen. Cognóvi, Dómine, quia æquitas judícia in veritáte tua humiliásti me: confige timore tuo carnes meas, a mandátis tuis tímui. **COLLECT**

INTROIT Psalms 118: 75, 120

Cognóvi, Dómine, quia æquitas judícia

adspírent; quem beáta Elizabeth Anna

sédula caritáte quæsívit et sincéra fide invénit. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum. **LESSON Proverbs 31: 10-31** Mulíerem fortem quis invéniet? Procul et de últimis fínibus prétium ejus.

Corda nostra, quéssumus, Dómine,

supérnis desidériis ad te semper

Confídit in ea cor viri sui, et spóliis non indigébit. Reddet ei bonum, et non malum, ómnibus diébus vitæ suæ. Quæsívit lanam et linum, et operáta est consílio mánuum suárum. Facta est quasi navis institóris, de longe portans panem suum. Et de nocte surréxit, dedítque prædam domésticis suis, et cibária ancíllis suis. Considerávit agrum, et emit eum: de fructu mánuum suárum plantávit víneam. Accínxit fortitúdine lumbos suos, et roborávit bráchium suum. Gustávit, et vidit, quia bona est negotiátio ejus: non exstinguétur in nocte lucérna ejus. Manum suam misit ad fórtia, et dígiti ejus apprehénderent fusum. Manum suam apéruit ínopi, et palmas suas exténdit ad páuperem. Non timébit dómui suæ a frigóribus nivis: omnes enim doméstici ejus vestíti sunt duplícibus. Stragulátam vestem fecit sibi: byssus et púrpura induméntum ejus. Nóbilis in portis vir ejus, quando séderit cum senatóribus terræ. Síndonem fecit et véndidit, et cíngulum tradidit Chananaeo. Fortitúdo et decor induméntum ejus, et ridébit in die novíssimo. Os suum apéruit sapiéntiæ, et lex cleméntiæ in lingua ejus. Considerávit sémitas domus suæ, et panem otiósa non comédit. Surrexérunt fílii ejus, et beatíssimam prædicavérunt: vir ejus, et laudávit eam. Multæ fíliæ congregavérunt divítias, tu supergréssa es univérsas. Fallax grátia, et vana est pulchritúdo: mulier timens Dóminum, ipsa laudábitur. Date ei de fructu mánuum suárum, et laudent eam in portis ópera ejus. **GRADUAL Psalms 44: 3** Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis: propterea benedixit te Deus in

cælórum hómini negotiatóri, quærénti bonas margaritas. Invénta autem una pretiósa margaríta, abiit, et véndidit

ómnia quæ hábuit, et emit eam. İterum

símile est regnum cælórum sagénæ

missæ in mare, et ex omni génere

píscium congregánti. Quam, cum

impléta esset, educéntes, et secus

agrum illum. İterum símile est regnum

aeternum. Própter veritátem et

mansuetúdinem, et justítiam: et

Allelúja, allelúja.

Allelúja.

LESSER ALLELUJA

dedúcet te mirabíliter déxtera tua.

Spécie tua, et pulchritúdine tua

GOSPEL Matthew 13: 44-52

suis parábolam hanc: "Símile est

in agro: quem qui invénit homo,

inténde, próspere procéde, et regna.

In illo tempore: Dixit Jesus, discípulis

regnum cælórum thesáuro abscóndito

abscóndit, et præ gáudio illíus vadit, et

vendit univérsa quæ habet, et emit

littus 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 camínum ignis: ibi erit fletus, et stridor déntium. Intellexístis hæc omnia?" Dicunt ei: Étiam. Ait illis:" Ideo omnis scriba doctus in regno cælórum, similis est hómini patrifamílias, qui profert de thesáuro suo nova et vétera." **OFFERTORY Psalms 44: 3** Diffúsa est grátia in lábiis tuis: proptérea benedíxit te Deus in ætérnum, et in sæculum sæculi. **SECRET** Súscipe, Dómine, preces nostras; et hujus oblatiónis obséquium, quod in beáte Elizabeth Annæ commemoratióne deférimus, ad placatiónem tui nóminis copiósa fac proveníre cleméntia, et ad gáudium nobis tránseat sempitérnum. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum. PREFACE OF THE NATIVITY Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper, et ubíque

grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater

omnípotens, ætérne Deus. Quia per

incarnáti Verbi mystérium, nova mentis

nostræ óculis lux tuæ claritátis infúlsit:

ut dum visibíliter Deum cognóscimus,

Dominatiónibus, cumque omni milítia

cæléstis exércitus, hymnum glóriæ tuæ

Dilexísti justítiam, et odísti iniquitátem:

proptérea unxit te Deus, Deus tuus,

Sacri Córpóris et pretiósi Sánguinis

cleméntiam tuam; et eódem mensæ

cœlistis desidério inflammémur, quo

beáta Elizabeth Anna veheménter

et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti,

renováti libámine, quæsumus Dómine,

æstuávit. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum

Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit

Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

óleo lætítiæ præ consórtibus tuis.

POSTCOMMUNION

per hunc in invisibílium amórem

rapiámur. Et ídeo cum Ángelis et

Archángelis, cum Thronis et

cánimus, sine fine dicéntes:

COMMUNION Psalms 44: 8

humbled me: pierce Thou my flesh with Thy fear, I am afraid of Thy judgments. (Psalm 118) Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the law of the Lord. 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. I know, O Lord, that Thy judgments are equity, and in Thy truth Thou hast humbled me: pierce Thou my flesh with Thy fear, I am afraid of Thy judgments. May our hearts ever seek Thee with heavenly desires, we beseech Thee, O Lord: Whom blessed Elizabeth Ann sought with constant charity and found with sincere faith. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and

reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy

Spirit, God, forever and ever.

When one finds a worthy wife, her

husband, entrusting his heart to her,

has an unfailing prize. She brings him

value is far beyond pearls. Her

I know, O Lord, that Thy judgments are

equity, and in Thy truth Thou hast

good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and makes cloth with skillful hands. Like merchant ships, she secures her provisions from afar. She rises while it is still night, and distributes food to her household. She picks out a field to purchase; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. she is girt about with strength, and sturdy are her arms. She enjoys the success of her dealings; at night her lamp is undimmed. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. She fears not the snow for her household; all her charges are doubly clothed. She makes her own coverlets; fine linen and purple are her clothing. Her husband is prominent at the city gates as he sits with the elders of the land. She makes garments and sells them, and stocks the merchants with belts. She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs at the days to come. She opens her mouth in wisdom, and on her tongue is kindly counsel. She watches the conduct of her household, and eats not her food in idleness. Her children rise up and praise her; her husband, too, extols her: Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a reward of her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates. Grace is poured abroad in thy lips: therefore hath God blessed thee for ever. Because of truth, and meekness,

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

wicked from among the just. And shall

cast them into the furnace of fire: there

shall go out, and shall separate the

shall be weeping and gnashing of

unto them: Therefore every scribe

teeth. Have ye understood all these

things? They say to him: Yes. He said

instructed in the kingdom of heaven, is

like to a man that is a householder, who

bringeth forth out of his treasure new

Grace is poured abroad in thy lips:

therefore God hath blessed thee for

Receive, O Lord, our prayers, and may

the sacrifice of this oblation, which we

present to Thee in memory of blessed

Elizabeth Ann, make us grow in

abundant compassion pleasing to

Thee; and lead us to everlasting joy.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy

Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in

the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever

ever and for ages of ages.

things and old.

and ever.

and justice: and thy right hand shall

With thy comeliness, and thy beauty,

At that time, Jesus, spoke this parable

heaven is like unto a treasure hidden in

a field; which a man having found, hid

it, and for joy thereof goeth, and selleth

to His disciples: The kingdom of

set out, proceed prosperously, and

conduct thee wonderfully. Alleluia,

alleluia.

reign. Alleluia.

Psalms 44: 5

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God: for through the Mystery of the Word made flesh, the new light of Thy glory hath shone upon the eyes of our mind, so that while we acknowledge God in visible form, we may through Him be drawn to the love of things invisible. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and

with all the hosts of the heavenly army,

we sing the hymn of Thy glory,

Thou hast loved justice and hated

Refreshed by the libation of Your

the heavenly banquet with which

God, forever and ever.

iniquity: therefore God thy God, hath

anointed thee with the oil of gladness

sacred Body and Precious Blood, we

be inflammed by that same desire for

blessed Elizabeth Ann was ardently

consumed. Through our Lord Jesus

Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns

with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

seek Thy mercy, O Lord: that we might

evermore saying:

above thy fellows.