

St. Prisca was a noble Roman virgin who suffered martyrdom about the year 275. Her relics are preserved in the ancient church in Rome which bears her name.

INTROIT Psalms 118: 95-96

Me exspectavérunt peccatóres, ut pérderent me: testimónia tua, Dómine, intelléxi: omnis consummationis vidi finem: latum mandátum tuum nimis. (Ps 118: 1) Beáti immaculáti in via: qui ámbulant in lege Dómini. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Me exspectavérunt peccatóres, ut pérderent me: testimónia tua, Dómine, intelléxi: omnis consummationis vidi finem: latum mandátum tuum nimis.

COLLECT

Da, quæsumus, omnípotens Deus: ut, qui beátæ Priscæ Vírginis et Mártiris tuæ natalítia cólimus; et ánnua solemnitate lætémur, et tantæ fidei proficiámus exémplo. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

LESSON Ecclesiasticus 51: 13-17

Dómine, Deus meus, exaltásti super terram habitatiónem meam, et pro morte defluente deprecáta sum. Invocávi Dóminum, Patrem Dómini mei, ut non derelinquat me in die tribulationis meæ, et in témpore superbórum sine adjutório. Laudábo nomen tuum assidue, et collaudábo illud in confessiõe, et exaudíta est orátio mea. Et liberásti me de perditíone, et eripuísti me de témpore iniquo. Propterea confitébor et laudem dicam tibi, Dómine, Deus noster.

GRADUAL Psalms 45: 6, 5

Adjuvábít eam Deus vultu suo: Deus in médio ejus, non commovébitur. Flúminis ímpetus lætíficat civitátem Dei: sanctificávit tabernáculum suum Altíssimus.

LESSER ALLELUIA

Allelúja, allelúja. Hæc est Virgo sápiens, et una de número prudéntum. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Matthew 13: 44-52

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discíplis suis parábolam me: Símile est regnum cælórum thesáuro abscondito in agro: quem qui invénit homo, abscondit, et præ gáudio illíus vadit, et vendit univérsa, quæ habet, et emit agrum illum. Iterum símile est regnum cælórum hómíni negotiatóri, quærénti bonas margarítas. Invénta autem una pretiósá margaríta, ábiit, et véndidit ómnia, quæ hábuit, et emit eam. Iterum símile est regnum cælórum sagænae, missæ in mare et ex omni génere píscium congregánti. Quam, cum impléta esset, educóntes, et secus litus sedéntes, elegérunt omnes in vasa, malos autem foras misérunt. Sic erit in consummatione sæculi: exíbunt Ángeli, et separábunt malos de médio iustórum, et mittent eos in camínium ignis: ibi erit fletus et stridor déntium. Intellexístis hæc ómnia? Dicunt ei: Etiam. Ait illis: Ídeo ómnis scriba doctus in regno cælórum símilis est hómíni patrifamílias, qui profert de thesáuro suo nova et vétera.

OFFERTORY Psalms 44: 3

Diffúsa est grátia in lábiis tuis: propterea benedíxit te Deus in ætérnum, et in sæculum sæculi.

SECRET

Hæc hóstia, quæsumus, Dómine, quam Sanctórum tuórum natalítia recensentes offerimus, et víncula nostræ pravitatís absólvat, et tuæ nobis misericórdiæ dona concíliet. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

COMMUNION Psalms 118: 121, 122, 128

Feci judícium et justítiam, Dómine, non calumniéntur mihi supérbi: ad ómnia mandáta tua dirigébar, omnem viam iniquitatís ódio hábui.

POSTCOMMUNION

Quæsumus, Dómine, salutáribus repléti mystériis: ut, cujus solémnia celebrámus, ejus oratióribus adjuvémur.. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I have understood Thy testimonies, O Lord: I have seen an end of all perfection; Thy command is exceeding broad. (Ps. 118: 1) 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. The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I have understood Thy testimonies, O Lord: I have seen an end of all perfection; Thy command is exceeding broad.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that we, who venerate the birthday of blessed Prisca, Thy virgin and martyr, may both rejoice for her annual solemnity and profit by the example of such 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.

O Lord my God, Thou hast exalted my dwelling place upon the earth, and I have prayed for death to pass away. I called upon the Lord, the Father of my Lord, that He would not leave me in the day of my trouble, and in the time of the proud without help. I will praise Thy Name continually, and will praise it with thanksgiving, and my prayer was heard. And Thou hast saved me from destruction, and hast delivered me from the evil time. Therefore I will give thanks and praise to Thee, O Lord our God.

God will help her with His countenance: God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved. The stream of the river maketh the city of God joyful: the Most High hath sanctified His own tabernacle.

Alleluia, alleluia. This is a wise virgin, and one of the number of the prudent. 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.

Grace is poured abroad in thy lips: therefore hath God blessed thee for ever.

May this sacrifice, we beseech Thee, O Lord, which we offer to commemorate the birthday of Thy saints, both loose the bonds of our base nature and bring upon us the gifts of Thy mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

I have done judgment and justice, O Lord, give me not up to them that slander me: I was directed to all Thy commandments, I have hated all wicked ways.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, that, being filled with the mysteries of salvation, we may be helped by her prayers whose feast 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.