

Polycarp, whose name signifies much fruit, was ordained by St. John and made bishop of Smyrna. He was martyred in Smyrna in 165.

INTROIT Daniel 3: 84, 87

Sacerdotes Dei, benedicite Dominum: sancti et humiles corde, laudate Deum. (Dan. 3: 57) Benedicite, omnia opera Domini, Domino: laudate et superexaltate eum in saecula. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Sacerdotes Dei, benedicite Dominum: sancti et humiles corde, laudate Deum.

COLLECT

Deus, qui nos beati Polycarpi Martyris tui atque Pontificis annua sollemnitate laetificas: concede propitius; ut, cujus protectio colimus, de ejusdem etiam protectione gaudeamus. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

EPISTLE 1 John 3: 10-16

Carissimi: Omnis qui non est justus, non est ex Deo, et qui non diligit fratrem suum: quoniam haec est annuntiatio, quam audistis ab initio, ut diligatis alterutrum. Non sicut Cain, qui ex maligno erat, et occidit fratrem suum. Et propter quid occidit eum? Quoniam opera ejus maligna erant: fratris autem ejus justa. Nolite mirari fratres, si odit vos mundus. Nos scimus quoniam translati sumus de morte ad vitam, quoniam diligimus fratres. Qui non diligit, manet in morte: omnis qui odit fratrem suum, homicida est. Et scitis, quoniam omnis homicida non habet vitam aeternam in semetipso manentem. In hoc cognovimus caritatem Dei, quoniam ille animam suam pro nobis posuit: et nos debemus pro fratribus animas ponere.

GRADUAL Psalms 111: 1-3

Beatus vir, qui timet Dominum: in mandatis ejus cupit nimis. Potens in terra erit semen ejus: generatio rectorum benedicetur. Gloria et divitiarum in domo ejus: et justitia ejus manet in saeculum saeculi.

(From Septuagesima until Easter, the Lesser Alleluia is replaced by the Tract.)

LESSER ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. Hic est sacerdos, quem coronavit Dominus. Alleluia.

TRACT Psalms 111: 1-3

Beatus vir, qui timet Dominum: in mandatis ejus cupit nimis. Potens in terra erit semen ejus: generatio rectorum benedicetur, Gloria et divitiarum in domo ejus: et justitia ejus manet in saeculum saeculi.

GOSPEL Matthew 10: 26-32

In illo tempore: Dixit Jesus discipulis suis: Nihil est operatum, quod non revelabitur; et occultum, quod non sciatur. Quod dico vobis in tenebris, dicite in lumine: et quod in aure auditis, praedicite super tecta. Et nolite timere eos, qui occidunt corpus, animam autem non possunt occidere; sed potius timeate eum, qui potest et animam et corpus perdere in gehennam. Nonne duo passeret asse veneunt: et unus ex illis non cadet super terram sine Patre vestro? Vestri autem capilli capitibus omnes numerati sunt. Nolite ergo timere: multis passeribus meliores estis vos. Omnis ergo, qui confitebitur me coram hominibus, confitebor et ego eum coram Patre meo, qui in caelis est.

OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 21-22

Inveni David servum meum. oleo sancto meo unxi eum: manus enim mea auxiliabitur ei, et brachium meum confortabit eum.

SECRET

Munera tibi, Domine, dicata sanctifica: et, intercedente beato Polycarpo Martyre tuo atque Pontifice, per eadem nos placatus intende. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

COMMUNION Psalms 20: 4

Posuisti, Domine, in capite ejus coronam de lapide pretioso.

POSTCOMMUNION

Refecti participatione muneris sacri, quaesumus, Domine, Deus noster: ut, cujus exsequimur cultum, intercedente beato Polycarpo Martyre tuo atque Pontifice, sentiamus effectum. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

O ye priests of the Lord, bless the Lord: O ye holy and humble of heart, praise God. (Dan. 3: 57) All ye works of the Lord, bless the Lord: praise and exalt Him above all for ever. 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. O ye priests of the Lord, bless the Lord: O ye holy and humble of heart, praise God.

O God, who dost gladden us by the annual feast of blessed Polycarp, Thy Martyr and Bishop: mercifully grant that we who celebrate his heavenly birthday, may also rejoice in his 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.

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; he delighteth exceedingly in His commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon the earth: the generation of the righteous shall be blessed. Glory and wealth shall be in his house, and his justice remaineth for ever and ever.

Most dearly beloved: Whosoever is not just, is not of God, nor he that loveth not his brother. For this is the declaration, which you have heard from the beginning, that you should love one another. Not as Cain, who was of the wicked one, and killed his brother. And wherefore did he kill him? Because his own works were wicked: and his brother's just. Wonder not, brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not, abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer. And you know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in himself. In this we have known the charity of God, because he hath laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; he delighteth exceedingly in His commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon the earth: the generation of the righteous shall be blessed. Glory and wealth shall be in his house, and his justice remaineth for ever and ever.

Alleluia, alleluia. This is the priest whom the Lord hath crowned. Alleluia.

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; he delighteth exceedingly in His commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon the earth: the generation of the righteous shall be blessed. Glory and wealth shall be in his house, and his justice remaineth for ever and ever.

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: Nothing is covered that shall not be revealed; nor hid, that shall not be known. That which I tell you in the dark, speak ye in the light; and that which you hear in the ear, preach ye upon the housetops. And fear ye not them that kill the body, and are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him that can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing, and not one of them shall fall on the ground without your Father; but the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; better are you than many sparrows. Every one therefore that shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven.

I have found David My servant, with My holy oil I have anointed him: for My hand shall help him, and My arm shall strengthen him.

Sanctify, O Lord, the gifts dedicated to Thee, and through them, by the intercession of blessed Polycarp, Thy Martyr and Bishop, graciously regard us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Thou hast set on his head, O Lord, a crown of precious stones.

Represented by participation in the sacred gift, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our God, that, through the intercession of blessed Polycarp, Thy martyr and bishop, we may ever experience the effect of the worship we offer. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.