MAY 18, ST. VENANTIUS, MARTYR

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St. Venantius, at the age of fifteen, was seized as a Christian, and was beheaded with his converts by order of Emperor Decius in 250. Clement X, who had a particular devotion to this holy youth, ordered his feast to be kept throughout the Church.

INTROIT Psalms 63: 3 Protexísti me, Deus, a convéntu malignántium, allelúja: a multitúdine operántium iniquitátem, allelúja, allelúja. (Ps. 63: 2) Exáudi, Deus, oratiónem meam cum déprecor: a timóre inimíci éripe ánimam meam. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sǽcula sæculórum. Amen. Protexísti me, Deus, a convéntu malignántium, allelúja: a multitúdine operántium iniquitátem, allelúja, allelúja.	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.
COLLECT Deus, qui hunc diem beáti Venántii Martyris tui triúmpho consecrásti: exáudi preces pópuli tui et præsta: ut, qui ejus mérita venerámur, fídei constántiam imitémur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sæculórum.	O God, Who hast consecrated this day to the triumph of blessed Venantius, Thy martyr, harken to the prayers of Thy people, and grant that we, who venerate his merits, may imitate the constancy of his 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.
LESSON Wisdom 5: 1-5 Stabunt justi in magna constántia advérsus eos, qui se angustiavérunt, et qui abstulérunt labóres eórum. Vidéntes turbabúntur timóre horríbili, et mirabúntur in subitatióne insperátæ salútis, dicéntes intra se, pœniténtiam agéntes, et præ angústia spíritus geméntes: Hi sunt, quos habúimus aliquándo in derísum, et in similitúdinem impropérii. Nos insensáti vitam illórum æstimabámus insániam, et finem illórum sine honóre: ecce quómodo computáti sunt inter filios Dei, et inter Sanctos sors illórum est.	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.
GREATER ALLELUIA Psalms 88: 6 Allelúja, allelúja. Confitebúntur cæli mirabília tua, Dómine: étenim veritátem tuam in ecclésia sanctórum. Allelúja. (Ps. 20: 4) Posuísti, Dómine, super caput ejus corónam de lápide pretióso. Allelúja.	Alleluia, alleluia. The Heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord; and Thy truth in the Church of the saints. Alleluia. (Ps. 20: 4) O Lord, Thou hast set on his head a crown of precious stones. Alleluia.
GOSPEL John 15: 1-7 In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discípulis suis: Ego sum vitis vera: et Pater meus agrícola est. Omnem pálmitem in me non feréntem fructum, tollet eum: et omnem, qui fert fructum, purgábit eum, ut fructum plus áfferat. Jam vos mundi estis propter sermónem, quem locútus sum vobis. Mane te in me: et ego in vobis. Sicut palmes non potest ferre fructum a semetípso, nisi mánserit in vite: sic nec vos, nisi in me manséritis. Ego sum vitis, vos pálmites: qui manet in me, et ego in eo, hic fert fructum multum: quia sine me nihil potéstis fácere. Si quis in me non mánserit, mittétur foras sicut palmes, et aréscet, et cólligent eum, et in ignem mittent, et ardet. Si manséritis in me, et verba mea in vobis mánserint: quodcúmque voluéritis, petétis, et fiet vobis.	At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: I am the true Vine; and My Father is the husbandman. Every branch in Me, that beareth not fruit, He will take away: and every one that beareth fruit, He will purge it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now you are clean by reason of the word, which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abide in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the Vine: you the branches: he that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit: for without Me you can do nothing. If any one abide not in Me, he shall be cast forth as a branch, and shall wither, and they shall gather him up, and case him into the fire, and be burneth. If you abide in Me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask whatever you will, and it shall be done unto you.
OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 6 Confitebúntur Cæli mirabília tua, Dómine, et veritátem tuam in ecclésia sanctórum, allelúja, allelúja.	The Heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the church of the saints, alleluia, alleluia.
SECRET Hanc oblatiónem, omnípotens Deus, beáti Venántii mérita tibi reddant accéptam: ut, ipsíus subsidiis adjuti, glóriæ ejus consortes efficiámur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sæculórum.	May the merits of blessed Venantius render this oblation acceptable to Thee, O almighty God, that, being assisted by his help, we may be made sharers of his glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.
(During Eastertide)	*(During Eastertide)*
PREFACE OF EASTER SEASON Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, Te quidem, Dómine, omni témpore, sed in hoc potíssimum, gloriósius prædicáre, cum Pascha nostrum immolátus est Christus. Ipse enim verus est Agnus, qui ábstulit peccáta mundi. Qui mortem nostram moriéndo destrúxit, et vitam resurgéndo reparávit. Et ídeo cum Ángelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dóminatiónibus, cumque omni milítia cæléstis exércitus, hymnum glóriæ tuæ cánimus sine fine dicéntes:	It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, certainly at all times to proclaim Thee, O Lord, but above all in this time more gloriously, when Christ our Pasch was sacrificed. For He is the true Lamb Who hath taken away the sins of the world: Who by dying hath destroyed our death: and by rising again hath restored us to life. 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, evermore saying:
(During Ascensiontide)	*(During Ascensiontide)*
PREFACE OF THE ASCENSION Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper et ubíque grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnípotens, ætérne Deus: per Christum, Dóminum nostrum. Qui post resurrectiónem suam ómnibus discípulis suis maniféstus appáruit, et ipsis cernéntibus est elevátus in cælum, ut nos divinitátis suæ tribúeret esse partícipes. Et ídeo cum Ángelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dominatiónibus cumque omni milítia cæléstis exércitus, hymnum glóriæ tuæ cánimus, sine fine dicéntes:	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, through Christ our Lord. Who, after His Resurrection, appeared openly to all His disciples, and, while they looked on, was taken up into heaven, that He might grant unto us to be sharers in His own divinity. And therefore with the Angels and Archangels, with the Thrones and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing the hymn of Thy glory, evermore saying:
COMMUNION Psalms 63: 11 Lætábitur justus in Dómino, et sperábit in eo: et laudabúntur omnes recti corde, allelúja, allelúja.	The just shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall hope in Him: and all the upright in heart shall be praised, alleluia, alleluia.
POSTCOMMUNION Súmpsimus, Dómine, ætérnæ vitæ sacraménta, te humiliter deprecántes: ut, beáto Venántio Mártyre tuo pro nobis deprecánte, véniam nobis concílient et grátiam. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sæculórum.	We have partaken, O Lord, of the sacrament of eternal life, humbly beseeching Thee, that by the prayer of blessed Venantius in our behalf it may gain for us pardon and grace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.