

MAY 25, ST. GREGORY VII, POPE

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St. Gregory VII was one of the most famous of the successors of St. Peter. He was born at the foot of the Capitol, near the deaconry of St. Mary in Portico, which he caused to be restored after he had become Pope, reconsecrating the high altar. In his early youth he was professed in the Order of St. Benedict in the little monastery of St. Mary on the Aventine, where the Priory of the Knights of Malta now stands. He was elected Pope in 1073, and his conflicts with Henry IV, Emperor of Germany, have made his name immortal throughout the whole Christian world. On May 25, 1085, in the twelfth year of his pontificate, Gregory entered into his rest. He died in exile at Salerno, where his body is buried in the Cathedral.

Commemoration of St. Urban I, Pope, Martyr: St. Urban, who succeeded St. Calixtus in the year 223, was Pope for seven years. He suffered martyrdom under Emperor Alexander Severus.

INTROIT John 21: 15-17

Si diligis me, Simon Petre, pasce agnos meos, pasce oves meas. (Ps. 29: 1) Exaltábo te, Dómine, quóniam suscepisti me, nec delectásti inimicos meos super me. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Si diligis Me, Simon Petre, pasce agnos meos, pasce oves meas.

COLLECTS

Deus, in te sperántium fortitúdo, qui beátum Gregórium Confessórem tuum atque Pontíficem, pro tuénda Ecclésiæ libertáte, virtúte constántiæ roborásti: da nobis, ejus exémplo et intercessióne, ómnia adversántia fórtiter superáre. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

(Commemoration of St. Urban I)

Deus, qui Ecclésiám tuam, in apostólicæ petræ soliditáte fundátam, ab infernárum éruis terróre portárum: præsta, quæsumus; ut, intercedénte beáto Urbáno Mártire tuo atque Summo Pontífice, in tua veritáte persistens, continúa securitáte muniátur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

EPISTLE 1 Peter 5: 1-4, 10-11

Caríssimi: Senióres, qui in vobis sunt, óbsecro consénior et testis Christi passiónum, qui et ejus, quæ in futúro revelánda est, glóriæ comunicátor: páscite qui in vobis est gregem Dei, providéntes non coácte, sed spontáneè secúndum Deum, neque turpis lucri grátia, sed voluntárie; neque ut dominántes in cleris, sed forma facti gregis ex ánimo. Et, cum apparúerit inprinceps pastórum, percipiétis immarcescibilem glóriæ corónam. Deus autem omnis grátia, qui vocávit nos in ætérnam suam glóriam in Christo Iesu, módicum passos ipse perficiet, confirmábit solidabítque. Ipsi glória et impérium in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

GRADUAL Psalms 106: 32, 31

Exáltent eum in ecclésiá plebis: et in cáthedra seniórum laudent eum. Confíteántur Dómino misericórdiæ ejus, et mirabilia ejus filiis hóminum.

LESSER ALLELUIA Matthew 16: 18

Allelúja, allelúja. Tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram ædificábo Ecclésiám meam. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Matthew 16: 13-19

In illo témpore: Venit Iesus in partes Cæsaráe Philíppi, et interrogábat discípulos suos, dicens: Quem dicunt hómines esse Fílium hóminis? At illi dixerunt: Álii Joánnem Baptistam, álii autem Eliam, álii vero Jeremíam aut unum ex prophétis. Dicit illis Iesus: Vos autem quem me esse dicitis? Respóndens Simon Petrus, dixit: Tu es Christus, Fílius Dei vivi. Respóndens autem Iesus, dixit ei: Beátus es, Simon Bar Jona: quia caro et sanguis non revelávit tibi, sed Pater meus, qui in cælis est. Et ego dico tibi, quia tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram ædificábo Ecclésiám meam, et portæ inferi non prævalébunt advérsus eam. Et tibi dabo claves regni cælórum. Et quodcúmque ligáveris super terram, erit ligátum et in cælis: et quodcúmque sólveris super terram, erit solútum et in cælis.

OFFERTORY Jeremiah 1: 9-10

Ecce, dedi verba mea in ore tuo: ecce, constítui te super gentes et super regna, ut evéllas et déstruas, et ædífices et plantes.

SECRETS

Oblátis munéribus, quæsumus, Dómine, Ecclésiám tuam benígnus illúmina: ut, et gregis tui proficiat ubique succéssus, et grati fiant nómini tuo, te gubernánte, pastóres. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

(Commemoration of St. Urban I)

Múnera, quæ tibi, Dómine, lætántes offérimus, súscipe benígnus, et præsta: ut, intercedénte beáto Urbáno, Ecclésiá tua et fidei integritáte lætéture, et témporum tranquillitáte semper exsúltet. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

PREFACE OF EASTER SEASON

Preve dignum et justum, 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 moriéndò destrúxit, et vitam resurgéndo reparávit. Et ideo cum Ángelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dóminatió nibus, cumque omni militía cælestis exércitus, hymnum glóriæ tuæ cánimus sine fine dicéntes:

COMMUNION Matthew 16: 18

Tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram ædificábo Ecclésiám meam.

POSTCOMMUNIONS

Refectióne sancta enutritám gubérna, quæsumus Dómine, tuam placátus Ecclésiám: ut poténti moderatióne dirécta, et increménta libertátis accipiat et in religiónis integritáte persístat. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

(Commemoration of St. Urban I)

Multiplica, quæsumus, Dómine, in Ecclésiá tua spíritum grátia, quem dedísti: ut beáti Urbáni Martyris tui atque Summi Pontíficis deprecatióne nec pastóri oboediéntia gregis nec gregi desit cura pastóris. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Simon Peter, if thou lovest Me, feed My lambs, feed My sheep. (Ps. 29: 1) I will extol Thee, O Lord, for Thou hast upheld me: and hast not made my enemies to rejoice over me. 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. Simon Peter, if thou lovest Me, feed My lambs, feed My sheep.

O God, the strength of them that trust in Thee, Who didst fortify blessed Gregory, Thy Confessor and Pontiff, with the virtue of constancy, for the defense of the liberty of the Church, grant us by his example and intercession courageously to overcome all adversities. 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 God, Who firmly established Thy Church upon the rock of the apostle and delivered her from the dreadful powers of hell, grant, we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of blessed Urban, Thy Martyr and Supreme Pontiff, she may remain faithful to Thy truth so as to be always safe under Thy 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.

Dearly beloved, The ancients therefore that are among you, I beseech, who am myself also an ancient, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ: as also a partaker of that glory which is to be revealed in time to come: feed the flock of God which is among you, taking care of it, not by constraint, but willingly, according to God: not for filthy lucre's sake, but voluntarily: neither as lording it over the clergy, but being made a pattern of the flock from the heart. And when the Prince of pastors shall appear, you shall receive a never fading crown of glory. But the God of all grace, Who hath called us into His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little, will Himself perfect you, and confirm you, and establish you. To Him be glory and empire for ever and ever. Amen.

Let them exalt him in the church of the people: and praise him in the chair of the ancients. Let the mercies of the Lord give glory to Him: and His wonderful works to the children of men.

Alleluia, alleluia. Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church. Alleluia.

At that time: Iesus came into the quarters of Cesarea Philippi: and he asked his disciples, saying: Whom do men say that the Son of man is? But they said: Some John the Baptist, and other some Elias, and others Jeremias, or one of the prophets. Iesus saith to them: But whom do you say that I am? Simon Peter answered and said: Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God. And Iesus answering, said to him: Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jona: because flesh and blood hath not revealed it to thee, but my Father who is in heaven. And I say to thee: That thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever thou shalt bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose upon earth, it shall be loosed also in heaven.

Behold I have given My words in thy mouth: lo, I have set thee over the nations, and over kingdoms, to root up, and to pull down, and to build, and to plant.

By the offered gifts we beg Thee, O Lord: enlighten kindly Thy Church: so that Thy flock everywhere may be increasing, and the Shepherds, under Thy direction, may be pleasing to Thy Name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Receive, O Lord, in Thy loving kindness the joyful offering of our gifts, and through the intercession of blessed Urban grant that Thy Church may enjoy integrity of faith and always rejoice in the tranquility of peaceful times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

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:

Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church.

O Lord, we beseech Thee, graciously govern Thy Church, which Thou hast fed with a holy meal; so that, directed by a mighty wisdom, she may progress in liberty, and persist in the integrity of 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.

Increase within Thy Church, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the gift of grace Thou hast given her, and through the prayers of blessed Urban, Thy Martyr and Supreme Pontiff, may the flock never fail in obedience to the shepherd nor the shepherd in the faithful care of his flock. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.