

MAY 28, ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP & CONFESSOR

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St. Augustine was a Roman monk, and was sent by Pope Gregory the Great with forty companions to England in order to convert that land to the Faith. The result far surpassed the expectations of the Pope, for God set his seal on the preaching of St. Augustine by so great a number of miracles that the age of the apostles seemed to have come again. Ethelbert, the King of Kent, together with the chief persons of his court, was the first to receive Baptism from the hands of the saint, who gave bodily health to the sick as well as salvation to their souls. By command of St. Gregory, Augustine was consecrated the first Bishop of the English by Virgilius of Arles. Returning to England, he consecrated bishops for other Sees and established his own See, as Primate, at Canterbury, where he also built a monastery. He died on May 26, 609, and was at once venerated as a saint. This feast was placed on the Calendar by Leo XIII.

INTROIT Psalms 131: 9-10

Sacerdotes tui, Domine, induant justitiam, et sancti tui exultent: propter David servum tuum, non avertas faciem Christi tui. (Ps. 131: 1) Memento, Domine, David: et omnis mansuetudinis ejus. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in secula seculorum. Amen. Sacerdotes tui, Domine, induant justitiam, et sancti tui exultent: propter David servum tuum, non avertas faciem Christi tui.

COLLECT

Prædicatione et miraculis beati Augustini Confessoris tui atque Pontificis, veræ fidei luce illustrare dignatus es: concede; ut, ipso interveniente, errantium corda ad veritatis tuæ redeant unitatem, et nos in tua simus voluntate concordes. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia secula seculorum.

EPISTLE 1 Thessalonians 2: 2-9

Fratres: Fiduciam habuimus in Deo nostro loqui ad vos Evangelium Dei in multa sollicitudine. Exhortatio enim nostra non de errore neque de immunditia neque in dolo, sed sicut probati sumus a Deo, ut crederetur nobis Evangelium: ita loquimur, non quasi hominibus placentes, sed Deo, qui probat corda nostra. Neque enim aliquando fuimus in sermone adulationis, sicut scitis: neque in occasione avaritiæ: Deus testis est: nec querentes ab hominibus gloriam, neque a vobis neque ab aliis; cum possemus vobis oneri esse ut Christi Apostoli: sed facti sumus parvuli in medio vestrum, tamquam si nutrix foveat filios suos. Ita desiderantes vos, cupide volebamus tradere vobis non solum Evangelium Dei, sed etiam animas nostras: quoniam carissimi nobis facti estis. Memores enim estis, fratres, laboris nostri et fatigationis: nocte ac die operantes, ne quem vestrum gravaremus, predicavimus in vobis Evangelium Dei.

GRADUAL Psalms 131: 16-17

Sacerdotes ejus induam salutari: et sancti ejus exultatione exultabunt. Illuc producam cornu David: paravi lucearnam Christo meo.

LESSER ALLELUIA Psalms 109: 4

Alleluja, alleluja. Juravit Dominus, et non poenitebit eum: Tu es sacerdos in æternum, secundum ordinem Melchisedech. Alleluja.

GOSPEL Luke 10: 1-9

In illo tempore: Designavit Dominus et alios septuaginta duos: et misit illos binos ante faciem suam in omnem civitatem et locum, quo erat ipse venturus. Et dicebat illis: Messis quidem multa, operarii autem pauci. Rogate ergo Dominum messis, ut mittat operarios in messem suam. Ite: ecce, ego mitto vos sicut agnos inter lupos. Nolite portare sæculum neque peram neque calceamenta; et neminem per viam salutaveritis. In quamcumque domum intraveritis, primum dicit: Pax huic domui: et si ibi fuerit filius pacis, requiescet super illum pax vestra: sin autem, ad vos revertatur. In eadem autem domo manente, edentes et bibentes quæ apud illos sunt: dignus est enim operarius mercede sua. Nolite transire de domo in domum. Et in quamcumque civitatem intraveritis, et susceperint vos, manducate quæ apponuntur vobis: et curate infirmos, qui in illa sunt, et dicit illis: Appropinquavit in vos regnum Dei.

OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 25

Veritas mea et misericordia mea cum ipso: et in nomine meo exaltabitur cornu ejus.

SECRET

Sacrificium tibi offerimus. Domine, in solemnitate beati Augustini Pontificis et Confessoris tui, humiliter deprecantes: ut oves, quæ perierunt, ad unum ovile reversæ, hoc salutari pabulo nutriantur. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia secula seculorum.

COMMUNION Matthew 24: 46-47

Beatus servus, quem, cum venerit dominus, invenerit vigilantem: amen, dico vobis, super omnia bona sua constituet eum.

POSTCOMMUNION

Hostia salutari refecti: te, Domine, supplices exoramus; ut eadem, beati Augustini interveniente suffragio, in omni loco nomini tuo jugiter immoletur. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia secula seculorum.

Let Thy priests, O Lord, be clothed with justice, and let Thy saints rejoice: for Thy servant David's sake, turn not away the face of Thy anointed. (Ps. 131: 1) O Lord, remember David, and all his meekness. 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. Let Thy priests, O Lord, be clothed with justice, and let Thy saints rejoice: for Thy servant David's sake, turn not away the face of Thy anointed.

O God, Who didst vouchsafe to illumine the English people with the light of the true faith by the preaching and miracles of blessed Augustine, Thy confessor and bishop, grant that, by his intercession, the hearts of those who err may return to the unity of the truth and that we may be of one mind in Thy will. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Brethren, we had confidence in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God in much carefulness. For our exhortation was not of error, nor of uncleanness, nor in deceit. But as we were approved by God that the gospel should be committed to us: even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God, Who proveth our hearts. For neither have we used at any time the speech of flattery, as you know; nor taken an occasion of covetousness, God is witness: nor sought we glory of men, neither of you, nor of others. Whereas we might have been burdensome to you, as the apostles of Christ: but we became little ones in the midst of you, as if a nurse should cherish her children: so desirous of you, we would gladly impart unto you not only the gospel of God, but also our own souls; because you were become most dear unto us. For, you remember, brethren, our labor and toil: working night and day lest we should be chargeable to any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.

Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her saints shall rejoice in exultation. In her will I make a horn to spout for David; I have prepared a lamp for Mine anointed.

Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord has sworn, and He will not repent: Thou art a priest forever, according to the order of Melchisedech. Alleluia.

At that time, the Lord appointed seventy-two others, and sent them forth two by two before Him into every town and place where He Himself was about to come. And He said to them, The harvest indeed is great, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest. Go. Behold, I send you forth as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry neither purse, nor wallet, nor sandals, and greet no one on the way. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if a son of peace be there, your peace will rest upon him; but if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they have; for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. And whatever town you enter, and they receive you, eat what is set before you, and cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'

My truth and My mercy shall be with him: and in My name shall his horn be exalted.

We offer sacrifice unto Thee, O Lord, on the solemnity of blessed Augustine, Thy bishop and confessor, humbly beseeching that the sheep which have gone astray may return to the one fold and be nourished with this food of salvation. 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 that servant, whom, when his lord cometh, he shall find watching: Amen I say to you, he shall place him over all his goods.

Refreshed with the victim of salvation, we supplicate Thee, O Lord, that, through the intercessory patronage of blessed Augustine, it may always and everywhere be offered 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.