

JULY 15, ST. HENRY OF GERMANY, CONFESSOR

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The name of St. Henry, Emperor of Germany, born in 972, is held in veneration by all. He spread Christianity and advanced piety and religion among his subjects. He died in 1024. He defended the Church and the Holy See. He came down repeatedly into Italy in order to defend the rightful Pontiff against opposing factions. Detained at Monte Cassino by illness he was miraculously cured through the intercession of St. Benedict. He asked to be accepted as a monk in the Abbey of St. Vanne at Verdun; the abbot commanded him, in the name of religious obedience to re-ascend the throne. He spent a great part of his treasures in founding episcopal sees, enriching churches, and endowing monasteries. On one occasion he sent his imperial insignia to the Abbey of Cluny in order that they should be offered up to the Redeemer. St. Henry died on July 13, 1024, and was canonized by Pope Eugenius III in 1145.

INTROIT Psalms 36: 30, 31

Os justi meditabitur sapientiam, et lingua ejus loquetur judicium: lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius. (Ps. 36: 1) Noli æmulari in malignantibus: neque zelaveris facientes iniquitatem. Glória Patri et Filio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Os justi meditabitur sapientiam, et lingua ejus loquetur judicium: lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius.

COLLECT

Deus, qui hodiérna die beátum Henricum Confessórem tuum e terréni cúlmine impérii ad regnum ætérnum transtulisti: te súpplices exorámus; ut, sicut illum, grátiae tuæ ubertate prævéntum, illécebras sæculi superáre fecisti, ita nos fácias, ejus imitatióne, mundi hujus blandiménta vitáre, et ad te puris méntibus pervenáire. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

LESSON Ecclesiasticus 31: 8-11

Beátus vir, qui invéntus est sine mácula, et qui post aurum non ábiit, nec sperávit in pecúnia et thesáuris. Quis est hic, et laudábimus eum? fecit enim mirabília in víta sua. Qui probátus est in illo, et perféctus est, erit illi glória ætérna: qui pótuit transgredi, et non est transgréssus: fácere mala, et non fecit: ideo stabilíta sunt bona illius in Dómino, et eleemósynas illius enarrábit omnis ecclésia sanctórum.

GRADUAL Psalms 91: 13, 14

Justus ut palma florébit: sicut cedrus Líbani multiplicátur in domo Dómini. Ad annuntiándum mane misericórdiam tuam, et veritátem tuam per noctem.

LESSER ALLELUIA James 1: 12

Allelúja, allelúja. Beátus vir, qui suffert tentatiónem. quóniam cum probátus fuerit, accípiet corónam vitæ. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Luke 12: 35-40

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discipulis suis: Sint lumbi vestri præcíncti et lucernæ ardéntes in mánibus vestris. Et vos símiles homínibus expectántibus dóminum suum quando revertátur a núptiis ut cum vénerit et pulsáverit conféstim apériant ei. Beáti servi illi quos cum vénerit dóminus invénerit vigilátes. Amen dico vobis quod præcínget se et fáciet illos discumbere et tránsiens ministrábit illis. Et si vénerit in secúnda vigíla et si in tértia vigíla vénerit et ita invénerit beáti sunt servi illi. Hoc autem scitóte, quóniam si sciret paterfamilias qua hora fur véniret vigiláret útique et non síneret pérfodi domum suam. Et vos estóte paráti quia qua hora non putátis Fílius hóminis véniet.

OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 25

Vérita mea et misericórdia mea cum ipso: et in nómine meo exaltábitur cornu ejus.

SECRET

Laudis tibi, Dómine, hostias immolámus in tuórum commemoratióne sanctórum: quibus nos et præsentibus éxui malis confidimus, et futúris. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

COMMUNION Matthew 24: 46-47

Beátus ille servus quem cum vénerit dóminus eius invénerit sic faciéntem. Amen dico vobis quóniam super ómnia bona sua constitúet eum.

POSTCOMMUNION

Refécti cibo, pótuque cælésti, Deus noster, te súpplices exorámus: ut, in cujus hæc commemoratióne percépimus, ejus muniámur et précibus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

The mouth of the just shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak judgment: the law of his God is in his heart. (Ps. 36: 1) Be not emulous of evildoers: nor envy them that work iniquity. 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 mouth of the just shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak judgment: the law of his God is in his heart.

O God, Who on this day didst remove blessed Henry, Thy confessor, from the crown of an earthly empire to an everlasting kingdom, we humbly beseech Thee that, as, protected by the abundance of Thy grace, Thou didst enable him to overcome the temptations of the world, so Thou make us, in imitation of him, to avoid the allurements of this world and to come with pure minds unto Thee Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Happy the man found without fault, who turns not aside after gain, nor puts his trust in money nor in treasures! Who is he, that we may praise him? For he has done wonders in his life. He has been tested by gold and come off safe, and this remains his glory forever; he could have sinned but did not, could have done evil but would not, so that his possessions are secure in the Lord, and the assembly of the Saints shall recount his alms.

The just shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow up like the cedar of Lebanon in the house of the Lord. To show forth Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth in the night.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he hath been proved, he shall receive the crown of life. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples, Let your loins be girt, and lamps burning in your hands. And you yourselves like to men who wait for their lord, when he shall return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open to him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh, shall find watching. Amen I say to you, that he will gird himself, and make them sit down to meat, and passing will minister unto them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. But this know ye, that if the householder did know at what hour the thief would come, he would surely watch, and would not suffer his house to be broken open. Be you then also ready: for at what hour you think not, the Son of man will come.

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

We offer Thee, O Lord, sacrifices of praise in commemoration of Thy saints, by whom we trust to be delivered from evils both present and future. 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 shall come he shall find so doing. Amen I say to you, he shall place him over all his goods.

We Thy suppliants, who are refreshed with heavenly food and drink, beseech Thee, O our God, that we may be fortified by the prayers of him in whose commemoration we have partaken of these gifts. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.