

St. Eustachius, or Eustace, an officer of the Roman army under Emperor Trajan, was burned at the stake for the Faith, with his wife and children, during the reign of Emperor Hadrian. We pray to him to preserve us from fire, eternal or: temporal. In art he is depicted with a stag and hunting equipment.

INTROIT Ecclesiasticus 44: 15, 14

Sapiéntiam sanctorum narrent populi, et laudes eorum nuntiet Ecclesia: nomina autem eorum vivent in saeculum saeculi. (Ecclus. 44: 32, 1) Exsultate, justi in Domino: quoniam collaudatio. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Sapiéntiam sanctorum narrent populi, et laudes eorum nuntiet Ecclesia: nomina autem eorum vivent in saeculum saeculi.

COLLECT

Deus, qui nos concedis sanctorum Martyrum tuorum Eustachii et sociorum natalitia colere: da nobis in aeterna beatitudine de eorum societate gaudere. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

LESSON Wisdom 5: 16-20

Justi autem in perpetuum vivent, et apud Dominum est merces eorum, et cogitatio illorum apud Altissimum. Ideo accipient regnum decoris, et diadema speciei de manu Domini: quoniam dextera sua teget eos, et brachio sancto suo defendet illos, Accipiet armaturam zelus illius, et armabit creaturam ad ultionem inimicorum. Induet pro thorace justitiam, et accipiet pro galea iudicium certum. Sumet scutum inexpugnabile, aequitatem.

GRADUAL Psalms 123: 7-8

Anima nostra, sicut passer, erepta est de laqueo venantium. Laqueus contritus est, et nos liberati sumus: adiutorium nostrum in nomine Domini, qui fecit caelum et terram.

LESSER ALLELUIA Ps.67: 4

Alleluja, alleluja. Justi epulentur, et exsultent in conspectu Dei: et delectentur in laetitia. Alleluja.

GOSPEL Luke 6: 17-23

In illo tempore: Descendens Jesus de monte, stetit in loco campestri, et turba discipulorum ejus, et multitudo copiosa plebis ab omni Judaea, et Jerusalem, et maritima, et Tyri, et Sidonis, qui venerant, ut audirent eum et sanarentur a languoribus suis. Et, qui vexabantur a spiritibus immundis, curabantur. Et omnis turba quaerebat eum tangere: quia virtus de illo exibat, et sanabat omnes. Et ipse, elevatis oculis in discipulos suos, dicebat: Beati, pauperes: quia vestrum est regnum Dei. Beati, qui nunc esuritis: quia saturabimini. Beati, qui nunc fletis: quia ridetis. Beati, qui nunc vos oderint homines, et cum separaverint vos et exprobraverint, et ejecerint nomen vestrum tamquam malum, propter Filium hominis. Gaudete in illa die et exsultate: ecce enim, merces vestra multa est in caelo.

OFFERTORY Psalms 149: 5-6

Exsultabunt Sancti in gloria, laetabuntur in cubilibus suis: exaltationes Dei in faucibus eorum, alleluja.

SECRET

Munera tibi, Domine, nostrae devotionis offerimus: quae et pro tuorum tibi grata sint honore Justorum, et nobis salutaria, te miserante, reddantur. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

COMMUNION Luke 12: 4

Dico autem vobis amicis meis: Ne terreamini ab his, qui vos persecuntur.

POSTCOMMUNION

Præsta nobis, quæsumus, Domine: intercedentibus sanctis Martyribus tuis Eustachio et sociis; ut, quod ore contingimus, pura mente capiamus. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

Let the people show forth the wisdom of the Saints, and the Church declare their praise: and their names shall live unto generation and generation. (Ecclus. 44: 32, 1) Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just: praise becometh the upright. 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 the people show forth the wisdom of the Saints, and the Church declare their praise: and their names shall live unto generation and generation.

O God, Who dost permit us to celebrate the heavenly birthday of Thy holy Martyrs Eustace and his companions: grant that we may rejoice in their fellowship in everlasting bliss. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

But the just shall live for evermore: and their reward is with the Lord, and the care of them with the most High. Therefore shall they receive a kingdom of glory, and a crown of beauty at the hand of the Lord: for with his right hand he will cover them, and with his holy arm he will defend them. And his zeal will take armor, and he will arm the creature for the revenge of his enemies. He will put on justice as a breastplate, and will take true judgment instead of a helmet. He will take equity for an invincible shield.

Our soul hath been delivered, as a sparrow, out of the snare of the fowlers. The snare is broken, and we are delivered: our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

Alleluia, alleluia. Let the just feast, and rejoice before God; and be delighted with gladness. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus coming down from the mountain stood in a plain place, and the company of His disciples, and a very great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and the seacoast both of Tyre and Sidon, who were come to hear Him, and to be healed of their diseases. And they that were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the multitude sought to touch Him, for virtue went out from Him, and healed all. And He, lifting up his eyes on His disciples, said, Blessed are ye poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are ye that hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed shall you be when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil; for the Son of man's sake: be glad in that day and rejoice, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

The saints shall rejoice in glory, they shall be joyful in their beds: the high praises of God shall be in their mouths, alleluia.

We offer Thee, O Lord, the gifts of our devotion; may they, through Thy mercy, be rendered both pleasing unto Thee, for the honor of Thy just ones, and profitable for our 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.

But I say to you, My friends, be not afraid of those who persecute you.

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the intercession of Thy holy martyrs, Eustace and companions, that what we touch with our lips we may receive with a pure heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.