

OCTOBER 5, ST. PLACID & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

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St. Placidus, together with St. Maurus were committed to the care of St. Benedict when both were very young. Their parents were friendly to the holy patriarch, who like them belonged to the nobility. St. Benedict had great love for these two early companions. On one occasion while drawing water from the lake of Subiaco, as St. Gregory relates, Placidus fell in and the waves carried him far from the shore. At the command of Benedict, Maurus hastened to the rescue and only after he had safely brought the young Placidus to the shore did he note that he had walked upon the waters. Little is known of the life of St. Placidus. Since the Tenth Century he has been venerated as a saint in the Benedictine Order.

INTROIT Psalms 36: 39

Salus autem iustorum a Domino: et protector eorum est in tempore tribulationis. (Ps. 36: 1) Noli aemulari in malignantibus: neque zelaveris facientes iniquitatem. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Salus autem iustorum a Domino: et protector eorum est in tempore tribulationis.

COLLECT

Deus, qui nos concedis sanctorum Martyrum tuorum Placidi et Sociorum ejus 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.

EPISTLE Hebrews 10: 32-38

Fratres: Rememoramini pristinos dies, in quibus illuminati magnum certamen sustinuistis passionum: et in altero quidem opprobriis et tribulationibus spectaculum facti: in altero autem socii taliter conversantium effecti. Nam et vinctis compassi estis, et rapinam bonorum vestrorum cum gaudio suscepistis, cognoscentes vos habere meliorem et manentem substantiam. Nolite itaque amittere! confidentiam vestram, quae magnam habet remunerationem. Patientia enim vobis necessaria est: ut, voluntatem Dei faciatis, reportetis promissionem. Adhuc enim modicum aliquantulum, qui venturus est, veniet, et non tardabit. Justus autem meus ex fide vivit.

GRADUAL Psalms 33: 18-19

Clamaverunt iusti, et Dominus exaudivit eos: et ex omnibus tribulationibus eorum liberavit eos. Juxta est Dominus his, qui tribulatio sunt corde: et humiles spiritu salvabit.

LESSER ALLELUIA

Alleluja, alleluja. Te Martyrum candidatus laudat exercitus, Domine. Alleluja.

GOSPEL Luke 12: 1-8

In illo tempore: Dixit Jesus discipulis suis: Attendite a fermento pharisaeorum, quod est hypocrisis. Nihil autem operatum est, quod non revelatur: neque absconditum, quod non sciatur. Quoniam, quae in tenebris dixistis, in lumine dicentur: et quod in aurem locuti estis in cubiculis, praedicabitur in tectis. Dico autem vobis amicis meis: Ne terreamini ab his, qui occidunt corpus, et post haec non habent amplius quid faciant. Ostendam autem vobis, quem timeatis: timeate eum, qui, postquam occiderit, habet potestatem mittere in gehennam. Ita dico vobis: hunc timeate. Nonne quinque passeris veneunt dipondio, et unus ex illis non est in oblivione coram Deo? Sed et capilli capitis vestri omnes numerari sunt. Nolite ergo timere: multis passeribus pluris estis vos. Dico autem vobis: Omnis, quicumque confessus fuerit me coram hominibus, et Filius hominis confitebitur illum coram Angelis Dei.

OFFERTORY Wisdom 3: 1-3

Iustorum animae in manu Dei sunt, et non tanget illos tormentum malitiae: visi sunt oculis insipientium mori: illi autem sunt in pace, alleluja.

SECRET

Munera tibi, Domine, nostrae devotionis offerimus: quae et pro tuorum tibi grata sint honore iustorum, 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 Matthew 10: 27

Quod dico vobis in tenebris, dicite in lumine, dicit Dominus: et quod in aure auditis, praedicat super tecta.

POSTCOMMUNION

Præsta nobis, quæsumus, Domine: intercedentibus sanctis Martyribus tuis Placido et Sociis ejus; 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.

The salvation of the just is from the Lord: and He is their protector in the time of trouble. (Ps. 36: 1) Be not emulous of evil-doers: 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 salvation of the just is from the Lord: and He is their protector in the time of trouble.

O God, who dost grant unto us to celebrate the heavenly birthday of Thy holy Martyrs Placid 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.

Brethren, call to mind the former days, wherein, being illuminated, you endured a great fight of afflictions. And on the one hand indeed, by reproaches and tribulations were made a gazing stock; and on the other, be come companions of them that were used in such sort. For you both had compassion on them that were in bands, and took with joy the being stripped of your own goods, knowing that you have a better and lasting substance. Do not therefore lose your confidence, which hath a great reward. For patience is necessary for you: that doing the will of God you may receive the promise. For yet a little and a very little while, and He that is to come, will come and will not delay. But my just man liveth by faith.

The just cried, and the Lord heard them, and delivered them out of all their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart; and He will save the humble of spirit.

Alleluia, alleluia. The white-robed army of martyrs praiseth Thee, O Lord. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. There is nothing covered that shall not be revealed: nor hidden, that shall not be known. For whatsoever things you have spoken in darkness, shall be published in the light; and that which you have spoken in the ear in chambers shall be preached on the house-tops. And I say to you, My friends, be not afraid of them who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will show you Whom you shall fear: fear ye Him Who, after He hath killed, hath power to cast into Hell. Yea, I say to you, fear Him. Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings and not one of them is forgotten before God? Yea, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore: you are of more value than many sparrows. And I say to you, whosoever shall confess Me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God.

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torment of malice shall not touch them: in the sight of the unwise they seemed to die, but they are in peace, alleluia.

We offer unto Thee, O Lord, the gifts of our devotion: may they please Thee as honoring Thy just ones, and through Thy mercy profit us unto 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.

That which I tell you in the dark, speak ye in the light; and that which you hear in the ear preach ye upon the housetops.

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, through the intercession of Thy holy martyrs Placid and his companions, that what we take with the mouth, 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.