

St. Ursula, a native of England, sought an asylum in Gaul, when her country was harassed by the Saxons. She found an abiding place in Germany but was set upon by a horde of Huns, and with her companions gave her life in the year 453 in defense of her faith and chastity.

INTROIT Psalms 118: 46, 47

Loquēbar de testimoniis tuis in conspectu regum, et non confundēbar: et meditābar in mandatis tuis, quæ dilēxi nimis. (Ps 118: 1) Beāti immālati in via: qui ambulat in lege Dōmini. Glōria Patri et Filio et Spirītui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculōrum. Amen. Loquēbar de testimoniis tuis in conspectu regum, et non confundēbar: et meditābar in mandatis tuis, quæ dilēxi nimis.

COLLECT

Da nobis, quæsumus, Dōmine, Deus noster, sanctārum Virgīnum et Mārtīrum tuārum Ursulæ et Sociārum ejus palmas incessābili devotiōne venerāri: ut, quas digna mente nō possumus celebrāre, humilibus saltem frequentēmus obsēquiis. Per Dōminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spirītus Sancti, Deus, per ōmnia sæcula sæculōrum.

(For St. Hilarion, Abbot.)

Intercēssio nos, quæsumus, Dōmine, beāti Hilariōni Abbatis commēdet: ut, quod nostris mēritis nō valēmus, ejus patrocinio assequāmur. Per Dōminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spirītus Sancti, Deus, per ōmnia sæcula sæculōrum.

LESSON Ecclesiasticus 51: 1-8, 12

Confitebor tibi, Dōmine, Rex, et collaudābo te Deum, Salvatōrem meum. Confitebor nōmini tuo: quōniam adjūtor et protēctor factus es mihi, et liberāsti corpus meum a perditōne, a lāqueo līnguæ iniquæ et a lābiis operāntium mendācium, et in conspectu astāntium factus es mihi adjūtor. Et liberasti me secūndum multitudīnem misericōrdiæ nōminis tui a rugiētibus, præparātis ad escam, de mānibus quærēntium animam meam, et de portis tribulatiōnum, quæ circumdederunt me: a pressūra flammæ, quæ circumdedit me, et in medio ignis nō sum æstuāta: de altitūdine ventris infēri, et a lingua coinquināta, et a verbo mendācii, a rege inīquo, et a lingua injūsta: laudābit usque ad mortem ānima mea Dōminum: quōniam ēruis sustinētes te, et liberās eos de mānibus gēntium, Dōmine, Deus noster.

GRADUAL Psalms 44: 8, 15, 16

Dilexisti iustitiam, et odisti iniquitatem. Propterea unxit te Deus, Deus tuus, oleo lætitiæ.

LESSER ALLELUIA

Psalms 44: 15, 16

Allelūja, allelūja. Adducentur Regi virgines post eam: proximæ eius afferentur tibi in lætitia. Allelūja.

GOSPEL Matthew 25: 1-13

In illo tēpore: Dixit Jesus discipulis suis parābolam hanc: Simile erit regnum cælōrum decem virgīnibus: quæ, accipiētes lāmpades suas, exierunt obviam sponso et sponsæ. Quinque autem ex eis erant fātūæ, et quinque prudētes: sed quinque fātūæ, accēptis lāmpādibus, nō sumpsērunt oleum secum: prudētes vero accepērunt oleum in vasis suis cum lāmpādibus. Horam autem faciēte sponso, dormitavērunt omnes et domiērunt. Mēdia autem clamor factus est: Ecce, sponsus venit, exite obviam ei. Tunc surrexērunt omnes virgīnes illæ, et ornāvērunt lāmpades suas. Fātūæ autem sapiētibus dixerunt: Date nobis de oleo vestro: quia lāmpades nostræ exstinguūtur. Respondērunt prudētes, dicētes: Ne forte nō sufficiat nobis et vobis, ite pōtius ad vendētes, et emite vobis. Dum autem irent emere, venit sponso: et quæ parātæ erant, intravērunt cum eo ad nūptias, et clausa est iānuā. Novissime vero vēniunt et reliquæ virgīnes, dicētes: Dōmine, Dōmine, āperi nobis. At ille respōndens, ait: Amen, dico vobis, nescio vos. Vigilate itaque, quia nescitis diem neque horam.

OFFERTORY Psalms 44: 15, 16

Afferentur Regi Virgines post eam: proximæ eius afferentur tibi in lætitia et exsultatiōne: adducantur in templum Regi Dōmino.

SECRET

Intēde, quæsumus, Dōmine, mūnera altāribus tuis pro sanctārum Virgīnum et Mārtīrum tuārum Ursulæ et Sociārum ejus festivitāte propōsita: ut, sicut per hęc beāta mystēria illis glōriam contulisti; ita nobis indulgēntiam largiāris. Per Dōminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spirītus Sancti, Deus, per ōmnia sæcula sæculōrum.

(For St. Hilarion, Abbot.)

Sacris altāribus, Dōmine, hōstias superpōsitas sanctus Hilariōnus Abbas, quæsumus, in salūtem nobis provenīre depōscat. Per Dōminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spirītus Sancti, Deus, per ōmnia sæcula sæculōrum.

COMMUNION Psalms 118: 78, 80

Confundantur sancti, quia iuste iniquitatem fecerunt in me: ego autem in mandatis tuis exercēbor, in tuis justificatiōnibus, ut nō confundar.

POSTCOMMUNION

Præsta nobis, quæsumus, Dōmine: Præcedēntibus tuis sanctis Virgīnibus et Mārtīribus tuis Ursula et Sociābus ejus: ut, quod ore contīngimus, pura mente capiāmus. Per Dōminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spirītus Sancti, Deus, per ōmnia sæcula sæculōrum.

(For St. Hilarion, Abbot.)

Prōtegat nos, Dōmine, cum tui perceptiōne sacramēti beātus Hilariōnus Abbas, pro nobis intercedēdo: ut et conversatiōnis ejus experiamur insignia, et intercessiōnis percipiāmus suffrāgia. Per Dōminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spirītus Sancti, Deus, per ōmnia sæcula sæculōrum.

I spoke of Thy testimonies before kings, and I was not ashamed: I meditated also on Thy commandments, which I loved. (Ps. 118: 1) Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the law of the Lord. 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. I spoke of Thy testimonies before kings, and I was not ashamed: I meditated also on Thy commandments, which I loved.

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our God, to venerate with unceasing devotion the victories of Thy holy virgins and martyrs, Ursula and her companions, that, though we can not worthily celebrate their merits, we may at least offer them our humble service. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

May the intercession of blessed Hilarion the Abbot commend us unto Thee, we beseech Thee, O Lord: so that what we cannot acquire by any merits of ours, we may obtain by his patronage. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

I will give glory to Thee, O Lord, O King, and I will praise Thee, O God my Savior. I will give glory to Thy Name, for Thou hast been a helper and protector to me, and hast preserved my body from destruction, from the snare of an unjust tongue, and from the lips of them that forge lies; and in the sight of them that stood by Thou hast been my helper. And Thou hast delivered me, according to the multitude of the mercy of Thy Name, from them that did roar, prepared to devour; out of the hands of them that sought my life, and from the gates of afflictions which compassed me about: from the oppression of the flame which surrounded me, and in the midst of the fire I was not burnt: from the depth of the body of hell, and from an unclean tongue, and from lying words, from an unjust king, and from a slanderous tongue. My soul shall praise the Lord even unto death: because Thou, O Lord our God, deliverest them that wait for Thee, and savest them out of the hands of the nations.

Thou hast loved justice and hated iniquity. Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness.

Alleluia, alleluia. After her shall virgins be brought to the King: her neighbors shall be brought to Thee with gladness. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus spoke to His disciples this parable: The Kingdom of Heaven shall be like to ten virgins, who taking their lamps went out to meet the bridegroom and the bride. And five of them were foolish, and five wise. But the five foolish, having taken their lamps, did not take oil with them: but the wise took oil in their vessels with the lamps. And the bridegroom tarrying, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made: Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye forth to meet him. Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise: Give us of your oil, for our lamps are gone out. The wise answered, saying: Lest perhaps there be not enough for us and for you, go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. Now whilst they went to buy, the bridegroom came: and they that were ready, went in with him to the marriage, and the door was shut. But at last come also the other virgins, saying: Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answering said: Amen I say to you, I know you not. Watch ye therefore, because you know not the day nor the hour.

After her shall virgins be brought to the King: her neighbors shall be brought to Thee with gladness and rejoicing: they shall be brought into the temple of the King, the Lord.

Favorably look down, we beseech Thee, upon the gifts laid upon Thine altars, O Lord, for the festival of Thy holy virgins and martyrs, Ursula and her companions, that, as Thou hast conferred glory upon them through these blessed mysteries, so Thou mayest bestow upon us forgiveness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

May the holy Abbot Hilarion, we beseech Thee, O Lord, obtain by his prayers, that the Sacrifice laid on Thy holy altar, may 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.

Let the proud be ashamed, because they have done unjustly towards me: but I will be employed in Thy commandments, in Thy justifications, that I may not be confounded.

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

May the pleading of blessed Hilarion the Abbot for us, as well as the reception of Thy Sacraments, protect us, O Lord, that we may both share in the glory of his works, and receive the help of his intercession. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.