

FOUR HOLY CROWNED MARTYRS

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In the persecution under Diocletian, Sts. Severus, Severianus, Carpophorus, and Victorinus, four brothers, were cruelly tortured until they expired in the hands of their tormentors. They were at first known simply as four Christians who had won the crown of martyrdom and continued to be so styled even after their names were learned.

INTROIT Psalms 78: 11, 12; 78:10

Intret in conspéctu tuo, Dómine, gémitus compeditórum: redde vicinis nostris séptuplum in sinu eórum: víndica sánguinem tuórum, qui effúsus est. (Ps. 78: 1) Deus, venérunt gentes in hereditátem tuam: polluérun't templum sanctum tuum: posuérun't Ierúsalem in pomórum custódiám. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sáecula sáeculórum. Amen. Intret in conspéctu tuo, Dómine, gémitus compeditórum: redde vicinis nostris séptuplum in sinu eórum: víndica sánguinem Sanctórum tuórum, qui effúsus est.

COLLECT

Præsta, quæsumus, omnípotens Deus: ut, qui gloriósos Mártyres fortes in sua confessióne cognóvimus, pios apud te in nostra intercessióne sentiámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sáecula sáeculórum.

LESSON Hebrews 11: 33-39

Fratres: Sancti per fidem vicérunt regna, operáti sunt justítiam, adepti sunt repromissiónes, obturavérunt ora leónum, exstinxérunt ímpetum ignis, effugérunt áciem gládii, convaluérunt de infirmitáte, fortes facti sunt in bello, castra vertérunt exterórum: acceperunt mulieres de resurrectióne mórtuos suos: álii autem disténti sunt, non suscipiéntes redemptiónem, ut meliorem invenirent resurrectiónem: álii vero ludíbria et vébera expéti, ínsuper et víncula et cárceres: lapidáti sunt, secti sunt, tentáti sunt, in occisióne gládii mórtui sunt: circuiérunt in melóti's, in péllibus caprínis, egéntes, angustiáti, afflícti: quibus dignus non erat mundus: in solitudínibus errántes, in móntibus et spelúncis et in cavérnis terræ. Et hi omnes testimónio fídei probáti, invénti sunt in Christo Jesu, Dómino nostro.

GRADUAL Exodus 15: 11, 6

Gloriósus Deus in Sanctis suis: mirábilis in maiestáte, fáciens prodígia. Déxtera tua, Dómine, glori ficáta est in virtúte: déxtera manus tua confrégit inimicos.

LESSER ALLELUIA

Ecclesiasticus 44: 14

Allelúja, allelúja. Córpora Sanctórum in pace sepúlta sunt, et nómen eórum vivet in generatiónem et generatiónem. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Matthew 5: 1-12

In illo témpore: Videns Jesus turbas, ascéndit in montem, et cum sedisset, accessérunt ad eum discípuli ejus, et apériens os suum, docébat eos, dicens: Beáti páuperes spírítu: quóniam ipsórum est regnum cælórum. Beáti mites: quóniam ipsi possidébunt terram. Beáti, qui lugent: quóniam ipsi consolabúntur. Beáti, qui esúriunt et sítiunt justítiam: quóniam ipsi saturabúntur. Beáti misericórdes: quóniam ipsi misericórdiam consequéuntur. Beáti mundo corde: quóniam ipsi Deum vidébunt. Beáti pacífici: quóniam filii Dei vocabúntur. Beáti, qui persecutiónem patiúntur propter justítiam: quóniam ipsórum est regnum coelórum. Beáti estis, cum maledíxerint vobis, et persecúti vos fúerint, et dixérint omne malum advérsum vos, mentiéntes, propter me: gaudéte et exsultáte, quóniam merces vestra copiósa est in cælis.

OFFERTORY Psalms 67: 36

Mirábilis Deus in Sanctis suis: Deus Israë'l, ipse dabit virtútem et fortitúdinem plebi suæ: benedíctus Deus, allelúja.

SECRET

Benedíctio tua, Dómine, larga descéndat: quæ et múnera nostra, deprecántibus sanctis Martýribus tuis, tibi reddat accépta, et nobis sacraméntum redemptiόνis efficiat. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sáecula sáeculórum.

COMMUNION Wisdom 3: 4-6

Et si coram homínibus torménta passi sunt, Deus tentávit eos: tamquam aurum in fornáce probávit eos, et quasi holocáusta accépit eos.

POSTCOMMUNION

Cæléstibus refécti sacraméntis et gáudiis: súpplices te, Dómine, deprecámur: ut, quorum gloriámur triúmphis, protegámur auxiliis. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sáecula sáeculórum.

Let the sighings of the prisoners come in before Thee, O Lord; render to our neighbors sevenfold in their bosom; revenge the blood of Thy Saints, which hath been shed. (Ps. 78: 1) O God, the heathens are come into Thine inheritance; they have defiled Thy holy temple: they have made Jerusalem as a place to keep fruit. 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 sighings of the prisoners come in before Thee, O Lord; render to our neighbors sevenfold in their bosom; revenge the blood of Thy Saints, which hath been shed.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that we, who have known the fortitude of the glorious martyrs in bearing witness to Thee, may experience the fruit of their intercession with 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.

Brethren, the saints through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, recovered strength from weakness, became valiant in battle, put to flight the armies of foreigners: women received their dead raised to life again: but others were racked, not accepting deliverance, that they might find a better resurrection; and others had trial of mockeries, and stripes, moreover also of bands and prisons: they were stoned, they were cut asunder, they were tempted, they were put to death by the sword, they wandered about in sheepskins, in goat-skins, being in want, distressed, afflicted, of whom the world was not worthy; wandering in deserts, in mountains and in dens, and in caves of the earth. And all these were found approved by the testimony of faith, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glorious is God in His Saints, marvelous in majesty, doing wonders. Thy right hand, O Lord, is magnified in strength: Thy right hand hath slain the enemy.

Alleluia, alleluia. The bodies of the Saints are buried in peace, and their name liveth unto generation and generation. Alleluia.

At that time: Jesus seeing the multitudes, went up into a mountain: and when He was sat down, His disciples came unto Him. And opening His mouth, He taught them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land. Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice; for they shall have their fill. Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart; for they shall see God. Blessed are the peace-makers; for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice' sake; for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are ye when they shall revile you, and persecute you, and speak all that is evil against you, untruly, for My sake: be glad and rejoice, for your reward is very great in Heaven.

God is wonderful in His Saints: the God of Israel is He who will give power and strength to His people: blessed be God, alleluia.

May Thy plenteous blessing descend upon us, O Lord, both to render our gifts acceptable to Thee, by the intercession of Thy holy martyrs, and to effect the sacrament of our redemption. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

And though in the sight of men they suffered torments, God hath tried them: as gold in the furnace He hath proved them, and as a victim of a holocaust He hath received them.

Refreshed with heavenly sacraments and joys, we, Thy suppliants, beseech Thee, O Lord, that we be protected by the assistance of those In whose triumphs we glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.