

## PREFACE OF ADVENT

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutäre, nos tibi semper, et ubique grätias ägere: Dömine sancte, Pater omnípotens, ætérne Deus: per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Quem pérdito hóminum géneri Salvatórem miséricors et fidélis promisisti: cujus véritas instrúeret inscios, sánctitas justificáret ímpios, virtus adjuváret infirmos. Dum ergo prope est ut véniat quem missúrus es, et dies affúlget liberatiónis nostræ, in hac promissiónum tuárum fide, piis gáudiis exsultámus. Et ídeo cum Ángelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dominatió nibus, cumque omni militia cæléstis exércitus, hymnum glóriæ tuæ cánimus, sine fine dicéntes:

## COMMUNION Psalms 88: 36-38

Semel jurávi in sancto meo: semen ejus in ætérnum manébit, et sedes ejus sicut sol in conspéctu meo, et sicut luna perfécta in ætérnum, et testis in cælo fidélis.

## POSTCOMMUNION

Sacrificia, quæ súmpsimus, Dömine, pro solemnitate sancti Pontificis tui Nicolái, sempiterna nos protectiöne consérvent. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

## Commemoration of Advent feria

Repleti cibo spirituális alimóniæ, súpplices te, Dömine, deprecámur: ut hujus participatiöne mystérii, dóceas nos terréna despícere et amáre cæléstia. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times and places give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, almighty Father, eternal God, through Christ our Lord; for in Thy mercy and fidelity Thou hast promised Him as Savior to the lost race of men, to instruct the ignorant with His truth, justify the wicked with His holiness, and help the weak by His power. Now that the time draweth nigh that He Whom Thou art to send should come, and the day of our liberation should dawn, with faith in Thy promises, we rejoice with holy exultation. And therefore with the Angels and Archangels, with the Thrones and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing a hymn of Thy glory, evermore saying:

Once have I sworn by My holiness, his seed shall endure forever: and his throne as the sun before Me, and as the moon perfect forever; and a faithful witness in heaven.

May the sacrifices of which we have partaken, O Lord, to honor the feast of Thy holy Bishop Nicholas, preserve us by their eternal protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Filled with the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly entreat Thee, O Lord, that by our partaking of this Mystery, Thou wouldst teach us to despise the things of earth, and to love those of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

## MASS PROPER: DECEMBER 6, ST. NICHOLAS, CONFESSOR – BISHOP

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## INTROIT Ecclesiasticus 45: 30

Státuit ei Dóminus testaméntum pacis, et princípem fecit eum: ut sit illi sacerdotíi dígnitas in ætérnum. (Ps. 131: 1) Meménto, Dömine, David: et omnis mansuetúdinis ejus. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Státuit ei Dóminus testaméntum pacis, et princípem fecit eum: ut sit illi sacerdotíi dígnitas in ætérnum.

## COLLECT

Deus, qui beátum Nicoláum Pontíficem innúmeris decorásti miráculis: tríbue, quæsumus; ut ejus méritis et précibus a gehénnæ incéndiis liberémur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

## Commemoration of Advent feria

Éxcita, Dömine, corda nostra ad præparándas Unigéniti tui vias: ut per ejus adventum, purificátis tibi méntibus servíre mereámur. Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

## EPISTLE Hebrews 13: 7-17

Fratres: Mementóte præpositórum vestrórum, qui vobis locúti sunt verbum Dei: quorum intuéntes éxítum conversatiónis, imitámini fidem. Jesus Christus heri, et hódie: ipse et in sæcula. Doctrínis váriis et peregrínis nolíte abdúci. Óptimum est enim grátia stabílire cor, non escis, quæ non profuérunt ambulántibus in eis. Habémus altáre, de quo édere non

The Lord made to him a covenant of peace, and made him a prince; that the dignity of priesthood should be to him forever. (Ps. 131: 1) O Lord, remember David, and all his meekness. 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 Lord made to him a covenant of peace, and made him a prince; that the dignity of priesthood should be to him forever.

O God, Who didst adorn blessed Nicholas, the bishop, with miracles unnumbered, grant, we beseech Thee, that by his merits and prayers we may be delivered from the fires of hell. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way of Thine only-begotten Son: that through His coming we may attain to serve Thee with purified minds. Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Brethren, remember your superiors, who spoke to you the word of God. Consider how they ended their lives, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Be not led away by various and strange doctrines: for it is best that the heart be made steadfast by grace; not by baits, in which those who walked profited not. We have an

habent potestatem, qui tabernaculo deserviunt. Quorum enim animarum infertur sanguis pro peccato in Sancta per pontificem, horum corpora cremantur extra castra. Propter quod et Jesus, ut sanctificaret per suum sanguinem populum, extra portam passus est. Exeamus igitur ad eum extra castra, improprium ejus portantes. Non enim habemus hic manentem civitatem, sed futuram inquirimus. Per ipsum ergo offeramus hostiam laudis semper Deo, id est fructum labiorum confitentium nomini ejus. Beneficentiae autem et communionis nolite oblivisci: talibus enim hostiis promeretur Deus. Obedite praepositis vestris, et subjacete eis. Ipsi enim pervigilant, quasi rationem pro animabus vestris reddituri.

**GRADUAL Psalms 88: 21-23**

Inveni David servum meum, oleo sancto meo unxi eum: manus enim mea auxiliabitur ei, et brachium meum confortabit eum. Nihil proficiet inimicus in eo, et filius iniquitatis non nocet ei.

**LESSER ALLELUIA Psalms 91: 13**

Alleluya, alleluya. Justus ut palma florabit: sicut cedrus Libani multiplicabitur. Alleluya.

**GOSPEL Matthew 25: 14-23**

In illo tempore: Dixit Jesus discipulis suis parabolam hanc: Homo peregre proficiscens, vocavit servos suos, et tradidit illis bona sua. Et uni dedit quinque talenta, alii autem duo, alii vero unum, unicuique secundum propriam virtutem, et profectus est statim. Abiit autem qui quinque talenta acceperat, et operatus est in eis, et lucratus est alia quinque. Similiter et qui duo acceperat, lucratus est alia duo. Qui autem unum acceperat, abiens fodit in terram, et

altar, whereof they have no power to eat who serve the tabernacle. For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the Holies by the High Priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people by His own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore to Him without the camp, bearing His reproach: for we have not here a lasting city, but we seek one that is to come. By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise always to God, that is to say, the fruit of lips confessing to His name. And do not forget to do good and to impart: for by such sacrifices God's favor is obtained. Obey your prelates, and be subject to them; for they keep watch, as having to render an account for your souls.

I have found David, My servant: with My holy oil I have anointed him; for My hand shall help him, and My arm shall strengthen him. The enemy shall have no advantage over him, nor the son of iniquity have power to hurt him.

Alleluia, alleluia. The just man shall flourish like the palm-tree: he shall grow up like the cedar of Libanus. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus spoke this parable to His disciples: A man going into a far country called his servants, and delivered to them his goods. And to one he gave five talents, and to another two, and to another one, to every one according to his proper ability: and immediately he took his journey. And he that had received the five talents went his way, and traded with the same, and gained other five. And in like manner he that had received the two gained other two. But

abscondit pecuniam domini sui. Post multum vero temporis venit dominus servorum illorum, et posuit rationem cum eis. Et accedens qui quinque talenta acceperat, obtulit alia quinque talenta, dicens: Domine, quinque talenta tradidisti mihi, ecce alia quinque superlucratum sum. Ait illi dominus ejus: Euge, serve bone et fidelis, quia super pauca fuisti fidelis, super multa te constituam: intra in gaudium domini tui. Accessit autem et qui duo talenta acceperat, et ait: Domine, duo talenta tradidisti mihi, ecce alia duo lucratus sum. Ait illi dominus ejus: Euge, serve bone et fidelis, quia super pauca fuisti fidelis, super multa te constituam: intra in gaudium domini tui.

**OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 25**

Veritas mea et misericordia mea cum ipso: et in nomine meo exaltabitur cornu ejus.

**SECRET**

Sanctifica, quaesumus, Domine Deus, haec munera, quae in solemnitate sancti Antistitis tui Nicolai offerimus: ut per ea, vita nostra inter adversa et prospera ubique dirigatur. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

*Commemoration of Advent feria*

Placare, quaesumus, Domine, humilitatis nostrae precibus et hostiis: et ubi nulla suppetunt suffragia meritorum, tuis nobis succurre praesidiis. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

he that had received the one, going his way, digged into the earth and hid his lord's money. But after a long time the lord of those servants came and reckoned with them. And he that had received the five talents coming, brought other five talents, saying: Lord, thou didst deliver to me five talents, behold I have gained other five over and above. His lord said to him: Well done, good and faithful servant, because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will place thee over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. And he also that had received the two talents came and said: Lord, thou deliveredst two talents to me, behold I have gained other two. His lord said to him: Well done, good and faithful servant, because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will place thee over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

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

Sanctify, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, these gifts, which we offer on the solemnity of Thy holy Bishop Nicholas: that through them our lives, whether in adversity or in prosperity, may everywhere be guided aright. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Be appeased, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the prayers and sacrifices of our humility: and where no pleadings of merit suffice, do Thou, by Thine aid, assist us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who with Thee lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.