

THURSDAY AFTER THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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The Mass dwells on fasting and prayer. The Gospel recalls the woman of Chanaan who, by humility and perseverance in prayer, obtained the cure of her daughter. Our Lord at first appeared to refuse to perform a miracle in favor of a Gentile woman. The cure of her daughter showed the mercy of God calling to penance the Chanaanite and the publican.

INTROIT Psalms 95: 6

Conféssio et pulchritúdo in conspéctu ejus: sáncititas et magnificéntia in sanctificatióne ejus. (Ps. 95: 1) Cantáte Dómino cánticum novum: Cantáte Dómino, ómnis terra. Glória Patri et Filio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sǎcula sǎculórum. Amen. Conféssio et pulchritúdo in conspéctu ejus: sáncititas et magnificéntia in sanctificatióne ejus.

COLLECT

Devotiónem pópuli tui, quǎsumus, Dómine, bénígnus inténde: ut, qui per abstinéntiam macerántur in córpore, per fructum boni óperis reficiántur in mente. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǎcula sǎculórum.

For Forty Holy Martyrs

Præsta, quǎsumus, omnipotens 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 sǎcula sǎculórum.

LESSON Ezekiel 18: 1-9

In diébus illis: Quis est sermo Dómini ad me, dicens: Quid est, quod inter vos parábolam vértitis in provérbium istud in terra Israél, dicéntes: Patres comedérunt uvam acérbam, et dentes filiórum obstupéscunt? Vivo ego, dicit Dóminus Deus, si erit ultra vobis parábola hæc in provérbium in Israél. Ecce, omnes ánimæ meæ sunt: ut ánima patris, ita et ánima filii mea est: ánima, quæ peccáverit, ipsa moriétur. Et vir si fúerit justus, et fécerit judícium et justítiam, in móntibus non coméderit, et óculos suos non leváverit ad idóla domus Israél: et uxórem próximi sui non violáverit, et ad mulíerem menstruátam non accésserit: et hómínem non contristáverit: pignus debitóri reddiderit, per vim nihil rapúerit: panem suum esuriénti déderit, et nudum operúerit vestiméto: ad usúram non comódáverit, et ámplius non accéperit: ab iniquitáte avértent manum suam, et judícium verum fécerit inter virum et virum: in præcéptis meis ambuláverit, et júdicia mea custodíerit, ut fáciat veritátem: hic justus est, vita vivet, ait Dóminus omnipotens.

GRADUAL Psalms 16: 8, 2

Custódi me, Dómine, ut pupíllam óculi: sub umbra alárum tuárum prótege me. De vultu tuo judícium meum pródeat: óculi tui vídeant æquitátem.

GOSPEL Matthew 15: 21-28

In illo témpore: Egréssus Jesus secéssit in partes Tyri et Sidónis. Et ecce, múlier Chananæa a finibus illis egréssa clamávit, dicens ei: Miserére mei, Dómine, fili David: filia mea male a dæmónio vexátur. Qui non respóndit ei verbum. Et accedéntes discípuli ejus rogábant eum, dicéntes: Dimitte eam; quia clamat post nos. Ipse autem respóndens, ait: Non sum missus nisi ad oves, quæ periérunt domus Israél. At illa venit, et adorávit eum, dicens: Dómine, adjuva me. Qui respóndens, ait: Non est bonum súmere panem filiórum, et mittere cánibus. At illa dixit: Étiam, Dómine: nam et catélli edunt de micis, quæ cadunt de mensa dominórum suórum. Tunc respóndens Jesus, ait illi: O múlier, magna est fides tua: fiat tibi, sicut vis. Et sanáta est filia ejus ex illa hora.

OFFERTORY Psalms 33: 8- 9

Immíttet Ángelus Dómini in circúitu tíméntium eum, et erípiet eos: gustáte, et vidéte, quóniam suávis est Dóminus.

SECRET

Sacrificia, Dómine, quǎsumus, propénsius ista nos salvent, quæ medicinálibus sunt institúta jejúniis. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǎcula sǎculórum.

For Forty Holy Martyrs

Preces, Dómine, tuórum réspice oblationésque fidélium: ut et tibi gratæ sint pro tuórum festivitáte Sanctórum, et nobis cónferant tuæ propitiatiónis auxiliúm. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǎcula sǎculórum.

PREFACE OF LENT

Valere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper et ubíque grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnipotens, ætérne Deus: Qui corporáli jejúnio vítia cóprimis, mentem élevas, virtútem largírís et præmia: per Christum Dóminum nostrum, et quem Majestátatem tuam laudant Ángeli, adórant Dóminatiónes, tremunt Potestátes. Cæli cælórumque Virtútes ac beáta Séraphim sócia exsultatióne concélebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces ut admítti júbeas, deprecámur, súplici confessióne dicéntes:

COMMUNION John 6: 52

Panis, quem ego dédero, caro mea est pro sǎculi vita.

POSTCOMMUNION

Tuórum nos, Dómine, largitáte donórum, et temporálibus attólle præsídiis, et rénova sempitérnis. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǎcula sǎculórum.

For Forty Holy Martyrs

Sanctórum tuórum, Dómine, intercessióne placátus: præsta, quǎsumus; ut, quæ nobis perpétua salvatióne capiámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǎcula sǎculórum.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Humiliáte cápita vestra Deo. Da, quǎsumus, Dómine, pópulis cristiánis: et, quæ profiténtur, agnóscere, et cæléste munus dilígere, quod frequéntant. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǎcula sǎculórum.

Praise and beauty are before Him: holiness and majesty in His sanctuary. (Ps. 95: 1) Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle: sing to the Lord, all the earth. 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. Praise and beauty are before Him: holiness and majesty in His sanctuary.

Look down favorably, we beseech Thee, O Lord, upon the devotion of Thy people, that they whose bodies are mortified by abstinence, may through the fruit of good works be refreshed in mind. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that we, who acknowledge the boldness of thy glorious martyrs in confessing Thy name, may experience likewise their loving intercession for us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

In those days, the word of the Lord came to me, saying: What is the meaning that you use among you this parable as a proverb in the land of Israel, saying: The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the teeth of the children are set on edge. As I live, saith the Lord God, this parable shall be no more to you a proverb in Israel. Behold all souls are mine: as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, the same shall die. And if a man be just, and do judgment and justice, and hath not eaten upon the mountains, nor lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel: and hath not defiled his neighbor's wife, nor come near to a menstruous woman: And hath not wronged any man: but hath restored the pledge to the debtor, hath taken nothing away by violence: hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment: Hath not lent upon usury, nor taken any increase: hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, and hath executed true judgment between man and man: Hath walked in my commandments, and kept my judgments, to do truth: he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord almighty.

Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of Thine eye: protect me under the shadow of Thy wings. Let my judgment come forth from Thy countenance: let Thine eyes behold the things that are equitable.

At that time Jesus went from thence, and retired into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. And behold a woman of Canaan who came out of those coasts, crying out, said to him: Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David: my daughter is grievously troubled by the devil. Who answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying: Send her away, for she crieth after us: And he answering, said: I was not sent but to the sheep that are lost of the house of Israel. But she came and adored him, saying: Lord, help me. Who answering, said: It is not good to take the bread of the children, and to cast it to the dogs. But she said: Yea, Lord; for the whelps also eat of the crumbs that fall from the table of their masters. Then Jesus answering, said to her: O woman, great is thy faith: be it done to thee as thou wilt: and her daughter was cured from that hour.

The Angel of the Lord shall encamp round about them that fear Him, and shall deliver them: O taste, and see that the Lord is sweet.

May these sacrificial rites, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the more readily save us in that they are introduced by healing fasts. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Look down, O Lord, upon the prayers and oblations of Thy faithful; that they may be agreeable to Thee on the feast of Thy saints, and obtain for us the help of Thy propitiation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

It is truly fitting and just, proper and beneficial, that we should always and everywhere, give thanks unto Thee, holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God. Who by this bodily fast, dost curb our vices, dost lift up our minds and bestow on us strength and rewards; through Christ our Lord. Through Whom the Angels praise Thy majesty, the Dominations adore, the Powers tremble: the heavens and the hosts of heaven, and the blessed Seraphim, together celebrate in exultation. With whom, we pray Thee, command that our voices of supplication also be admitted in confessing Thee saying:

The bread that I will give is My Flesh for the life of the world.

Out of the abundance of Thy gifts, O Lord, sustain us with temporal safeguards, and renew us by the those that are eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Appeased, O Lord by the intercession of Thy saints, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may obtain by the celebration of this temporal act our eternal 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.

Bow down your heads before God. Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to all Christian people, that they may understand what they profess, and love the heavenly Gift which they frequent. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.