

**INTROIT Psalms 16: 15**

Ego autem cum iustitia apparebo in conspectu tuo: satiabor, dum manifestabitur gloria tua. (Ps. 16: 1) Exaudi, Domine, iustitiam meam: intende deprecationi meae. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

**COLLECT**

Da, quaesumus, omnipotens Deus: ut, sacro nos purificante jejunio, sinceris mentibus ad sancta ventura facias pervenire. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

*For St. Benedict*

Intercessio nos, quaesumus, Domine, beati Benedicti Abbatis commendat: ut, quod nostris meritis non valemus, ejus patrocinio assequamur. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

**LESSON Genesis 37: 6-22**

In diebus illis: Dixit Joseph fratribus suis: Audite somnium meum, quod vidi: Putabam nos ligare manipulos in agro: et quasi consurgere manipulum meum et stare, vestrosque manipulos circumstantes adorare manipulum meum. Respondérunt fratres ejus: Numquid rex noceris? aut subjiciemus dicioni tuae? Haec ergo causa somniorum atque sermorum, invidiae et odii fomitem ministravit. Aliud quoque vidit somnium, quod narrans fratribus, ait: Vidi per somnium, quasi solem et lunam et stellas undecim adorare me. Quod cum patri suo et fratribus rettulisset, increpavit eum pater suus, et dixit: Quid sibi vult hoc somnium, quod vidisti? Num ego et mater tua et fratres tui adorabimus te super terram? Invidabant ei igitur fratres sui: pater vero rem tacitus considerabat. Cumque fratres illius in pascendis gregibus patris morarentur in Sichem, dixit ad eum Israel: Fratres tui pascunt oves in Sichimis: veni, mittam te ad eos. Quo respondente: Praesto sum, ait ei: Vade et vide, si cuncta prospera sint erga fratres tuos et pecora: et renuntia mihi, quid agatur. Missus de valle Hebron, venit in Sichem: invenitque eum vir errantem in agro, et interrogavit, quid quaereret. At ille respondit: Fratres meos quero: indica mihi, ubi pascant greges. Dixitque ei vir: Recesserunt de loco isto: audivi autem eos dicentes: Eamus in Dóthain. Perréxit ergo Joseph post fratres suos, et invenit eos in Dóthain. Qui cum vidissent eum procul, antequam accederet ad eos, coquebantur illum occidere, et mutuo loquebantur: Ecce, somnium venit; venite, occidamus eum, et mittamus in cisternam veterem, dicemusque: Fera pessima devoravit eum: et tunc apparebit, quid illi prosint somnia sua. Audiens autem hoc Ruben, nitebatur liberare eum de manibus eorum, et dicebat: Non interficiatis animam ejus, nec effundatis sanguinem: sed proiicite eum in cisternam hanc, quae est in solitudine, manusque vestras servate innocuas: hoc autem dicebat, volens eripere eum de manibus eorum, et reddere patri suo.

**GRADUAL Psalms 119: 1-2**

Ad Dominum, cum tribulärer, clamavi, et exaudivit me. Domine, libera animam meam a labiis iniquis et a lingua dolosa.

**TRACT Psalms 102: 10**

Domine, non secundum peccata nostra, quae fecimus nos: neque secundum iniquitates nostras retribuas nobis. (Ps. 78: 8-9) Domine, ne memineris iniquitatum nostrarum antiquarum: cito anticipent nos misericordiae tuae, quia pauperes facti sumus nimis. (*Hic genuflectitur*) Adjuva nos, Deus, salutaris noster: et propter gloriam nominis tui, Domine, libera nos: et propitius esto peccatis nostris, propter nomen tuum.

**GOSPEL Matthew 21: 33-46**

In illo tempore: Dixit Jesus turbis Judaeorum et principibus sacerdotum parafamilias, qui plantavit vineam, et sepem circumdedit ei, et fodit in ea torcular, et aedificavit turrim, et locavit eam agricolis, et peregre profectus est. Cum autem tempus fructuum appropinquasset, misit servos suos ad agricolas, ut acciperent fructus ejus. Et agricolae, apprehensis servis ejus, alium ceciderunt, alium occiderunt, alium vero lapidaverunt. Iterum misit alios servos plures prioribus, et fecerunt illis similiter. Novissime autem misit ad eos filium suum, dicens: Verebuntur filium meum. Agricolae autem videntes filium, dixerunt intra se: Hic est heres, venite, occidamus eum, et habebimus hereditatem ejus. Et apprehensum eum ejecerunt extra vineam, et occiderunt. Cum ergo venerit dominus vineae, quid faciet agricolis illis? Ait illi: Malos male perdet: et vineam suam locabit aliis agricolis, qui reddant ei fructum temporibus suis. Dicit illis Jesus: Numquam legistis in Scripturis: Lapidem, quem reprobaverunt aedificantes, hic factus est in caput anguli? A Domino factum est istud, et est mirabile in oculis nostris. Ideo dico vobis, qui auferetur a vobis regnum Dei, et dabitur facienti superbi lapidem istum, confringetur: super quem vero ceciderit, conteret eum. Et cum audissent principes sacerdotum et pharisaei parabolas ejus, cognoverunt, quod de ipsis diceret. Et quaerentes eum tenere, in oculis nostris. Ideo dico vobis, qui auferetur a vobis regnum Dei, et dabitur facienti superbi lapidem istum, confringetur: super quem vero ceciderit, conteret eum. Et cum audissent principes sacerdotum et pharisaei parabolas ejus, cognoverunt, quod de ipsis diceret. Et quaerentes eum tenere, in oculis nostris.

**OFFERTORY Psalms 39: 14-15**

Domine, in auxilium meum respice: confundantur et reveantur, qui quaerunt animam meam, ut auferant eam: Domine, in auxilium meum respice.

**SECRET**

Haec in nobis sacrificia, Deus, et actioe permaneat, et operatione firmetur. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

*For St. Benedict*

Sacer altaris, Domine, hostias superpositas sanctus Benedictus Abbas, quaesumus, in salutem nobis provenire deposcat. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

**PREFACE OF LENT**

Vere dignum et justum est, aequum et salutare, nos tibi semper et ubique gratias agere: Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, aeternus Deus: Qui corporali jejunio vitam coeprimis, mentem elevas, virtutem largiris et praemia: per Christum Dominum nostrum. Per quem majestatem tuam laudant Angeli, adorant Dominiones, tremunt Potestates. Caeli caelorumque exultatione ac beatae Séraphim socia virtutis ac beatae Célebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces ut admitti jubeas, deprecamur, supplici confessione dicentes:

**COMMUNION Psalms 11: 8**

Tu, Domine, servabis nos, et custodies nos a generatione hac in aeternum.

**POSTCOMMUNION**

Fac nos, quaesumus, Domine: accepto pignore salutis aeternae, sic tendere congrueris: ut ad eam pervenire possimus. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

*For St. Benedict*

Protegat nos, Domine, cum tui perceptione sacramenti beatus Benedictus Abbas, pro nobis intercedendo: ut et conversationis ejus experiamus insignia, et intercessionis percipiamus suffragia. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

**PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**

Humiliate capita vestra Deo. Da, quaesumus, Domine, populo tuo salutem mentis et corporis: ut, bonis operibus inharendo, tuae semper virtutis mereatur protectione defendi. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

But I in justice shall behold Thy face; I shall be content when Thy glory shall appear. (Ps. 16: 1) Hear, O Lord, my justice; attend to my cry. 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. But I in justice shall behold Thy face; I shall be content when Thy glory shall appear.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that cleansed with the sacred fast: we may with sincere hearts reach the coming feast. 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 Benedict 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.

In those days, Joseph said to his brothers: Listen to this dream which I had. We were binding sheaves in the field; my sheaf rose up and remained standing, while your sheaves gathered round and bowed down to my sheaf. His brothers answered: Are you to be our king? Are you to rule over us? And because of his dreams and words they hated him the more. He had another dream which he also told to his brothers. I had another dream, he said. The sun, the moon and eleven stars were worshiping me. When he told that to his father and his brothers, his father reproved him. What is this dream that you have had? he said. Can it be that I and your mother and your brothers will come to bow to the ground before you? So his brothers envied him, while his father pondered the matter. When his brothers had gone to pasture their father's flocks at Sichem, Israel said to Joseph: Your brothers are pasturing the flocks at Sichem; get ready, I will send you to them. Joseph answered: I am ready. Go, then, said Israel, and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks; and bring back a report to me. So he sent him from the valley of Hebron, and he came to Sichem. A man found Joseph wandering about in the fields and asked him: What are you looking for? I am looking for my brothers, he answered. Tell me, please, where they are pasturing. The man said: They have moved on from here, because I heard them say: Let us go to Dothain. So Joseph went after his brothers and found them in Dothain. They saw him in the distance, and before he drew near them, they plotted to kill him. They said to one another: Here comes that dreamer! Let us therefore kill him and throw him into a cistern; we can say that a wild beast devoured him. Let us see then what becomes of his dreams. But when Ruben heard of it, he tried to rescue him from them saying: We must not kill him. Then he continued: Do not shed blood. Throw him into the cistern there in the desert, but do not lay a hand on him. His purpose was to rescue him from them and restore him to his father.

In my distress I called to the Lord, and He answered me. O Lord, deliver me from lying lip, from a treacherous tongue.

O Lord, deal with us not according to our sins, nor requite us according to our crimes. (Ps. 78: 8-9) O Lord, remember not against us the iniquities of the past; may Thy compassion quickly come to us, for we are brought very low. (*Kneel.*) Help us, O God, our Saviour, because of the glory of Thy Name, O Lord; deliver us and pardon our sins for Thy Name's sake.

At that time, Jesus spoke this parable to the multitude of the Jews and the chief priests: There was a man, a householder, who planted a vineyard, and put a hedge about it, and dug a wine vat in it, and built a tower; then he let it out to vinedressers, and went abroad. But when the fruit season drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers to receive his fruits. And the vinedressers seized his servants, and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent another party of servants more numerous than the first; and they did the same to these. Finally he sent his son to them, saying: They will respect my son. But the vinedressers, on seeing the son, said among themselves: This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and we shall have his inheritance. So they seized him, cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When, therefore, the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers? They said to Him: He will utterly destroy those evil men, and will let out the vineyard to other vinedressers, who will render to him the fruits in their seasons. Jesus said to them: Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone which the builders rejected, has become the cornerstone; is wonderul in our eyes? Therefore I say to you, that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and will be given to a people yielding its fruits. And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but upon whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder. And when chief priests and Pharisees had heard His parables, they knew that He was speaking about them. And though they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the people, because they regarded Him as a prophet.

Look to my aid, O Lord; let them be confounded and put to shame who seek my soul to take it away: Look to my aid, O Lord.

O God, may these sacrifices both remain in action in us and strengthen by their operation. 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 Benedict, 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.

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:

Thou, O Lord, will preserve us: and keep us from this generation forever.

Make us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, who have received the pledge of eternal salvation, so to strive that we may be able to attain it. 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 Benedict 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.

Bow your heads to God. Grant unto Thy people, we beseech Thee, O Lord, health of mind and body, that, by persevering in good works, we may be worthy to be protected by Your mighty power. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.