

INTROIT Psalms 26: 7-9

Exáudi, Dómine, vocem meam, qua clamávi ad te: adjútor meus esto, ne derelíquas me, neque despícias me, Deus salutáris meus. (Ps. 26: 1) Dóminus iiluminátio mea, et salus mea quem timébo? Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritu Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sǽculorum. Amen. Exáudi, Dómine, vocem meam, qua clamávi ad te: adjútor meus esto, ne derelíquas me, neque despícias me, Deus salutáris meus.

COLLECT

Deus, qui diligéntibus te bona invisibília præparásti: infúnde córdibus nostris tui amórís afféctum; ut te in ómnibus, et super ómnia diligéntes, promissiónes tuas, quæ omne desidérium súperent, consequámur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sǽculórum.

For St. Alexis, Confessor

Deus, qui nos beáti Aléxii Confessóris tui ánnua solemnitáte lètificas: concede propítius; ut, cujus natalitia còlimus, étiam actiones imitémur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sǽculórum.

EPISTLE 1 Peter 3: 8-15

Carissimi: Omnes unánimes in oratióne estóte, compatiétes, fraternitatis amatóres, misericórdes, modésti, húmiles: non reddéntes malum pro malo, nec maledíctum pro maledícto: sed e contrario benedicétes: quia in hoc vocáti estis, ut benedictiōnem hereditáte possideáatis. Qui enim vult vitam dilígere, et dies vidére bonos, coérceat linguam suam a malo, et lábia ejus ne loquántur dolum. Declínet a malo, et fáciat bonum: inquirat pacem, et sequátur eam. Quia óculi Dómini super justos, et aures ejus in preces eórum: vultus autem Dómini super faciéntes mala. Et quis est qui vobis nóceat, si boni æmulatóres fuéritis? Sed et si quid patímini propter justítiam, beáti. Timórem autem eórum ne timuéritis: et non conturbémini. Dóminum autem Christum sanctificáte in córdibus vestris.

GRADUAL Psalms 83: 10, 9

Protéctor noster áspice, Deus: et respíce super servos tuos. Dómine Deus virtútum, exáudi preces servórum tuórum. Allelúa, allelúa. (Ps. 20: 1) Dómine, in virtute tua lètabitur rex: et super salutáre tuum exsultábit veheménter. Allelúa.

GOSPEL Matthew 5: 20-24

In illo tempore: Dixit Jesus discípulis suis: Nisi abundáverit justitia vestra plus quam scribárum et pharisæórum, non intrábitis in regnum cælórum. Audístis quia dictum est antiquis: Non occides: qui autem occíderet, reus erit iudicio. Ego autem dico vobis: quia omnis, qui irásctur fratri suo, reus erit iudicio. Qui autem díixerit fratri suo: raca, reus erit concilio. Qui autem dixérat: fátue: reus erit gehennæ ignis. Si ergo offers munus tuum ad altáre, et ibi recordátus fúeris, quia frater tuus habet áliquid advérsum te: relínque ibi munus tuum ante altáre, et vade prius reconciliári fratri tuo: et tunc véniens offeres munus tuum.

OFFERTORY Psalms 15: 7-8

Benedicám Dóminum, qui tríbuit mihi intelléctum: providébam Deum in conspéctu meo semper: quóniam a dextris est mihi, ne commóvear.

SECRET

Propítia, Dómine, supplicatióibus nostris: et has oblationes famulórum famularúmque tuárum benígnus assúme; ut, quod sínguli obtulérunt ad honórem nóminalis tui, cunctis proficiat ad salútē. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sǽculórum.

For St. Alexis, Confessor

Laudis tibi, Dómine, hostias immolámus in tuórum commemoratione sanctórum: quibus nos et præséntibus éxui malis confidimus, et futuris. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sǽculórum.

COMMUNION Psalms 26: 4

Unam pétii a Dómino, hanc requíram: ut inhábitem in domo Dómini ómnibus diébus vitæ meæ.

POSTCOMMUNION

Quos cælesti, Dómine, dono satiásti: præsta, quæsumus; ut a nostris mundémur occúltis, et ab hóstium liberémur insídiis. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sǽculórum.

For St. Alexis, Confessor

Refécti cibo, pótusque cælesti, Deus noster, te súpplices exorámus: ut, in cuius hæc commemoratione percépimus, ejus muniámur et præcibus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sǽculórum.

Hear, O Lord, my voice with which I have cried to Thee: be Thou my helper, forsake me not, nor do Thou despise me, O God, my Savior. (Ps. 26: 1) The Lord is my light, and my salvation, whom shall I fear? 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. Hear, O Lord, my voice with which I have cried to Thee: be Thou my helper, forsake me not, nor do Thou despise me, O God, my Savior.

O God, Who hast prepared for them that love Thee good things unseen: pour into our hearts such love towards Thee, that, loving Thee in all and above all, we may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

O God, Who dost gladden us by the annual feast of blessed Alexis, Thy confessor, mercifully grant that, as we celebrate his natal day, we may also imitate his actions. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Dearly beloved: Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, being lovers of the brotherhood, merciful, modest, humble, not rendering evil for evil, nor railing for railing, but contrariwise, blessing: for unto this you are called, that you may inherit a blessing. For he that will love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile. Let him decline from evil and do good; let him seek after peace, and pursue it: because the eyes of the Lord are upon the just, and His ears unto their prayers, but the countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil things. And who is he that can hurt you, if you be zealous of good? But if also you suffer anything for justice' sake, blessed are ye. And be not afraid of their fear, and be not troubled: but sanctify the Lord Christ in your hearts.

Behold, O God our protector, and look on Thy servants. O Lord God of hosts, give ear to the prayers of Thy servants. Alleluia, alleluia. (Ps. 20: 1) In Thy strength, O Lord, the king shall rejoice; and in Thy salvation he shall rejoice exceedingly. Alleluia.

At that time Jesus said to His disciples: Except your justice abound more than that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven. You have heard that it was said to them of old: Thou shalt not kill and whosoever shall kill, shall be in danger of the judgment. But I say to you, that whosoever is angry with his brother, shall be in danger of the judgment and whosoever shall say to his brother: Raca, shall be in danger of the council; and whosoever shall say: Thou fool, shalt be in danger of hell fire. If therefore thou offer thy gift at the altar, and there thou remember that thy brother hath anything against thee, leave there thy offering before the altar, and go first to be reconciled to thy brother; and then coming thou shalt offer thy gift.

I bless the Lord Who counsels me; I set God ever before me; with Him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

Be merciful, O Lord, to our humble pleading: and favorably receive these offerings of Thy servants and handmaidens, that what each of us has offered to the honor of Thy name, may profit us all 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.

We offer Thee, O Lord, sacrifices of praise in commemoration of Thy saints, by whom we trust to be delivered from evils both present and future. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

One thing I have asked of the Lord, this I will seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Thou hast filled us with thy heavenly gifts, O Lord: grant, we beseech Thee, to cleanse us from our hidden faults, and deliver us from the snares of our enemies. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

We Thy suppliants, who are refreshed with heavenly food and drink, beseech Thee, O our God, that we may be fortified by the prayers of him in whose commemoration we have partaken of these gifts. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.