

June 24

BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

MASS OF THE DAY

INTROIT

De ventre matris meæ

Is 49: 1, 2

I

F Rom my mother's womb * the Lord called me by

my name; and he made my mouth like unto a sharp

sword; he protected me in the shadow of his hand,

and he made me as his chosen ar-row.

Psalm 92 (91)

1. It is good to give thanks to the **LORD**, *
to make music to your name, O **Most High**,
to proclaim your loving mercy in the **morning**, *
and your truth in the watches of the **night**,
on the tenstringed lyre and the **lute**, *
with the sound of song on the **harp**.

2. You have gladdened me, O LORD, *by your deeds*; *
for the work of your hands I shout *with joy*.

O LORD, how great *are your works*! *
How deep are your *designs*!

The senseless *cannot know* this, *
and the fool cannot *understand*.

3. Though the wicked spring *up like grass*, *
and all who do *evil thrive*,
they are doomed to be eternally *destroyed*. *
But you, O LORD, are eternally *on high*.

Glory be to the Father ...

OFFERTORY

Iustus ut palma

Ps 92 (91): 13

IV

T HE righteous man shall flourish like the palm tree;
he shall grow up like a cedar of Lebanon.

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4. See, your enemies, O LORD, †
 see, your *enemies will perish*; *
 all who do evil will be scattered.

COMMUNION

Tu, puer

Lk 1: 76

II

Y OU, child, will be called the prophet of the Most
 High; you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.

Lk 1: 68-75, 77-79

1. Blessed be the Lord, the *God of Israel*; *
 he has come to his people and set *them free*.
 He has raised up for us a *mighty savior*, *
 born of the house of his servant David.

2. Through his holy prophets he promised of old †
that he would save us *from our* enemies, *
from the hands of all *who hate* us.
3. He promised to show mercy *to our* fathers *
and to remember his *holy* covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our *father* Abraham; *
to set us free from the hands of *our* enemies,
free to worship him *without fear*, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of *our* life.
4. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of *the Most High*; *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare *his way*,
to give his people knowledge *of salvation* *
by the forgiveness of *their sins*.
5. In the tender compassion *of our God* *
the dawn from on high shall break *upon* us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the *shadow of death*, *
and to guide our feet into the way *of peace*.

Glory be to the Father ...

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