

4 August

St. Dominic, Confessor

Our Father

I class

I VESPERS

Ant. to psalms O happy parent, Spain, rejoice in giving to the world the joy of new offspring! But, rejoice still more, Bologna, because you are favoured with the glory of so great a father. O universal Mother Church, sing in praise as you celebrate the festival of this new source of fame!

Psalm Praise O servants, etc. [1].

Little Chapter **Ecclus. 50**

He was like the morning star among the clouds, like the moon when it is full; like the sun shining upon the temple of the Most High.

Ry. O wonderful hope, which you gave to those who wept for you at the hour of your death, promising that after your decease you would be helpful to your brethren! * Fulfil, Father, what you have said, and help us by your prayers.

V. You shone on the

bodies of the sick by so many miracles. Bring us the help of Christ to heal our sick souls. — Fulfil. — Glory. — Fulfil.

Hymn

Exult, O Mother Church, give voice!
To this all-gladsome feast attend!
For you the courts of heaven rejoice,
As offspring new to them you send.

The father, chief, and gracious head
Of Preachers' Order, Dominic rose;
His light beyond this world has spread,
As citizen to heaven he goes.

From prison of the flesh made free
In heavenly glory now he shines;
Instead of poor man's cincture, see,
A royal robe this man entwines.

MATINS

The perfumes from his tomb, that leak,
With many miracles ally
To claim for Christ's own servant meek,
The wondrous ways of king, most high.

Invit. The glad solemnities of Dominic are begun. * Let the church applaud with abundant praise.

Hymn

May God the Three and One be praised,
In glory, honour, might and love;
And we to heavenly joy be raised
At Dominic's prayer for us above.
Amen.

Applaud the Lord's own champion new,
Praise Dominic, sing loud his fame;
His work, the Lord's, his preaching, true;
His life befits his Master's name.

V. Blessed father, Dominic, pray for us. **Ry.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Magnif. ant. The poor man passes to the kingly throne, the captain to the royal power, the victor to the prize, death to life, labour to rest: present sorrow gives place to joy.

Prayer

O God, you were pleased to enlighten your church with the merits and teaching of the blessed Dominic, your confessor and our father; grant, at his intercession, that she may not be wanting in temporal help, and may always increase in spiritual growth. Through.

Compline from Sunday.

Virginity, in highest fame,
All lily-white he kept unstained;
His zeal burned like a torch aflame,
For souls that Satan else had gained.

The world he trod beneath his feet,
And on to rugged toil he pressed;
Unarmed he runs the foe to meet,
By Christ's strong grace upheld and blessed.

He sends his brethren through the sphere,
His weapons are the gospel true,
Unceasing prayer and frequent tear,
While miracles his path bestrew.

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One be praised,
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Amen.

I Nocturn

Ant. 1 Foreshadowed in the likeness of a hound, a new and heaven-sent herald in these latter times, Dominic, a poor man, shone afar.

Psalms from the Common of a Confessor [100].

Ant. 2 Preserving unstained the flower of purity, he attained the freedom of the perfect life.

Ant. 3 Sufficiently instructed in the literature of the Arts, he passed to the pursuit of the supreme Truth.

V. The Lord loved him and adorned him. **Ry.** He clothed him with a robe of glory.

From the blessed apostle Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

Lesson i Chapter 1

Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased

God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Ry. i. Calling the world to the marriage feast of the Lamb, the householder at the time for the banquet sent his servant * foretelling the multiple joys of life. **V.** For this splendid banquet he chose the holy Dominic to be a herald. - Foretelling.

From the second Letter to the Corinthians

Lesson ii Chapter 4

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. We have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practise cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to

those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the likeness of God.

Ry. ii. Christ's wonderful grace foreshows him as given to the world for the glory of the world. * Heralds precede his birth, auguries of truth. **V.** A star shining on the child's forehead predicts a new luminary for the world. - Heralds.

Lesson iii

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our bodies.

Ry. iii. Enemies arise while the word of life is being openly preached. The book is written; all approve. * Thus error is overcome, faith is exalted. **V.** Three times the book was thrown to the flames; three times it emerged quite uninjured. - Thus error. - Glory. - Faith is.

II Nocturn

Ant. 4 Diligently applying himself, he made progress under the rule of Augustine. At last, the Canon Regular is transformed into an apostle.

Ant. 5 Labouring for the name of Christ, he fills the world with divine seed, living all the time under the protection of poverty.

Ant. 6 He had no bed of his own but spent all night with Christ. After profuse weeping, he scarcely allowed his worn-out body to rest upon the ground.

V. The Lord guided the righteous man on straight paths. **Ry.** He showed him the kingdom of God.

From Theodoric of Apoldia, St. Antonius and other biographers

Lesson iv

The most holy father, Dominic, was born in Calaruega in Spain of the highly renowned Guzman

family. It seemed to his mother, in a dream that she had during pregnancy, that she bore in her womb a hound carrying in its mouth a torch, as though to set the world on fire. By this was indicated that the peoples would be stimulated to christian virtue by the light of his holiness and doctrine. From his study of the liberal arts and of theology, Dominic became exceptionally learned and was later made a canon regular of the diocese of Osma. Afterwards, he founded the famous Order of Preachers, from which, down the centuries, innumerable examples of holiness and learning have arisen in the church. The Order was confirmed by the Supreme Pontiff, Honourous III, in the year 1216.

Ry. iv. Climbing the heights of poverty, he cries out in detestation of the sins of the world, he crushes the enemy and puts their forces to flight; * no risks discourage the saint. **V.** By night traversing the portals of heaven, by day he sows on earth the seed of the word. — No risks.

Lesson v

After the Order had been confirmed, he was accustomed to spend nights, almost completely

sleepless, in the church. During his prayer he would kneel for a time and then, for a time, would lie prostrate on the ground. Should his tired members be overwhelmed by sleep, he used rest a little, either standing pressed against the altar or bowed down upon the hard stone. Each night he scourged his naked body so severely with an iron chain that the blood streamed forth. Dominic wept profusely, especially when celebrating the holy sacrifice of the Mass. Nothing gave him greater pleasure than to be despised. All his life, he preserved his purity intact, both in mind and in body.

Ry. v. Bread given from heaven supplies the brethren's need, * and the son restored to life dispels a mother's grief. **V.** Rain obeys the sign of the cross; his speech forms different languages. — And the son.

Lesson vi

The sins and afflictions of mankind caused him very great anguish. Singing hymns, he journeyed barefoot even through rough country. Exceptional for abstinence, he never ate meat and, even when sick, did not relax his fast. Dominic passed his whole life without committing grave sin. A most careful

guardian of the tongue, he spoke only with God or with reference to God; rarely did he speak on other matters. He greatly longed for the salvation of souls and was most desirous of martyrdom. Seven years he spent in combating the heretical Albigenses and led many of them back to the catholic faith. During life and after death, Dominic performed very great miracles, among them the raising from the dead of three people at Rome. Obviously apostolic in heart and soul, he was a pillar of the faith, a trumpet of the gospel, an eye of the world, a light of Christ, a second Precursor, and a great harvester of souls. Many garlands of virtues adorn him in heaven.

Ry. vi. The earthly bond being loosed, the grain winnowed from the straw is transferred from the threshing-floor of poverty to the granary of heaven; * with the reward of virginity resplendent in the company of doctors. **V.** A flower, blooming in a garden of flowers, he rejoices in the double aureole that he has won. — With the reward. — Glory. — Resplendent.

III Nocturn

Ant. 7 The servant of Christ thirsted for martyr-

dom as the deer yearns for running streams.

Ant. 8 The humble father, when about to die, leaves to his followers a support of life, a legacy of poverty.

Ant. 9 Free from the trammels of the flesh he entered heaven, where, drinking deeply, he savours that for which he had thirsted.

V. The just will flourish like the palm tree in the house of the Lord. **Ry.** He shall grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson vii Chapter 5

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltness be restored?" Etc.

Homily of St. Augustine, Bishop

Book 1 on the Lord's Sermon on the mount, ch. 6

The Lord shows that those men are to be considered fools who through seeking an abundance of temporal goods, or through fear of lacking them, lose the eternal goods which man can neither give

nor take away. If, then, salt loses its taste, how shall its saltness be restored? That is, if you, through whom the people are, as it were, to be preserved, lose the kingdom of heaven from fear of temporal persecutions, through whom will your mistakes be taken away, since it is you that God has chosen as those through whom he may take away the mistakes of others?

Ry. vii. O happy vine, from whose shoot so great a growth spreads over the world, * giving mankind to drink of the wine of heaven from the life-giving cup. **V.** With an abundance of branches it already encircles the world. — Giving.

Lesson viii

Therefore salt without saltness is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trodden underfoot by men. He who suffers persecution is not trodden underfoot by men, but he who through fear of persecution becomes foolish. Only what is below can be trodden underfoot. He, however, is not below who in his heart dwells in heaven, even though he may bodily endure many things on earth.

Ry. viii. Choirs of angels meet him as he goes up from the valley of this uncertain world. * O good Jesus, at the prayer of Dominic, grant that we may be pleasing to you.

V. On account of him, through whom you raised many from the dead, remit to us the punishment we have incurred. — O good Jesus.

Lesson ix

You are the light of the world. Just as, above, he said, “Salt of the earth,” so now he says, “Light of the world.” “Earth” is not to be understood here as that on which we tread bodily, but rather, as the people who live in this world, or even sinners. To preserve these and to destroy corruption in them, the Lord sent the apostolic salt into the world. So, “world” must here be taken to mean neither the heavens nor the earth, but men who are in the world, or who love the world; to enlighten these the Apostles were sent.

Ry. ix. O wonderful hope, which you gave to those who wept for you at the hour of your death, promising that after your decease you would be helpful to your brethren! * Fulfil, Father, what you have said, and help us by

your prayers. **V.** You shone on the bodies of the sick by so many miracles. Bring us the help of Christ to heal our sick souls. — Fulfil. — Glory. — Fulfil.

Before Lauds V. Blessed Father, Dominic, pray for us. **Ry.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LAUDS

Antiphons (and at the Hours)

1. This is the joyful day on which the blessed Dominic, as an eminent citizen, enters the hall of the heavenly court.

On the feast of the Transfer.

1. Loving father, Dominic, be mindful of your works. Plead before the supreme Judge for your group of poor.

Psalm The Lord is King etc. p. 29.

2. Poor in property, rich in a pure life, at the price of poverty he enjoys the privileges of heaven.

3. In a vision, a brother sees a ladder reaching to heaven, by which ladder the father, at his death, was being raised heavenwards.

4. By earnest word and

work he built this ladder, which the Virgin Mother, accompanied by her Son, drew heavenwards.

5. In the choir of virgins, the doctor of truth shines forth, wearing with these blessed ones, a twofold garland of honour.

Little Chapter Ecclus. 50

He was like the morning star among the clouds, like the moon when it is full; like the sun shining upon the temple of the Most High.

Hymn

Let this our choir break forth today
In tuneful song of joy that's new;
With hymn melodious let us pay
Respect to saintly Dominic, true.

When this world's night begins to fall
A new-found star is seen to rise;
To those who pine in sinful thrall
A herald of salvation flies.

The gospel teaching then he sows
Throughout the world from pole to pole;
And leprous heresy o'erthrows
As Order new he gives its goal.

As tiny spring that seemed
to grow
To be a torrent in full
stream;
Already wonderful, its flow
Now gives this world the
drink supreme.

May God the Three and
One be praised,
In glory, honour, might
and love;
And we to heavenly joy be
raised
At Dominic's prayer for us
above.
Amen.

∇. The just man will
blossom as the lily. *Ry.*
And he will flourish before
the Lord for ever.

Bened. ant. Integrity of
the flesh, martyrdom of
soul, eloquence of speech
filling the world, have pur-
chased for you, O poor one
of Christ, the reward of life
at the end of the contest.

Prayer

O God, you were pleased
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At the Hours, psalms
from Sunday.

TERCE

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*Little Chapter as in II
Vespers.*

Ry. The Lord loved him
and adorned him, * alle-
luia, alleluia. — The Lord
loved him. ∇. He clothed
him with a robe of glory.
— Alleluia. — Glory. — The
Lord loved him.

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SEXT

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sees a ladder reaching to
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Little Chapter Is. 59

My spirit which is upon
you, and my words
which I have put in your
mouth, shall not depart out
of your mouth, or out of the
mouth of your children or
out of the mouth of your
children's children, says
the Lord, from this time
forth and for evermore.

Ry. The Lord guided
the righteous man on
straight paths, * alleluia,
alleluia. — The Lord. ∇.
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dom of God. — Alleluia.
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these blessed ones, a two-
fold garland of honour.

Little Chapter Malach. 2

T rue instruction was in
his mouth, and no
wrong was found on his
lips. He walked with me
in peace and uprightness,
and he turned many from
iniquity.

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like the palm tree in the
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luia, alleluia. — The just.
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Dominic, pray for us. *Ry.*
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Magnif. ant. Light of
the church, teacher of
truth, rose of patience,
ivory of chastity, you freely
poured forth the waters of
wisdom; preacher of grace,
unite us with the blessed.

*On the Feast of the
Transfer.*

Magnif. ant. Great
father, holy Dominic,
always watch lovingly over
us here below, and take us
up with you at the hour of
our death.

Prayer

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to enlighten your
church with the merits and
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Compline from Sunday

5 August

St. Mary of the Snows

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

When Liberius was Sup-
reme Pontiff, John, a
noble Roman and his
equally noble wife, being
childless, vowed their pos-
sessions to the most holy
Virgin Mother of God. The
Blessed Virgin graciously
consenting to their prayers
and vows, showed approval
by a miracle. On the fifth
of August, usually a time of
very great heat in Rome,
snow fell at night and
covered part of the Exquil-
ine hill. On the same night,
the Mother of God made
known, separately, to John
and his wife, in dreams,
that they should build a
church at that spot. John
related to Pope Liberius
what had happened. The
Pope stated that he, also,
had experienced the same
thing in a dream. Accord-
ingly, he went to the snow-
covered hill and there
marked the site of a church.
It was then built through

the money of John and his
wife. In later times the
church was restored by
Sixtus III. It has been
known by various names,
but in order that the high
rank of the title might be
indicated, it was named the
church of Saint Mary
Major.

Ry. iii. You are, indeed,
happy, holy Virgin Mary,
and most worthy of all
praise, * for, from you has
risen the Sun of Justice,
Christ, our God. ∇. Pray
for the people, plead for the
clergy, intercede for the
consecrated women; may
all who celebrate your fes-
tival experience your assis-
tance. — For. — Glory. —
Christ our God.

LAUDS

Prayer

Grant, we beseech you,
Lord God, that we of
your household may enjoy
unfailing health of mind
and body and, through the
glorious intercession of
blessed Mary, ever virgin,
be delivered from present
sorrow to delight in joy
eternal. Through.

6 August

**The Transfiguration of
the Lord**

II class

At I Vespers when the

*feast falls on Sunday or is
celebrated as I class:*

Ant. to psalms Jesus
took with him Peter and
James and John his brother,
and led them up a high
mountain apart. And he
was transfigured before
them.

Psalm Praise O servants,
etc. [1.]

Little Chapter Philipp. 3.

We await a Saviour, the
Lord Jesus Christ,
who will change our lowly
body to be like his glorious
body.

Ry. As Jesus was praying,
the appearance of his coun-
tenance was altered, and his
raiment became dazzling
white. And two men
talked with him, * Moses
and Eli'jah, who appeared
in glory. ∇. And they
spoke of his departure,
which he was to accom-
plish at Jerusalem.—Moses.—
Glory. — In glory.

Hymn as at Matins.

∇. You have appeared
with glory in the sight of
the Lord. *Ry.* Therefore
the Lord has clothed you
in splendour.

Magnif. ant. Christ
Jesus, reflecting the Father
and bearing the very stamp
of his nature, upholding
the universe by his word of
power, making purification
for sins, was pleased this
day to appear in glory on a
high mountain, alleluia.

Prayer

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son you confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the fathers, and by the voice coming from a bright cloud, you wonderfully foreshadowed the perfection of adoption as children; graciously be pleased to make us co-heirs with this King of glory and sharers in that same glory. Through the same.

Compline from Sunday.

MATINS

Invit. Let us adore Christ, King, most high, of glory, * and let us rejoice for the gift of his grace.

Hymn

All you, who long toward Christ to fly,
Raise up your gaze unto the sky;
For there it is allowed to view
The sign of glory ever new.

A radiant Something there we see
From every limitation free;
Sublime and boundless,
One most high
Before the chaos or the sky.

Behold that King of Gentiles, famed,
And King of Jewish people named;
That promised One, in ages past,
To Abraham and his seed forecast.

The Father makes his statement true,
Endorsed by witness prophets two;
His will he, then, declares, that we
Must hear this King and faithful be.

All glory, Lord, to you we pay,
Who showed yourself to man today;
With Father and the Spirit be
All glory yours eternally.
Amen.

I Nocturn

Psalm 8

How great is your name,
O Lord our God * through all the earth!
Your majesty is praised * above the heavens;
On the lips of children and of babes you have found praise * to foil your enemy, to silence the foe and the rebel.
When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, * the moon and the stars which you arranged,

What is man that you should keep him in mind, * mortal man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a god; * with glory and honour you crowned him,

Gave him power over the works of your hand, * put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and cattle, * yes, even the savage beasts,

Birds of the air, and fish * that make their way through the waters.

How great is your name, O Lord our God, * through all the earth!

Ant. 1 Made little less than a god, with glory and honour he has been crowned and given power over the works of God's hand.

Psalm 28

O give the Lord, you sons of God, * give the Lord glory and power;

Give the Lord the glory of his name. * Adore the Lord in his holy court.

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, * the Lord on the immensity of waters;

The voice of the Lord, full of power, * the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

The Lord's voice shattering the cedars, * the Lord

shatters the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon leap like a calf * and Sirion like a young wild-ox.

(The Lord's voice flashes * flames of fire.)

The Lord's voice shaking the wilderness, * the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh;

The Lord's voice rending the oak tree * and stripping the forest bare.

The God of glory thunders. * In his temple they all cry: "Glory!"

The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; * the Lord sits as king for ever.

The Lord will give strength to his people, * the Lord will bless his people with peace.

Ant. 2 The Lord stripped the forest bare. In his temple they all cry: "Glory!"

Psalm 44

My heart overflows with noble words. To the king I must speak the song I have made; * my tongue as nimble as the pen of a scribe.

You are the fairest of the children of men and graciousness is poured upon your lips: * because God has blessed you for evermore.

O mighty one, gird your sword upon your thigh; * in splendour and state,

ride on in triumph for the cause of truth and goodness and right.

Take aim with your bow * in your dread right hand.

Your arrows are sharp : peoples fall beneath you. * The foes of the king fall down and lose heart.

Your throne, O God, shall endure for ever. * A sceptre of justice is the sceptre of your kingdom.

Your love is for justice ; your hatred for evil. * Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above other kings :

Your robes are fragrant with aloes and myrrh. * From the ivory palace you are greeted with music.

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. * On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words : * forget your own people and your father's house.

So will the king desire your beauty: * He is your lord, pay homage to him.

And the people of Tyre shall come with gifts, * the richest of the people shall seek your favour.

The daughter of the king is clothed with splendour, * her robes embroidered with pearls set in gold.

She is led to the king with her maiden companions. * They are escorted amid gladness and joy ; they pass within the palace of the king.

Sons shall be yours in place of your fathers: * you will make them princes over all the earth.

May this song make your name for ever remembered. * May the peoples praise you from age to age.

Ant. 3 You are the fairest of the children of men and graciousness is poured upon your lips.

V. You have appeared with glory in the sight of the Lord. **Ry.** Therefore the Lord has clothed you in splendour.

From the blessed apostle Peter's Second Letter

Lesson i Chapter 1

Brethren, be the more zealous to confirm your call and election, for if you do this you will never fall ; so there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Therefore I intend always to remind you of these things, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to arouse you by way of re-

Lesson iii

minder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.

Ry. i. Arise, shine, Jerusalem, for your light has come, * and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. **V.** And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. — And the glory.

Lesson ii

And I will see to it that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eye-witnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Ry. ii. In a shining cloud the Holy Spirit was seen, the Father's voice was heard, * "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased ; listen to him." **V.** A cloud appeared and overshadowed them, and the Father's voice resounded. — This is my beloved Son.

We heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by the impulse of man, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Ry. iii. See what love the Father has given us, * that we should be called children of God ; and so we are.

V. We know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. — That we should be. — Glory. — That we should be.

II Nocturn

Psalm 75

God is made known in Judah ; * in Israel his name is great.

He set up his tent in Jerusalem * and his dwelling place in Sion.

It was there he broke the flashing arrows, * the shield, the sword, the armour.

You, Lord, are resplendent, * more majestic than the everlasting mountains.

The warriors, despoiled, slept in death; * the hands of the soldiers were powerless.

At your threat, O God of Jacob, * horse and rider lay stunned.

You, you alone, strike terror. * Who shall stand when your anger is roused?

You uttered your sentence from the heavens; * the earth in terror was still

When God arose to judge, * to save the humble of the earth.

Men's anger will serve to praise you; * its survivors surround you in joy.

Make vows to your God and fulfil them. * Let all pay tribute to him who strikes terror,

Who cuts short the breath of princes, * who strikes terror in the kings of the earth.

Ant. 4 You, Lord, are resplendent, more majestic than the everlasting mountains: the warriors were despoiled.

Psalm 83

How lovely is your dwelling place, * Lord, God of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning, * is yearning for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my soul ring out their joy * to God, the living God.

The sparrow herself finds a home * and the swallow a nest for her brood;

She lays her young by your altars, * Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

They are happy, who dwell in your house, * for ever singing your praise.

They are happy, whose strength is in you, * in whose hearts are the roads to Sion.

As they go through the Bitter Valley they make it a place of springs, * the autumn rain covers it with blessings.

They walk with ever-growing strength, * they will see the God of gods in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer, * give ear, O God of Jacob.

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, * look on the face of your anointed.

One day within your courts * is better than a thousand elsewhere.

The threshold of the house of God * I prefer to the dwellings of the wicked.

For the Lord God is a rampart, a shield; * he will give us his favour and glory.

The Lord will not refuse any good * to those who walk without blame.

Lord, God of hosts, * happy the man who trusts in you!

Ant. 5 One day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Psalm 86

On the holy mountain is his city * cherished by the Lord.

The Lord prefers the gates of Sion * to all Jacob's dwellings.

Of you are told glorious things, * O city of God!

"Babylon and Egypt I will count among those who know me; * Philistia, Tyre, Ethiopia, these will be her children

And Sion shall be called 'Mother' * for all shall be her children."

It is he, the Lord Most High, * who gives each his place.

In his register of peoples he writes: * "These are her children,"

And while they dance they will sing: * "In you all find their home."

Ant. 6 Of you are told glorious things, O city of God.

V. With glory and honour you crowned him, Lord. **Ry.** You gave him power over the works of your hand.

Sermon of Pope St. Leo
From a Sermon on the
Transfiguration, before the
middle

Lesson iv

The Lord reveals his glory before chosen witnesses, and with such splendour does he glorify that bodily appearance which he, in common with the others, possessed, that his countenance became radiant like the sun and his garments white as snow. The chief consideration in this transfiguration was that the stumbling block of the cross should be removed from the hearts of the disciples; and that the humiliation of his passion, freely undergone, should not disturb the faith of those to whom had been revealed the excellence of his hidden dignity. But with no less foresight, the foundation was laid of the hope of holy church, that the whole body of Christ might realise with what a change it was to be endowed: and that the members might promise themselves a share in that honour which had shone forth in the head.

Ry. iv. They feasted on the riches of your house; * they drank from the stream of your delight. **V.** In you is the source of life and in your light we see light. — They drank.

Lesson v

But while reassuring the Apostles and leading them to all knowledge, still further instruction was conveyed by that miracle. For Moses and Eli'jah, that is, the Law and the Prophets, appeared talking with the Lord, so that, in the presence of those five men, most truly might be fulfilled that which was said: "Every word is confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses." What is more stable, what more steadfast, than that word in whose proclamation the trumpet of the Old Testament and that of the New sound in unison, and the recorders of the ancient declarations join harmoniously with the gospel teaching?

Ry. v. Master, it is well that we are here: let us make three booths here, * one for you, one for Moses and one for Eli'jah. **V.** For he did not know what to say. — One for you.

Lesson vi

For the writings of both Covenants agree one with the other, and he who had been foretold under veil of mysteries by the former signs, is displayed clearly and manifestly by the splendour of his present glory. The apostle

Peter, therefore, stirred by the revelation of these mysteries, despising things worldly and spurning things earthly, was carried away by a certain excess of mind to the desire of things eternal: and filled with the joy of the whole vision, he longed to dwell there with Jesus in whose obvious glory he rejoiced.

Ry. vi. If the dispensation of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such splendour that the Israelites could not look at Moses' face because of its brightness, fading as this was, * will not the dispensation of the Spirit be attended with greater splendour? **V.** Yet Christ has been counted worthy of as much more glory than Moses, as the builder of a house has more honour than the house. — Will not the dispensation. — Glory. — With greater splendour.

III Nocturn

Psalm 88

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; * through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, * that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *

I have sworn to David my servant:

I will establish your dynasty for ever * and set up your throne through all ages."

The heavens proclaim your wonders, O Lord; * the assembly of your holy ones proclaims your truth.

For who in the skies can compare with the Lord * or who is like the Lord among the sons of God?

A God to be feared in the council of the holy ones, * great and dreadful to all around him.

O Lord God of hosts, who is your equal? * You are mighty, O Lord, and truth is your garment.

It is you who rule the sea in its pride; * it is you who still the surging of its waves.

It is you who trod Rahab underfoot like a corpse, * scattering your foes with your mighty arm.

The heavens are yours, the world is yours. * It is you who founded the earth and all it holds;

It is you who created the North and the South. * Tabor and Hermon shout with joy at your name.

Yours is a mighty arm, O Lord; * your hand is strong, your right hand ready.

Justice and right are the pillars of your throne, * love and truth walk in your presence.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, * who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,

Who find their joy every day in your name, * who make your justice the source of their bliss.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; * it is by your favour that our might is exalted:

For our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; * our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

Ant. 7 Tabor and Hermon shout with joy at your name. Yours is a mighty arm, O Lord.

Psalm 96

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, * the many coastlands be glad.

Cloud and darkness are his raiment; * his throne, justice and right.

A fire prepares his path; * it burns up his foes on every side.

His lightnings light up the world, * the earth trembles at the sight.

The mountains melt like wax * before the Lord of all the earth.

The skies proclaim his justice; * all peoples see his glory.

Let those who serve idols be ashamed, those who boast of their worthless

gods. * All you spirits, worship him.

Sion hears and is glad; the people of Judah rejoice* because of your judgments, O Lord.

For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth * exalted far above all spirits.

The Lord loves those who hate evil: he guards the souls of his saints; * he sets them free from the wicked.

Light shines forth for the just * and joy for the upright of heart.

Rejoice, you just, in the Lord; * give glory to his holy name.

Ant. 8 Light shines forth for the just and joy for the upright of heart.

Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, my soul! * Lord God, how great you are,

Clothed in majesty and glory, * wrapped in light as in a robe!

You stretch out the heavens like a tent. * Above the rains you build your dwelling.

You make the clouds your chariot, * you walk on the wings of the wind,

You make the winds your messengers * and flashing fire your servants.

You founded the earth on its base, * to stand firm from age to age.

You wrapped it with the ocean like a cloak: * the waters stood higher than the mountains.

At your threat they took to flight; * at the voice of your thunder they fled.

They rose over the mountains and flowed down * to the place which you had appointed.

You set limits they might not pass * lest they return to cover the earth.

You make springs gush forth in the valleys: * they flow in between the hills.

They give drink to all the beasts of the field; * the wild-asses quench their thirst.

On their banks dwell the birds of heaven; * from the branches they sing their song.

From your dwelling you water the hills; * earth drinks its fill of your gift.

You make the grass grow for the cattle * and the plants to serve man's needs,

That he may bring forth bread from the earth * and wine, to cheer man's heart;

Oil, to make his face shine * and bread to strengthen man's heart.

The trees of the Lord drink their fill, * the cedars he planted on Lebanon;

There the birds build their nests: * on the tree-top the stork has her home.

The goats find a home

on the mountains * and rabbits hide in the rocks.

You made the moon to mark the months; * the sun knows the time for its setting.

When you spread the darkness it is night * and all the beasts of the forest creep forth.

The young lions roar for their prey * and ask their food from God.

At the rising of the sun they steal away * and go to rest in their dens.

Man goes forth to his work, * to labour till evening falls.

How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. * The earth is full of your riches.

There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, * living things great and small.

The ships are moving there * and the monsters you made to play with.

All of these look to you * to give them their food in due season.

You give it, they gather it up: * you open your hand, they have their fill.

You hide your face, they are dismayed; you take back your spirit, they die, *

returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created; * and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! * May the Lord rejoice in his works!

He looks on the earth and it trembles; * the mountains send forth smoke at his touch.

I will sing to the Lord all my life, * make music to my God while I live.

May my thoughts be pleasing to him. * I find my joy in the Lord.

Let sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked exist no more. * Bless the Lord, my soul.

Ant. 9 He is clothed in majesty and glory: wrapped in light as in a robe.

V. Your saving help has given him glory. **Ry.** You have laid upon him majesty and splendour.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson vii Chapter 17

At that time, Jesus took Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them. Etc.

Homily of St. John
Chrysostom

Homily 57 on Matthew, at
the beginning

The Lord had spoken much concerning dangers, much concerning his passion, much concerning the death and slaughter of his disciples. He had laid upon them many rugged and difficult tasks. These things were actually in the present life and were already impending, whereas the good things were to be hoped for and awaited: as, for example, that they would keep their life if they would lose it; that he would come in the glory of the Father and would give the reward. So, in order to reassure them by sight, and to let them see with what glory he is to come, he manifested and unveiled it to them in so far as they could grasp it in this life, that they, and especially Peter, should not grieve over their own death, or over the death of the Lord.

R. vii. God called us with a holy calling, in virtue of his grace which he now has manifested * through the appearance of our Saviour, Christ Jesus. **V.** He abolished death and brought life and immortality to light. — Through the appearance.

Lesson viii

And notice what he does when treating of heaven and hell. For when he said, "He who finds his life will lose it and he who loses it for my sake will find it," and, again, when he said, "He will repay every man for what he has done," he was referring to heaven and hell. Although he has spoken of both, he has granted that heaven should be visibly apparent, but, not so, hell. That would have been necessary only for the uninformed and stupid. But since these men were upright and clear-sighted, it was enough for them to be strengthened by the better things.

R. viii. The God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts * to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. **V.** He is a light in the darkness for the upright of heart: The Lord is merciful, compassionate and just. — To give the light.

Lesson ix

He took aside, then, the chief Apostles and led them up a mountain, and he was transfigured before them. And his face shone like the sun and his garments became white as

snow. Why did he take these men? Because, evidently, they were distinguished above the others. Peter was pre-eminent because he loved Christ exceedingly; John, however, in that he was exceptionally beloved; and James, on account of his answer to the question put to his brother and himself, when he said, "We can drink this chalice."

R. ix. As Jesus was praying, the appearance of his countenance was altered and his raiment became dazzling white. And two men talked with him, * Moses and Eli'jah, who appeared in glory. **V.** And they spoke of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem. — Moses. — Glory. — In glory.

Before Lauds V. O send forth your light and your truth. **R.** Let these be my guide. Let them bring me to your holy mountain to the place where you dwell.

LAUDS

Antiphons

1. Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them.

Psalm The Lord is king, etc. p. 29.

2. His face shone like the sun: his garments became white as light, alleluia.

3. And behold there appeared to them Moses and Eli'jah talking with Jesus.

4. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here."

5. He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them.

Little Chapter Philipp. 3

We await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body.

Hymn

O Jesus, friend most pleasing, best,
Whene'er within our hearts
you rest,
All sinful darkness you
expel
And fill us with delight as
well.

That man is blest you
satisfy
Who reign at Father's right
on high;
The light of our true home
you are,
Surpassing all desire by far.

Eternal glory's light, you
shine,
O Goodness far beyond
confine;
By this your presence here,
we pray,
The fullness of your love
convey.

All glory, Lord, to you we pay,
Who showed yourself to men today;
With Father and the Spirit be
All glory yours eternally.
Amen.

∇. A gold crown upon his head. *Ry.* Inscribed like a signet with "Holiness."

Bened. ant. And a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him," alleluia.

Prayer

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son you confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the fathers, and by the voice coming from a bright cloud, you wonderfully foreshadowed the perfection of adoption as children; graciously be pleased to make us co-heirs with this King of glory and sharers in that same glory. Through the same.

Commemoration of SS. Pope Xystus II, Felicissimus and Agapitus, MM.

Ant. These are the holy ones who, for the love of God, despised the threats of men. The holy martyrs rejoice with the angels in the kingdom of heaven.

What a precious death is that of the saints! They stand always in the presence of the Lord, and are not parted from one another.

∇. God is to be feared. *Ry.* In his holy place.

Prayer

O God, as you allow us to keep the feast of your holy martyrs Xystus, Felicissimus and Agapitus, grant that we may enjoy their company in everlasting happiness. Through.

At Hours psalms and antiphon from the current week-day.

TERCE

Little Chapter as in Vespers.

Ry. You have appeared with glory * in the sight of the Lord. - You have appeared. ∇. Therefore the Lord has clothed you in splendour. - In the sight of the Lord. - Glory. - You have appeared.

∇. With glory and honour you crowned him, Lord. *Ry.* You gave him power over the works of your hand.

SEXT

Little Chapter 2 Cor. 3

We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being

changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Ry. With glory and honour * you crowned him, Lord. - With glory and honour. ∇. You gave him power over the works of your hand. - You crowned. - Glory. - With glory and honour.

∇. Your saving help has given him glory. *Ry.* You have laid upon him majesty and splendour.

NONE

Little Chapter Rev. 21

In the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God: and its lamp is the lamb.

Ry. Glory has been given him * by your saving help. - Glory has. ∇. You have laid upon him majesty and splendour. - By your. - Glory. - Glory has.

∇. A gold crown upon his head. *Ry.* Inscribed like a signet with "Holiness."

VESPERS

Psalms as on the feast of the Most Blessed Trinity p. 229.

Ant. to psalms Jesus

took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them.

Little Chapter Philipp. 3

We await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body.

Hymn

All you, who long toward Christ to fly,
Raise up your gaze unto the sky;
For there it is allowed to view
The sign of glory ever new.

A radiant Something there we see
From every limitation free;
Sublime and boundless,
One most high
Before the chaos or the sky.

Behold that King of Gentiles, famed,
And King of Jewish people named;
That promised One, in ages past,
To Abraham and his seed forecast.

The Father makes his statement true,
Endorsed by witness prophets two;
His will he, then, declares, that we
Must hear this King and faithful be.

All glory, Lord, to you we pay,
Who showed yourself to man to-day;
With Father and the Spirit be
All glory yours eternally.
Amen.

V. You have appeared with glory in the sight of the Lord, **R.** Therefore the Lord has clothed you in splendour.

Magnif. ant. When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them saying, "Rise and have no fear," alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son you confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the fathers, and, by the voice coming from a bright cloud, you wonderfully foreshadowed the perfection of adoption as children; graciously be pleased to make us co-heirs with this King of glory and sharers in that same glory. Through the same.

Compline from Sunday.

7 August

St. Cajetan, Confessor

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

Cajetan, born at Vicenza of the noble family of Thiene, was straightway dedicated by his mother to the Virgin Mother of God. When he had graduated in civil and canon law at Padua, he went to Rome. There he was appointed prelate by Julius II and was ordained priest. From his own money he established hospitals and with his own hands served the sick, even those suffering from contagious diseases. So zealously did he work for the salvation of others that he was called "The Hunter of Souls." Desirous of restoring the fallen clerical discipline to the standard of the apostolic life, he founded the Order of Clerks Regular. These, renouncing worldly entanglements, would have no income, nor would they beg the necessities of life from the faithful, but would depend solely on alms freely offered them. So, with the approval of Clement VII, Cajetan, together with John Peter Caraffa, bishop of Chieti, afterwards Pope Paul IV, and two other men of outstanding virtue, took

solemn vows before the high altar in the Vatican Basilica. Cajetan promoted zeal for divine worship; the beauty of God's house; observance of the sacred liturgy, and more frequent reception of the most holy Eucharist. Full of merits he died at Naples, where his body is highly venerated in the church of St. Paul.

R. iii. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast. **V.** Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. — And be like men. — Glory. — To come home.

LAUDS

Prayer

O God, you granted to the blessed Cajetan, your confessor, to copy the apostolic way of life; by his intercession and example grant that we may always trust in you and desire heavenly things alone. Through.

Commemoration of St. Donatus, Bp. and Martyr.

Ant. Let him who would come after me deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

V. A gold crown upon

his head. **R.** Inscribed like a signet with "Holiness."

Prayer

O God, you are the glory of your priests; grant, we pray you, that we may experience the help of the blessed Donatus, your bishop and martyr, whose feast we celebrate. Through.

8 August

Bl. Jane of Aza

Mother of Our Holy Father, Dominic Commemoration

LAUDS

Ant. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. Strength and dignity are her clothing and she laughs at the time to come.

V. God has chosen her and has given her preference. **R.** He gives her his home to dwell in.

Prayer

O God, you wonderfully manifested to the blessed Jane, your servant, the favour of the heavenly vocation of her son Dominic. We beseech you that, modelling ourselves on her and on the son foreshown to her, we may, through their loving intercession,

attain the eternal reward. Through.

Commemoration of SS. Cyriacus, Largus and Smaragdus, Martyrs.

Ant. These are the holy ones who, for the love of God, despised the threats of men. The holy martyrs rejoice with the angels in the kingdom of heaven. What a precious death is that of the Saints! They stand always in the presence of the Lord, and are not parted from one another.

V. God is to be feared.
R. In his holy place.

Prayer

O God, you gladden us by the annual solemnity of your blessed martyrs Cyriacus, Largus and Smaragdus; mercifully grant that as we honour their feast we may also copy their fortitude in suffering. Through

9 August

**Vigil of St. Laurence
Martyr**

III class

The Office is of the weekday, as in the Ordinary and in the Psalter, with exception of the lessons which are as below.

Prayer from preceding Sunday.

MATINS

Lessons of the homily on the Gospel, If any man would, from the Common of a Martyr, not a Bishop [72], with the responsories of the current weekday, as in the Office of the Season.

10 August

St. Laurence

Martyr

II class

At I VESPERS, where the feast is celebrated as I class:

Ant. to psalms Laurence did the good work. He gave sight to the blind through the sign of the Cross.

Psalm Praise, O servants, etc. [1].

Little Chapter James 1

Blessed is the man who endures trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love him.

R. The blessed Laurence cried aloud, saying, "I honour my God and I serve him alone, * therefore I do not fear your tortures."

V. My night has no darkness, but all is bright with light. — Therefore. — Glory—Therefore.

Hymn and versicle are from the Common of a martyr [53].

Magnif. ant. As he was being burned on the gridiron, Saint Laurence said to the wicked tyrant, "It is now roasted, turn and eat; as for the riches of the church, which you seek, the hands of the poor have carried them away to the heavenly treasures."

Prayer

Listen to our entreaties, Lord; and, at the intercession of your blessed martyr Laurence, whose feast we anticipate, graciously pour out on us your everlasting mercy. Through.

If this feast is transferred or is celebrated on Monday, the prayer of Lauds is said.

Compline from Sunday

MATINS

Invitatory and hymn are from the Common of a Martyr. [54].

I Nocturn

Ant. 1 Father, where are you going without your son? Holy priest, where are you hastening without your deacon?

Psalms are from the same Common [54].

Ant. 2 Do not leave me, holy Father, for I have already distributed your

treasures, which you gave me.

Ant. 3 I am not forsaking you, my son, or leaving you; but greater contests for the faith of Christ lie before you.

V. With glory and honour you crowned him, Lord. **R.** You gave him power over the works of your hand.

From the book of Ecclesiasticus

Lesson i Chapter 51

I will give thanks to you, O Lord and King, and will praise you as God my Saviour. I give thanks to your name, for you have been my protector and delivered my body from destruction and from the snare of a slanderous tongue, from lips that utter lies. Before those who stood by, you were my helper, and you delivered me, in the greatness of your mercy and of your name, from the gnashings of teeth about to devour me, from the hand of those who sought my life, from the many afflictions that I endured, from choking fire on every side and from the midst of fire which I did not kindle, from the depths of the belly of Hades, from an unclean tongue and lying words—the slander of an unrighteous tongue to the king.

Ry. i. The levite, Laurence, did the good work. He gave sight to the blind through the sign of the Cross, * and he gave the treasures of the church to the poor. **V.** Open-handed, he gives to the poor, his justice stands firm for ever. — And.

Lesson ii

My soul drew near to death, and my life was very near to Hades beneath. They surrounded me on every side, and there was no one to help me; I looked for the assistance of men, and there was none. Then I remembered your mercy, O Lord, and your work from of old, that you deliver those who wait for you and save them from the hand of their enemies.

Ry. ii. Father, where are you going without your son? Holy priest, where are you hastening without your deacon? * It was never your custom to offer the sacrifice without the deacon. **V.** In what, then, have I been displeasing to you, Father? Have you found me unworthy? Ascertain whether the minister you have chosen is suitable, he whom you have commissioned to distribute the blood of the Lord. — It was never.

Lesson iii

And I sent up my supplication from the earth, and prayed for deliverance from death. I appealed to the Lord, the Father of my lord, not to forsake me in the days of affliction, at the time when there is no help against the proud. I will praise your name continually, and will sing praise with thanksgiving. My prayer was heard, for you saved me from destruction and rescued me from an evil plight. Therefore I will give thanks to you and praise you and I will bless the name of the Lord.

Ry. iii. Do not leave me, holy Father, for I have already distributed your treasures. * I am not forsaking you, my son, or leaving you; but greater contests for the faith of Christ lie before you. **V.** As the aged, we receive the test of a lighter conflict. But for you, being young, there remains a more glorious triumph over the tyrant. After three days, you the deacon, will follow me, the priest. — I am not forsaking you. — Glory. — But greater.

II Nocturn

Ant. 4 The blessed Laurence prayed, “Lord Jesus Christ, God from God, have mercy on me, your servant.”

Ant. 5 The blessed Laurence said, “My night has no darkness, but all is clear with light.”

Ant. 6 Romanus said to the blessed Laurence, “I see before you a very beautiful youth. Make haste to baptize me.”

V. You have set, Lord, on his head. **Ry.** A crown of pure gold.

Sermon of St. Augustine,
Bishop

Sermon 30 on the Saints Lesson iv

I believe that the suffering of the most blessed martyr, Laurence, whose feast we celebrate to-day, is known to you. I do not doubt but that you, beloved, can understand how much he endured in the persecution. The glory of his martyrdom was so great that by his suffering he shone radiance on the whole world. Truly, by the light with which he burned, Laurence shone radiance on the world; and by the flames which he endured, he warmed the hearts of all christians. Who would not be willing to burn for an hour at Laurence’s fire in order not to suffer the eternal fire of hell?

Ry. iv. The blessed Laurence cried aloud, saying, “I honour my God and I serve him alone, *

therefore I do not fear your tortures. **V.** My night has no darkness, but all is bright with light. — Therefore.

Lesson v

By the blessed Laurence’s example we are inspired to martyrdom, we are enlightened in faith, we burn with zeal. And if we lack persecutor’s flame, we do not lack the flame of faith. We do not indeed burn in body for Christ, but we burn with enthusiasm. The persecutor does not subject me to fire, but desire for the Saviour puts fire into my mind. Enkindled by this fire the two disciples said, “Did not our hearts burn within us, while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?”

Ry. v. They have tied the limbs that were laid upon the grid-iron. Christ’s levite scoffs at those who put on the coals. * Blessed Laurence, Martyr of Christ, intercede for us. **V.** But the torturers, pressing on, heaped coals under the iron grate. — Blessed Laurence.

Lesson vi

Alight then with this fire, the blessed Laurence does not feel the burning of the flames, glowing with desire for Christ he

does not feel the pain from the persecutor. As the fire of his faith grows warm, the flame of torture grows cold. The blessed Laurence indeed struggles with physical fire, but the Saviour's divine fire allayed the tyrant's physical flame. Although his limbs are reduced to ashes, the fortitude of his faith is unweakened. He suffers bodily loss, indeed, but he gains the benefit of salvation.

Ry. vi. The blessed Laurence said, "I have offered myself in sacrifice to God * as a pleasing odour. **V.** I rejoice greatly because I have been found worthy to be sacrificed for Christ." — As a pleasing odour. — Glory. — As a pleasing odour.

III Nocturn

Psalm 10

In the Lord I have taken my refuge. How can you say to my soul: * "Fly like a bird to its mountain.

See the wicked bracing their bow; ζ they are fixing their arrows on the string * to shoot upright men in the dark.

Foundations once destroyed, * what can the just do?"

The Lord is in his holy temple, * the Lord, whose throne is in heaven.

His eyes look down on the world; * his gaze tests mortal men.

The Lord tests the just and the wicked: * the lover of violence he hates.

He sends fire and brimstone on the wicked; * he sends a scorching wind as their lot.

The Lord is just and loves justice: * the upright shall see his face.

Ant. 7 They tied the limbs that were laid upon the grid-iron. Christ's levite scoffs at those who put on the coals.

Psalm 16

Lord, hear a cause that is just, * pay heed to my cry.

Turn your ear to my prayer: * no deceit is on my lips.

From you may my judgment come forth. * Your eyes discern the truth.

You search my heart, you visit me by night. * You test me and you find in me no wrong.

My words are not sinful as are men's words. * I kept from violence because of your word,

I kept my feet firmly in your paths; * there was no faltering in my steps.

I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. * Turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Display your great love, you whose right hand saves your friends * from those who rebel against them.

Guard me as the apple of your eye. * Hide me in the shadow of your wings from the violent attack of the wicked.

My foes encircle me with deadly intent. * Their hearts tight shut, their mouths speak proudly.

They advance against me, ζ and now they surround me. * Their eyes are watching to strike me to the ground

As though they were lions ready to claw * or like some young lion crouched in hiding.

Lord, arise, confront them, strike them down! * Let your sword rescue my soul from the wicked;

Let your hand, O Lord, rescue me from men, * from men whose reward is in this present life.

You give them their fill of your treasures; they rejoice in abundance of offspring * and leave their wealth to their children.

As for me, in my justice I shall see your face * and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory!

Ant. 8 You test me and you find in me no wrong.

Psalm 20

O Lord, your strength gives joy to the king; *

how your saving help makes him glad!

You have granted him his heart's desire; * you have not refused the prayer of his lips.

You came to meet him with the blessings of success, * you have set on his head a crown of pure gold.

He asked you for life and this you have given, * days that will last from age to age.

Your saving help has given him glory. * You have laid upon him majesty and splendour.

You have granted your blessings to him for ever. * You have made him rejoice with the joy of your presence.

The king has put his trust in the Lord: * through the mercy of the Most High he shall stand firm.

His hand will seek and find all his foes, * his right hand find out those that hate him.

You will burn them like a blazing furnace * on the day when you appear.

And the Lord shall destroy them in his anger; * fire will swallow them up.

You will wipe out their race from the earth * and their children from the sons of men.

Though they plan evil against you, * though they plot, they shall not prevail.

For you will force them

to retreat; * at them you will aim with your bow.

O Lord, arise in your strength; * we shall sing and praise your power.

Ant. 9 On being questioned, I testified that you are Lord; being roasted, I give thanks.

V. Your saving help has given him glory. **R.** You have laid upon him majesty and splendour.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Lesson vii Chapter 12

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone." Etc.

Homily of St. Augustine, Bishop

Treatise 51 on John, almost at the middle

The Lord Jesus himself was the grain which was to be put to death and so multiplied; put to death by the infidelity of the Jews, multiplied by the faith of the Gentiles. When exhorting us to follow in the footprints of his passion, he had already said, "He who loves his life loses it." This can be understood in two ways. He who loves loses; that is, if you love you lose;

if you desire to keep your life with Christ, do not fear death for Christ. Or to put it in another way: "He who loves his life loses it." Do not love lest you lose; do not love in this life lest you lose in eternal life.

R. vii. On the grid-iron I did not deny you, God, and when subjected to fire * I testified that you, Jesus Christ, are the Lord.

V. When accused I did not deny your holy name, and on being questioned: - I testified that you, Jesus Christ.

Lesson viii

But this that I have said last, seems rather to express the gospel meaning. For it goes on: "He who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life." Therefore what was said above is: "He who loves ('in this world' is understood) certainly loses, and he who hates his life (again 'in this world') will keep it for eternal life." What a great and wonderful judgment, that a man by loving his own life should perish, but by hating it should not perish! If you have wrongly loved, then you have hated; if you have rightly hated, then you have loved.

R. viii. I rejoice greatly because I have been found worthy to be sacrificed for

Christ. When accused, I did not deny his holy name; on being questioned I testified to Christ: * being roasted, I give thanks. **V.** I have offered myself in sacrifice to God as a pleasing odour. - Being roasted I give thanks.

Lesson ix

When, then, in any matter, the point has been reached in which the choice is proposed, either to do something against the law of God, or to depart from this life, if a man is forced, under threat of death from the persecutor, to choose one or other of these, let him choose to die in the love of God rather than to live offensive to him. Then he will have hated his life in this world so as to keep it for eternal life.

R. ix. Laurence, the levite, was found worthy to be sacrificed for Christ. While being roasted he did not deny the Lord, * and so he was found to be a sacrifice of thanksgiving. **V.** When placed on the grid-iron he did not deny God and when subjected to fire he testified to Christ. - And so. - Glory. - And so.

Before Lauds V. Blessed Laurence, pray for us. **R.** That we may be made

worthy of the promises of Christ.

LAUDS

Antiphons

1. The martyr Laurence began to speak and testified to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalm The Lord is king, etc. p. 29.

2. Laurence did the good work. He gave sight to the blind through the sign of the Cross.

3. My soul clings to you, my God, because my body has been burnt for you.

4. The Lord sent his angel who freed me from the centre of the fire, and I am not burnt.

5. The blessed Laurence prayed, saying, "Lord, I thank you that I have been found worthy to enter your gates."

Little Chapter James 1

Blessed is the man who endures trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love him.

Hymn

God's martyr, you, the only Son
To victory has led you on;
Your every foe defeated
lies,
And heaven accords the victor's prize.

O may your prayer for us obtain
The cleansing of each guilty stain;
Shield all from sin's contagious blight,
Put life's long weariness to flight.

Now riven are the bonds in twain,
That did your saintly limbs enchain;
For love of God's own Son arise,
And free us from all worldly ties.

To God the Father glory true,
The same, eternal Son, to you,
To Counsellor Spirit glory be
Both now and for eternity.
Amen.

V. A gold crown upon his head, alleluia. **R.** Inscribed like a signet with "Holiness," alleluia.

Bened. ant. On the gridiron I did not deny that you are God. And when subjected to fire I testified to Christ. You search my heart, you visit me by night. You test me and you find in me no wrong.

Prayer

Almighty God, grant us to extinguish the fires of our vices, as you enabled the blessed Laurence to

overcome the fires of his torments. Through.

At the Hours psalms and antiphon from the current weekday.

At Terce, Sext and None, the Little chapters, R/R. and V/V. are from the Common of a Martyr [64].

VESPERS

Ant. to psalms The martyr Laurence began to speak and testified to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalms from the Common of a Martyr [65].

Little chapter, hymn and versicle from the same Common [67].

Magnif. ant. The levite Laurence did the good work. He gave sight to the blind through the sign of the Cross, and he gave the treasures of the church to the poor.

Compline from Sunday

11 August
St. Tiburtius

**Martyr
Commemoration**

LAUDS

Ant. The renowned martyr Tiburtius, as he walked barefoot on the burning coal, said to the prefect, Fabian, "It seems to me that I am

stepping on rose blossoms, in the name of my Lord, Jesus Christ."

V. A gold crown upon his head. **R.** Inscribed like a signet with "Holiness."

Prayer

Lord, may the constant protection of your blessed martyr, Tiburtius, inspire us, since you do not fail to look mercifully upon those whom you grant to be favoured by such help. Through.

12 August

St. Clare

**Virgin
III class**

MATINS

Lesson iii

The noble virgin, Clare, was born at Assisi in Umbria. In imitation of her fellow citizen, Saint Francis, she gave away all her goods in alms and in helping the poor. To escape from the din of the world she went to a country church. There she received a tonsure from Saint Francis and strongly resisted the efforts of her relatives to bring her back. Then she was taken by Francis to the church of Saint Damian and there founded a community of

nuns. Yielding to the insistence of Saint Francis, she became their Superior-ess. She ruled her monastery with wonderful care and prudence for forty-two years. When the Saracens tried to invade it, she ordered that the Blessed Sacrament should be brought out, and praying most humbly put them all to flight. She soared to heaven on August 11 and was enrolled among the holy virgins by Pope Alexander IV.

R. iii. The kingdom of the world and all earthly trappings I have spurned for the love of my Lord Jesus Christ, * whom I have seen, whom I have loved, in whom I have believed, whom I have cherished. **V.** My heart overflows with noble words. To the king I must speak the song I have made. — Whom I have seen. — Glory. — In whom I have believed.

LAUDS

Prayer

As we keep the feast of your blessed virgin, Clare, we, your servants, beseech you, Lord, that through her intercession you may make us sharers in her heavenly joys and co-heirs of your only begotten Son. Through.

13 August
**SS. Hippolytus and
 Companions**

Martyrs
 Commemoration

LAUDS

Ant. These are the holy ones, who, for the love of God, despised the threats of men. The holy martyrs rejoice with the angels in the kingdom of heaven. What a precious death is that of the Saints! They stand always in the presence of the Lord, and are not parted from one another.

V. God is to be feared.
R. In his holy place.

Prayer

Grant, we beseech you, almighty God, that the celebration of the feast of your blessed martyr Hippolytus and his companions may increase our devotedness and promote our salvation. Through.

14 August
**Vigil of the Assumption
 of the Blessed Virgin
 Mary**

II class

Office of the weekday, as in the Ordinary and Psalter, except the lessons which are said as below.

Prayer from preceding Sunday.

MATINS

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lesson i Chapter 11

At that time, as Jesus was speaking to the crowds a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" Etc.

Homily of St. John
 Chrysostom

**On John c. 2 Homily 20,
 near the end**

When you hear that woman saying, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked," and the Lord answering, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it," do not think that in saying this he is belittling his mother. Rather does he mean to show that the title of mother would be of no use to her if she did not excel in goodness and faith. But if her motherly love would be of no use to Mary without virtue, how much less will we profit from the goodness of a father, of a brother, of a mother or of a son, if we ourselves do not produce what is good!

R/R. from current weekday, as in the Office of the Season.

Lesson ii

After divine grace, one cannot hope for salvation in anything except one's own virtue. For if relationship itself was to be useful to Mary, it would also have been of benefit to the Jews, who were blood relatives of Christ. It would also have been of benefit to his native city; it would have been useful to his close relatives. But as long as his close relatives pursued their own interest, the title of relationship was of no advantage to them and they were condemned with the rest of the world.

Lesson iii

Only when they shone by reason of their virtues did they begin to be worthy of admiration. His homeland, however, did not benefit, as such, for it fell and was destroyed in the conflagration; his fellow-citizens perished miserably, and his own kin did not advance towards salvation without the support of virtue. The apostles, how-

ever, were the most renowned of all in that they gained his real and cherished friendship and companionship by their obedience. Hence we see that faith is always necessary for us, as well as a life resplendent with good works. Only these can save us.

LAUDS

**Commemoration of St.
 Eusebius, Priest and Con-
 fessor.**

Ant. "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much," says the Lord.

V. The just man will blossom as the lily. **R.** And he will flourish before the Lord for ever.

Prayer

O God, you gladden us by the annual solemnity of the blessed Eusebius your confessor; mercifully grant that as we honour his feast, we may through his example draw near to you. Through.

15 August

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

I class

I VESPERS

Ant. to psalms You are all fair, my love; there is no flaw in you. Your lips distil nectar; honey and milk are under your tongue; the fragrance of your oils are better than any spice. See, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear, the vines are in blossom and give forth fragrance, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. Arise, come, my love, come from Lebanon, come and be crowned.

Psalm Praise, O servants, etc. [1].

Little Chapter Judith 13

The Lord has blessed you by his power, because by you he has brought our enemies to naught. Blessed are you, O daughter, by the Lord the most high God, above all women upon the earth.

Ry. Blessed are you, Mary, who believed in the

Lord. Those things that were spoken to you are fulfilled in you. Behold, you have been exalted above the choirs of angels. * Intercede for us with the Lord Jesus Christ. **V.** You are blessed and worthy of veneration, O Virgin Mary, who, without any violation of purity, were found to be mother of the Saviour. — Intercede. — Glory. — Intercede.

Hymn

A genuflexion is made here until Taking that great Ave.

Hail, O Star of Ocean,
Gate to joy supernal,
Ever-virgin Mother
Of the Lord eternal!

Taking that great Ave
Once by Gabriel spoken,
Eva's name reversing,
Be of peace our token.

Break the sinners' fetters,
Light to blind restoring;
Every ill drive from us,
All things good imploring.

Prayer

O God, you were pleased to choose for your dwelling the virginal womb of the blessed Mary; grant, we beseech you, that being shielded by her protection we may partake with joy in this her festival. For you live and reign.

If this feast occurs on a Monday the following prayer is said:

Prayer

May the sacred festival of this day, on which the holy Mother of God endured temporal death, help us towards salvation. For the bonds of death could not detain her who bore our Lord, your Son incarnate: Who lives and reigns.

COMPLINE

Ant. to psalms No woman born is your equal, Virgin Mary. Blossoming like the rose, fragrant as the lily! Pray for us, holy Mother of God.

Psalms from Sunday.

Nunc dimittis ant. We fly to your patronage, holy Mother of God. Do not despise our prayers in our needs, but ever deliver us from all dangers, O blessed Virgin.

Show yourself a mother,
May the One all holy,
Born for us your infant,
Grant, through you, prayer
lowly.

Virgin all excelling,
Ever meek and holy,
Freed from sin preserve
us,
Make us pure and lowly.

Keep our life all spotless,
All our ways defending,
Till we gaze on Jesus
With a joy unending.

Praise, then, God the
Father,
With Christ's worship
blending,
And the Holy Spirit,
In one praise unending.
Amen.

V. You have been exalted, holy Mother of God. **Ry.** Above the choirs of angels to the heavenly throne.

Magnif. ant. Christ ascended into heaven and prepared an everlasting dwelling-place for his most chaste mother. This is the sublime festival, surpassing that of any saint, on which she who is glorious and blessed entered the heavenly nuptial hall, acclaimed by the ranks of the heavenly court. There she dwells, ever-loving, never forgetful of those who remember her.

MATINS

Invit. Come, let us adore the King of kings. ★ On this day his Virgin Mother was taken up into highest heaven.

Hymn Whom earth [22].

I Nocturn

Ant. 1 You have been exalted, holy Mother of God, above the choirs of angels to the heavenly throne.

Psalms as in Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary [22].

Ant. 2 The gates of paradise have been opened through you; today, all glorious, you exult with the angels.

Ant. 3 Mother of God, you are a garden locked, a fountain sealed. Arise, my love, and come away.

V. Holy Mother of God, Mary ever Virgin. **Ry.** Intercede for us with the Lord, our God.

Blessing May the gracious Virgin of virgins intercede for us with the Lord.

Ry. Amen.

From the Song of Songs

Lesson i Chapters 3 and 4

What is this coming up from the wilderness, like a column of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all the

fragrant powders of the merchant? Behold, you are beautiful, my love, behold, you are beautiful! Your eyes are doves behind your veil. Your hair is like a flock of goats, moving down the slopes of Gil'ead. Your teeth are like a flock of shorn ewes that have come up from the washing, all of which bear twins, and not one among them is be-reaved.

Ry. i. I saw her, beautiful as a dove, coming up from springs of water; her priceless perfume was heavy about her garments: ★ and as in the days of the first fruits, roses and lilies of the valleys surrounded her. **V.** Who is that coming up from the wilderness, like a column of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense?—And as in the days of the first fruits, roses and lilies of the valleys surrounded her.

Blessing May the holy Mother of God be a benefactress to us. **Ry.** Amen.

Lesson ii

Your lips are like a scarlet thread, and your mouth is lovely. Your cheeks are like halves of a pomegranate behind your veil. Your neck is like the tower of David, built for an arsenal, whereon hang a thousand bucklers, all of

them shields of warriors. Your two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle, that feed upon the lilies. Until the day breathes and the shadows flee, I will go to the mountain of myrrh and the hill of frankincense. You are all fair, my love; there is no flaw in you.

Ry. ii. I grew tall like a cedar in Lebanon, and like a cypress on the heights of Hermon. Like choice myrrh ★ I spread a pleasant odour. **V.** Like cassia and camel's thorn I gave forth the aroma of spices. — I spread a pleasant odour.

Blessing May the Virgin Mary with her loving Child bless us.

Ry. Amen.

Lesson iii

Come with me from Lebanon, my bride; come with me from Lebanon. Depart from the peak of Ama'ha, from the peak of Senir and Hermon, from the dens of lions, from the mountains of leopards. You have ravished my heart, my sister, my bride, you have ravished my heart with a glance of your eyes, with one jewel of your necklace. How sweet is your love, my sister, my bride! How much better is your love than wine, and the fragrance of your oils than any spice!

Ry. iii. Who is this coming forth as the sun, comely as Jerusalem? The maidens of Sion saw her and called her happy, ★ and the queens praised her.

V. And as in the days of the first fruits, roses and lilies of the valleys surrounded her. — And the queens praised her. — Glory. — And the queens praised her.

II Nocturn

Psalms, antiphons and V. as in Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary [26].

Blessing May the Virgin Mother of God rescue us from the evil enemy.

Ry. Amen.

Sermon of St. John Damascene

Discourse 2 on the Dormition of the Blessed Mary, near the beginning

Lesson iv

Today the sacred and living ark of the living God, she who conceived her Creator in her womb, rests in the Lord's temple, which was not made with hands. David her father, rejoices, and with him the Angels dance with joy. The Archangels celebrate, the Powers glory, the Principalities exult, the Authorities are gladdened, the Dominations rejoice, the

Thrones keep festival, the Cherubim sing in praise, and the Seraphim proclaim her glory. Today the Eden of the new Adam receives the living paradise in which the condemnation was made void, in which the tree of life was planted, in which our nakedness was clothed.

Ry. iv. You are loved by God more than health and all beauty, and you are worthy to be called Queen of Heaven. * The choirs of angels, our companions and fellow-citizens rejoice. **V.** You have been exalted, O holy Mother of God, above the choirs of angels, to the heavenly throne. — The choirs of angels, our companions.

Blessing May Jesus, Son of Mary, be gentle and kind to us.

Ry. Amen.

Lesson v

The immaculate Virgin, unsullied by worldly desires, but trained in heavenly thoughts, did not return into dust, but because she was a living heaven, she was, on this day, given her place in the heavenly home. How could she, from whom true life flowed to all men, taste death? But she yielded to the law laid down by him whom she bore and, as a daughter of the former

Adam, submitted to the former sentence (as her Son, who is life itself, did not refuse it). But as Mother of the living God, she was deservedly taken up to him.

Ry. v. This is she that is beautiful among the daughters of Jerusalem, just as you have seen her full of charity and affection * in the beds and gardens of spices. **V.** This is she coming up from the wilderness flowing with delights. — In the beds and gardens of spices.

Blessing May most loving Mary, Star of the Sea, come to our aid.

Ry. Amen.

From the Acts of Pope Pius XII

Lesson vi

All down the ages the universal church has manifested its belief in the bodily assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. With almost complete unanimity, the hierarchy all over the world requested that this truth be declared a dogma of divine and catholic faith, since it is based on sacred scripture, is deeply rooted in the souls of the faithful, and is in complete accord with other revealed truths. Hence the Supreme Pontiff, Pius XII, in deference to the wishes

of the whole church, decided to define solemnly this prerogative of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Accordingly, in the square of St. Peter's Basilica, at Rome, on November 1, 1950, the year of the great jubilee, amidst a great crowd, including many cardinals of the holy Roman church, bishops even from distant places, and a vast multitude of the faithful, to the joy of the entire catholic world, he proclaimed by infallible decree the bodily assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven, in these words: "Having directed unceasing prayers of petition to God, and having invoked the light of the Spirit of truth, to the glory of the omnipotent God who lavished his special benevolence on the Virgin Mary, to the honour of her Son, the immortal King of ages and victor over sin and death, to the increase in glory of this same venerable Mother, and to the joy and exultation of the whole church, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the blessed apostles, Peter and Paul, and by Our own authority, We proclaim, declare and define it to be a dogma divinely revealed, that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, when the course of

her earthly life was run, was taken up both body and soul to heavenly glory."

Ry. vi. Blessed are you, Mary, who believed in the Lord. Those things that were spoken to you are fulfilled in you. Behold, you have been exalted above the choirs of angels. * Intercede for us with the Lord Jesus Christ. **V.** You are blessed and worthy of veneration, O Virgin Mary, who, without any violation of purity, were found to be mother of the Saviour. — Intercede. — Glory. — Intercede.

III Nocturn

Psalms, antiphons and V. as in Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary [29].

Blessing May the gospel lesson be to us well-being and protection. **Ry.** Amen.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Lesson vii Chapter 1

At that time, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women." Etc.

Homily of St. Peter Canisius, Priest
On Mary, the Virgin Mother of God,
Book 5, ch. 6

The church frequently and reverently celebrates days sacred to the

Mother of God, knowing with certainty that it is a function pleasing to God and fitting on the part of the faithful, that she who is most blessed among all the blessed, both men and women, the mother of our Lord and God, should at certain times of the year be honoured by many public ceremonies. Among such festivals which have been religiously observed for so many centuries down to our own time, the feast of the Assumption is considered the greatest and holds chief place. If we rightly contemplate the new happiness of body and soul granted to her on that day, we can see how no other day held greater joy and happiness for Mary herself. If already her soul and body rejoiced wonderfully in the living God, now they did so as never before. She could now say, with the fullest significance, "He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed. The Almighty works marvels for me."

Ry. vii. Today the Virgin Mary rises above the heavens. * Rejoice, because she reigns with Christ for ever. **V.** The Queen of the universe is today taken away from the sinful world. — Rejoice.

Blessing May the loving

Virgin Mary come to our aid in every trouble and hardship. **Ry.** Amen.

Lesson viii

So we who love both you and your Son cannot but rejoice sincerely at this exceptional and incomparable happiness, O thrice blessed and truly august Mother. Indeed, everything said to you, and about you, by the Lord, is fulfilled in such a graceful ending, and is made perfect in every way. You are blessed, not only for your faith, but also because today you have reached the perfection and purpose of all virtue, thus meriting at last to enjoy the most delightful vision of him whom you so greatly loved and desired. When Immanuel entered the citadel of this world, you, his host, received him as your guest. Today, in turn, you are received by him into his royal palace and, as the worthy mother of such a Solomon, you receive the highest and most magnificent honours.

Ry. viii. All ages will call me blessed, because the Lord, * he who is mighty, works marvels for me. Holy is his name. **V.** My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. — He who is mighty.

Blessing May the Queen of Angels bring us to the company of the heavenly citizens. **Ry.** Amen.

Lesson ix

Happy day, which transferred such a precious gift from the desert of this world and so brought it to the holy and eternal city, that universal and unbelievable joy and wonder was caused among all the heavenly beings. Happy day, which so satisfied the continual and ardent desires of the languishing spouse, that what she sought she found, what she asked for she received, what she hoped for, she securely possessed, and, without any doubt, rejoiced completely in that perfect vision and enjoyment of the supreme and eternal good. Happy day, which raised up and exalted the humble handmaid of the Lord to such eminence that she became the most glorious Queen of heaven and Mistress of the world. Higher indeed she could not ascend, since she was exalted to the very throne of the kingdom and seated in glory next to Christ. Clearly this happy day is to be honoured. It established and proclaimed in the kingdom of God as our Queen and Mother, one who is both powerful and

kind; one who ever remains mother of the Judge, but whom we have as a mother of mercy befriending us, interceding for us with Christ, and faithfully promoting whatever concerns our salvation.

Ry. ix. You are, indeed, happy, holy Virgin Mary, and most worthy of all praise, * for from you has risen the Sun of Justice, Christ our God. **V.** Pray for the people, plead for the clergy, intercede for the consecrated women; let all who celebrate the festival of your Assumption experience your assistance. — For. — Glory. — Christ our God.

Before Lauds V. You have been exalted, holy Mother of God. **Ry.** Above the choirs of angels to the heavenly throne.

LAUDS

Antiphons and also at the Hours

1. Mary has been taken up to heaven. The angels rejoice; they praise and bless the Lord.

Psalm The Lord is king, etc. p. 29.

2. The Virgin Mary has been taken up to the heavenly nuptial hall, where the King of kings sits on a throne of stars.

3. We run to the fragrance of your perfume; the maidens love you much.

4. Daughter, you have been blessed by the Lord, for through you we have shared the fruit of life.

5. You are beautiful and comely, O daughter of Jerusalem, and terrible as an army with banners.

Little Chapter Judith 13

The Lord has blessed you by his power, because by you he has brought our enemies to naught. Blessed are you, O daughter, by the Lord the most high God, above all women upon the earth.

Hymn

O Lady, crowned with glory bright,
Sublime above the starry height;
Your arms the great Creator pressed,
A suckling at your sacred breast.

What weak, unhappy Eve withdrew
You through your gracious Son renew;
Of heaven you are the entrance fair
That all afflicted may go there.

You are the Great King's portal bright,
The gate by which came forth the Light;
Come, then, you ransomed nations, sing
The Life divine that she did bring.

O Mary, mother of all grace,
True mercy's mother to our race;
Protect us now from Satan's power,
And own us at life's closing hour.

All glory be to you, O Lord,
The Virgin's Son, by all adored;
With Father and the Spirit be
All glory yours eternally.
Amen.

V. God has chosen her, and has given her preference. **R.** He gives her his home to dwell in.

Bened. ant. Who is this that rises up like the dawn, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army with banners?

Prayer

May the sacred festival of this day, on which the holy Mother of God endured temporal death, help us towards salvation. For the bonds of death could

not detain her who bore our Lord, your Son incarnate: Who lives and reigns.

At the Hours psalms are from Sunday.

TERCE 9

Ant. The Virgin Mary has been taken up to the heavenly nuptial hall, where the King of king sits on a throne of stars.

Little Chapter as in II Vespers.

R. Holy Mother of God, Mary ever virgin, * alleluia, alleluia. — Holy Mother of God. **V.** Intercede for us with the Lord our God. — Alleluia. — Glory. — Holy Mother of God.

V. After childbirth, O Virgin, you remained inviolate. **R.** Mother of God, intercede for us.

Prayer

May the sacred festival of this day, on which the holy Mother of God endured temporal death, help us towards salvation. For the bonds of death could not detain her who bore our Lord, your Son incarnate: Who lives and reigns.

SEXT 5

Ant. We run to the fragrance of your perfume; the maidens love you much.

Little Chapter Judith 13

Blessed be the Lord who has so magnified your name this day, that your praise shall not depart out of the mouth of men.

R. After childbirth, O Virgin, you remained inviolate, * alleluia, alleluia. — After childbirth. **V.** Mother of God, intercede for us. — Alleluia. — Glory. — After childbirth.

V. You are beautiful and pleasing. **R.** In your winsomeness, O holy Mother of God.

NONE 5

Ant. You are beautiful and comely, O daughter of Jerusalem, and terrible as an army with banners.

Little Chapter Judith 15

You are the glory of Jerusalem, you are the joy of Israel, you are the honour of our people.

R. You are beautiful and pleasing, * alleluia, alleluia. — You are. **V.** In your winsomeness, O holy Mother of God. — Alleluia. — Glory. — You are.

V. God has chosen her, and has given her preference. **R.** He gives her his home to dwell in.

II VESPERS

Ant. to psalms Mary has been taken up to heaven.

The angels rejoice; they
praise and bless the Lord.

**Psalms as in Feasts of the
Blessed Virgin Mary** [35].

Little Chapter Judith 13

The Lord has blessed you
by his power, because
by you he has brought our
enemies to naught. Blessed
are you, O daughter, by the
Lord the most high God,
above all women upon the
earth.

Hymn

**A genuflexion is made
here until** Taking that
great Ave.

Hail, O Star of Ocean,
Gate to joy supernal,
Ever-virgin Mother
Of the Lord eternal!

Taking that great Ave
Once by Gabriel spoken,
Eva's name reversing,
Be of peace our token.

Break the sinners' fetters,
Light to blind restoring;
Every ill drive from us,
All things good imploring.

Show yourself a Mother,
May the One all holy,
Born for us your infant,
Grant, through you, prayer
lowly.

Virgin all excelling,
Ever meek and holy,
Freed from sin preserve us,
Make us pure and lowly.

Keep our life all spotless,
All our ways defending,
Till we gaze on Jesus
With a joy unending.

Praise, then, God the
Father,
With Christ's worship
blending,
And the Holy Spirit,
In one praise unending.
Amen.

V. You have been
exalted, holy Mother of
God. **R.** Above the choirs
of angels to the heavenly
throne.

Magnif. ant. Today the **R.**
Virgin Mary rises above the
heavens. Rejoice, because
she reigns with Christ for
ever.

**Compline of the Blessed
Virgin Mary** p. 695.

16 August

**St. Joachim, Father of
the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Confessor

II class

**All from the Common of
a Confessor** [98], **except
what is here given.**

I Nocturn

Lessons Blessed is the
man, **of a Confessor not a
Bishop** [119].

II Nocturn

Sermon of St. Epiphanius,
Bishop

**On the praises of the holy
Mother of God**

Lesson iv

King David came of the
stock of Jesse, and
from the tribe of King
David came the holy Vir-
gin; holy, I say, and the
daughter of holy forebears.
Her parents were Joachim
and Ann, whose lives were
pleasing to God, and who
produced a fruit, the holy
Virgin Mary, at once the
temple and mother of God.
Furthermore, these three,
Joachim, Ann and Mary,
offered to the Trinity a
sacrifice of praise. For
Joachim means "Prepara-
tion of the Lord," because
from him was prepared the
temple of the Lord, namely
the Virgin.

R. iv. He honoured him
in the presence of kings, *
and gave him a crown of
glory. **V.** He made an
everlasting covenant with
him and blessed him with
splendid vestments. — And
gave him.

Sermon of St. John
Damascene

**Sermon 1 on the Birth of
the Mother of God**

Lesson v

Blessed couple, Joachim
and Ann! To you all

creation is indebted.
Through you it offered to
the Creator a gift, of all
gifts the most excellent,
namely, the chaste mother
who alone was worthy of
the Creator. Rejoice,
Joachim, because from your
daughter a Son is born to
us and his name is called
Angel of the great council,
that is Angel of the whole
world's salvation.

R. v. The Lord loved
him and adorned him: he
clothed him with a robe of
glory, * and at the gates
of paradise he crowned
him. **V.** The Lord armed
him with the breastplate of
faith, and adorned him. —
And at the gates.

Lesson vi

Blessed couple, Joachim
and Ann; truly im-
maculate! From the fruit
of your loins are you known,
just as Christ somewhere
says, "You will know them
by their fruits." You lived
in a way that would be
pleasing to God and worthy
of her who was born of you.
By your chaste and holy
lives you brought forth the
treasure of virginity. O
most chaste pair of turtle-
doves in human form! By
fidelity to the natural law of
chastity, you merited a
reward above nature. Sow-
ing in righteousness, you
reaped the fruit of life.

Ry. vi. Holy Joachim, Confessor of Christ, hear your suppliant servants: * and from heaven bring the favour procured. **V.** O Holy Joachim, golden star, by the favour of the Lord hear with accustomed kindness the pleadings of your servants. — And from. — Glory. — Bring the favour procured.

III Nocturn

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson vii Chapter 1

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob. Etc.

Homily of St. John Chrysostom

Homily 2 on Matthew, near the beginning

It is amazing to learn that the ineffable God, whom words cannot describe nor the mind comprehend, and who is equal to the Father in all things, should come to us through the Virgin's womb, should deign to be fashioned from a woman and have as forebears David and Abraham. Do I say David and Abraham? Even more amazing still, there were those women

whom I referred to a short time ago.

Ry. vii. The just will flourish like the palm tree; he shall grow like a Lebanon cedar. Planted in the house of the Lord, * he will flourish in the courts of our God. **V.** Riches and wealth are in his house: his justice stands firm for ever. — He will flourish.

Lesson viii

When you hear this, take heart and do not think such things unseemly. Rather should you marvel greatly at this very fact, that the true and beloved Son of the eternal God condescended to become the son of David also, that he might make you a son of God. He deigned to have a servant as his father, that he might give God himself as father to you, a servant. See how joyful these tidings are right from the very beginning. And if you are hesitant about these things that refer to your dignity, then from what is his, learn to believe in what is your own.

Ry. viii. The Lord guided the righteous man on straight paths, and showed him the kingdom of God, and gave him knowledge of angels: * he prospered him in his labours and increased the fruit of his toil. **V.**

For in his memory is immortality, because he is known both by God and by men. — He prospered.

Lesson ix

As far as human reason can judge, it is much more difficult for God to become man than for man to be consecrated a son of God. When you are told, therefore, that the Son of God is the son both of David and Abraham, do not doubt that you, a son of Adam, will also become a son of God. Indeed he would not have lowered himself as he did were it not to raise us up. He was born according to the flesh that you might be born according to the spirit; he was born of a woman that you might cease to be a son of the woman.

Ry. ix. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast. **V.** Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. — And be like men. — Glory. — To come home.

LAUDS

Prayer

O God, who in preference to all your saints willed that the blessed Joachim

should be father of the mother of your Son, grant, we beseech you, that we who keep his feast day, may also ever experience his intercession. Through.

17 August

St. Hyacinth
Confessor O. P.

III class

MATINS

Invit. Let us adore the Lord, the giver of grace. * He glorified Hyacinth, the preacher of salvation.

Hymn

Salvation's herald, heaven-sent,
A faithful preacher forth he went;
As far throughout the earth he sped
The message true of Christ is spread.

He sows on all sides gospel seed,
The light that shows the rightful deed;
And from his mouth, as torches, flow
The rules of life that shine and glow.

Salvation's pathway straight, he shows
With fitting conduct ever goes;
And by that word which soul improves,
To true repentance each he moves.

From evil foe its prey he
storms,
And hardened hearts to soft
transforms ;
And fit for heaven each one
he makes,
As Satan's power in each
he breaks.

To you, O God, may glory
be
From age to age eternally ;
And us with hosts of heaven
ally,
At prayer of Hyacinth on
high.
Amen.

Nocturn

Ant. 1 Trained in discipline and knowledge from his youth, Hyacinth yielded fruit in due season.

Psalms from the Common of a Confessor [100].

Ant. 2 Appointed by the Lord to proclaim the gospel, he announced his decree and taught the peoples by word, conduct and miracles.

Ant. 3 By his words he spread the light of faith and recalled great numbers from darkness.

Ant. 4 You alone, Lord, made him dwell in safety, for he called upon you day and night.

Ant. 5 The crowds were attentive to his preaching and were in admiration at his gift of miracles.

Ant. 6 With signs and wonders he brought the glorious name of the Lord to many peoples.

Ant. 7 Through the seed of God's word he gave nations life in Christ, and brought the evil one to nought.

Ant. 8 In your strength, Lord, he cleansed the world from vice and valiantly shattered the sway of demons and of death.

Ant. 9 He who fearlessly walked upon the waters, climbed the mountain of the Lord with clean hands and pure heart.

V. The just will flourish like the palm tree in the house of the Lord. **Ry.** He shall grow like a Lebanon cedar.

From the blessed apostle Paul's Letter to the Philippians

Lesson i Chapters 3 and 4

Brethren, I do not consider that I have made it my own ; but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature be thus minded ; and if in anything you are otherwise minded, God will reveal that also to you. Only

let us hold true to what we have attained.

Ry. i. When Poland gave birth to Hyacinth, it brought forth a spotless blossom, purer than any flower ; * it produced a new gem, more precious than any precious stone.

V. The flower is fragrant with purity, the gem sparkling with goodness. - It produced a new gem.

Lesson ii

Brethren, join in imitating me, and mark those who so live as you have an example in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brethren, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Ry. ii. Adorned with chastity, burning with charity, he constantly gave himself to prayer and fast-

ing, * and he pondered on the law of the Lord day and night. **V.** He brought his body into subjection, that he might be fit to become a sacrifice worthy of God. - And he pondered.

Lesson iii

Hycinth was born of noble and christian parents at the castle of Camin in the diocese of Warsaw in Poland. Being appointed one of the canons of Cracow, he surpassed the others in piety and learning. At Rome he was received into the Order of Preachers by the founder himself. To the end of his life he religiously adhered to the perfect way of life that he had learned from Saint Dominic and also maintained perpetual virginity. On being sent back to his own country, he established six houses of the order. It is almost incredible what progress he made with all by preaching the word of God, and by the innocence of his life. He was renowned for many miracles. Particularly striking was the miracle of his crossing the Vistula, without a boat, when the river was in flood near Visograde, taking his companions also with him on his cloak which he had spread upon the waters. Having continued his remarkable way

of life for almost forty years after his profession, he returned his soul to God on the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin in the year 1257. He was canonized by Clement VIII.

Ry. iii. As Hyacinth is taken from the earth, he is borne to heaven amid tremendous light. * The choir harmonious greets him; the Queen of virgins receives him. **V.** As he rises above the starry heavens to receive his reward. — The choir. — Glory. — The Queen of virgins receives him.

Before Lauds V. Blessed Hyacinth, pray for us. **Ry.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LAUDS

Antiphons

1. With the sign of the cross he calmed the waves caused by the rivers in flood.

Psalm The Lord is king, etc. p. 29.

2. In the holiness of his soul he was pleasing to God; he entered his courts, singing for joy.

3. He lifted his voice like a trumpet, that the people might praise you, O God.

4. Let the seas and rivers bless the Lord who made the waters of the river firm under Hyacinth's feet.

5. Let all peoples praise the Lord who made his servant Hyacinth wonderful in life and in death.

Little Chapter Ecclus. 49

He was led aright in converting the people, and took away the abominations of iniquity; in the days of wicked men he strengthened godliness.

Hymn

Let purest voice, and heart and breath
Praise Hyacinth's great worth and death;
Now bright with double crown he shines,
And lights up heaven's radiant lines.

A noble life this man displays
And many wonders sound his praise;
The hidden truths that here he knew,
Proclaim him all this wide world through.

The winds and waves to calm he tells,
The surging torrents, too, he quells;
The river waters, stupified,
Present a pathway firm and wide.

The dead arise again from sleep,
The crippled now may walk and leap,
The blind the lights of heaven behold;
Thus wondrous works of God are told.

To you, O God, may glory be
From age to age eternally,
And us with hosts of heaven ally,
At prayer of Hyacinth on high.

Amen.

V. The just man will blossom as the lily. **Ry.** And he will flourish before the Lord for ever.

Bened. ant. He preached the word of God to every nation, to make known to his people their salvation through forgiveness of all their sins.

Prayer

O God, you made the blessed Hyacinth, your confessor, glorious among the peoples of different nations by the holiness of his life and the splendour of his miracles; grant that by his example we may amend our lives, and by his help be defended in adversity. Through.

At the Hours psalms and antiphon from weekday.

TERCE

Little Chapter as at Vespers.

Ry. The Lord loved him * and adorned him. — The Lord. **V.** He clothed him with a robe of glory. — And. — Glory. — The Lord.

V. The Lord guided the righteous man on straight paths. **Ry.** He showed him the kingdom of God.

Prayer

O God, you made the blessed Hyacinth, your confessor, glorious among the peoples of different nations by the holiness of his life and the splendour of his miracles; grant that by his example we may amend our lives, and by his help be defended in adversity. Through.

SEXT

Little Chapter Is. 42

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him.

Ry. The Lord guided the righteous man * on straight paths. — The Lord. **V.** He showed him the kingdom of God. — On straight paths. — Glory. — The Lord.

V. The just will flourish like the palm tree in the house of the Lord. **R.** He shall grow like a Lebanon cedar.

NONE

Little Chapter Is. 58

Cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins.

R. The just will flourish like the palm tree * in the house of the Lord. — The just. **V.** He shall grow like a Lebanon cedar. — In the house. — Glory. — The just.

V. The just man will blossom as the lily. **R.** And he will flourish before the Lord for ever.

VESPERS

Ant. to psalms With the sign of the cross he calmed the waves caused by the rivers in flood.

Psalms from the Common of a Confessor [111].²

Little Chapter Eccus. 49

He was led aright in converting the people, and took away the abominations of iniquity; in the days of wicked men he strengthened godliness.

Hymn

A song to Hyacinth we bring,
With joyous voices let us sing,
And, banished far each cloud obscure,
Adore our God with minds all pure.

His father, Dominic, leader best,
On him bestowed the habit blest;
And soon, before all eyes displayed,
An apostolic man was made.

Where father led, the son proceeds,
Reflecting well his gracious deeds;
His leader's path he followed well
And crushed the worldly lord of hell.

On him the Virgin famed awaits,
Encouragement and joy donates;
With glory in the wondrous signs
The grace of Christ breaks forth and shines.

To you, O God, may glory be
From age to age eternally;
And us with hosts of heaven ally,
At prayer of Hyacinth on high.
Amen.

V. Blessed Hyacinth, pray for us. **R.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Magnif. ant. Hyacinth, fairest flower of the Order of Preachers, fill us, who sing your merits, with the fragrance of your perfume.

Compline from the weekday.

18 August
St. Agapitus
Martyr
Commemoration
LAUDS

Ant. Let him who would come after me deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

V. A gold crown upon his head. **R.** Inscribed like a signet with "Holiness."

Prayer

Relying on the help of the blessed Agapitus your martyr, may your church be glad, O God; and through his glorious intercession may she continue loyal and stand unshaken. Through.

20 August
St. Bernard
Abbot and Doctor of the Church
III class
MATINS
Lesson iii

Bernard, born at Fontaines, a place of some

importance in Burgundy, cultivated chastity with the utmost care from his youth. At the age of twenty-two he entered the monastery of Citeaux, where the Cistercian Order was founded and from which its name derives, and induced his brothers and many others to enter the same Order as well. He applied himself to fasting and prayer with extraordinary zeal and became a shining example of humility, mercy, kindness, prudence and steadfastness in the contemplation of divine things. On becoming Abbot of Clairvaux, Bernard built many monasteries, and his outstanding teaching and discipline flourished there for a long time. He also wrote several works, from which it is clear that his doctrine had been revealed to him by God rather than acquired through his own labour. He frequently visited Italy, being requested by great rulers to settle their disputes and to arrange church matters. In repressing the schism of Peter de Leone, he rendered great assistance to Pope Innocent II. He died at the age of sixty-three, deserving highly of the church.

R. iii. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for

their master to come home from the marriage feast. **V.** Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. — And be like men. — Glory. — To come home.

LAUDS

Prayer

O God, you gave your people the blessed Bernard as a minister of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech you, that we may be worthy to have him as an advocate in heaven whom we had on earth as a teacher of life. Through.

21 August

St. Jane Frances Fremiot de Chantal

Widow

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

Jane Frances Fremiot de Chantal was born of noble parents at Dijon, in Burgundy. She was a young girl when her mother died, but placed herself under the care of the Virgin Mother of God. Her father gave her in marriage to the Baron de Chantal and, following closely the example of the valiant woman, she became all things to all men. When her husband was slain while hunting,

she bound herself by a vow of continence, and so far overcame her natural feelings as to act as sponsor at the baptism of the son of her husband's assassin. To strengthen her resolve of maintaining chastity, she renewed her vow and, with a hot iron, engraved the most holy name of Jesus Christ on her breast. Learning from Saint Francis de Sales, her spiritual director, what God willed her to do, she laid the foundation of the religious institute of the Visitation of the blessed Virgin Mary. This she spread far and wide. Later she took a vow to do always what she considered to be more perfect. Then, filled with merit, she died at Moulins on December 13 in the year 1641. She was canonized by Clement XIII.

Ry. iii. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain: * a woman who fears God is to be praised. **V.** Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.— A woman.— Glory.— A woman.

LAUDS

Prayer

Almighty and merciful God, you gave the blessed Jane Frances, inflamed with your love, wonderful strength of soul in every path of life on the

way of perfection, and willed to adorn your church through her with a new family; grant to her merits and prayers, that we, who, conscious of our weakness, rely on your strength, may, through the help of heavenly grace, conquer all that is harmful to us. Through.

22 August

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

II class

All as on Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary [21], except what is given here.

At I VESPERS, where the feast is celebrated as I class, the Magnif. ant. is as in II Vespers.

II Nocturn

Blessing May the Virgin Mother of God rescue us from the evil enemy. **Ry.** Amen.

Sermon of St. Bernardine of Siena

From sermon 9 on the Visitation

Lesson iv

What man, without relying on divine revelation, would presume to speak with unregenerate and unclean lips, either briefly or at length, of the

true mother of God and man, whom God the Father, from the beginning, predestined to be a virgin forever, whom the Son chose as his most glorious mother, and whom the Holy Spirit prepared to be the dwelling place of all grace? What words can I, a mere man, find to proclaim the deepest feelings of the virginal heart uttered by a mouth so holy, when not even the tongues of all the angels can do so? The Lord says, "The good man out of the good treasure of his heart produces good." This word can also be treasure. Who among human beings can be thought greater than she who was worthy to become the mother of God, and who for nine months gave the hospitality of her heart and womb to God himself? What treasure is more precious than divine love itself with which the Virgin's heart was a burning furnace?

Ry. iv. This is the festival of the glorious Virgin Mary, of the breed of Abraham, sprung from the tribe of Judah, of the renowned stock of David. * Her illustrious life casts splendour on all the churches. **V.** Mary is resplendent, born of kingly line. — Her illustrious life.

Blessing May Jesus, Son

of Mary, be gentle and kind to us. *Ry.* Amen.

Lesson v

From this heart, then, as from a furnace of divine love, the blessed Virgin produced good words, that is to say, words of the most ardent charity. Just as from a flask full of the best and finest wine only the best wine can come; or as from a furnace of intense heat only that which is burning hot can come; so too, by Christ's Mother no word could be uttered that did not in every way pertain to the highest degree of divine love and ardour. It is characteristic of a wife, who is a wise mistress of her household, to speak little, but to use words that are sound and to the point. Thus, seven times, the words of the most blessed Mother of Christ are recorded, as it were, seven words of great import and power, to show, mystically, that she possessed the plenitude of sevenfold grace. She spoke only twice to the angel, only twice to Elizabeth, twice also to her Son, first in the temple and then at the marriage feast, and once to the servants. On all these occasions she spoke very little. Yet she spoke at greater length in praising and thanking God, as when

she said, "My soul glorifies the Lord." Here, however, she was not addressing a human being, but God. These seven words, spoken in a wonderful progression and order, according to the seven degrees and acts of love, are like seven flames coming from the furnace of her heart.

Ry. v. Your festival, Virgin Mother of God, has proclaimed joy to the whole world; * for from you has risen the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, who, dispelling the curse, gave us blessing, and overcoming death, gave us life everlasting. *V.* You are indeed happy, who alone obtained the dignity of motherhood without losing virginal purity. — For from you.

Blessing May most loving Mary, Star of the Sea, come to our aid. *Ry.* Amen.

Lesson vi

From ecclesiastical documents

The liturgical cult by which due honour is given to the Immaculate Heart of the Virgin Mary and for which many saintly men and women prepared the way, was first approved by the Apostolic See at the beginning of the nineteenth century. At that time Pius VII instituted

the feast of the Most Pure Heart of Mary, that it might be celebrated devoutly and reverently by every diocese and religious institute that requested it. Later Pope Pius IX extended to it a proper Office and Mass. But the ardent and praiseworthy desire, which had its beginnings even in the seventeenth century and which had daily increased, to give the feast greater solemnity and to extend it to the universal church, was graciously acceded to by the Supreme Pontiff, Pius XII, in the year 1942. At that time a most bitter war was being waged throughout almost the entire world. Pitying the peoples who endured untold hardships, and because of his devotion to, and confidence in, the heavenly Mother, he earnestly commended, by solemn consecration, the whole human race to her most kind heart, and ordained that a feast, with a special Office and Mass in honour of her Immaculate Heart should in future be celebrated everywhere.

Ry. vi. At the command of the Lord, who wished to increase our dignity, * as a bramble bringing forth a rose, so did Judea bring forth Mary. *V.* That virtue might overshadow vice, and grace, sin. — As a

bramble. — Glory. — As a bramble.

III Nocturn

Blessing May the gospel lesson be to us well-being and protection. *Ry.* Amen.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Lesson vii Chapter 19

At that time, standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Mag'dalene. Etc.

Homily of St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop

On the seven words of Christ on the Cross, ch. 12

The burden and the yoke which the Lord imposed on Saint John, to take care of the Virgin Mother, was indeed a gentle yoke and a light burden. For who would not most willingly dwell with that Mother who for nine months carried in her womb the Word incarnate and lived with him most devotedly and affectionately for a full thirty years? Who does not envy the Lord's beloved disciple who in the absence of the Son of God was granted the presence of the Mother of God? But, unless I am mistaken, through the kindness of the Word who became man for

us, who was crucified because of his great love for us, we too can merit by our prayers that he should say to us, "Behold, your mother!" and that he should say to his mother concerning each of us, "Behold, your son!"

Ry. vii. Mary is resplendent, born of kingly line. * Through her prayers, we most earnestly beg to be strengthened in mind and spirit. **V.** With heart and mind let us sing glory to Christ on this sacred festival of the illustrious Mary, Mother of God. — Through her prayers.

Blessing May the loving Virgin Mary come to our aid in every trouble and hardship. **Ry.** Amen.

Lesson viii

The good Lord is not niggardly with his graces, provided we draw near to his throne of grace with faith and trust, not with a deceitful heart, but with a heart that is true and sincere. He who wished us to be co-heirs of his Father's kingdom, will surely not disdain to have us as co-heirs of his mother's love. Nor will the most gracious Virgin herself become overburdened by the great number of her children, for her love is all-embracing and it is

her earnest wish that none of those should perish whom her Son has redeemed by such precious blood and by such a precious death. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of Christ's grace and let us, humbly and with tears, beg of him to say to his mother on behalf of each of us, "Behold, your son!" and to us, presenting us to his mother, "Behold, your mother!"

Ry. viii. With heart and mind let us sing glory to Christ * on this sacred festival of the illustrious Mary, Mother of God. **V.** Let us celebrate with joy the festival of holy Mary. — On this.

Blessing May the Queen of Angels bring us to the company of the heavenly citizens. **Ry.** Amen.

Lesson ix

How well-off shall we not be under the protection of such a mother? Who will dare to snatch us from her protection? What temptation can overcome us when we trust in the patronage of God's mother who is also ours? Nor will we be the first to experience such a blessing. Many have preceded us; many, I say, have sought the unique and truly motherly patronage of so great a virgin, and not one has

been sent away distressed or sad; but all were happy and joyful, relying on the patronage of so great a mother. Of her it is written: "She shall crush your head." These trust in her, and trust that they themselves will fearlessly tread on the lion and the viper, and trample the young lion and the dragon. Indeed, it does not seem possible that he should perish of whom Christ said to the Virgin: "Behold, your son!" provided such a one does not turn a deaf ear to what Christ said to him: "Behold, your mother!"

Ry. ix. You are, indeed, happy, holy Virgin Mary, and most worthy of all praise, * for, from you has risen the Sun of Justice, Christ, our God. **V.** Pray for the people, plead for the clergy, intercede for the consecrated women; may all who celebrate your festival experience your assistance. — For. — Glory. — Christ, our God.

Before Lauds V. Pray for us, holy Mother of God.

Ry. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LAUDS

V. God has chosen her, and has given her

preference. **Ry.** He gives her his home to dwell in.

Bened. ant. O blessed Virgin Mary, you are the Mother of grace, you are the hope of the world; hear us, your children, who cry to you.

Prayer

Almighty, everlasting God, you prepared, in the heart of the blessed Virgin Mary, a dwelling-place worthy of the Holy Spirit; mercifully grant, that, recalling with devoted mind the feast of this same immaculate heart, we may be enabled to live after your own heart. Through.

Commemoration of SS. Timothy and Symphorian, Martyrs.

Ant. These are the holy ones who, for the love of God, despised the threats of men. The holy martyrs rejoice with the angels in the kingdom of heaven. What a precious death is that of the saints! They stand always in the presence of the Lord, and are not parted from one another.

V. God is to be feared.
Ry. In his holy place.

Prayer

Be pleased to cover us with your help, we beseech you, Lord, and at

the prayers of your blessed martyrs Timothy and Symphorian, stretch over us the right hand of your mercy. Through.

VESPERS

Magnif. ant. My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in the Lord, because I rejoice in your salvation.

24 August

**St. Bartholomew,
Apostle**

II class

All from the Common of Apostles [38], except what is here given as proper.

MATINS

I Nocturn

From the blessed apostle Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

Lesson i Chapter 2

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of

his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus.

Ry. i. "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves," says the Lord, * "so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. **V.** For they will deliver you up to councils, and flog you in their synagogues." - So be wise.

Lesson ii

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called the uncircumcision by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Ry. ii. "Take my yoke upon you," says the Lord, "and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart: * for my yoke is easy, and my burden is

light. **V.** And you will find rest for your souls." - For my yoke.

Lesson iii

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end.

Ry. iii. When you stand before kings and governors, do not be anxious how you are to speak, or what you are to say: * for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. **V.** For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. - For what. - Glory. - For what.

II Nocturn

Lesson iv

Bartholomew the Apostle, a Galilean, on going to the nearer part of India where it had been allotted to him to preach the Gospel

of Jesus Christ, proclaimed to those peoples the coming of the Lord Jesus, in accordance with the Gospel of Saint Matthew. Then when he had converted very many in that region to Jesus Christ, and had endured much toil and hardship, he came into greater Armenia.

Ry. iv. I saw men standing together, in shining garments, and the angel of the Lord spoke to me, saying, * "These are the holy men; they have become the friends of God." **V.** I saw an angel of God flying in midheaven, and crying out with a loud voice he said. - These.

Lesson v

There he drew the king, Polymius with his wife, and furthermore, the inhabitants of twelve cities, to the christian faith. This brought upon him the great opposition of the priests of that people. They incited Astyages, the brother of King Polymius, against the apostle to such an extent that he ordered Bartholomew to be cruelly flayed alive and then beheaded. Thus martyred, he returned his soul to God.

Ry. v. These are they who have been victorious, the friends of God, who, disdaining the commands

of princes, were worthy of everlasting reward: * now they are crowned and hold the palm branch. *℣.*

These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. — Now.

Lesson vi

His body was buried in Albanopolis, the city of Greater Armenia where he was martyred, but later it was taken to the island of Lipari and then to Benevento. Finally, having been brought to Rome by the emperor, Otto III, it was placed in the church, dedicated to God under the apostle's name, on an island of the Tiber.

Ry. vi. "You are the light of the world," says the Lord, * "who by your endurance will gain your lives. *℣.* As my Father appointed a kingdom for me, so do I appoint for you, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom." — Who by. — Glory.— Will gain.

III Nocturn

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lesson vii Chapter 6

At that time, Jesus went out into the hills to pray; and all night he

continued in prayer to God. And when it was day, he called his disciples. Etc.

Homily of St. Ambrose,
Bishop

Book 5 Commentary on Luke

All who are great, all who are noble, go up the mountain. For the prophet does not say to everyone: "Get you up to a high mountain, O Sion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings." Go up this mountain, not by human footsteps, but by noble deeds, and follow Christ that you yourself may become a mountain, for the mountains surround him. Hence in the Gospel you will find that only the apostles went up the mountain with the Lord.

Ry. vii. These are the holy men whom the Lord has chosen in genuine love and to whom he has given everlasting glory. * By their teaching a light is cast upon the church as on the moon by the sun. *℣.* Their span goes forth through all the earth: their words to the utmost bounds of the world. — By their.

Lesson viii

The Lord then prays, not to seek anything for

himself, but to make petition for me. Even though the Father has placed all things in the hands of the Son, still, the Son, because he is our advocate and to conform to human nature, considers that the Father should be implored on our behalf. The evangelist says, "And all night he continued in prayer to God." A model is given to you, a pattern is laid down which you ought to follow. What ought you not do for your salvation, seeing that Christ spent all night in prayer for you?

Ry. viii. Who are these that fly like a cloud, * and like doves to their windows? *℣.* Purer than snow, whiter than milk, their bodies more ruddy than coral. — And like doves.

Lesson ix

What ought you not do when you are about to undertake some spiritual work, when Christ, before sending out his apostles, prayed first and prayed alone? Nor anywhere else, unless I am mistaken, is he found to have prayed with the apostles; he always prayed alone. Human desires cannot comprehend the wisdom of God, nor can anyone share the inner thoughts of Christ. The

evangelist says, "He called his disciples, and chose from them twelve." These he destined as sowers of the faith, to promote the remedy of salvation throughout the world.

Ry. ix. Do not forsake your flock, eternal Shepherd, but through your blessed apostles * guard it with unflinching vigilance. *℣.* Lord, protect your people which trusts in the patronage of your apostles.— Guard it. — Glory. — Guard it.

LAUDS

Prayer

Almighty, eternal God, today you have given us on the feast of the blessed Bartholomew, your apostle, a joy that is reverent and holy; grant to your church, we pray, both to love what he believed and to preach what he taught. Through.

25 August

St. Louis, King

Confessor

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

Louis IX, king of France, was thoroughly trained in the ways of the spiritual life by his mother, Blanche. He set out by sea with a

vast army to recapture Jerusalem, and in his first engagement put the Saracens to flight. But when large numbers of his soldiers died of the plague, he was overthrown and taken prisoner. When, however, a treaty was made he was set free. In the East he ransomed several christians held in slavery by the unbelievers and also converted many pagans to the christian faith. On his return to France, he erected many monasteries as well as hospices for the poor. He relieved the needy by his generosity and frequently visited the sick and ministered to them. He wore humble dress and assiduously chastised his body by means of hair shirt and fasting. When, for the second time, he crossed the seas to engage the Saracens and had pitched his camp in sight of the enemy, he died of the plague with these words on his lips: "I have access to your house; I bow down before your holy temple, filled with awe."

Ry. iii. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast. **V.** Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. — And

be like men. — Glory. — To come home.

LAUDS

Prayer

O God, you withdrew the blessed Louis, your confessor, from an earthly kingdom to the glory of a kingdom in heaven; we beseech you through his merits and prayers, to make us companions of the King of kings, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Who lives and reigns with you.

27 August

St. Joseph Calasanctius

Confessor

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

Joseph Calasanctius was born at Petralta in Aragon. As a child he used to gather his companions about him and teach them prayers and the mysteries of the faith. In fulfilment of a vow, he became a priest and led a life of the greatest austerity. Chastising his body by watchings and fasts, he used to spend days and nights in prayer and in the contemplation of divine things. When God made known to him that he had been chosen to instruct the

young, especially those who were poor, in the spirit of understanding and holiness, he founded the Order of the Mother of God's Poor Clerks Regular of Religious Schools, which, from its nature, would be dedicated to the teaching of boys. Having endured, on account of this, innumerable toils and hardships, which he bore with undaunted spirit, he died at the age of ninety-two on August 5 in the year 1648. Pius XII proclaimed him patron of all primary christian schools throughout the world.

Ry. iii. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast.

V. Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. — And be like men. — Glory. — To come home.

LAUDS

Prayer

O God, through Saint Joseph, your confessor, you were pleased to provide your church with a new force to train youth in the spirit of understanding and holiness; grant us, we pray, by his example and intercession, so to do and

to teach, that we may attain the everlasting rewards. Through.

Commemoration of St. Rufus, Bishop and Martyr.

Ant. Let him who would come after me deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

V. A gold crown upon his head. **Ry.** Inscribed like a signet with "Holiness."

Prayer

Heed our prayers, Lord; may we who know that, as a result of our wrong-doing, we stand accused, be set free through the pleading of the blessed Rufus, your martyr and bishop. Through.

28 August

St. Augustine

Bishop, Confessor and Doctor of the Church II class

At I VESPERS, where the feast is celebrated as I class.

Ant. to psalms. Rejoice, Jerusalem, our mother, because, for you, your King has ransomed from the slavery of Babylon, August-

ine, a zealous steward and a most loyal citizen.

Psalm Praise, O servants, etc. [1].

Little Chapter Ecclus. 45

Beloved by God and man, whose memory is blessed. He made him equal in glory to the holy ones.

R. He hoped that if he conferred with him about his problems, he might indicate the best way, for one disposed as he was, to walk in God's path, * where one went this way, and another that. **V.** All that he had done in life displeased him, when compared with God's delightfulness and the beauty of his house which he loved. — Where one. — Glory. — Where one.

Hymn as in Matins.

V. Blessed Augustine, pray for us. **R.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Magnif. ant. This is the festive day on which the holy bishop, Augustine, being freed from the bonds of the flesh, was taken up among the angels. There he rejoices with the prophets and exults with the apostles. Filled with their spirit, he explained to us the mysteries they foretold, and, after them, shone supreme with the added grace of expounding the word of God.

Prayer

Hear our prayers, almighty God, and as you fill us with hope in your loving kindness, so also, through the intercession of the blessed Augustine, your confessor and bishop, mercifully bestow on us the fruit of your accustomed mercy. Through.

Compline from Sunday

MATINS

Invit. The Lord is great and worthy to be praised; * from the darkness of the Gentiles, he called Augustine to become a light of his church.

Hymn

Great Augustine, father holy,
Give support to this our plea;
By this cry to the Creator
See that we may pleasing be;
And, O prelates' greatest glory,
Guide your flock all peacefully.

You loved well the counselled poorness,
Praised by Poor, their praise you earn;
You upheld the teaching truthful,
Loved by all who truth discern;

Scripture, made as honey morsels,
You explain that we may learn.

What before was dark and hidden,
Clear as light to us you make;
From the teaching of the Saviour,
Bread delightful, then, you break;
And the drink you serve life-giving,
From the psalms as nectar take.

Of the life and way of clerics,
That most holy rule you write;
Those who love it and obey it,
Take the royal way of light;
And beneath your holy guidance,
Reach, in heaven, their home so bright.

To the King of kings, salvation,
Life and power and glory be;
To the Trinity be honour,
Praise for all eternity,
And in heaven to all the blessed,
May he join us, graciously.
Amen.

I Nocturn

Ant. 1 Augustine opened the book of the Apostle and, glancing at the first page, he read, "Put on the Lord

Jesus Christ." At once, as though filled with a light of sureness, all the darkness of uncertainty melted away from him.

Psalms from the Common of a Confessor [100].

Ant. 2 He wrote to the holy man, Ambrose, expressing his present desire, that he might advise him which of the sacred books he should read to make him more ready and fit to receive the grace of Christ.

Ant. 3 And he told him to read Isaiah the prophet, which book more clearly than others foretells the gospel and the calling of the Gentiles.

V. The Lord loved him and adorned him. **R.** He clothed him with a robe of glory.

From the book of Ecclesiasticus

Lesson i Chapter 14

Blessed is the man who meditates on wisdom and who reasons intelligently. He who reflects in his mind on her ways will also ponder her secrets. Pursue wisdom like a hunter, and lie in wait on her paths. He who peers through her windows will also listen at her doors; he who encamps near her house will also fasten his tent peg to her walls; he

will pitch his tent near her, and will lodge in an excellent lodging place; he will place his children under her shelter, and will camp under her boughs; he will be sheltered by her from the heat, and will dwell in the midst of her glory.

Ry. i. Finding himself far from God in a strange land, Augustine heard as it were the voice of God from on high: "I am the food of the strong; * grow and you shall eat me. **V.** You shall not change me into yourself as bodily food, but you shall be changed into me." — Grow and you shall eat me.

Lesson ii Chapter 24

It fills men with wisdom, like the Pishon, and like the Tigris at the time of the first fruits. It makes them full of understanding, like the Euphrates, and like the Jordan at harvest time. It makes instruction shine forth like light, like the Gihon at the time of vintage. Just as the first man did not know her perfectly, the last one has not fathomed her; for her thought is more abundant than the sea, and her counsel deeper than the great abyss. I went forth like a canal from a river and like a water channel into a garden.

Ry. ii. His good sense

and experience assured him that there was nothing extraordinary in bread being loathsome to an unhealthy palate and pleasant to a healthy one, * and light being painful to sore eyes and delightful to sound ones. **V.** You punish man's sins and correct him; like the moth you devour all he treasures. — And light.

Lesson iii

I said, "I will water my orchard and drench my garden plot"; and lo, my canal became a river, and my river became a sea. I will again make instruction shine forth like the dawn, and I will make it shine afar. I will penetrate to all the lower parts of the earth, and will behold all that sleep, and will enlighten all that hope in the Lord. I will again pour out teaching like prophecy, and leave it to all future generations. Observe that I have not labored for myself alone, but for all who seek instruction.

Ry. iii. Then indeed he realised that the invisible things of God are perceived from the things that have been made, but he could not hold his gaze fixed, * for he retained but a loving memory as of something of which he had caught the

fragrance, but was as yet unable to eat. **V.** But the hidden meaning of "the Word was made flesh," he could not even surmise. — For he retained but a loving memory. — Glory. — As for something of which he had caught the fragrance.

II Nocturn

Ant. 4 But not understanding the first part of this book, and thinking it would be all of the same kind, he put it aside until he should be more practised in the Lord's word.

Ant. 5 Then, when the time had come to be enrolled, leaving the country and returning to Milan, he was baptized by the blessed Ambrose, and all anxiety over his past life left him.

Ant. 6 In those days he never wearied of the wonderful delight he enjoyed in considering the depth of the divine plan for the salvation of man.

V. The Lord guided the righteous man on straight paths. **Ry.** He showed him the kingdom of God.

From his own writings, from Possidius, Bishop of Calama and from the Roman Breviary

Lesson iv

Augustine, a very bright light of the church,

was born at Tagaste in Africa of worthy parents. As a child he far outshone his companions in keenness of intellect, and in a short time surpassed all in learning. As a youth at Carthage he fell under the influence of the Manichaean heresy. Later he went to Rome and from there was sent to teach rhetoric at Milan. Here he frequently attended the sermons of Ambrose, the bishop, by whose preaching he was drawn to study the catholic faith, and by whom he was baptized at the age of thirty-three. He readily admits that the constant tears of his saintly mother, Monica, for the conversion of her son had also a share in bringing about his rebirth in Christ. For he relates that, as she was weeping bitterly for him, a certain bishop said to her: "Go; continue to do as you are doing. It is impossible that the child of such tears should perish."

Ry. iv. And so he began with great eagerness to read especially the apostle Paul, * and those difficulties vanished which at one time had seemed to indicate that the text of his discourse did not agree with the testimonies of the law and the prophets. **V.** And he saw but one face in that

pure eloquence, and he learned to rejoice while trembling. — And those difficulties vanished.

Lesson v

Augustine was also strongly attracted to the catholic faith from hearing of the life of Saint Anthony the Great, as is clear from the famous words he uttered in plaintive tones: “The unlearned arise and take heaven by force, while we with our empty learning are stuck fast in flesh and blood.” Returning to Africa, where he joined faith with holiness of life, he was ordained priest by Valerius, the saintly bishop of Hippo. At this time he founded a religious institute of men, and while participating in the common life and the community prayer, he carefully instructed its members in the ways of the apostolic life and in its teachings.

Ry. v. Then the Lord put it into his mind, and it seemed good to him, to go to Simplicianus, whom he knew to be God’s good servant, *and, indeed, divine grace shone in him. **V.** He had heard that from his youth he had lived most devoted to God; and truly so it was. — And, indeed, divine grace shone in him.

Lesson vi

When the Manichean heresy began to grow in intensity, Augustine vehemently fought against it and refuted the arch-heretic, Fortunatus. Struck by this zeal of Augustine, Valerius chose him as his assistant bishop. Saint Paulinus of Nola, the bishop, referring to Augustine’s consecration in a letter to Valerius, wrote, “We write this not only to congratulate you because Augustine has accepted the episcopacy, but also because the African churches have merited this grace from God, that they should hear the heavenly word from the lips of Augustine.”

Ry. vi. He hoped that if he conferred with him about his problems, he might indicate the best way, for one disposed as he was, to walk in God’s path, * where one went this way, and another that. **V.** All that he had done in life displeased him, when compared with God’s delightfulness and the beauty of his house which he loved. — Where one. — Glory. — Where one.

III Nocturn

Ant. 7 He wept abundantly at hymns and canticles, profoundly moved by the sweet sound of the church’s singing.

Ant. 8 Those sounds flowed into his ears, and the truth streamed into his heart; the tears began to flow and he was happy in them.

Ant. 9 Accompanied by Nebridius and Evodius, he set out for Africa to find a more suitable place where they might live devoutly, when, on reaching Ostia on the Tiber, his loving mother died.

V. The just will flourish like the palm tree in the house of the Lord. **Ry.** He shall grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson vii Chapter 5

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltness be restored?” Etc.

Homily of St. Augustine, Bishop

Book I on the Lord’s Sermon on the Mount, ch. 6

The Lord shows that those men are to be considered foolish who, through seeking an abundance of temporal goods, or through fear of lacking them, lose

the eternal goods which man can neither give nor take away. If, then, salt loses its taste, how shall its saltness be restored? That is, if you, through whom the people are, as it were, to be preserved, lose the kingdom of heaven from fear of temporal persecutions, through whom will your mistakes be taken away, since it is you that God has chosen through whom he may take away the mistakes of others?

Ry. vii. Christ’s love wounded his heart and his words were like sharp arrows in his breast; * and the example of God’s servants, whom he raised from death to life, were as consuming coals. **V.** He pierced him with sharp arrows as he ascended from the valley of tears, singing the gradual hymn. — And the example of God’s servants, whom he raised from death to life, were as consuming coals.

Lesson viii

Therefore salt without saltness is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trodden underfoot by men. He who suffers persecution is not trodden underfoot by men, but he who through fear of persecution becomes

foolish. Only what is below can be trodden underfoot. He, however, is not below who in his heart dwells in heaven, even though he may bodily endure many things on earth.

Ry. viii. After receiving the grace of Baptism, he stayed with his mother at Ostia on the Tiber. They conversed alone in deep joy, longing in heart for the heavenly waters of the fountain of life, * and their words made the world and its delights seem contemptible. **V.** Then she said to her son: "I no longer care for anything in this world, now that I see you a servant of Christ, despising earthly happiness." — And their words.

Lesson ix

You are the light of the world. Just, as above, he said, "Salt of the earth," so now he says, "Light of the world." "Earth" is not to be understood here as that on which we tread bodily, but rather, the people who live in this world, or even sinners. To preserve these and to destroy corruption in them, the Lord sent the apostolic salt into the world. So, "world" must here be taken to mean neither the heavens nor the earth, but men who are in the world,

or who love the world; to enlighten these the Apostles were sent.

Ry. ix. Until his illness, he preached the word of God in holy church constantly, zealously and boldly, clear in mind and sure in counsel. Sound in limb, with vision and hearing unimpaired, * surrounded by his brethren kneeling in prayer, he fell asleep with his fathers. **V.** He made no will, for he who became poor for Christ had nothing to bequeath. — Surrounded by his brethren. — He fell asleep with his fathers.

Before Lauds V. Blessed Augustine, pray for us. **Ry.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LAUDS

Antiphons

1. After his mother's death, Augustine returned to his own land, where, living with his friends in fasting and prayer, he wrote books and taught the untutored.

Psalm The Lord is king, etc. p. 29

2. Hearing of his renown, the blessed Valerius, Bishop of Hippo, sent for him and, despite his reluctance, ordained him priest.

3. Then, soon after he was ordained priest, he founded a monastery of clerics, and began to live according to the rule laid down by the holy apostles.

4. Saint Valerius, who ordained him, rejoiced greatly that God should have given him one so fitted to adorn the church with sound doctrine.

5. At a public debate at that time, Saint Augustine in the presence of all, triumphed over Fortunatus, the Manichaean priest who had led many astray by his deceit.

Little Chapter Ecclus. 45

Beloved by God and man, whose memory is blessed. He made him equal in glory to the holy ones.

Hymn

O citizens of heaven, acclaim,
And, sweetly, brethren,
sing his fame!
Our father's solemn feast
is here,
As solar cycle ends a year.

What thus the tongue is
heard to tell,
The inmost soul should feel
as well;
The soul that will in praise
concur,
To follow close should not
demur.

When he his earthly course
had run,
The court of heaven re-
ceived this son,
Whom, with all those he
faithful found,
The Lord above with glory
crowned.

So let us try our very best,
Our prayer increasing with-
out rest;
That by Augustine's merits'
powers,
The joys of heaven may be
ours.

So, loving Father, let it be,
And Son of equal Deity,
And Holy Spirit Coun-
sellor,
Who lives and reigns for
ever more.
Amen.

V. The just man will
blossom as the lily. **Ry.**
And he will flourish before
the Lord for ever.

Bened. ant. In his day,
the city of Hippo was be-
sieved by a barbarian army;
in that misfortune, tears
were Augustine's portion
day and night, and at that
time, his last hour being at
hand, he died in peace.

Prayer

Hear our prayers, al-
mighty God, and as
you fill us with hope in your
loving kindness, so also
through the intercession of
the blessed Augustine, your

confessor and bishop, mercifully bestow on us the fruit of your accustomed mercy. Through.

At the Hours the psalms and antiphon are from the weekday.

At Terce, Sext and None the Little chapters, R̄R̄. and V̄. are taken from the Common of a Confessor [110].

VESPERS

Ant. to psalms After his mother's death, Augustine returned to his own land, where living with his friends in fasting and prayer, he wrote books and taught the untutored.

Psalms from the Common of a Confessor [111].

Little Chapter Ecclus. 45

Beloved by God and man, whose memory is blessed. He made him equal in glory to the holy ones.

Hymn

Great Augustine, father holy,
Give support to this our plea;
By this cry to the Creator,
See that we may pleasing be;
And, O prelates' greatest glory,
Guide your flock all peacefully.

You loved well the counselled poorness,
Praised by Poor, their praise you earn;
You upheld the teaching truthful,
Loved by all who truth discern;
Scripture, made as honey morsels,
You explain that we may learn.

What before was dark and hidden,
Clear as light to us you make;
From the teaching of the Saviour,
Bread delightful, then, you break,
And the drink you serve life-giving,
From the psalms as nectar take.

Of the life and way of clerics,
That most holy rule you write;
Those who love it and obey it,
Take the royal way of light;
And beneath your holy guidance,
Reach, in heaven, their home so bright.

To the King of kings, salvation,
Life and power and glory be;
To the Trinity be honour,
Praise for all eternity;

And in heaven to all the blessed,
May he join us, graciously.
Amen.

V̄. Blessed Augustine, pray for us. *R̄.* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Magnif. ant. On this day, when the earthly dwelling in which he lived was dissolved, the glorious Father, Augustine, was given, in heaven, a dwelling not made with hands, but which, while on earth, he had built for himself by word and work, aided by God's grace. There he tastes unendingly what he had thirsted for inwardly, and there, adorned with a robe, he finds rest for ever.

Compline from Sunday.

29 August

Beheading of St. John the Baptist

III class

MATINS

Invitatory and Hymn from the Common of a Martyr [54].

Lessons i and ii from current Scripture with the following responsories.

R̄. i. King Herod sent and seized John and bound him in prison, for he feared

him on account of Herodias, * his brother's wife, whom he had married. *V̄.* John had rebuked Herod because of Herodias. – His brother's wife.

R̄. ii. The blessed John enclosed in prison, remained firm and cried aloud, * "Lord, my God, to you I commit my spirit." *V̄.* The king ordered John to be beheaded in prison; and he was praying and saying. – Lord, my God.

From the book of
St. Ambrose, Bishop,
on Virgins
Book 3 after the beginning.

Lesson iii

As the memory of St. John the Baptist should not be passed over superficially it is important that we should note who was killed, and by whom and for what cause, how, and on what occasion. A just man is killed by adulterers. The penalty for a capital offence is passed upon the judge by the guilty. Then the reward of the dancer is the death of the prophet. Finally (that which horrifies even the barbarians), the order for the cruel deed is given amidst feasting and merry-making, and the cooperation in the savage and shameful business is extended from the banquet to the prison and back

again from the prison to the banquet. How many crimes are there not in this one evil deed!

Ry. iii. The disciples of Saint John the Baptist, coming, * took his body and buried it. **V.** By Herod's command John was beheaded in prison. His disciples hearing of it. — Took his body. — Glory. — And buried it.

Before Lauds V. Blessed John the Baptist, pray for us. **Ry.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LAUDS

Antiphons

1. Herod, however, seized John, bound him and put him in prison, because of Herodias.

Psalm The Lord is king etc. p. 29.

2. The dancing girl's mother commanded her: "Ask for nothing but the head of John."

3. My lord King, give me the head of John the Baptist on a dish.

4. Give me the head of John the Baptist on a dish. And the king was exceedingly sorry because of his oath.

5. The faithless king sent his vile henchman and ordered that John the Baptist should be beheaded.

Little Chapter James i

Blessed is the man who endures trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love him.

Hymn

God's martyr you, the only Son
To victory has led you on:
Your every foe defeated lies,
And heaven accords the victor's prize.

O may your prayer for us obtain
The cleansing of each guilty stain,
Shield all from sin's contagious blight,
Put life's long weariness to flight.

Now riven are the bonds in twain,
That did your saintly limbs enchain;
For love of God's own Son arise
And free us from all worldly ties.

To God the Father glory true,
The same, eternal Son, to you,
To Counsellor Spirit glory be
Both now and for eternity.
Amen.

V. A gold crown upon his head. **Ry.** Inscribed like a signet with "Holiness."

Bened. ant. Herod sent a soldier of the guard and gave orders that John should be beheaded in the prison. When his disciples heard this, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Prayer

We pray you, Lord, that the reverent celebration of the feast of Saint John the Baptist, your forerunner and martyr, may bring us help towards salvation. Through.

Commemoration of St. Sabina, Martyr.

Ant. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.

V. God has chosen her and has given her preference. **Ry.** He gives her his home to dwell in.

Prayer

O God, among other marvels of your power, you have given even to the weaker sex the victory of martyrdom; mercifully grant that we who keep the feast of the blessed Sabina, your martyr, may, through her example, draw nearer to you. Through.

At the Hours, psalms and antiphon from the weekday.

At Terce, Sext and None, the Little chapters, **RyRy.** and **VV.** are from the Common of a Martyr [64].

VESPERS

Ant. to psalms Herod, however, seized John, bound him and put him in prison, because of Herodias.

Psalms from the Common of a Martyr [65].

Little chapter, hymn and V. from the same Common [67].

Magnif. ant. Guard us, Lord, by the unceasing protection of Saint John the Baptist, and sustain us by that assistance which is all the more necessary the weaker we are.

Compline from the weekday.

30 August

St. Rose of Lima

Virgin O. P.

III class

MATINS

Invit. Come let us adore the eternal King. * On account of her merits, he fittingly crowned the Rose of his heart in heaven.

Hymn

The royal city Lima,
bright,
A regal present brought to
light ;
A Rose, to God most
pleasing, bore,
A blossom of the heavenly
shore.

As sun the darkness drives
afar,
She passed in loveliness
each star ;
And like unto the spirits
blest,
The Godhead bore upon
her breast.

She did not flinch at cruel
jeer,
Nor hell-hounds fierce
could cause her fear ;
But all alone she stayed
unbowed,
And spurned the world
with bustling crowd.

O Blessed One, look down
to us
Who set ourselves to praise
you thus ;
And to the heavenly joys
then lead,
When from all stains we
have been freed.

O virgins' bridegroom,
Christ, to you
And to the Father glory
true,
With Holy Spirit Coun-
sellor,
Who lives and reigns for
evermore.
Amen.

Nocturn

Ant. 1 Lord, you have
made your Rose little less
than a god, for with glory
and honour you crowned
her.

**Psalms from the Com-
mon of a Virgin** [130].

Ant. 2 Like a bridegroom
coming forth from his
dwelling he made his home
with Rose.

Ant. 3 With clean hands
and pure heart Rose climbs
the mountain of the Lord
and will stand in his holy
place.

Ant. 4 Rose is clothed
with splendour in gold of
Ophir and so the king
desired her beauty.

Ant. 5 The Lord helped
Rose at the dawning of the
day and within her heart,
she cannot be shaken.

Ant. 6 On the holy
mountain is Rose. It is he,
the Most High, who gives
each his place, and prefers
her to all Jacob's dwellings.

Ant. 7 As Rose came up,
the land and all it bears
rejoiced, and all the trees of
the wood shouted for joy.

Ant. 8 Let earth rejoice
and the many coastlands be
glad, because all peoples see
the glory of her holiness.

Ant. 9 Let the sea and all
within it, thunder ; the
world and its peoples: for
the Lord has worked won-
ders in Rose.

V. God will help her
through his watchful pres-
ence. **R.** God is within,
she cannot be shaken.

From the Song of Songs

Lesson i Chapter 2

I am a rose of Sharon, a
lily of the valleys. As a
lily among brambles, so is
my love among maidens.
As an apple tree among the
trees of the wood, so is my
beloved among young men.
With great delight I sat in
his shadow, and his fruit
was sweet to my taste. He
brought me to the banquet-
ing house, and his banner
over me was love. Sustain
me with raisins, refresh me
with apples ; for I am sick
with love. O that his left
hand were under my head,
and his right hand em-
braced me ! I adjure you,
O daughters of Jerusalem,
by the gazelles or the hinds
of the field, that you stir
not up nor awaken love
until it please.

R. i. Pay attention,
peoples from afar: the
Lord called me from the
womb, from the body of
my mother * he named
my name. **V.** In the blood
of the eternal covenant, the
great shepherd calls his
sheep by name and he leads
them out. — He named my
name.

From the book of
Ecclesiasticus

Lesson ii Chapter 39

Listen to me, O you holy
sons, and bud like a
rose growing by a stream of
water ; send forth frag-
rance like frankincense, and
put forth blossoms like a
lily. Scatter fragrance, and
sing a hymn of praise ;
bless the Lord for all his
works ; ascribe majesty to
his name and give thanks to
him with praise, with songs
on your lips, and with
lyres ; and this you shall
say in thanksgiving: "All
things are the works of the
Lord, for they are very
good."

R. ii. I perfumed my
dwelling as storax and
galbanum and uncrushed
frankincense. * My frag-
rance is like pure balsam. **V.**
The Rose of the Indies
emitted a pleasing per-
fume, and the house was
filled with the fragrance of
the ointment. — My frag-
rance is like pure balsam.

Lesson ii

The virgin Rose was the
first flower of holiness
in South America. Born in
Lima of christian parents,
she showed, from the cradle,
signs of her future holiness.
For the infant's face, being
marvellously transformed
into the likeness of a rose,
was the reason why she was
given this name. That she

might not be forced by her parents to marry, she secretly cut off her lovely hair. The austerity of her life was exceptional. Having received the habit of the Third Order of Saint Dominic, she followed closely the arduous path of Saint Catherine of Siena. For fifteen years, for hours at a time, she suffered desolation of soul and the most bitter aridity, and patiently bore agonies more bitter than death. From repeated apparitions she became wonderfully intimate with her angel guardian, Saint Catherine of Siena, and the Virgin Mother of God, and was privileged to hear Christ speak these words: "Rose of my heart, be my bride." Famous for miracles both before and after death, she was enrolled in the list of holy Virgins, by Pope Clement X.

Ry. iii. Let us rejoice and exult, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and his bride has made herself ready. * It was granted to her to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure, which is the righteous deeds of the saints. **V.** The king set the royal crown on her head and made her queen. — It was granted. — Glory. — The righteous deeds of the saints.

Before Lauds V. Blessed Rose, pray for us. **Ry.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LAUDS

Antiphons

1. The Lord is glorious on high, with majesty enrobed, he girds himself with power to glorify his bride.

Psalm The Lord is king, etc. p. 29.

2. Serving God in joy and gladness, blessed Rose entered his courts.

3. Rose rejoiced in the shadow of your wings, because your right hand held her fast.

4. Bless the Lord all rain and dew; from his dwelling he poured forth blessing upon Rose.

5. Let the waters above the heavens praise the name of the Lord; there Rose flourishes, planted beside a stream of water.

Little Chapter **Wisd. 8**

I loved her and sought her from my youth, and I desired to take her for my bride, and I became enamoured of her beauty," says the Lord almighty.

Hymn

The dawn that purples all the sky,
And morning's rose-like glow on high,
Remind us all to sing in praise
Of Rose the holy virgin's ways.

Let angel hosts her praises tell

And all the heavenly ranks as well;

Let earthly choirs, the world around,

With glory of her deeds resound.

The first-found sacrifice for love

That Indies offered God above;

To all the world a mighty aid

And sign of goodness she is made.

She gives the blind the joy of light,

She frees the tongues in bonds held tight;

She raises lame who prostrate lie,

She makes all sickness turn and fly.

To you, O Trinity, let praise

Be ever given all our days;

On high with Rose, O draw us too

To share the nuptial joy with you.

Amen.

V. She is led to the king with her maiden companions. **Ry.** Her destined companions are escorted in.

Bened. ant. O fragrant Rose, scattering everywhere the perfume of virtues, make us sharers of the

light and gladness which you enjoy.

Prayer

O almighty God, giver of all good gifts, in predisposing blessed Rose by the dew of your heavenly grace, you willed that she should blossom in the Indies with the beauty of virginity and patience; grant us, your servants, that hastening in her pleasing fragrance, we may be worthy to be made the aroma of Christ. Who lives and reigns with you.

Commemoration of SS. Felix and Adauctus, Martyrs.

Ant. These are the holy ones who, for the love of God, despised the threats of men. The holy martyrs rejoice with the angels in the kingdom of heaven. What a precious death is that of the saints! They stand always in the presence of the Lord, and are not parted from one another.

V. God is to be feared
Ry. In his holy place.

Prayer

We humbly implore your majesty, Lord, that as you continually gladden us by the commemoration of your saints, you may always defend us by their prayers. Through.

At the Hours, psalms and antiphon from the weekday.

TERCE

Little Chapter as at Lauds.

R. Graciousness is poured * upon your lips. — Graciousness. **V.** Because God has blessed you for evermore.— Upon.— Glory.— Graciousness.

V. In splendour and state. **R.** Ride on in triumph.

SEXT

Little Chapter Ecclus. 39

Listen to me, O you holy sons, and bud like a rose growing by a stream of water; send forth fragrance like frankincense.

R. In splendour * and state. — In splendour. **V.** Ride on in triumph. — And state. — Glory. — In splendour.

V. God will help her through his watchful presence. **R.** God is within, she cannot be shaken.

NONE

Little Chapter Ecclus. 39

Put forth blossoms like a lily. Scatter the fragrance, and sing a hymn of praise; bless the Lord for all his works.

R. God will help her * through his watchful presence. — God will. **V.** God is within, she cannot be shaken. — Through his. — Glory. — God will.

V. She is led to the king with her maiden companions. **R.** Her destined companions are escorted in.

Prayer

Oalmighty God, giver of all good gifts, in predisposing blessed Rose by the dew of your heavenly grace, you willed that she should blossom in the Indies with the beauty of virginity and patience; grant us, your servants, that hastening in her pleasing fragrance, we may be worthy to be made the aroma of Christ. Who lives and reigns with you.

VESPERS

Ant. to psalms The Lord is glorious on high, with majesty enrobed, he girds himself with power to glorify his bride.

Psalms from the Common of a Virgin [142].

Little Chapter **Wisd. 8**

I loved her and sought her from my youth, and I desired to take her for my bride, and I became enamoured of her beauty," says the Lord almighty

Hymn

Let all who dwell upon the earth
Keep Rose's feast, her heavenly birth;
Let those who praise her sound as one,
From sunrise to the setting sun.

While yet an infant at the breast,
On her the gifts of grace did rest;
And filled with God she set her hand
To conquer self by penance planned.

Her sinless limbs, by suffering tried,
In wondrous ways she mortified;
Her brow with wreaths of thorn transfixed,
Her simple food with gall she mixed.

Rejoicing now the prize is won,
The great reward for penance done;
She gladly sings the anthem new
As Lamb of God she follows true.

Be praise and honour, for all time
To Him who gives these gifts sublime;
Who Three in One and One in Three,
One God, rules all eternally.
Amen.

V. Blessed Rose, pray for us. **R.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Magnif. ant. You are the glory of Jerusalem, you are the joy of Israel, you are the honour of our people. Rose, you have done manfully, and your heart has been strengthened.

Compline from weekday.

31 August

**St. Raymond,
the Unborn
Confessor**

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

Raymond was named "Unborn," because, in exception to the common law of nature, he was brought to the light of day through an incision made in the side of his dead mother. He scorned childish games and worldly enticements and so applied himself to piety that all were in wonder at the mature virtue of the boy. He loved God's mother very much and constantly prayed to her. Raymond entered the Order of Ransom or Mercy, for the liberation of captives. His virginity,

which he had previously consecrated to the Blessed Virgin, he maintained, perpetually. He shone, too, with the other virtues, and especially with charity towards those Christians forced to live in misery under pagan rule. Created cardinal by Gregory IX, the man of God shrank from all pomp and in that rank always maintained the humility of the religious state. At Cardona, worn out by his final illness and fortified by the sacraments of the church, he departed to the Lord on the last Sunday of August in the year 1240.

Ry. iii. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast. **V.** Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. — And be like men. — Glory. — To come home.

LAUDS

Prayer

Lord, you made the blessed Raymond wonderful in freeing your faithful from the captivity of the unbelievers; grant, by his intercession, that freed from the bonds of sin, we may, with free minds, do

what is pleasing to you. Through.

1 September

St. Aegidius

Abbot

Commemoration

LAUDS

Ant. “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much,” says the Lord.

V. The just man will blossom as the lily. **Ry.** And he will flourish before the Lord for ever.

Prayer

Let the intercession of the blessed abbot Aegidius commend us, we pray you, Lord, so that what we cannot gain by our own merits, we may obtain by his patronage. Through.

2 September

St. Stephen of Hungary,
King

Confessor

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

Stephen, King of the Hungarians, brought both the faith of Christ

and the title of kingdom to Hungary. He successfully petitioned the royal crown from the Pope and when on the latter's order he was anointed king, offered the kingdom to the Apostolic See. He established various centres for good works at Rome, Jerusalem and Constantinople. Wonderfully devoted and generous, he established in Hungary the archiepiscopal See of Gran as well as ten other bishoprics. He was renowned for constancy in prayer and for his exceptional charity to the poor. Ardent devotee to the Mother of God, he built a very large church in her honour and proclaimed her Patroness of Hungary. In return, he was received into heaven by the same Virgin on the very day of her Assumption, which in Hungary, by the holy king's decree, was called the Day of the Great Lady. But his feast day, by order of Pope Innocent XI, is now kept specially on this day on which, through the holy king's heavenly help, the strongly fortified citadel of Buda was forcibly retaken by the Christian army.

Ry. iii. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast. **V.** Watch, therefore, for you

do not know on what day your Lord is coming. — And be like men. — Glory. — To come home.

LAUDS

Prayer

Grant unto your church, we beseech you, almighty God, that she may be worthy to have as glorious champion in heaven the blessed Stephen, your confessor, whom she had as apostle while he reigned on earth. Through.

3 September

St. Pius X

Pope and Confessor

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

Pope Pius X, formerly known as Joseph Sarto, was born in a village called Riese, in the Venetian province. He enrolled as a student at the seminary of Padua. On becoming a priest he was first a curate in the town of Tombolo, then parish priest at Salzano, then canon and chancellor of the bishop's curia at Treviso. So outstanding was he for holiness that

Leo XIII appointed him bishop of Mantua. As a good pastor he neglected nothing, but especially laboured for the instruction of young men called to the service of God. He promoted the proper celebration of divine worship and the growth of pious associations, and with overflowing charity provided for the needs of the poor. So great were his merits that he was created a cardinal and appointed Patriarch of Venice. After the death of Leo XIII, since his efforts to refuse the supreme pontificate were in vain, he accepted it as a cross. As Pope, he relinquished nothing of his former way of life, and was a shining example of simplicity, poverty, and especially of humility. He ruled the church firmly and adorned it with the most brilliant enactments. A most vigilant guardian of the faith, he condemned and suppressed Modernism, that culmination of all heresies. A most zealous defender of ecclesiastical liberty, he strongly resisted those who tried to weaken it. He provided for the sound education of clerics; brought the laws of the church together into one book and especially encouraged devotion to the Eucharist as well as its more frequent reception.

Worn out by work and overcome with grief on account of the European war, which had just begun, he departed to the heavenly homeland on August 20, 1914. Pius XII numbered him among the Saints.

Ry. iii. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast. **V.** Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. — And be like men. — Glory. — To come home.

LAUDS

Prayer

O God, in order to defend the catholic faith and to restore all things in Christ, you filled the Supreme Pontiff, Saint Pius, with heavenly wisdom and apostolic fortitude; grant that, following his teaching and example, we may obtain the eternal reward. Through the same.

4 September
St. Marcellus
Martyr
Commemoration

LAUDS

Ant. Let him who would come after me deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

V. A gold crown upon his head. **Ry.** Inscribed like a signet with "Holiness."

Prayer

Grant, we beseech you, almighty God, that we who reverently keep the feast of the blessed Marcellus, your martyr, may, through his intercession, be strengthened in love for your name. Through.

6 September
Bl. Bertrand of
Garrigue
Confessor, O. P.
Commemoration

LAUDS

Ant. "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much," says the Lord.

V. The just man will blossom as the lily. **Ry.** And he will flourish before the Lord for ever.

Prayer

O God, in the blessed Bertrand, your confessor, you brought to the holy patriarch Dominic a wonderful companion and follower, grant through his loving intercession for us, that we may so follow in his footsteps as to gain his rewards. Through.

8 September

Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

II class

What is not given here is taken from the Common of the B. V. M. [21], changing Festival to Birthday (except in the fourth antiphon in Lauds).

MATINS

I Nocturn

Blessing May the gracious Virgin of virgins intercede for us with the Lord. **Ry.** Amen.

Beginning of
The Song of Songs

Lesson i Chapter I

O that you would kiss me with the kisses of your mouth! For your love is better than wine, your anointing oils are fragrant, your name is oil poured out; therefore the maidens love you. Draw me after you, let us make haste. The king has brought me into his chambers. We will exult and rejoice in you; we will extol your love more than wine; rightly do they love you. I am very dark, but comely, O daughters of Jerusalem, like the tents of Kedar, like the curtains of Solomon.

Ry. i. Today is the birthday of the blessed Virgin Mary of the line of David, through whom the salvation of the world has been revealed to those who believe; * whose glorious life has given light to the world. **V.** With greatest reverence let us celebrate the birthday of the most blessed Virgin Mary. — Whose glorious life.

Blessing May the holy Mother of God be a benefactress to us. **Ry.** Amen.

Lesson ii

Do not gaze at me because I am swarthy, because the sun has scorched me. My mother's sons were angry with me, they made me keeper of the vineyards; but my own vineyard I have not kept! Tell me, you whom my soul loves, where you pasture your flock, where you make it lie down at noon; for why should I be like one who wanders beside the flocks of your companions? If you do not know, O fairest among women, follow in the tracks of the flock, and pasture your kids beside the shepherds' tents. I compare you, my love, to a mare of Pharaoh's chariots. Your cheeks are comely with ornaments, your neck with strings of jewels.

Ry. ii. Let us contemplate the most fitting birth of the glorious Virgin Mary. * The Lord looked on her nothingness; at the angel's message she conceived the Redeemer of the world. **V.** Today was born the blessed Virgin Mary of the line of David. — The Lord looked.

Blessing May the Virgin Mary, with her loving Child, bless us. **Ry.** Amen.

Lesson iii

We will make you ornaments of gold, studded with silver. While the king was on his couch, my nard gave forth its fragrance. My beloved is to me a bag of myrrh, that lies between my breasts. My beloved is to me a cluster of henna blossoms in the vineyards of Enged'i. Behold, you are beautiful, my love; behold, you are beautiful; your eyes are doves. Behold, you are beautiful, my beloved, truly lovely. Our couch is green; the beams of our house are cedar, our rafters are pine.

Ry. iii. The stock of Jesse brought forth a shoot, and the shoot a branch, * and on this branch the Holy Spirit rests. **V.** The Virgin Mother of God is the shoot; her Son, the branch.—And on.—Glory.—The Holy Spirit.

II Nocturn

Blessing May the Virgin Mother of God rescue us from the evil enemy. **Ry.** Amen.

Sermon of St. Augustine, Bishop

Sermon 18 on the Saints, the 2nd on the Annunciation.

Lesson iv

Beloved, the longed-for day of the blessed and ever-revered Virgin Mary has come; therefore let our world rejoice with supreme delight for it has been rendered illustrious by the birth of so great a Virgin. She, indeed, is the rose of Sharon, from which came forth a priceless lily of the valleys. By her child-bearing the nature transmitted from our first parents is changed and their fault wiped out. For her, is taken away that sentence of unhappiness passed on Eve: "In pain you shall bring forth children," for in joy she brought forth the Lord.

Ry. iv. This is the birthday of the glorious Virgin Mary, of the breed of Abraham, sprung from the tribe of Judah, of the renowned stock of David. * Her illustrious life casts splendour on all the churches. **V.** Mary is resplendent, born of kingly

line. — Her illustrious life.

Blessing May Jesus, son of Mary, be gentle and kind to us. **Ry.** Amen.

Lesson v

Eve lamented, this woman rejoiced; Eve bore sorrow in her womb, but Mary joy; for the former brought forth a sinner, but the latter, the innocent one. The mother of our race brought suffering into the world, but the Mother of our Lord brought salvation into the world. Eve was the source of sin, Mary the source of merit. Eve, by destroying, hindered; Mary, by giving life, helped. The former wounded, the latter healed. Obedience is exchanged for disobedience, faith makes up for disloyalty.

Ry. v. Your birthday, Virgin Mother of God, has proclaimed joy to the whole world: * for from you has risen the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, who, dispelling the curse gave us blessing, and overcoming death, gave us life everlasting. **V.** You are indeed happy, who alone obtained the dignity of motherhood without losing virginal purity. — For from you.

Blessing May most loving Mary, Star of the Sea, come to our aid. **Ry.** Amen.

Sermon of St. Bernard,
Abbot

Sermon on the Nativity
of Blessed Mary.

Lesson vi

Let us consider, brethren, with what reverence God wished us to venerate Mary since in Mary he placed the very fullness of all good. And so we should recognise that any hope we have, or any grace or measure of salvation, must be an overflow from her “who went up rich in delights.” She is truly a garden of delights on which that divine south wind not only breathes but through which it continually circulates, causing her fragrances—the gifts of graces—to be wafted unceasingly to and fro.

Ry. vi. At the command of the Lord, who wished to increase our dignity, * as a bramble bringing forth a rose, so did Judea bring forth Mary. **V.** That virtue might overshadow vice, and grace, sin. — As a bramble. — Glory. — As a bramble.

III Nocturn

Blessing May the gospel lesson be to us well-being and protection. **Ry.** Amen.

Reading from the holy
Gospel according to
Matthew

Lesson vii Chapter 1

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac and Isaac the father of Jacob. Etc.

Homily of St. Jerome,
Priest

Book I on Matthew

We read in Isaiah: “Who shall declare his generation?” But we should not imagine that the Evangelist contradicts the Prophet when he begins to narrate that which the other said was impossible to tell. For the former spoke of the generation of the Divinity, whereas the latter speaks of the Incarnation. He began with bodily things, that through the man we might begin to learn about God. The son of David, the son of Abraham. The order is reversed, but there is need for the change. If he had put Abraham first and then David, he would have had to repeat Abraham again to trace the genealogy.

Ry. vii. Mary is resplendent, born of kingly line. * Through her prayers, we most earnestly beg to be strengthened in mind and

spirit. **V.** With heart and mind let us sing glory to Christ on this sacred festival of the illustrious Mary, Mother of God. — Through her prayers.

Blessing May the loving Virgin Mary come to our aid in every trouble and hardship. **Ry.** Amen.

Lesson viii

And so, passing over all the others, he called him the son of these two, for to these only was given the promise concerning Christ. To Abraham was said, “In your seed”—that is, in Christ—“shall all nations bless themselves.” And to David: “A son, the fruit of your body, I set upon your throne.” Judas begot Phares and Zara of Thamar. It should be noted that in the genealogy of the Saviour none of the holy women is mentioned, but those whom Scripture reprehends, so that he who came because of sinners, and who was descended from sinners, should wipe out the sins of all. Hence, in what follows, Ruth the Moabitess and Bethsabee the wife of Uriah, are mentioned.

Ry. viii. With heart and mind let us sing glory to Christ * on this sacred festival of the illustrious Mary, Mother of God. **V.**

Let us celebrate with joy the birthday of holy Mary. — On this.

Blessing May the Queen of angels bring us to the company of the heavenly citizens. **Ry.** Amen.

Lesson ix

“And Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary.” The Augustus Julian taunts us that here the evangelists disagree, because the evangelist Matthew said that Joseph was the son of Jacob and Luke called him the son of Heli. He did not, however, understand the method of the Scriptures, that one is his father by nature, and the other his father by law. We know this through the precept of Moses, given at God’s command, that if one’s brother or relative die without issue, one should take his wife to raise up offspring to his brother or relative.

Ry. ix. She who is to give birth to the Supreme King, the Sun of Justice, * Mary, Star of the Sea, has this day gone forth to dawn. **V.** Rejoice, you faithful, that you perceive the divine light. — Mary, Star of the Sea. — Glory. — Has this day gone forth to dawn.

9 September
St. Gorgonius

Martyr
Commemoration

LAUDS

Ant. Let him who would come after me deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

V. A gold crown upon his head. **R.** Inscribed like a signet with "Holiness."

Prayer

May your holy martyr, Gorgonius, gladden us, Lord, by his intercession, and may he fill us with joy on this sacred festival. Through.

10 September
Blessed Alphonsus
Navarrete, O.P.
and Companions

Martyrs
III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

Of the two hundred and five martyrs who shed their blood for Christ in Japan at the beginning of the seventeenth century, a large number belonged to the Philippine Province of the Order of Preachers. First there was Alphonsus Navarrete, the

head of the mission. He was beheaded at Vomura in 1617 when, in daring defiance of an unjust decree, he publicly ministered to the needs of the faithful. During this year and for the next eleven years other fathers of the same Province received the crown of martyrdom, some at Nagasaki, others at Vomura. This cohort of Preachers and others from the Orders of Saint Francis, Saint Augustine and the Society of Jesus, both clerics and lay brothers, were accompanied to heaven by brothers and sisters of the Third Order and of the Rosary Confraternity as well as by many other Japanese, male and female. All of these were beatified in the year 1866 by Pius IX.

R. iii. They washed their robes and made them spotless * in the blood of the Lamb. **V.** These are they who have come out of the great tribulation, and have washed their robes. — In the blood of the Lamb. — Glory. — In the blood of the Lamb.

LAUDS

Prayer

O God, in the triumph of blessed Alphonsus and his companions you give us joy. We pray you, to grant us through their

merits and intercession, a like steadfastness in faith and fruitfulness in work. Through.

Commemoration of St. Nicholas of Tolentino, Confessor.

Ant. "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much," says the Lord.

V. The just man will blossom as the lily. **R.** And he will flourish before the Lord for ever.

Prayer

Almighty God, we beseech you to grant that your church, made illustrious by the virtues and miracles of your confessor, the blessed Nicholas, may through his intercession, be gladdened with everlasting unity and peace. Through.

11 September
SS. Protus and Hyacinth

Martyrs
Commemoration

LAUDS

Ant. These are the holy ones, who for the love of God, despised the threats of men. The holy martyrs rejoice with the angels in the kingdom of heaven. What a precious death is

that of the saints! They stand always in the presence of the Lord, and are not parted from one another.

V. God is to be feared.
R. In his holy place.

Prayer

May the precious witness of your blessed martyrs, Protus and Hyacinth, inspire us, Lord, and may their loving intercession ever protect us. Through.

12 September

The Most Holy Name of Mary

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

The venerable name of the Virgin Mary, which is said to mean "Star of the Sea," is very fittingly applied to the Virgin Mother. She is well compared to a star; for, as a star sends forth its ray without loss to itself, so too, the Virgin gave birth to her Son without loss to herself. Just as the ray does not lessen the brilliance of the star, neither does the virgin's Son lessen her virginity. She is, then, that

noble star, risen from Jacob, shining with merits and enlightening by example, inevitably raised over this great wide sea. You, who realise that in this world you are tossing upon a sea in the midst of storms and tempests rather than walking on land, do not turn your eyes away from the splendour of this star. Think of Mary, call upon Mary, so that you may experience for yourself how fittingly it was said, "And the Virgin's name was Mary." — On account of the outstanding victory won at Vienna in Austria over the fierce Turkish tyrant who had been enslaving the christian people, and in perpetual memorial of so great a favour, the Roman Pontiff, Innocent XI, ordered that the feast of this most delightful name, which already had been honoured with special ceremony in some parts of christendom, should be celebrated each year by the universal church.

Ry. iii. You are, indeed, happy, holy Virgin Mary, and most worthy of all praise, * for, from you has risen the Sun of Justice, Christ, our God. **V.** Pray for the people, plead for the clergy, intercede for the consecrated women; let all who celebrate your festival experience your

assistance. — For. — Glory. — Christ, our God.

LAUDS

V. God has chosen her and has given her preference. **Ry.** He gives her his home to dwell in.

Bened. ant. Blessed Mary, Mother of God, ever-virgin, temple of the Lord, sanctuary of the Holy Spirit, you alone, without equal, have been pleasing to our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for the people, plead for the clergy, intercede for the consecrated women.

Prayer

O God, you willed that your glorious mother should be called Mary; grant, we beseech you, that whoever calls upon the beloved name of Mary, may experience the unflinching help of her blessing. For you live.

14 September

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

II class

At I VESPERS, when the feast occurs on a Sunday, or is celebrated with I class rank:

Ant. to psalms Wonderful cross, purge of the injury, restorer of health! **Psalm** Praise, O servants, etc. [1].

Little Chapter Gal. 6

But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Ry. By your cross save us, Redeemer Christ. By dying, you destroyed our death * and by rising, you renewed our life. **V.** O kind Jesus, who in mercy suffered for us, have pity on us. — And by rising. — Glory. — And by rising.

Hymn as at Matins.

V. This sign of the cross will be in heaven. **Ry.** When the Lord comes in judgment.

Magnif. ant. Faithful cross! Above all others, one and only noble tree! None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit, your peer may be. Precious wood and precious fastening, precious weight upheld in plea.

Prayer

O God, today you gladden us by the yearly feast of the Exaltation of the holy Cross; grant, we beseech you, that as on earth we have known

its meaning, we may obtain in heaven the rewards of its redemption. Through the same.

Compline from Sunday.

MATINS

Invit. The King, the Lord, who through the mystery of the cross redeemed the world, * come let us adore.

Hymn

Holy Cross, greeting! Glory of this world, we hail.

Truly our one hope, bringing joys that never fail; Sign of salvation, safety in the danger rife, Tree life-producing, bearing each one's truest Life.

You must be worshipped, cross that gives the life so true, Earth's precious glory, we have been redeemed through you; Always we praise you, always making melody, By tree made servants, by you, free eternally.

Praise God the Father, in the cross of Christ his Son,

Praise ever-equal, be to Holy Spirit done;

Joy to the angels, heaven's hosts, all free from loss; Let earth be honoured in this Raising of the Cross. Amen.

I Nocturn**Psalm 8**

How great is your name,
O Lord our God, *
through all the earth !

Your majesty is praised *
above the heavens ;

On the lips of children
and of babes you have
found praise * to foil your
enemy, to silence the foe
and the rebel.

When I see the heavens,
the work of your hands, *
the moon and the stars
which you arranged,

What is man that you,
should keep him in mind, *
mortal man that you care
for him ?

Yet you have made him
little less than a god ; *
with glory and honour you
crowned him,

Gave him power over the
works of your hand, * put
all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and
cattle, * yes, even the
savage beasts,

Birds of the air, and fish *
that make their way
through the waters.

How great is your name,
O Lord our God, * through
all the earth !

Ant. 1 We adore you,
Christ, and we bless you,
because by your cross you
have redeemed the world.

Psalm 20

O Lord, your strength
gives joy to the king ; *

how your saving help makes
him glad !

You have granted him
his heart's desire ; * you
have not refused the prayer
of his lips.

You came to meet him
with the blessings of suc-
cess, * you have set on his
head a crown of pure gold.

He asked you for life and
this you have given, * days
that will last from age to
age.

Your saving help has
given him glory. * You
have laid upon him majesty
and splendour,

You have granted your
blessings to him for ever. *
You have made him rejoice
with the joy of your pres-
ence.

The king has put his
trust in the Lord : * through
the mercy of the Most High
he shall stand firm.

His hand will seek and
find all his foes, * his right
hand find out those that
hate him.

You will burn them like
a blazing furnace * on the
day when you appear.

And the Lord shall
destroy them in his anger ; *
fire will swallow them up.

You will wipe out their
race from the earth * and
their children from the sons
of men.

Though they plan evil
against you, * though they
plot, they shall not prevail.

For you will force them

to retreat ; * at them you
will aim with your bow.

O Lord, arise in your
strength ; * we shall sing
and praise your power.

Ant. 2 This sign of the
cross will be in heaven
when the Lord comes in
judgment.

Psalm 23

The Lord's is the earth
and its fullness, * the
world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the
seas ; * on the waters he
made it firm.

Who shall climb the
mountain of the Lord ? *
Who shall stand in his holy
place ?

The man with clean
hands and pure heart, who
desires not worthless
things, * (who has not
sworn so as to deceive his
neighbour.)

He shall receive blessings
from the Lord * and reward
from the God who saves
him.

Such are the men who
seek him, * seek the face
of the God of Jacob.

O gates, lift high your
heads ; grow higher,
ancient doors. * Let him
enter, the king of glory !

Who is the king of
glory ? * The Lord, the
mighty, the valiant, the
Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your
heads ; grow higher,

ancient doors. * Let him
enter, the king of glory !

Who is he, the king of
glory ? * He, the Lord of
armies, he is the king of
glory.

Ant. 3 Our God,
through the sign of the
cross, free us from our
enemies.

V. This sign of the
cross will be in heaven.

R. When the Lord comes
in judgment.

From the book of Numbers

Lesson i Chapter 21

And the people became
impatient on the way.
And the people spoke
against God and against
Moses, "Why have you
brought us up out of Egypt
to die in the wilderness ?
For there is no food and no
water, and we loathe this
worthless food." Then the
Lord sent fiery serpents
among the people, and they
bit the people, so that many
people of Israel died. And
the people came to Moses,
and said, "We have sinned,
for we have spoken against
the Lord and against you ;
pray to the Lord, that he
may take away the serpents
from us." So Moses prayed
for the people. And the
Lord said to Moses, "Make
a fiery serpent, and set it on
a pole ; and every one who
is bitten, when he sees it,
shall live." So Moses made

a bronze serpent, and set it on a pole; and if a serpent bit any man, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Ry. i. Precious the wood, precious the nails, that upheld the precious burden! * It was worthy to bear the ransom of this world. **V.** This sign of the cross will be in heaven, when the Lord comes in judgment. — It was worthy.

From the blessed apostle Paul's Letter to the Galatians

Lesson ii Chapter 3

And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed." So then, those who are men of faith, are blessed with Abraham who had faith. For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be every one who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, and do them." Now it is evident that no man is justified before God by the law; for "He who through faith is righteous shall live"; but the law does not rest on faith, for "He who does them shall live by them." Christ redeemed

us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed be every one who hangs on a tree"—that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Ry. ii. This sign of the cross will be in heaven when the Lord comes in the judgment: * then will the hidden things of the heart be made manifest. **V.** When the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne and begin to judge the world by fire. — Then will the hidden things.

From the Letter to the Philippians

Lesson iii Chapter 2

Have this mind among yourselves, which was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every

knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Ry. iii. Glorious cross, cross to be worshipped. Precious wood and wonderful sign; * through which the devil is conquered and the world redeemed by the blood of Christ! **V.** Let us worship the symbol of the cross, through which we have laid hold of the mystery of salvation. — Through which the devil. — Glory. — And the world.

II Nocturn

Psalm 29

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me * and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O Lord, I cried to you for help * and you, my God, have healed me.

O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, * restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, * give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. * At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

I said to myself in my good fortune: * "Nothing will ever disturb me."

Your favour had set me on a mountain fastness, * then you hid your face and I was put to confusion.

To you, Lord, I cried, * to my God I made appeal:

What profit would my death be, my going to the grave? * Can dust give you praise or proclaim your truth?"

The Lord listened and had pity. * The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning into dancing, * you removed my sackcloth and girdled me with joy.

So my soul sings psalms to you unceasingly. * O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

Ant. 4 By the power of the holy cross save us, Christ, Saviour; you saved Peter in the sea, have pity on us.

Psalm 46

All peoples, clap your hands, * cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, * great king over all the earth.

He subdues peoples under us * and nations under our feet.

Our inheritance, our glory, is from him, * given to Jacob out of love.

God goes up with shouts of joy ; * the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise, * sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth. * Sing praise with all your skill.

God is king over the nations ; * God reigns on his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples are assembled * with the people of Abraham's God.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, * to God who reigns over all.

Ant. 5 Save us, Saviour of the world, who redeemed us through blood and the cross. Our God, help us.

Psalm 65

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, * O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise. * Say to God: "How tremendous your deeds !

Because of the greatness of your strength * your enemies cringe before you.

Before you all the earth shall bow ; * shall sing to you, sing to your name !"

Come and see the works of God, * tremendous his deeds among men.

He turned the sea into dry land, * they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in

him ; * he rules for ever by his might.

His eyes keep watch over the nations: * let rebels not rise against him.

O peoples, bless our God, * let the voice of his praise resound,

Of the God who gave life to our souls * and kept our feet from stumbling.

For you, O God, have tested us, * you have tried us as silver is tried:

You led us, God, into the snare ; * you laid a heavy burden on our backs.

You let men ride over our heads ; * we went through fire and through water, but then you brought us relief.

Burnt offering I bring to your house ; * to you I will pay my vows,

The vows which my lips have uttered, * which my mouth spoke in my distress.

I will offer burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of burning rams. * I will offer bullocks and goats.

Come and hear, all who fear God. * I will tell what he did for my soul:

To him I cried aloud, * with high praise ready on my tongue.

If there had been evil in my heart, * the Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened ; * he has heeded the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer * nor withhold his love from me.

Ant. 6 We adore the symbol of the cross, through which we have laid hold of the mystery of salvation.

V. Through the sign of the cross, from our enemies. **Ry.** Our God, deliver us.

Lesson iv

At the end of the reign of the emperor Phocas, Chosroes, king of the Persians, having occupied Egypt and Africa and captured Jerusalem, killed many thousands of christians and took away to Persia the cross of Christ the Lord, which Helena had placed on Mount Calvary. So Heraclius, who succeeded Phocas, moved by the many hardships and disasters of war, sued for peace, but failed to obtain it, even under harsh conditions, from Chosroes, who had become arrogant with victory. In this extremity, Heraclius vehemently implored God's help by constant prayer and fasting. Under divine inspiration, he raised an army, joined battle with the enemy, and conquered three of Chosroes's generals with their three armies.

Ry. iv. Behold the cross of the Lord. Take flight

hostile factions. The Lion of the tribe of Judah, * the Root of David, has conquered. **V.** Blessed cross, on which the King of angels has triumphed. — The Root of David.

Lesson v

Broken by these defeats, Chosroes, while, in flight, preparing to cross the river Tigris, appointed Medarses his son, as co-ruler. But Siroes, Chosroes's elder son, bitterly resented this affront and plotted to kill his father and his brother. This he accomplished a little later on their return from the flight. He then petitioned the kingdom from Heraclius, and was granted it under certain conditions, the first of which was that he should restore the cross of Christ the Lord. And so, fourteen years after it had fallen into the hands of the Persians, the cross was recovered. Returning to Jerusalem, Heraclius bore it on his own shoulders in a solemn ceremony to the hill where the Saviour had borne it.

Ry. v. Faithful Cross ! Above all others, one and only noble tree ! None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit your peer may be. * Precious wood and precious fastening, precious weight upheld in plea. **V.** You alone are

nobler than all cedarwoods.—Precious wood and precious fastening, precious weight upheld in plea.

Lesson vi

This event was marked by a notable miracle. For Heraclius, adorned with gold and jewels, was forced to halt at the gate which led to Mount Calvary. The more he tried to move forward, the more he seemed to be held back. As Heraclius and the others stood dumbfounded at this, Zacharias, bishop of Jerusalem, said, “Emperor, see that in carrying the cross while you are dressed in this triumphal garb, you but little imitate the poverty and humility of Christ.” Then Heraclius, taking off his rich robes, removing his shoes and putting on a poor man’s garment, went the rest of the way with ease and placed the cross on Calvary in that same place from which it had been taken by the Persians. And so the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, which was already being celebrated each year on this day, began to be more renowned because of the memory of the fact that it had been replaced by Heraclius in that same place where first it had been placed for the Saviour.

Ry. vi. We adore your cross, Lord; we recall your glorious passion. You suffered for us, * have pity on us. **V.** We adore you, Christ, and we bless you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world. — Have pity on us. — Glory. — Have pity on us.

III Nocturn

Psalm 75

God is made known in Judah; * in Israel his name is great.

He set up his tent in Jerusalem * and his dwelling place in Sion.

It was there he broke the flashing arrows, * the shield, the sword, the armour.

You, Lord, are resplendent, * more majestic than the everlasting mountains.

The warriors, despoiled, slept in death; * the hands of the soldiers were powerless.

At your threat, O God of Jacob, * horse and rider lay stunned.

You, you alone, strike terror. * Who shall stand when your anger is roused?

You uttered your sentence from the heavens; * the earth in terror was still

When God arose to judge, * to save the humble of the earth.

Men’s anger will serve

to praise you; * its survivors surround you in joy.

Make vows to your God and fulfil them. * Let all pay tribute to him who strikes terror,

Who cuts short the breath of princes, * who strikes terror in the kings of the earth.

Ant. 7 We adore your cross, Lord, we recall your glorious passion. You suffered for us, have pity on us.

Psalm 95

O sing a new song to the Lord, * sing to the Lord all the earth.

O sing to the Lord, bless his name. * Proclaim his help day by day,

Tell among the nations his glory * and his wonders among all the peoples.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; * the gods of the heathens are naught.

It was the Lord who made the heavens, his are majesty and state and power * and splendour in his holy place.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, * give the Lord the glory of his name.

Bring an offering and enter his courts, worship

the Lord in his temple. * O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: “God is king.” The world he made firm in its place; * he will judge the peoples in fairness.

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, * let the sea and all within it thunder praise,

Let the land and all it bears rejoice, * all the trees of the wood shout for joy

At the presence of the Lord, for he comes, * he comes to rule the earth.

With justice he will rule the world, * he will judge the peoples with his truth.

Ant. 8 We adore your cross, Lord, and we praise and glorify your holy resurrection. Truly, see that, on account of the cross, joy is come to the whole world.

Psalm 96

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, * the many coastlands be glad.

Cloud and darkness are his raiment; * his throne, justice and right.

A fire prepares his path; * it burns up his foes on every side.

His lightnings light up the world, * the earth trembles at the sight.

The mountains melt like wax * before the Lord of all the earth.

The skies proclaim his

justice; * all peoples see his glory.

Let those who serve idols be ashamed, those who boast of their worthless gods. * All you spirits, worship him.

Sion hears and is glad; the people of Judah rejoice* because of your judgments, O Lord.

For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth, * exalted far above all spirits.

The Lord loves those who hate evil: he guards the souls of his saints; * he sets them free from the wicked.

Light shines forth for the just * and joy for the upright of heart.

Rejoice, you just, in the Lord; * give glory to his holy name.

Ant. 9 The life-giving cross, through which salvation is restored to the world, shines resplendent. The cross conquers, the cross reigns, the cross repels all evil, alleluia.

V. We adore you, Christ, and we bless you.

R. Because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Lesson vii Chapter 12

At that time, Jesus said to the multitude of the

Jews, "Now is the judgment of this world, now shall the ruler of this world be cast out." Etc.

Homily of St. Augustine, Bishop

Tract 52 on John

The devil possessed the human race, and those deserving of punishment he held by the bond written in sin. He ruled in the heart of the unfaithful, and these, deceived and enslaved, he drew to desert the Creator and to worship the creature. But by belief in Christ which has been strengthened by his death and resurrection, by the blood which was shed for the remission of sin, thousands of believers are freed from the power of the devil and joined to the body of Christ. Under such a head and by his spirit alone, the faithful members are enlivened. This separation, this expulsion of the devil from his redeemed, it is this he calls the judgment.

R. Blessed Cross, which alone was worthy to bear the King and Lord of the heavens. **V.** Wonderful cross, purge of the injury, restorer of health.—Which alone.

Lesson viii

Now," he says, "shall the ruler of this

world be cast out." The Lord foretold what he knew. After his passion and glorification many nations would believe within whose hearts the devil had been, and when by faith they renounced him, he would be cast out. Far be it from us to imagine that the devil is called ruler of the world in the sense that we should believe that he can rule heaven and earth. But by the term "world" is understood evil men scattered all over the earth. It is in this sense then that he is called ruler of this world, that is, ruler of all the wicked who live in the world.

R. We adore you, Christ, and we bless you, * because by your cross you have redeemed the world. **V.** We adore your cross, Lord; we recall your glorious passion. — Because by your cross.

Lesson ix "all"

And I," he says, "when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all after me." He did not say "all men," but "all," for not all men have faith. Hence he was not referring to all mankind, but to the fullness of creation, namely spirit, soul and body. Or if, by "all," men themselves are to be understood, then we can say, all predestined

to salvation, or even, all types of men, from the highest in rank to the lowest; from king to beggar. All, he says, shall I draw after me, that I may be their head and they, my members.

R. By your cross save us, Redeemer Christ. By dying, you destroyed our death, * and by rising, you renewed our life. **V.** O kind Jesus, who in mercy suffered for us, have pity on us.—And by rising.—Glory. — And by rising.

Before Lauds V. Proclaim to the nations. **R.** That the Lord has reigned from the tree.

LAUDS

Antiphons

1. O great deed of love! Death was then dead when, on the tree, Life had died.

Psalm The Lord is king, etc. p. 29.

2. Behold the cross of the Lord. Take flight, hostile factions. The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, alleluia.

3. We, however, ought to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

4. Wonderful cross, purge of the injury, restorer of health!

5. The blessed cross sparkles; from it the Lord hung in the flesh and washed our wounds with his blood.

Little Chapter Gal. 6

But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Hymn

As on the cross you crush our nature's sin and bane,
Cleanse us, we pray you, Christ, from every private stain;
Pitying men so weak, who in their weakness fall,
Through your most holy cross, grant pardon to them all.

Guard, save and sanctify, and bless in every way
All of your people, Lord, by sign of cross to-day,
Evils of soul destroy and body's ills malign;
Let nothing harmful stand in face of this, your sign.

Praise God the Father in the cross of Christ his Son,
Praise ever-equal be to Holy Spirit done;
Joy to the angels, heaven's hosts, all free from loss;
Let earth be honoured in this Raising of the Cross.
Amen.

V. We adore your cross, Lord. **Ry.** We recall your glorious passion.

Bened. ant. You alone are nobler than all cedar woods. On you hung the Life of the world; on you Christ triumphed, and death conquered death, alleluia.

Prayer

O God, today you gladden us by the yearly feast of the Exaltation of the holy Cross; grant, we beseech you, that as on earth we have known its meaning, we may obtain in heaven the rewards of its redemption. Through the same.

At the Hours psalms and antiphon are from weekday.

TERCE

Little Chapter as in Lauds.

Ry. This sign of the cross * will be in heaven.— This sign of the cross. **V.** When the Lord comes in judgment. — Will be in heaven.— Glory.— This sign of the cross.

V. Through the sign of the cross, from our enemies. **Ry.** Our God, deliver us.

SEXT

Little Chapter 1 Cor. 1

The word of the cross is folly to those who are

perishing; but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Ry. Through the sign of the cross, * from our enemies. — Through the sign of the cross. **V.** Our God, deliver us.— From our enemies.— Glory.— Through the sign of the cross.

V. We adore you, Christ, and we bless you. **Ry.** Because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

NONE

Little Chapter 1 Cor. 1

But we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Ry. We adore you, Christ * and we bless you. — We adore you. **V.** Because by your cross you have redeemed the world. — And we bless you. — Glory. — We adore you.

V. We adore your cross, Lord. **Ry.** We recall your glorious passion.

VESPERS

Ant. to psalms **O** great deed of love! Death was then dead when, on the tree, Life had died.

Psalms as in the feast of the Most Holy Trinity.
p. 229.

Little Chapter Gal. 6

But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Hymn

Holy cross, greeting!
Glory of this world, we hail.
Truly our one hope, bringing joys that never fail;
Sign of salvation, safety in the danger rife,
Tree life-producing, bearing each one's truest Life.

You must be worshipped, cross that gives the life so true,
Earth's precious glory, we have been redeemed through you;
Always we praise you, always making melody,
By tree made servants, by you, free eternally.

Praise God the Father, in the cross of Christ his Son,
Praise ever-equal, be to Holy Spirit done;
Joy to the angels, heaven's hosts, all free from loss;
Let earth be honoured in this Raising of the Cross.
Amen.

V. This sign of the cross will be in heaven.
Ry. When the Lord comes in judgment.

Magnif. ant. O blessed cross, for the Saviour of the world hung from you and on you the King of angels triumphed! Alleluia.

Prayer

O God, today you gladden us by the yearly feast of the Exaltation of the holy Cross: grant, we beseech you, that, as on earth we have known its meaning, we may obtain in heaven the rewards of its redemption. Through the same.

Compline from Sunday.

15 September

The Seven Dolours of the Blessed Virgin Mary

II class

At I VESPERS, where the feast is celebrated as I class:

Ant. to psalms Whither has your beloved gone, O fairest among women? Whither has your beloved turned, that we may seek him with you?

Psalm Praise, O servants etc. [1].

Little Chapter Lam. 2

What can I say for you, to what compare you, O daughter of Jerusalem? What can I liken to you, that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter of Sion? For vast as the sea is your ruin.

Ry. Innocent and knowing no sin, he dies pitying mankind. * Since we have caused the suffering, let us share in the sorrow; the compelling love of the Virgin-Mother and Son urges us. **V.** Let us recall with tears the grief of the Mother, and implore the grace of the Son. — Since we have caused. — Glory. — The compelling love.

Hymn and versicle as at II Vespers p. 783.

Magnif. ant. Do not gaze at me because I am swarthy, because the sun has scorched me. My mother's sons were angry with me.

Prayer

O God, at your passion, according to the prophecy of holy Simeon, a sword of grief pierced the most loving soul of the glorious Mary, virgin and mother; grant, in your mercy, that we who honour the memory of her sorrows, may gain the happy fruit of your sufferings. For you live and reign.

Compline of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

MATINS

Invit. Let us stand by the cross with Mary the mother of Jesus. * The sword of sorrow has pierced her soul.

Hymn

By what bitter surging sorrow
Is the Virgin Mother torn,
As she mourns and gazes,
sadly,
On the one that she had borne,
Now within her arms reclining,
From the tree so lately torn!

Gentle mouth and mildest bosom
And the side most precious too,
Wounded right hand,
wounded left hand,
Both these hands are pierced right through,
And the feet with bloodshed purpled
Sadly now her tears bedew.

O how many times she clutches
Wounded shoulders, arms and breast
In repeated tight embraces!
On those wounds her eyes now rest;
And in kiss of deepest sadness
Overflows her soul distressed.

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Hail, O Mother, we beseech you
By these tears that you have shed,
By your Son's entombment bitter,
By his wounds that freely bled,
This your own most heartfelt sorrow,
Place within our hearts so dead.

To the Father everlasting
Son and Spirit equally,
To this Trinity most holy
Everlasting glory be,
And eternal praise and honour
Now and for eternity.
Amen.

I Nocturn

Psalm 3

How many are my foes,
O Lord! * How many are rising up against me!

How many are saying about me: * "There is no help for him in God."

But you, Lord, are a shield about me, * my glory, who lift up my head.

I cry aloud to the Lord. * He answers from his holy mountain.

I lie down to rest and I sleep. * I wake, for the Lord upholds me.

I will not fear even thousands of people * who are ranged on every side against me.

Arise, Lord; save me, my God, ⁊ you who strike all my foes on the mouth, * you who break the teeth of the wicked!

O Lord of salvation, * bless your people!

Ant. 1 Many are my foes, many are rising up against me.

Psalm 10

In the Lord I have taken my refuge. How can you say to my soul: * "Fly like a bird to its mountain.

See the wicked bracing their bow; ⁊ they are fixing their arrows on the string * to shoot upright men in the dark.

Foundations once destroyed, * what can the just do?"

The Lord is in his holy temple, * the Lord, whose throne is in heaven.

His eyes look down on the world; * his gaze tests mortal men.

The Lord tests the just and the wicked: * the lover of violence he hates.

He sends fire and brimstone on the wicked; * he sends a scorching wind as their lot.

The Lord is just and loves justice: * the upright shall see his face.

Ant. 2 They are fixing their arrows on the string to shoot upright men in the dark.

Psalm 30

In you, O Lord, I take refuge. * Let me never be put to shame.

In your justice, set me free, * hear me and speedily rescue me.

Be a rock of refuge for me, * a mighty stronghold to save me,

For you are my rock, my stronghold. * For your name's sake, lead me and guide me.

Release me from the snares they have hidden * for you are my refuge, Lord.

Into your hands I commend my spirit. * It is you who will redeem me, Lord.

O God of truth, you detest * those who worship false and empty gods.

As for me, I trust in the Lord: * let me be glad and rejoice in your love.

You who have seen my affliction * and taken heed of my soul's distress,

Have not handed me over to the enemy, * but set my feet at large.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, * for I am in distress.

Tears have wasted my eyes, * my throat and my heart.

For my life is spent with sorrow * and my years with sighs.

Affliction has broken down my strength * and my bones waste away.

In the face of all my foes * I am a reproach,

An object of scorn to my neighbours * and of fear to my friends.

Those who see me in the street * run far away from me.

I am like a dead man, forgotten in men's hearts, * like a thing thrown away.

I have heard the slander of the crowd, * fear is all around me,

As they plot together against me, * as they plan to take my life.

But as for me, I trust in you, Lord, * I say: "You are my God.

My life is in your hands, deliver me * from the hands of those who hate me.

Let your face shine on your servant. * Save me in your love.

Let me not be put to shame for I call you, * but let the wicked be put to shame!

Let them be silenced in the grave, * let lying lips be dumb,

That speak haughtily against the just * with pride and contempt."

How great is the goodness, Lord, * that you keep for those who fear you,

That you show to those who trust you * in the sight of men.

You hide them in the shelter of your presence * from the plotting of men:

You keep them safe

within your tent * from disputing tongues.

Blessed be the Lord who has shown me the wonders of his love * in a fortified city.

"I am far removed from your sight," * I said in my alarm.

Yet you heard the voice of my plea * when I cried for help.

Love the Lord, all you saints. * He guards his faithful

But the Lord will repay to the full * those who act with pride.

Be strong, let your heart take courage, * all who hope in the Lord.

Ant. 3 My life is spent with sorrow and my years with sighs.

V. Pray for us, Queen of martyrs. **Ry.** Who stood by the cross of Jesus.

Blessing May the gracious Virgin of virgins intercede for us with the Lord. **Ry.** Amen.

From Jeremiah the Prophet

Lesson i

Lam. 1

She weeps bitterly in the night, tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has none to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. "Behold, O Lord, for I am in distress, my soul is in

tumult, my heart is wrung within me, because I have been very rebellious. In the street the sword be-reaves; in the house it is like death. Hear how I groan; there is none to comfort me.”

Ry. i. Simeon, a righteous and devout man, said to Mary: * “A sword will pierce through your own soul also.” **V.** Do not call me beautiful, but bitter, for the Almighty has greatly filled me with bitterness. — A sword.

Blessing May the holy Mother of God be a benefactress to us. **Ry.** Amen.

Lesson ii Lam. 2

What can I say for you, to what compare you, O daughter of Jerusalem? What can I liken to you, that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter of Sion? For vast as the sea is your ruin; who can restore you? All who pass along the way clap their hands at you; they hiss and wag their heads at the daughter of Jerusalem; “Is this the city which was called the perfection of beauty, the joy of all the earth?” All your enemies rail against you; they hiss, they gnash their teeth, they cry: “We have destroyed her!”

Ry. ii. Rise, take the

child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, * and remain there till I tell you. **V.** Out of Egypt I have called my son, that salvation might come to Israel. — And remain there.

Blessing May the Virgin Mary, with her loving Child, bless us. **Ry.** Amen.

Lesson iii

The Lord has done what he purposed, has carried out his threat; as he ordained long ago, he has demolished without pity; he has made the enemy rejoice over you, and exalted the might of your foes. Cry aloud to the Lord! O daughter of Sion! Let tears stream down like a torrent day and night! Give yourself no rest, your eyes no respite!

Ry. iii. Son, why have you treated us so? * Your father and I, we have been looking for you anxiously.

V. How is it that you sought me? I must be in my Father’s house. — Your father and I. — Glory. — We have been looking for you anxiously.

II Nocturn

Psalm 21

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? * You are far from

my plea and the cry of my distress.

O my God, I call by day and you give no reply; * I call by night and I find no peace.

Yet you, O God, are holy, * enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our fathers put their trust; * they trusted and you set them free.

When they cried to you, they escaped. * In you they trusted and never in vain.

But I am a worm and no man, * the butt of men, laughing - stock of the people.

All who see me deride me. * They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

“He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; * let him release him if this is his friend.”

Yes, it was you who took me from the womb, * entrusted me to my mother’s breast.

To you I was committed from my birth, * from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

Do not leave me alone in my distress; * come close, there is none else to help.

Many bulls have surrounded me, * fierce bulls of Bashan close me in.

Against me they open wide their jaws, * like lions, rending and roaring.

Like water I am poured out, * disjoined are all my bones.

My heart has become like wax, * it is melted within my breast.

Parched as burnt clay is my throat, * my tongue cleaves to my jaws.

Many dogs have surrounded me, * a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet * and lay me in the dust of death.

I can count every one of my bones. * These people stare at me and gloat;

They divide my clothing among them. * They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone, * my strength, make haste to help me!

Rescue my soul from the sword, * my life from the grip of these dogs.

Save my life from the jaws of these lions, * my poor soul from the horns of these oxen.

I will tell of your name to my brethren * and praise you where they are assembled.

“You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. * Revere him, Israel’s sons.

For he has never despised * nor scorned the poverty of the poor.

From him he has not hidden his face, * but he

heard the poor man when he cried.”

You are my praise in the great assembly. * My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. * They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever!

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, * all families of the nations worship before him

For the kingdom is the Lord's; * he is ruler of the nations.

They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; * before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. * They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,

Declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: * “These things the Lord has done.”

Ant. 4 My heart has become like wax, it is melted within my breast.

Psalm 55

Have mercy on me, God, men crush me; * they fight me all day long and oppress me.

My foes crush me all the day long, * for many fight proudly against me.

When I fear, I will trust in you, * in God whose word I praise.

In God I trust, I shall not fear: * what can mortal man do to me?

All day long they distort my words, * all their thought is to harm me.

They band together in ambush, * track me down and seek my life.

Repay them, God, for their crimes; * in your anger, cast down the peoples.

You have kept an account of my wanderings; you have kept a record of my tears; * (are they not written in your book?)

Then my foes will be put to flight on the day that I call to you. * This I know, that God is on my side.

In God, whose word I praise, in the Lord, whose word I praise, * in God I trust; I shall not fear: what can mortal man do to me?

I am bound by the vows I have made you. * O God, I will offer you praise

For you rescued my soul from death, * you kept my feet from stumbling

That I may walk in the presence of God, * in the light of the living.

Ant. 5 You have kept an account of my wanderings; you have kept a record of my tears.

Psalm 41

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, * so my soul is yearning for you, my God.

My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life; * when can I enter and see the face of God?

My tears have become my bread, by night, by day, * as I hear it said all the day long: “Where is your God?”

These things will I remember * as I pour out my soul:

How I would lead the rejoicing crowd * into the house of God,

Amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving, * the throng wild with joy.

Why are you cast down, my soul, * why groan within me?

Hope in God; I will praise him still, * my saviour and my God.

My soul is cast down within me * as I think of you,

From the country of Jordan and Mount Hermon, * from the Hill of Mizar.

Deep is calling on deep, in the roar of waters: * your torrents and all your waves swept over me.

By day the Lord will send his loving kindness; * by night I will sing to him, praise the God of my life.

I will say to God, my rock: “Why have you forgotten me? * Why do I go mourning oppressed by the foe?”

With cries that pierce me to the heart, * my enemies revile me,

Saying to me all the day long: * “Where is your God?”

Why are you cast down, my soul, * why groan within me?

Hope in God; I will praise him still, * my saviour and my God.

Ant. 6 My tears have become my bread, by night, by day.

V. My beloved is to me a bag of myrrh. **R.** That lies between my breasts.

Blessing May the Virgin Mother of God rescue us from the evil enemy. **R.** Amen.

Sermon of St. Bernard, Abbot

Sermon on the Twelve Stars

Lesson iv

The martyrdom of the Virgin is set before us both in Simeon's prophecy and in the account of the Lord's passion. The old man said concerning the child, “This child is set for a sign that is spoken against, and a sword will pierce through your own soul also.” He was, of course,

speaking to Mary. And in truth, O blessed Mother, your soul was pierced. Unless the sword had passed through your soul, it would not have pierced the flesh of your Son. And after your noble Jesus had given up his spirit, the cruel lance which opened his side could not indeed reach his soul, but it pierced yours. For no longer was his soul there, but yours could not be torn away.

Ry. iv. As Jesus carried his cross, * there followed him a multitude of women who bewailed and lamented him. **V.** “Daughters of Jerusalem, weep for yourselves and for your children.” — There followed him.

Blessing Jesus, Son of Mary, be gentle and kind to us. **Ry.** Amen.

Lesson v

The full force of sorrow, then, pierced your soul, and so we rightly call you more than martyr, because in you the movement of compassion far outstripped the feeling of bodily suffering. Was not that statement, “Woman, behold your Son!” more than a sword to you, truly piercing your soul and reaching to the division of soul and spirit? What an exchange! John is given to you in

place of Jesus, the servant in place of the Master, the son of Zeb’edee in place of the Son of God, a mere man in place of true God. How could your most loving heart not be pierced, at hearing this, since our hearts, though they are like stone and iron, are rent asunder at the very memory of it?

Ry. v. When they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him. * But standing by the cross of Jesus was his Mother. **V.** Then the sword of sorrow pierced her blessed soul. — But standing.

Blessing May the most loving Mary, Star of the Sea, come to our aid. **Ry.** Amen.

Lesson vi

Do not wonder, brethren, that Mary is said to have been a martyr in soul. One might wonder, if one did not recall having heard the words of Paul, who commented that among the greatest crimes of the Gentiles was their lack of affection. This was far from the heart of Mary. It should be far from her servants. But perhaps someone will say, “Did she not know that he was to die?” Undoubtedly! “Did she not hope that he would

rise without delay?” Assuredly! “And in spite of all this did she sorrow over the crucified?” Exceedingly! What kind of man are you, Brother, and where did you acquire this outlook which is more astounded that Mary should share in the suffering than that Mary’s Son should suffer? He could die the death of the body; could not she die with him in her heart? One showed love greater than which no man ever had; the other showed love, the like of which there has not been since.

Ry. vi. Joseph of Arimathea * asked for the body of Jesus, and when it was taken down from the cross, the mother received it into her arms. **V.** The sorrowing Shu’nammite held her dead son on her knees and to her breast. — He asked. — Glory. — The mother.

III Nocturn

Psalm 63

Hear my voice, O God, as I complain, * guard my life from dread of the foe.

Hide me from the band of the wicked, * from the throng of those who do evil.

They sharpen their tongues like swords; *

they aim bitter words like arrows

To shoot at the innocent from ambush, * shooting suddenly and recklessly.

They scheme their evil course; * they conspire to lay secret snares.

They say: “Who will see us? * Who can search out our crimes?”

He will search who searches the mind * and knows the depths of the heart.

God has shot an arrow at them * and dealt them sudden wounds.

Their own tongue has brought them to ruin * and all who see them mock.

Then all men will fear; * they will tell what God has done. They will understand God’s deeds.

The just will rejoice in the Lord and fly to him for refuge. * All the upright hearts will glory.

Ant. 7 They aim bitter words like arrows to shoot at the innocent from ambush.

Psalm 6

Lord, do not reprove me in your anger; * punish me not in your rage.

Have mercy on me, Lord, I have no strength; * Lord, heal me, my body is racked;

My soul is racked with pain. * But you, O Lord... how long?

Return, Lord, rescue my soul. * Save me in your merciful love ;

For in death no one remembers you ; * from the grave, who can give you praise ?

I am exhausted with my groaning ; ⁊ every night I drench my pillow with tears ; * I bedew my bed with weeping.

My eye wastes away with grief ; * I have grown old surrounded by my foes.

Leave me, all you who do evil ; * for the Lord has heard my weeping.

The Lord has heard my plea ; * the Lord will accept my prayer.

All my foes will retire in confusion, * foiled and suddenly confounded.

Ant. 8 My soul is racked with pain. But you, O Lord . . . how long ?

Psalm 45

God is for us a refuge and strength, * a helper close at hand, in time of distress:

So we shall not fear though the earth should rock, * though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea,

Even though its waters rage and foam, * even though the mountains be shaken by its waves.

The Lord of hosts is

with us: * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city, * the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within, it cannot be shaken ; * God will help it at the dawning of the day.

Nations are in tumult, kingdoms are shaken: * he lifts his voice, the earth shrinks away.

The Lord of hosts is with us: * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come, consider the works of the Lord * the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth.

He puts an end to wars over all the earth ; * the bow he breaks, the spear he snaps. He burns the shields with fire.

“ Be still and know that I am God, * supreme among the nations, supreme on the earth ! ”

The Lord of hosts is with us: * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Ant. 9 God is a helper close at hand, in time of distress.

℣. Through you, Virgin Mary, let us draw salvation.

℟. From the wounds of Christ.

Blessing May the gospel lesson be to us well-being and protection. **℟.** Amen.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Lesson vii Chapter 19

At that time, standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Mag'dalene. Etc.

Homily of St. Ambrose, Bishop

On the Training of Virgins, chapter 7

The mother stood by the cross ; and though the men fled, she stood undaunted. See whether the mother of Jesus would change her modesty, since she did not change her resolution. She gazed with loving eyes on her Son's wounds, through which she knew redemption would come to all. The mother, fearless of the executioner, was looking at a spectacle that was in no way degrading. The Son was hanging on the cross, the mother was offering herself to the persecutors.

℟. vii. How did you feel, O Mother of sorrows, * as Joseph wrapped your Son in a shroud and laid him in the tomb? **℣.** Look and see if there be any sorrow like my sorrow.—As Joseph wrapped your Son in a shroud and laid him in the tomb?

Blessing May the loving Virgin Mary come to our aid in every trouble and hardship. **℟.** Amen.

Epistle 25 to the Church of Vercelli, near the end.

Lesson viii

Mary, the mother of the Lord, stood in front of the cross of her Son. No one has taught me this but Saint John the Evangelist. The others have described how, during the Lord's passion, the earth shook, how there was darkness over all the land, how the sun's light failed and how the thief was received into paradise after his faithful avowal. John taught what the others did not teach, that Jesus, hanging on the cross, addressed his mother. It seems more striking that, triumphant over torments, he was discharging a duty of affection towards his mother than that he was bestowing the kingdom of heaven. For if it is a sacred thing that the thief should be pardoned, it is a sign of still greater devotedness that the mother should be honoured with such affection by the Son.

℟. viii. With all your heart, do not forget the birth pangs of your mother * that your

blessing may be complete. **V.** Hail, noble Princess, first rose of the martyrs and lily of the virgins! — That your blessing.

Blessing May the Queen of angels bring us to the company of the heavenly citizens. **Ry.** Amen.

Lesson ix

Behold, your son!" he says. "Behold, your mother!" Christ made his will from the cross, and divided the duties of affection between his mother and the disciple. The Lord made not alone a public will, but also one concerning his household; and John signed this will, a witness worthy of such a testator. A good will, not bequeathing money, but eternal life; not written in ink, but in the Spirit of the living God who says, "My tongue as nimble as the pen of a scribe."

Ry. ix. Innocent and knowing no sin, he dies pitying mankind. * Since we have caused the suffering, let us share in the sorrow; the compelling love of the Virgin-Mother and Son urges us. **V.** Let us recall with tears the grief of the Mother, and implore the grace of the Son. — Since we have caused. —

Glory. — The compelling love.

Before Lauds V. My life is spent with sorrow. **Ry.** And my years with sighs.

LAUDS

Antiphons

1. Whither has your beloved gone, O fairest among women? Whither has your beloved turned, that we may seek him with you?

Psalm The Lord is king, etc. p. 29.

2. Look away from me, let me weep bitter tears; do not labour to comfort me.

3. He had no form or comeliness that we should look at him, and no beauty.

4. From the sole of his foot even to his head, there is no soundness in him.

5. Sustain me with raisins, refresh me with apples; for I am sick with love.

Little Chapter Lam. 2

What can I say for you, to what compare you, O daughter of Jerusalem? What can I liken to you, that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter of Sion? For vast as the sea is your ruin.

Hymn

O God, who are supremely kind,
Ensure that we may bring to mind
The Virgin's seven sorrows great,
And wounds of Jesus contemplate.

May tears that stained
God's mother's face
Attain for us salvation's grace;
These many tears, for you suffice
To cleanse this whole wide world from vice.

Then may the contemplation sore
Of those five wounds that Jesus bore,
And Virgin Mary's bitter woe,
Eternal joys on all bestow.

Let Mary's loyal servants all,
Redeemed in Christ's own blood, recall
The memory of her sorrow great,
And in light tearful, contemplate.

To Christ, then, highest glory be,
And may his Mother's agony
In union with his bitter pain,
Eternal joys for us obtain.
Amen.

V. Virgin Mary, by the efficacy of so many sorrows. **Ry.** Cause us to rejoice in the kingdom of heaven.

Bened. ant. Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow.

Prayer

O God, at your passion, according to the prophecy of the holy Simeon, a sword of grief pierced the most loving soul of the glorious Mary, virgin and mother; grant, in your mercy, that we who honour the memory of her sorrows, may gain the happy fruit of your sufferings. For you live and reign.

Commemoration of St. Nicomedes, Martyr

Ant. Let him who would come after me deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

V. A gold crown upon his head. **Ry.** Inscribed like a signet with "Holiness."

Prayer

Heed your people, Lord, that pleading the glorious merits of the blessed Nicomedes, your martyr, they may always be helped by his intercession to obtain your mercy. Through.

At the Hours, psalms and antiphon from week-day.

TERCE

Little Chapter as at Vespers.

R. All you * who pass by.—All you. **V.** Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow.—Who pass by.—Glory.—All you.

V. My eyes are spent with weeping. **R.** My soul is in tumult.

Prayer

O God, at your passion, according to the prophecy of the holy Simeon, a sword of grief pierced the most loving soul of the glorious Mary, virgin and mother; grant, in your mercy, that we who honour the memory of her sorrows, may gain the happy fruit of your sufferings. For you live and reign.

SEXT

Little Chapter Lam. 1

She weeps bitterly in the night, tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has none to comfort her.

R. My eyes are spent * with weeping.—My eyes are spent. **V.** My soul is in tumult.—With weeping.

—Glory.—My eyes are spent. **V.** My beloved is to me a bag of myrrh. **R.** That lies between my breasts.

NONE

Little Chapter Lam. 2

Let tears stream down like a torrent day and night! Give yourself no rest, your eyes no respite!

R. My beloved is to me * a bag of myrrh.—My beloved. **V.** That lies between my breasts.—A bag of myrrh.—Glory.—My beloved.

V. My soul failed me. **R.** When my beloved spoke.

VESPERS

Ant. to psalms Whither has your beloved gone, O fairest among women? Whither has your beloved turned, that we may seek him with you?

Psalms as in Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary [35].

Little Chapter Lam. 2

What can I say for you, to what compare you, O daughter of Jerusalem? What can I liken to you, that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter of Sion? For vast as the sea is your ruin.

Hymn

Quickly, then, let evening roll
O'er the world from pole to pole;
Sun, astounded, rush the light
While I now recall the sight
Of the cruel slaughter sign
And the drama all divine.

Mother, there you gazed forlorn
At that suffering for us borne;
Though wet cheeks show grief you feel
Yet your heart is firm as steel;
While your Son in dying pangs
Groans as from the cross he hangs.

Torn by scourges harsh you see
Your own Son marked cruelly;
Pierced by gaping wounds all sore,
Hangs the Son that you adore;
As you gaze upon this, too,
O what sharp thrusts pierce you through!

Spittle, blows, and scourging, gall,
Aloes, nails, wounds, sponge, these all,
Lance and thirst and thorny crown,
Blood that constantly streams down;

With what tyranny they pressed
On your loving heart and breast.

Meanwhile, stationed by the cross,
There the Virgin mourns her loss.
Nobler than the martyrs, you,
And by miracle, so new,
Though pierced through by death's own pain,
You, O Mother, life retain.

To the sovereign Trinity
Glory, praise and honour be,
And by humble, earnest prayer,
I beseech the grace to bear
All adversities and woes
With the strength the Virgin shows.
Amen.

V. Pray for us, Queen of martyrs. **R.** Who stood by the cross of Jesus.

Magnif. ant. Sorrow has worn me out, my face is red with weeping, and on my eyelids is deep darkness.

COMPLINE

Ant. to psalms Virgin Mary, no other woman ever endured sorrow like to yours, as you watched your crucified Son die. Pray for us, loving Mother of God.

Psalms from Sunday

Nunc. dimittis ant. We fly to your patronage, holy mother of God. Do not despise our prayers in our needs, but ever deliver us from all dangers, O blessed Virgin.

16 September

**SS. Cornelius, Pope
and Cyprian, Bishop
Martyrs**

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

Cornelius, a Roman, was Pope under the emperors Gallus and Volusianus. He strongly resisted the Novatian schism and wrote many things with great charity concerning those who had lapsed from the faith. Eight letters written to him by Saint Cyprian are extant. Worn out with hardships he died a martyr, while in exile at Civitavecchia. Cyprian, an African, was first famous as a teacher of rhetoric; then, at the persuasion of the priest Cecilius, from whom he took his name, he became a Christian and gave all that he owned to the poor. After a short time he was ordained priest and was later appointed bishop

of Carthage. During the Novatian schism he suffered much and endeavoured in every way to repair the injury done to the church. It would be superfluous to give a detailed description of his brilliance, since his works shine brighter than the sun. He suffered in the eighth persecution, under the emperors Valerian and Gallienus.

Ry. iii. They washed their robes and made them spotless * in the blood of the Lamb. **V.** These are they who have come out of the great tribulation, and have washed their robes. — In the. — Glory. — In the.

LAUDS**Prayer**

Mercifully regard our weakness, Lord, we pray; and all the evils which we justly deserve, turn away from us at the intercession of your holy martyrs and prelates, Cornelius and Cyprian. Through.

Commemoration of St. Euphemia, Virgin and Martyr.

Ant. Come, my chosen one, and I will set my throne in you, for the king has desired your beauty.

V. She is led to the king with her maiden com-

panions. **Ry.** Her destined companions are escorted in.

Prayer

Almighty, everlasting God, you choose what is weak in this world to shame the strong; mercifully grant, that we who keep the feast of the blessed Euphemia, your virgin and martyr, may experience the power of her pleading with you. Through.

17 September

**Impression of the
Sacred Stigmata of
St. Francis**

Commemoration**LAUDS**

Ant. "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much," says the Lord.

V. The just man will blossom as the lily. **Ry.** And he will flourish before the Lord for ever.

Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, who in order to enkindle our hearts with the flame of love in a world grown cold, renewed the marks of your passion in the flesh of the blessed

Francis; mercifully grant through his merits and prayers, that we may always bear the cross and bring forth fitting fruits of penance. For you live and reign.

Commemoration of St. Lambert, Bishop and Martyr.

Ant. Let him who would come after me deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

V. A gold crown upon his head. **Ry.** Inscribed like a signet with "Holiness."

Prayer

Grant, we ask you, almighty God, that we who keep the feast of the blessed Lambert, your martyr and bishop, may be helped by his intercession with you. Through.

18 September
**Bl. John Macias
Confessor, O. P.**

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

John was born in the year 1585 at the town of Rivera in the diocese of Placentia in Spain, and was surnamed Macias, it is said, after his godfather. Bereft of his parents at an

early age, he passed his youth tending his uncle's sheep, at the same time nourishing his soul by meditating on the mysteries of the most holy rosary. Later, on leaving his homeland and going to South America, where, for two years, he had travelled from place to place amassing wealth, he renounced all that he had and, at Lima, put on the habit of a lay-brother at the Priory of Saint Mary Magdalen of the Order of Preachers. His sleep he curtailed to the minimum and was given to fasting and to using the hair shirt. He ministered on bended knees to the wretched, the sick, and the poor, feeding two hundred of them daily. At length he died at the age of sixty-one and was beatified by Gregory XVI.

R. *iii.* Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast. **V.** Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. — And be like men. — Glory. — To come home.

LAUDS

Prayer

O God, you went before the blessed confessor,

John, in the fullness of your grace, and willed that he should flourish in a humble state of life by the radiance of his ways; grant us, we beg, to tread in his steps that we may reach you with unsullied souls. Through.

19 September

SS. Januarius, Bishop and Companions

Martyrs

III class

MATINS

Lesson *iii*

Januarius, bishop of Benevento when Diocletian and Maximian were persecuting the christians, was, for professing the christian faith, fruitlessly tortured with fire and rack by Timothy, governor of Campania. Then with Festus, his deacon, and Desiderius, his reader, he was bound and dragged to Pozzuoli in front of the governor's carriage. On the following day, he and his companions, together with the deacons, Sosius of Miseno and Proculus of Pozzuoli and two laymen, Eutyches and Acutius, were thrown to the beasts. But, when the beasts left them unharmed and when almost five thousand men were converted to the

christian faith, the governor became enraged and ordered the holy bishop and those with him to be put to the sword. The christians saw to it that the bodies of the martyrs received burial. The body of Januarius was at first interred at Benevento, then it was taken to the monastery of Monte Vergine, and finally it was laid to rest in the cathedral of Naples, where it became famous for miracles. To the present day, the blood of Januarius, which is kept in a glass phial, is seen to liquefy and bubble when placed in sight of the martyr's head.

R. *iii.* They washed their robes and made them spotless * in the blood of the Lamb. **V.** These are they who have come out of the great tribulation, and have washed their robes. — In the. — Glory. — In the.

LAUDS

Prayer

O God, you gladden us by the annual solemnity of your holy martyrs, Januarius and his companions; mercifully grant that, as we rejoice in their merits, we may be inspired by their example. Through.

20 September
Bl. Francis de Posadas
Confessor, O.P.
III Class

MATINS

The son of a greengrocer of Cordoba, Francis de Posadas entered the Dominican Order there at the convent of Scala Caeli in 1633, successfully overcoming all obstacles. As a boy Francis had lost his father, and his step-father put an end to the studies that he had undertaken at his parents' wish, apprenticing him instead to a trade. However, the holy youth studied secretly, and thus, when his step-father died, he speedily joined the Order of his choice, being then in his twenty-first year. After his ordination to the priesthood, Francis burned with such zeal for the welfare of souls that he seemed a second Saint Vincent Ferrer. Having, for forty years, fervently and fruitfully preached and heard confessions all over southern Spain, he died in the convent of Scala Caeli at Cordoba in 1713, aged seventy. He was beatified by Pius VII.

R. *iii.* Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast.

∇. Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. — And be like men. — Glory. — To come home.

Before Lauds and at Vespers.

∇. Blessed Francis, pray for us. *Ry.* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LAUDS

Prayer

O God, you made your confessor, the blessed Francis, who was filled with the sweetness of heavenly charity, an outstanding preacher of your word; grant, at his intercession, that enkindled by the fire of your love we may always live in your friendship. Through.

21 September
St. Matthew,
Apostle and Evangelist

II class

All from the Common of an Evangelist [38], except what is given here.

MATINS

I Nocturn

From the blessed apostle Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

Lesson i Chapter 4

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to

lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Ry. i. "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves," says the Lord, * "so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ∇. For they will deliver you up to councils, and flog you in their synagogues." — So be wise.

Lesson ii

But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)

Ry. ii. "Take my yoke upon you," says the Lord, "and learn from me; for

I am gentle and lowly in heart; * for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. ∇. And you will find rest for your souls." — For my yoke.

Lesson iii

And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the equipment of the saints, for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Ry. iii. When you stand before kings and governors, do not be anxious how you are to speak, or what you are to say; * for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ∇. For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. — For what. — Glory. — For what.

II Nocturn

Lesson iv

Matthew, the apostle and evangelist, was also known as Levi. After Christ's resurrection and before he set out to evan-

gelize the province assigned to him, he first wrote in Judea the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Hebrew for the converts from Judaism. He then went to Ethiopia, where he preached the gospel and confirmed his preaching by many miracles.

Ry. iv. I saw men standing together, in shining garments, and the angel of the Lord spoke to me, saying: * "These are the holy men; they have become the friends of God."

∇. I saw an angel of God flying in midheaven, and crying out with a loud voice, he said. — These.

Lesson v

His greatest miracle was the raising of the king's daughter from the dead, thereby converting the king her father, his wife, and the whole province to the christian faith. When the king died, Hirtacus, his successor, wished to marry the late king's daughter, Iphigenia, but since, under Matthew's guidance, she had vowed her virginity to God and remained steadfast in her holy resolve, he ordered that Matthew, who was at the altar celebrating the Eucharist, should be put to death.

Ry. v. These are they who have been victorious

the friends of God, who disdaining the commands of princes, were worthy of everlasting reward: * now they are crowned and hold the palm branch. V. These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. — Now.

Lesson vi

Thus on September 21 his apostolic calling was crowned with the glory of martyrdom, and he became, in truth, a victim for the cause of virginity. His body was taken to Salerno and later, in the pontificate of Pope Gregory VII, it was placed in the church dedicated in his name where it is venerated with great devotion by large numbers of pilgrims. Clement of Alexandria relates that Matthew used to subsist on seeds, berries and vegetables and that he abstained from flesh-meat.

Ry. vi. “You are the light of the world,” says the Lord, * “who by your endurance will gain your lives. V. As my Father appointed a kingdom for me, so do I appoint for you, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.” — Who by. — Glory. — Will gain.

III Nocturn

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson vii Chapter 9

At that time, Jesus saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and he said to him, “Follow me.” Etc.

Homily of St. John Chrysostom

Homily 31 on Matthew, near the beginning.

With good reason is the lofty wisdom of the evangelist to be admired. He did not hide the pursuits of his former life; he gave his name, which the others by changing it had hidden. But what was his reason for saying that he was sitting at the tax office? He wished to show the power of him who called him. For before he had yet ceased to follow the degrading livelihood of a tax collector, he drew him from the midst of the sea of wickedness, just as he also brought down the blessed Paul, who had been raging and burning with fury and breathing fire against the church.

Ry. vii. These are the holy men whom the Lord has chosen in genuine love and to whom he has given

everlasting glory. * By their teaching a light is cast upon the church as on the moon by the sun. V. Their span goes forth through all the earth; their words to the utmost bounds of the world. — By their.

Lesson viii

The interest and practice of tax collectors were altogether shameless and ruthless. The occupation was stamped with meanness. It was a low form of commerce, or rather of plunder, sanctioned by the civil law. Yet the Lord was not ashamed of all this, for he chose a tax collector for his friend. Nor is this to be wondered at, since he was not ashamed of the sinful woman whom he not only raised up from her sinfulness but also permitted to kiss his feet. For he came not just to cure the ills of the body, but, much more, to restore health to sick souls.

Ry. viii. Who are these that fly like a cloud, * and like doves to their windows? V. Purer than snow, whiter than milk, their bodies more ruddy than coral. — And like doves.

Lesson ix

This is plain to be seen at the healing of the

paralytic. Jesus, when he had forgiven him his sins, then approached Matthew, to show that the crowd should not be disconcerted at seeing a tax collector numbered among his disciples. Why is it strange that he should make a sinner an apostle, when he could loose the bonds of sin? You have seen the power of him who called; now learn the obedience of him who was called. He did not refuse the call; he did not hesitate, saying within himself: “Do you think that he really and truly called me, a tax collector and sinner?” Such humility is not praiseworthy. But he complied at once, not even going home to tell what had happened.

Ry. ix. Do not forsake your flock, eternal Shepherd, but through your blessed apostles * guard it with unflinching vigilance. V. Lord, protect your people which trusts in the patronage of your apostles. — Guard it. — Glory. — Guard it.

LAUDS

Prayer

May we be assisted, Lord, by the prayers of the blessed apostle and evangelist, Matthew, so

that what it is not in our power to obtain, may at his intercession be given to us. Through.

22 September
SS. Maurice and Companions

Martyrs
Commemoration

LAUDS

Ant. These are the holy ones who, for the love of God, despised the threats of men. The holy martyrs rejoice with the angels in the kingdom of heaven. What a precious death is that of the saints! They stand always in the presence of the Lord, and are not parted from one another.

V. God is to be feared.
R. In his holy place.

Prayer

Grant, we beseech you, almighty God, that the solemn feast of your holy martyrs, Maurice, Exsuperius, Candidus, Vitalis, Innocent and their companions, may gladden us, so that we who rely on their patronage may joyfully celebrate their heavenly birth. Through.

24 September
Our Lady of Ransom

Commemoration

LAUDS

Ant. Let us reverently celebrate today's festival of the Mother of God, Mary ever-virgin, by whom the supreme ruler went forth, alleluia.

V. God has chosen her, and has given her preference. **R.** He gives her his home to dwell in.

Prayer

O God, through the most glorious mother of your Son you were pleased to enrich your church with a new family for the deliverance of Christ's faithful from the power of the pagans; grant, we beseech you, that while we reverently honour her as the foundress of so great a work, we may likewise, through her merits and intercession, be delivered from all sin and from enslavement to the devil. Through the same.

27 September
SS. Cosmas and Damian

Martyrs

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

Cosmas and Damian, brothers and natives

of Arabia, were born in the city of Aegéa. Renowned physicians, they lived during the days of the emperors Diocletian and Maximian. By the power of Christ as much as by medical science, they healed diseases, even those thought incurable. Lysias, the prefect, hearing of their belief, summoned them to him and inquired about their way of life and the faith they professed. When they replied that they were christians, and openly proclaimed the necessity of the christian faith for salvation, the prefect commanded them to worship idols, threatening them with torture and a terrible death should they refuse. Finding his threats of no avail, he cried out: "Bind them hand and foot, and inflict the severest torments upon them." This was done, but nevertheless, Cosmas and Damian held fast to their convictions. Then, bound as they were, they were cast into the depths of the sea, only to emerge unscathed and unfettered. The prefect, attributing

their deliverance to magical powers, put them in prison. On the following day he ordered them to be brought forth and thrown on a lighted funeral-pile, but, as the flames did not even touch them, he subjected them to many other cruel tortures and finally ordered them to be beheaded. Thus, witnessing to Jesus Christ, they received the palm of martyrdom.

R. **iii.** They washed their robes and made them spotless * in the blood of the Lamb. **V.** These are they who have come out of the great tribulation, and have washed their robes. — In the. — Glory. — In the.

LAUDS

Prayer

Grant, we beseech you, almighty God, that we who reverently keep the feast of the blessed Cosmas and Damian, your martyrs, may, by their intercession, be freed from all the evils that threaten us. Through.

29 September

St. Michael the Archangel

I class

I VESPERS

Ant. to psalms While the dragon made war against the Archangel Michael, the voice of a thousand thousands was heard, crying, "Salvation belongs to our God."

Psalm Praise, O servants, etc. [1].

Little Chapter Rev. 1

God made known what must soon take place by sending his angel to his servant John, who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.

Ry. All the angels praise you, Holy Lord on high, saying, * "To you are due praise and honour, Lord."

V. The cherubim and seraphim and all the heavenly ranks proclaim you holy, saying: - To you are due praise and honour, Lord. - Glory. - And honour, Lord.

Hymn

Christ, true splendour of the Father,
Life and strength of every heart;

In the presence of the angels
Soul and voice in song take part;
In alternate chorus ringing,
Tunefully your praise we start.

So we praise with veneration
All those soldiers of the sky;

But especially the leader
Of that mighty host on high;
Michael, in his strength
and vigour,
Crushing Satan's forces sly.

All the wickedness of Satan
Through this watchful guard repel;
Christ, most loving King,
we pray you,

Evil by your mercy quell,
And with minds and bodies holy,
Bring us heavenward where you dwell.

Loudly, then, with voices tuneful

Let the Father's glory ring;

Glory then to Christ,
Redeemer,

And the Spirit let us sing;
God eternal, one and trinal,
Who created everything.

Amen.

V. An angel stood at the altar of the temple. **Ry.** With a golden censer in his hand.

Magnif. ant. While John was witnessing the sacred mysteries, the Archangel Michael sounded the trumpet: "Worthy are you, Lord, our God, to take the scroll and to open its seals," alleluia.

Prayer

O God, in wonderful order you arrange the ministries of men and angels; mercifully grant, that those who always stand before you and minister to you in heaven, may also guard our life on earth. Through.

Compline from Sunday.

MATINS

Invit. The Lord, the angels' king, * come, let us adore.

Hymn as at I Vespers.

I Nocturn

Psalm 5

To my words give ear,
O Lord, * give heed to my groaning.

Attend to the sound of my cries, * my King and my God.

It is you whom I invoke,
O Lord. * In the morning you hear me;

In the morning I offer you my prayer, * watching and waiting.

You are no God who loves evil; * no sinner is your guest.

The boastful shall not stand their ground * before your face.

You hate all who do evil: * you destroy all who lie.

The deceitful and blood-thirsty man * the Lord detests.

But I through the greatness of your love * have access to your house.

I bow down before your holy temple, * filled with awe.

Lead me, Lord, in your justice, ζ because of those who lie in wait; * make clear your way before me.

No truth can be found in their mouths, * their heart is all mischief,

Their throat a wide-open grave, * all honey their speech.

Declare them guilty, O God. * Let them fail in their designs.

Drive them out for their many offences; * for they have defied you.

All those you protect shall be glad * and ring out their joy.

You shelter them; in you they rejoice, * those who love your name.

It is you who bless the just man, Lord: * you sur-

round him with favour as with a shield.

Ant. 1 An angel stood at the altar of the temple with a golden censer in his hand.

Psalm 8

How great is your name, O Lord our God, * through all the earth !

Your majesty is praised * above the heavens ;

On the lips of children and of babes you have found praise * to foil your enemy, to silence the foe and the rebel.

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, * the moon and the stars which you arranged,

What is man that you should keep him in mind, * mortal man that you care for him ?

Yet you have made him little less than a god ; * with glory and honour you crowned him,

Gave him power over the works of your hand, * put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and cattle, * yes, even the savage beasts,

Birds of the air, and fish * that make their way through the waters.

How great is your name, O Lord our God, * through all the earth !

Ant. 2 The smoke of the

spices rose before the Lord from the hand of the angel.

Psalm 10

In the Lord I have taken my refuge. How can you say to my soul : * “ Fly like a bird to its mountain.

See the wicked bracing their bow ; ⁊ they are fixing their arrows on the string * to shoot upright men in the dark.

Foundations once destroyed, * what can the just do ?”

The Lord is in his holy temple, * the Lord, whose throne is in heaven.

His eyes look down on the world ; * his gaze tests mortal men.

The Lord tests the just and the wicked : * the lover of violence he hates.

He sends fire and brimstone on the wicked ; * he sends a scorching wind as their lot.

The Lord is just and loves justice : * the upright shall see his face.

Ant. 3 Archangel Michael, come with help to the people of God.

∇. An angel stood at the altar of the temple. **Ry.** With a golden censer in his hand.

From the Prophet Daniel

Lesson i Chapter 7

As I looked, thrones were placed and one that

was ancient of days took his seat ; his raiment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool ; his throne was fiery flames, its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came forth from before him ; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him ; the court sat in judgment and the books were opened. I looked then because of the sound of the great words which the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire.

Ry. i. There was silence in heaven while the dragon made war against the Archangel Michael ; the voice of a thousand thousands was heard, crying : “ Salvation, honour and power belong to * almighty God.” ∇. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. — Almighty God.

Lesson ii Chapter 10

On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river, that is, the Tigris, I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded

with gold of Uphaz. His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the noise of a multitude. And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves. So I was left alone and saw this great vision, and no strength was left in me ; my radiant appearance was fearfully changed, and I retained no strength.

Ry. ii. An angel stood at the altar of the temple with a golden censer in his hand, and he was given much incense, * and the smoke of the spices rose before the Lord from the hand of the angel. ∇. There was silence in heaven, and the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar. — And the smoke of the spices rose.

Lesson iii

Then I heard the sound of his words ; and when I heard the sound of his words, I fell on my face in a deep sleep with my face to the ground. And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on

my hands and knees. And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly beloved, give heed to the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you." While he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, so I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia and came to make you understand what is to befall your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come."

Ry. iii. This is Michael the Archangel, prince of the angelic hosts, * whose honour brings blessings to the nations and whose prayer leads to the kingdom of heaven. **V.** We beg you to rescue us from the snare of death through the grace which you have merited, Archangel of Christ. — Whose honour brings. — Glory. — And whose prayer.

II Nocturn

Psalm 14

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent * and dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault; * he who acts with justice

And speaks the truth from his heart; * he who does not slander with his tongue;

He who does no wrong to his brother, * who casts no slur on his neighbour,

Who holds the godless in disdain, * but honours those who fear the Lord;

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; * who takes no interest on a loan

And accepts no bribes against the innocent. * Such a man will stand firm for ever.

Ant. 4 Michael is the prince of paradise, whom the hosts of angels honour.

Psalm 29

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me * and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O Lord, I cried to you for help * and you, my God, have healed me.

O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, * restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, * give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. * At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

I said to myself in my good fortune: * "Nothing will ever disturb me."

Your favour had set me on a mountain fastness, * then you hid your face and I was put to confusion.

To you, Lord, I cried, * to my God I made appeal:

"What profit would my death be, my going to the grave? * Can dust give you praise or proclaim your truth?"

The Lord listened and had pity. * The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning into dancing, * you removed my sackcloth and girdled me with joy.

So my soul sings psalms to you unceasingly. * O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

Ant. 5 You have appeared with glory in the sight of the Lord, therefore the Lord has clothed you in splendour.

Psalm 46

All peoples, clap your hands, * cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most

High, we must fear, * great king over all the earth.

He subdues peoples under us * and nations under our feet.

Our inheritance, our glory, is from him, * given to Jacob out of love.

God goes up with shouts of joy; * the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise, * sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth. * Sing praise with all your skill.

God is king over the nations; * God reigns on his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples are assembled * with the people of Abraham's God.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, * to God who reigns over all.

Ant. 6 Angel and archangel, Michael is God's messenger to acknowledge the souls of the just.

V. The smoke of the spices rose before the Lord.

Ry. From the hand of the angel.

Sermon of St. Gregory,
Pope

Homily 34 on the Gospel
before the middle

Lesson iv

We have it on the authority of sacred scripture



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that there are nine orders of angels, namely, Angels, Archangels, Powers, Authorities, Principalities, Dominations, Thrones, Cherubim and Seraphim. Almost every page of sacred scripture testifies to the existence of Angels and Archangels. The prophetic books, as has been noted, speak of Cherubim and Seraphim. The apostle Paul, writing to the Ephesians, also enumerates four orders of angels, where he says: "Above all principality, and authority, and power and dominion."

Ry. iv. The Archangel Michael came with a host of angels; to him God entrusted the souls of the saints, * that he might lead them to the paradise of joy. **V.** The Archangel Michael was given power over the souls of the saints. — That he might lead them.

Lesson v

Again, writing to the Colossians, he says: "Whether thrones or dominions, or principalities or authorities." Now when Thrones are added to the four orders mentioned in his Letter to the Ephesians, five orders are accounted for, and when Angels, Archangels, Cherubim and Seraphim are considered, it will be found that there

are indeed nine orders of angels altogether. It should be noted that the word "angel" signifies an office, not a nature, for these blessed spirits of the heavenly homeland are indeed always spirits, but they cannot always be called angels; they are known as angels only when they are bearers of some message.

Ry. v. Supported by the patronage of the Archangel Michael, we beseech you, Lord, * that we may be united in spirit with those whom we honour. **V.** Lord, show the continual help of your mercy to us to whom you have granted never to lack the intercession of the angels. — That we.

Lesson vi

Those who announce less important matters are called Angels, while the bearers of messages of the greatest significance are called Archangels. Hence it is that no ordinary angel, but the Archangel Gabriel, was sent to the Virgin Mary, for it was fitting that the highest Angel should come on this work of announcing the greatest message of all. The Archangels, too, are given special names to designate the particular ministry in which each excels. Thus, Michael

signifies "Who is like God?" Gabriel, "Strength of God," and Raphael, "Medicine of God." And whenever something involving great power is to be done, Michael is the one chosen for that mission.

Ry. vi. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: the Archangel Michael fought against the devil; * by God's grace, he was the victor in heaven, and that ancient enemy suffered utter defeat. **V.** The Angels are glad, the Archangels rejoice, and together they praise the Son of God in heaven. — By God's grace he was the victor. — Glory. — And that ancient enemy.

III Nocturn

Psalm 96

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, * the many coastlands be glad.

Cloud and darkness are his raiment; * his throne, justice and right.

A fire prepares his path; * it burns up his foes on every side.

His lightnings light up the world, * the earth trembles at the sight.

The mountains melt like wax * before the Lord of all the earth.

The skies proclaim his justice; * all peoples see his glory.

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Let those who serve idols be ashamed, those who boast of their worthless gods. * All you spirits, worship him.

Sion hears and is glad; the people of Judah rejoice * because of your judgments, O Lord.

For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth * exalted far above all spirits.

The Lord loves those who hate evil: he guards the souls of his saints; * he sets them free from the wicked.

Light shines forth for the just * and joy for the upright of heart.

Rejoice, you just, in the Lord; * give glory to his holy name.

Ant. 7 The sea was tossed and the earth trembled when the Archangel Michael came down from heaven.

Psalm 98

The Lord is king; the peoples tremble. **Z** He is throned on the cherubim; earth quakes. * The Lord is great in Sion.

He is supreme over all the peoples. **Z** Let them praise his name, so terrible and great. * He is holy, full of power.

You are a king who loves what is right; you have established equity, justice and right; * you have

established them in Jacob.

Exalt the Lord our God ; bow down before Sion, his footstool. * He the Lord is holy.

Among his priests were Aaron and Moses, among those who invoked his name was Samuel. * They invoked the Lord and he answered.

To them he spoke in the pillar of cloud. They did his will; * they kept the law, which he, the Lord, had given.

O Lord our God, you answered them. For them you were a God who forgives ; * yet you punished all their offences.

Exalt the Lord our God ; bow down before his holy mountain * for the Lord our God is holy.

Ant. 8 He was given much incense that he might burn it before the golden altar which is in the sight of the Lord.

Psalm 102

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, * all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord * and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt, * who heals every one of your ills,

Who redeems your life from the grave, * who crowns you with love and compassion,

Who fills your life with good things, * renewing your youth like an eagle's.

The Lord does deeds of justice, * gives judgment for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses * and his deeds to Israel's sons.

The Lord is compassion and love, * slow to anger and rich in mercy.

His wrath will come to an end ; * he will not be angry for ever.

He does not treat us according to our sins * nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth * so strong is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west * so far does he remove our sins.

As a father has compassion on his sons, * the Lord has pity on those who fear him ;

For he knows of what we are made, * he remembers that we are dust.

As for man, his days are like grass ; * he flowers like the flower of the field ;

The wind blows and he is gone * and his place never sees him again.

But the love of the Lord is everlasting * upon those who hold him in fear ;

His justice reaches out to children's children when they keep his covenant in

truth, * when they keep his will in their mind.

The Lord has set his sway in heaven * and his kingdom is ruling over all.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels, 7 mighty in power, fulfilling his word, * who heed the voice of his word.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his hosts, * his servants who do his will.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his works, in every place where he rules. * My soul, give thanks to the Lord !

Ant. 9 Let us praise the Lord, whom the angels praise, to whom the cherubim and seraphim cry out, "Holy, Holy, Holy."

V. Before the angels I will bless you, my God.

Ry. I will adore before your temple, and give thanks to your name.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson vii Chapter 18

At that time, the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Etc.

Homily of St. Jerome, Priest

Book 3 Commentary on chapter 18 of Matthew

What is the significance of the abrupt ques-

tion, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

put by the apostles following the discovery of the shekel and the payment of the tax? When they observed that a similar tax was paid by Peter and the Lord, they concluded from this that Peter was chosen above all the apostles since he was put on an equal footing with the Lord, by paying what he paid. And so they ask, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

Ry. vii. Do not fear before the nations, but in your hearts worship and fear the Lord, * for his angel is with you. **V.** Sing him a song that is new, play loudly, with all your skill. — For his angel is with you.

Lesson viii

Unless you become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." The apostles are not bidden to become children in years, but in innocence ; to acquire by endeavour what children possess by reason of their age, and in this way to become as children with regard to malice, though not with regard to wisdom. "Whoever humbles himself like this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

That is to say: Just as this child, whom I set before you as a model, does not persist in anger, is not mindful of injuries, is not captivated by a beautiful woman, does not think one thing and say another, so must you also be, for you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven unless you have like innocence and purity of soul.

Ry. viii. Before the angels I will bless you, and I will adore before your holy temple, * and give thanks to your name, Lord. **V.** You are my God, I thank you. My God, I praise you. — And give thanks.

Lesson ix

“**S**ee that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father.” Great is the dignity of souls, that each one from the moment of birth should have an angel appointed as its guardian! Hence we read in the Revelation to John: “To the angel of the church in Ephesus (and of the other churches) write this.” The Apostle, also, commands that, in church, women’s heads should be veiled because of the angels.

Ry. ix. All the angels

praise you, holy Lord on high, saying, * “To you are due praise and honour, Lord.” **V.** The cherubim and seraphim and all the heavenly ranks proclaim you holy, saying: — To you are due praise and honour, Lord. — Glory. — And honour, Lord.

Before Lauds V. You have appeared with glory in the sight of the Lord. **Ry.** Therefore the Lord has clothed you in splendour.

LAUDS

Antiphons, also at the Hours

1. While the Archangel Michael fought against the dragon, the voice was heard of those who cried, “Salvation belongs to our God,” alleluia.

Psalm The Lord is king, etc. P. 29.

2. While the dragon made war against the Archangel Michael, the voice of a thousand thousands was heard, crying, “Salvation belongs to our God.”

3. Archangel Michael, I have appointed you prince over all the souls that are to be acknowledged.

4. Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord for ever.

5. Angels, Archangels, Thrones and Dominions,

Principalities and Authorities, Powers of the heavens, praise the Lord from the heavens, alleluia.

Little Chapter Rev. 1

God made known what must soon take place by sending his angel to his servant John, who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.

Hymn

Christ, greatest glory of the holy angels, Mankind’s Creator and its King almighty, Grant us to reach your heaven everlasting; Graciously hear us!

Send, we implore you, down unto this dwelling, Michael your angel, peace from heaven bestowing; Who, coming often, may give, in abundance, Everything helpful.

May that strong Angel, Gabriel the mighty, Hastening from heaven, come to this our temple, Visit us often, banishing afar our Enemy ancient.

Send us your angel, Raphael, the healer, Bringing salvation down to us from heaven; Curing the sickly, likewise, by his presence, Guiding our actions.

So, too, let Mary, God’s own Mother holy, Joined in the heavens by the choirs angelic, And with all members of the blest assembly, Ever assist us.

This may he grant us, God for ever blessed, Father eternal, Son and Holy Spirit; His is the glory which through all creation Ever re-echoes. Amen.

V. Worship God. **Ry.** All you spirits.

Bened. ant. There was silence in heaven while the dragon made war, and Michael fought against him and was victorious, alleluia.

Prayer

O God, in wonderful order you arrange the ministries of men and angels; mercifully grant, that those who always stand before you and minister to you in heaven, may also guard our life on earth. Through.

At the Hours psalms from Sunday.

TERCE

Ant. While the dragon made war against the Archangel Michael, the voice of a thousand thousands was heard crying, “Salvation belongs to our God.”

Little Chapter Rev. 1

God made known what must soon take place by sending his angel to his servant John, who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.

R. An angel stood at the altar of the temple, * alleluia, alleluia. — An angel stood. **V.** With a golden censer in his hand. — Alleluia. — Glory. — An angel stood.

V. The smoke of the spices rose before the Lord.
R. From the hand of the angel.

SEXT

Ant. Archangel Michael, I have appointed you prince over all the souls that are to be acknowledged.

Little Chapter Rev. 12

War arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they were defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.

R. The smoke of the spices rose before the Lord, * alleluia, alleluia. — The smoke. **V.** From the hand of the angel. — Alleluia. — Glory. — The smoke.

V. Before the angels I will bless you, my God.
R. I will adore before your

holy temple, and give thanks to your name.

NONE

Ant. Angels, Archangels, Thrones and Dominions, Principalities and Authorities, Powers of the heavens, praise the Lord from the heavens, alleluia.

Little Chapter Rev. 5

I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God."

R. Before the angels I will bless you, my God, * alleluia, alleluia. — Before the angels. **V.** I will adore before your holy temple, and give thanks to your name. — Alleluia. — Glory. — Before the angels.

V. Worship God. **R.** All you spirits.

II VESPERS**Psalm 109**

The Lord's revelation to my Master: * "Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet."

The Lord will send from Sion your sceptre of power: * rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth on the holy

mountains; * from the womb before the daybreak I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change * "You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old."

The Master standing at your right hand * will shatter kings in the day of his great wrath.

He, the Judge of the nations, will heap high the bodies; * heads shall be shattered far and wide.

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside * and therefore he shall lift up his head.

Psalm 110

I will thank the Lord with all my heart * in the meeting of the just and their assembly

Great are the works of the Lord; * to be pondered by all who love them.

Majestic and glorious his work, * his justice stands firm for ever.

He makes us remember his wonders. * The Lord is compassion and love.

He gives food to those who fear him; * keeps his covenant ever in mind.

He has shown his might to his people * by giving them the lands of the nations.

His works are justice and truth: * his precepts are all of them sure,

Standing firm for ever and ever: * they are made in uprightness and truth.

He has sent deliverance to his people and established his covenant for ever. * Holy his name, to be feared.

To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who do so prove themselves wise. * His praise shall last for ever!

Psalm 111

Happy the man who fears the Lord, * who takes delight in his commands.

His sons will be powerful on earth; * the children of the upright are blessed.

Riches and wealth are in his house; * his justice stands firm for ever.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright: * he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends, * he conducts his affairs with honour.

The just man will never waver: * he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news; * with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear; * he will see the downfall of his foes.

Open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. * His head will be raised in glory.

The wicked man sees and is angry, gnashes his

teeth and pines away ; *
the desire of the wicked
leads to doom.

Psalm 112

Praise, O servants of the
Lord, * praise the name
of the Lord !

May the name of the
Lord be blessed * both now
and for evermore !

From the rising of the
sun to its setting * praised
be the name of the Lord !

High above all nations is
the Lord, * above the
heavens his glory.

Who is like the Lord,
our God, * who has risen
on high to his throne

Yet stoops from the
heights to look down, * to
look down upon heaven
and earth ?

From the dust he lifts up
the lowly, * from the dung-
heap he raises the poor

To set him in the com-
pany of princes, * yes, with
the princes of his people.

To the childless wife he
gives a home * and gladdens
her heart with children.

Psalm 137

I thank you, Lord, with
all my heart, * you have
heard the words of my
mouth.

Before the angels I will
bless you. * I will adore
before your holy temple.

I thank you for your

faithfulness and love *
which excel all we ever
knew of you.

On the day I called, you
answered ; * you increased
the strength of my soul.

All earth's kings shall
thank you * when they hear
the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the
Lord's ways: * "How
great is the glory of the
Lord !"

The Lord is high yet he
looks on the lowly * and
the haughty he knows from
afar.

Though I walk in the
midst of affliction * you
give me life and frustrate
my foes.

You stretch out your
hand and save me, * your
hand will do all things for
me.

Your love, O Lord, is
eternal, * discard not the
work of your hands.

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Michael fought against
the dragon, the voice was
heard of those who cried,
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by sending his angel to his
servant John, who bore
witness to the word of God
and to the testimony of
Jesus Christ, even to all
that he saw.

Hymn

Christ, true splendour of
the Father,
Life and strength of every
heart ;
In the presence of the
angels
Soul and voice in song take
part ;
In alternate chorus ringing,
Tunefully your praise we
start.

So we praise with veneration
All those soldiers of the
sky,
But especially the leader
Of that mighty host on
high,
Michael, in his strength
and vigour,
Crushing Satan's forces sly.

All the wickedness of Satan
Through this watchful
guard repel ;
Christ, most loving king,
we pray you,
Evil by your mercy quell,
And, with minds and bodies
holy,
Bring us heavenward where
you dwell.

Loudly, then, with voices
tuneful
Let the Father's glory ring ;
Glory then to Christ,
Redeemer,
And the Spirit let us sing ;
God eternal, one and trinal,
Who created everything.
Amen.

V. An angel stood at the
altar of the temple. **Ry.**
With a golden censer in his
hand.

Magnif. ant. Supported
by the patronage of the
Archangel Michael, we be-
seech you, Lord, that we
may be united in spirit with
those whom we honour,
alleluia.

Prayer

O God, in wonderful
order you arrange the
ministries of men and
angels ; mercifully grant,
that those who always
stand before you and minis-
ter to you in heaven, may
also guard our life on earth.
Through.

Compline from Sunday.

30 September

St. Jerome

**Priest, Confessor and
Doctor of the Church**

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

Jerome, born at Stridon
in Dalmatia, was bap-
tized as a young man at
Rome, and was educated in
the liberal arts by Donatus
and other very learned men.
Out of devotion, he jour-
neyed through all Palestine
and then retired to the
great desert of Syria where

he spent four years studying the sacred books and considering the happiness of heaven. He was ordained priest by Paulinus, Bishop of Antioch. Then he returned to Palestine and, at Bethlehem by the manger of Christ the Lord, he entered on a heavenly way of life. There he overcame the assaults of the devil by devoted labours and by constant study and writing. From far and wide, questions on sacred scripture were submitted to him, as to an oracle, for solution. On account of his singular learning and command of languages, not only of Latin and Greek, but also of Hebrew and Chaldaic, Damasus, the Roman Pontiff, and Saint Augustine often consulted him on the most difficult passages of Scripture. He translated the Old Testament from Hebrew, and at the request of Damasus made a revision of the New Testament according to the Greek text and also explained it in great part. He died at an advanced age and was buried at Bethlehem, but later his body was taken to Rome and laid to rest in the basilica of Saint Mary Major.

Ry. iii. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for

their master to come home from the marriage feast. **V.** Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. — And be like men. — Glory. — To come home.

LAUDS

Prayer

O God, you were pleased, for the exposition of the sacred scriptures, to provide your church with the blessed Jerome, your Confessor and most eminent Doctor; through his merits and intercession, grant that with your help we may be able to practise that which he taught both by word and deed. Through.

1 October

St. Remigius

Bishop and Confessor

Commemoration

LAUDS

Ant. “ Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much,” says the Lord.

V. The just man will blossom as the lily. **Ry.** And he will flourish before the Lord for ever.

Prayer

Grant, we beseech you, almighty God, that the celebration of the feast of the blessed Remigius, your confessor and bishop, may increase our devotedness and promote our salvation. Through.

2 October

The Holy Guardian Angels

III class

MATINS

Invit. The Lord, the angels' king, * come, let us adore.

Hymn

Praise we the angels blest guarding the human race,
Those whom the Father gave, helping our nature base,
Lest it might fall before cunning foe lacking grace;
Friends and companions from heaven.

For since that angel, the traitor who fell away,
Justly was stripped of his honours and high array,
Burning with envy he tries hard to drive astray,
Those whom the Lord calls to heaven.

Here, then, O Guardian, all-watchful, make haste to fly,
Warding-away from the country you guard on high,
Sickness and pain of soul, nor any ill let nigh
Which would take rest from its people.

Then to the Holy Three loving praise ever sound,
By whose unchanging will this triple frame is bound,
Who, one in glory bright, is for all ages found
Reigning and blessed for ever.
Amen.

Nocturn

Psalm 8

How great is your name, O Lord our God, * through all the earth!
Your majesty is praised * above the heavens;
On the lips of children and of babes you have found praise * to foil your enemy, to silence the foe and the rebel.

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, * the moon and the stars which you arranged,

What is man that you should keep him in mind, * mortal man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a god; *

with glory and honour you crowned him,

Gave him power over the works of your hand, * put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and cattle, * yes, even the savage beasts,

Birds of the air, and fish * that make their way through the waters.

How great is your name, O Lord our God, * through all the earth !

Ant. 1 The Lord, the God of heaven and earth, he will send his angel before you.

Psalm 10

In the Lord I have taken my refuge. How can you say to my soul: * "Fly like a bird to its mountain.

See the wicked bracing their bow ; ζ they are fixing their arrows on the string * to shoot upright men in the dark.

Foundations once destroyed, * what can the just do ?"

The Lord is in his holy temple, * the Lord, whose throne is in heaven.

His eyes look down on the world ; * his gaze tests mortal men.

The Lord tests the just and the wicked: * the lover of violence he hates.

He sends fire and brimstone on the wicked ; * he

sends a scorching wind as their lot.

The Lord is just and loves justice: * the upright shall see his face.

Ant. 2 My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not hurt me.

Psalm 14

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent * and dwell on your holy mountain ?

He who walks without fault ; * he who acts with justice

And speaks the truth from his heart ; * he who does not slander with his tongue ;

He who does no wrong to his brother, * who casts no slur on his neighbour,

Who holds the godless in disdain, * but honours those who fear the Lord ;

He who keeps his pledge, come what may ; * who takes no interest on a loan

And accepts no bribes against the innocent. * Such a man will stand firm for ever.

Ant. 3 May you have a good journey, and the Lord be with you in your way, and may his angel accompany you.

Psalm 18

The heavens proclaim the glory of God * and the

firmament shows forth the work of his hands.

Day unto day takes up the story * and night unto day makes known the message.

No speech, no word, no voice is heard yet their span goes forth through all the earth, * their words to the utmost bounds of the world.

There he has placed a tent for the sun ; * it comes forth like a bridegroom coming from his tent,

Rejoices like a champion * to run its course.

At the end of the sky is the rising of the sun ; to the furthest end of the sky is its course. * There is nothing concealed from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, * it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, * it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, * they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, * it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy, * abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth * and all of them just.

They are more to be desired than gold, * than the purest of gold

And sweeter are they

than honey, * than honey from the comb.

So in them your servant finds instruction ; * great reward is in their keeping.

But who can detect all his errors ? * From hidden faults acquit me.

From presumption restrain your servant * and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless, * clean from grave sin.

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, * win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock !

Ant. 4 When I was with you, I was there by the will of God. Bless him and sing praises to him.

Psalm 23

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, * the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas ; * on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord ? * Who shall stand in his holy place ?

The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things, * (who has not sworn so as to deceive his neighbour.)

He shall receive blessings from the Lord * and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him, * seek the face of the God of Jacob.

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. * Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory? * The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. * Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is he, the king of glory? * He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory.

Ant. 5 The angel of the Lord, who went before the host of Israel, moved and went behind them.

Psalm 33

I will bless the Lord at all times, * his praise always on my lips;

In the Lord my soul shall make its boast. * The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me. * Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me; * from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant; * let your faces not be abashed.

This poor man called; the Lord heard him * and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, * to rescue them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good. * He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

Revere the Lord, you his saints. * They lack nothing, those who revere him.

Strong lions suffer want and go hungry * but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Come, children, and hear me * that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.

Who is he who longs for life * and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?

Then keep your tongue from evil * and your lips from speaking deceit.

Turn aside from evil and do good; * seek and strive after peace.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked * to destroy their remembrance from the earth.

The Lord turns his eyes to the just * and his ears to their appeal.

They call and the Lord hears * and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; * those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

Many are the trials of the just man * but from them all the Lord will rescue him.

He will keep guard over

all his bones, * not one of his bones shall be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked; * those who hate the good are doomed.

The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. * Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

Ant. 6 The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them.

Psalm 95

O sing a new song to the Lord, * sing to the Lord all the earth.

O sing to the Lord, bless his name. * Proclaim his help day by day,

Tell among the nations his glory * and his wonders among all the peoples.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; * the gods of the heathens are naught.

It was the Lord who made the heavens, his are majesty and state and power * and splendour in his holy place.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, * give the Lord the glory of his name.

Bring an offering and enter his courts, worship the Lord in his temple. * O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: "God is king." The world he made firm in its place; * he will judge the peoples in fairness.

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, * let the sea and all within it thunder praise,

Let the land and all it bears rejoice, * all the trees of the wood shout for joy

At the presence of the Lord, for he comes, * he comes to rule the earth.

With justice he will rule the world, * he will judge the peoples with his truth.

Ant. 7 The Lord sent his angel who cut off all the mighty warriors and commanders and officers in the camp of the king of Assyria.

Psalm 96

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, * the many coastlands be glad.

Cloud and darkness are his raiment; * his throne, justice and right.

A fire prepares his path; * it burns up his foes on every side.

His lightnings light up the world, * the earth trembles at the sight.

The mountains melt like wax * before the Lord of all the earth.

The skies proclaim his justice; * all peoples see his glory.

Let those who serve idols be ashamed, those who boast of their worthless gods. * All you spirits, worship him.

Sion hears and is glad; the people of Judah rejoice * because of your judgments, O Lord.

For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth, * exalted far above all spirits.

The Lord loves those who hate evil: he guards the souls of his saints; * he sets them free from the wicked.

Light shines forth for the just * and joy for the upright of heart.

Rejoice, you just, in the Lord; * give glory to his holy name.

Ant. 8 All you spirits, worship the Lord: Sion hears and is glad.

Psalm 102

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, * all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord * and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt, * who heals every one of your ills,

Who redeems your life from the grave, * who crowns you with love and compassion,

Who fills your life with good things, * renewing your youth like an eagle's.

The Lord does deeds of justice, * gives judgment for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses * and his deeds to Israel's sons.

The Lord is compassion and love, * slow to anger and rich in mercy.

His wrath will come to an end; * he will not be angry for ever.

He does not treat us according to our sins * nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth * so strong is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west * so far does he remove our sins.

As a father has compassion on his sons, * the Lord has pity on those who fear him;

For he knows of what we are made, * he remembers that we are dust.

As for man, his days are like grass; * he flowers like the flower of the field;

The wind blows and he is gone * and his place never sees him again.

But the love of the Lord is everlasting * upon those who hold him in fear;

His justice reaches out to children's children when they keep his covenant in truth, * when they keep his will in their mind.

The Lord has set his

sway in heaven * and his kingdom is ruling over all.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels, * mighty in power, fulfilling his word, * who heed the voice of his word.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his hosts, * his servants who do his will.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his works, in every place where he rules. * My soul, give thanks to the Lord!

Ant. 9 Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels, mighty in power, fulfilling his word, who heed the voice of his word.

V. Before the angels I will bless you, my God.

R. I will adore before your holy temple and give thanks to your name.

From the book of Exodus

Lesson i Chapter 23

Behold, I send an angel before you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place which I have prepared. Give heed to him and hearken to his voice, do not rebel against him, for he will not pardon your transgression; for my name is in him. But if you hearken attentively to his voice and do all that I say, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries. My angel will go before you.

R. i. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. *

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone.

V. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. — They shall bear you.

From the prophet
Zechari'ah

Lesson ii Chapters 1 and 2

The word of the Lord came to Zechari'ah the son of Berechi'ah, son of Iddo, the prophet; and Zechari'ah said, "I saw in the night, and behold, a man riding upon a red horse! He was standing among the myrtle trees in the glen; and behind him were red, sorrel, and white horses. Then I said, 'What are these, my lord?' The angel who talked with me said to me, 'I will show you what they are.' So the man who was standing among the myrtle trees answered, 'These are they whom the Lord has sent to patrol the earth.'" And I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand! Then I said, "Where are you going?" And he said to me, "To measure Jerusalem, to see what is its breadth and what is its

length.” And behold, the angel who talked with me came forward, and another angel came forward to meet him, and said to him, “Run, say to that young man, ‘Jerusalem shall be inhabited as villages without walls, because of the multitude of men and cattle in it. For I will be to her a wall of fire round about, says the Lord, and I will be the glory within her.’”

Ry. ii. Do not fear before the nations, but in your hearts worship and fear the Lord, * for his angel is with you. **V.** An angel stood at the altar of the temple, with a golden censer in his hand. — For his angel.

Sermon of St. Bernard,
Abbot

Sermon 12 on the psalm
He who dwells.

Lesson iii

“**F**or you has he commanded his angels.” What wonderful thoughtfulness of charity, and truly great love! For, who has commanded? Whom? About whom? What has he commanded? Let us consider carefully, brethren, and diligently keep in mind, this important command. Who indeed has

commanded? Whose are the angels? Whose orders do they carry out? Whose will do they obey? Indeed, for you has he commanded his angels to keep you in all your ways, and they do not hesitate to take you up in their hands. So it is the Supreme Majesty who commanded the angels, his angels. For you he has given a command to those sublime beings who are so blessed, so closely united with himself, truly members of his own household. Who are you? “Lord, what is man that you care for him, mortal man that you keep him in mind?” As though man were not corruption, whose offspring is the worm! And what command, do you think, has he given concerning you? That they should guard you.

Ry. iii. Before the angels I will bless you, and I will adore before your holy temple, * and give thanks to your name, Lord. **V.** You are my God, I thank you. My God, I praise you. — And give thanks. — Glory. — And give thanks.

Before Lauds V. Guard us, Angel of God, with the impregnable wall of your protection. **Ry.** And protect us always with your powerful weapons.

LAUDS

Antiphons

1. For you has God commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways.

Psalm The Lord is king, etc. p. 29.

2. Let us praise the Lord whom the angels praise, to whom the cherubim and the seraphim cry out, “Holy, Holy, Holy.”

3. Their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven.

4. Blessed be God who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him.

5. Praise God, all his angels, praise him, all his host.

Little Chapter Exod. 23

Behold, I send an angel before you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place which I have prepared. Give heed to him and hearken to his voice.

Hymn

The world’s Creator great are you,
By power almighty you made all;
By equal care maintaining, too,
All things that are, both great and small.

O hear, as we, beseeching, pray,
All conscious of our guilty heart;
And with the dawn of this new day,
New light unto our souls impart.

And may your angel-guide elect
Be here with us upon life’s way;
That by his aid he may protect
Our souls from sin’s uncleanly sway.

For us, may he destroy the wile
That jealous serpent has prepared;
Lest in the net of Satan’s guile
Our hearts unwary be ensnared.

May he repel the dreaded foe
And from our land send fear in flight;
May he give us true peace to know,
And banish all disease and blight.

To God the Father glory be,
For angels guard, at his behest,
Those souls by Christ the Son made free
And hallowed by the Spirit Blest.
Amen.

V. Worship God. **Ry.**
All you spirits.

Bened. ant. The angel who talked with me came again, and waked me, like a man that is wakened out of his sleep.

Prayer

O God, in your providence, which surpasses description, you were pleased to send your holy angels to be our guardians; grant that we, your suppliants, may ever be defended by their protection and rejoice in their everlasting fellowship. Through.

Commemoration of St. Leger, Bishop and Martyr.

Ant. Let him who would come after me deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

V. A gold crown upon his head. **Ry.** Inscribed like a signet with "Holiness."

Prayer

Relying on the help of the blessed Leger, your martyr and bishop, may your church be glad, O God; and through his glorious intercession may she continue loyal and stand unshaken. Through.

At the Hours psalms and antiphon from the week-day.

TERCE

Little Chapter as in Lauds.

Ry. An angel stood * at the altar of the temple. — An angel stood. **V.** With a golden censer in his hand. — At the altar of the temple. — Glory. — An angel stood.

V. The smoke of the spices rose before the Lord. **Ry.** From the hand of the angel.

SEXT

Little Chapter Exod. 23

Do not rebel against him, for he will not pardon your transgression; for my name is in him.

Ry. The smoke of the spices rose * before the Lord. — The smoke. **V.** — From the hand of the angel. — Before the Lord. — Glory. — The smoke.

V. Before the angels I will bless you, my God. **Ry.** I will adore before your holy temple and give thanks to your name.

NONE

Little Chapter Exod. 23

If you listen attentively to his voice and do all that I say, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries. My angel will go before you.

Ry. Before the angels * I will bless you, my God. — Before. **V.** I will adore before your holy temple and give thanks to your name. — I will bless you. — Glory. — Before the angels. **V.** Worship God. **Ry.** All you spirits.

Prayer

O God, in your providence, which surpasses description, you were pleased to send your holy angels to be our guardians; grant that we, your suppliants, may ever be defended by their protection and rejoice in their everlasting fellowship. Through.

VESPERS

Ant. to psalms For you has God commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways.

Psalms as on the feast of St. Michael, p. 806.

Little Chapter Exod. 23

Behold, I send an angel before you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place which I have prepared. Give heed to him and hearken to his voice.

Hymn

Praise we the angels blest guarding the human race,

Those whom the Father gave, helping our nature base,
Lest it might fall before cunning foe lacking grace;
Friends and companions from heaven.

For since that angel, the traitor who fell away,
Justly was stripped of his honours and high array,
Burning with envy he tries hard to drive astray
Those whom the Lord calls to heaven.

Here, then, O Guardian, all-watchful, make haste to fly,
Warding-away from the country you guard on high,
Sickness and pain of soul, nor any ill let nigh
Which would take rest from its people.

Then to the Holy Three loving praise ever sound,
By whose unchanging will this triple frame is bound,
Who, one in glory bright, is for all ages found
Reigning and blessed for ever.
Amen.

V. An angel stood at the altar of the temple. **Ry.** With a golden censer in his hand.

Magnif. ant. Holy

Angels, our guardians, defend us in combat so that we may not be lost at the dreadful judgment.

Compline from the week-day.

3 October

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus
Virgin

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

Teresa of the Child Jesus was born at Alençon in France of good and devoted parents. At the age of four, after the death of her mother, she abandoned herself to divine providence under the care of her much loved father and elder sisters. Under these teachers, she rejoiced like a champion to run the course of perfection. At the age of nine she was sent to the school of the Benedictine nuns at Lisieux. In her tenth year, by the intercession of Our Lady of Victories, she was miraculously cured of a serious hidden illness from which she had long suffered. With angelic fervour she approached the Sacred Banquet for the first time and seemed to experience an insatiable longing for this food. She wished to enter the order of Discalced

Carmelites but because she was too young, she encountered many obstacles to her undertaking the religious life. Courageously she overcame these difficulties and at the age of fifteen happily entered the Carmel of Lisieux. There she burned with exceptional charity towards God and her neighbour. In accordance with the teaching of the gospel, she followed the way of spiritual childhood and taught it to others, especially to the novices. Inflamed with the desire to suffer, two years before her death she offered herself as a victim to the compassionate love of God. Aged twenty-four she departed to her Bridegroom on the thirtieth of September in the year 1897. The Supreme Pontiff, Pius XI, enrolled her among the Beatified Virgins, and two years later, on the occasion of the great jubilee, solemnly canonized her, appointing and declaring her the special patron of all the missions.

Ry. iii. The kingdom of the world and all earthly trappings I have spurned for the love of my Lord Jesus Christ, * whom I have seen, whom I have loved, in whom I have believed, whom I have cherished. **V.** My heart over-

flows with noble words. To the king I must speak the song I have made. — Whom I have seen. — Glory. — In whom I have believed.

LAUDS

Prayer

Lord, you have said, “Unless you become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven”; grant us, we beseech you, so to follow the footsteps of the holy virgin Teresa in humility and simplicity of heart, that we may gain the eternal reward. For you live and reign.

4 October

The Holy Father
St. Francis
Confessor

Founder of the Order of
Friars Minor
II class

At I VESPERS whenever the feast is celebrated as of the I class:

Ant. to psalms Francis, a catholic and wholly apostolic man, taught that the faith of the Roman Church was to be held fast, and urged that priests be revered above all others.

Psalm Praise, O servants, etc. [1].

Little Chapter Gal. 6
But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Ry. Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, * by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. **V.** For I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. — By which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. — Glory. — By which.

Hymn

A child of heaven to mankind
Is sent, adorned with wonders new,
He opens heaven to the blind,
The sea, dryshod, he passes through.

With spoils replete from Egypt's plains,
He goes forth rich, and, nonetheless,
In name and deed still poor remains,
To bring the wretched happiness.

Assumed like the Apostles three
Unto a mount of light that's new;
Upon the ground of poverty
Did Francis say to Christ most true:

“ Three tabernacles let us
make ! ”
Cried he, as Peter did of
yore ;
By him taught nobly to
forsake
All earthly things for ever-
more.

And while he honours
fittingly
Law, Prophets, Gospel-
grace so bright ;
Unto the blessed Trinity
He ministers in sacred rite.

Repairing well, this host
supplies
The threefold home with
virtues all ;
A house for Christ he
sanctifies,
Composed of blessed souls
each wall.

O Francis, Father, visit too
Our home, our threshold,
and our grave ;
And from the sleep of
death do you
Eve's hapless children wake
and save.
Amen.

V. Blessed Father,
Francis, pray for us.
Ry. That we may be made
worthy of the promises of
Christ.

Magnif. ant. What
amazement and joy ! O
man, judge of minds, you
are the chariot and chariot-
eer of our army. Trans-
figured like the sun, in the

presence of your brethren,
you were borne along by a
fiery chariot. On you,
resplendent with miracles
and foretelling the future,
rested the twofold spirit of
the Prophets. Francis,
Father, stand by your fol-
lowers who are in need ;
for the sighs of your flock
increase.

Prayer

O God, through the
merits of the blessed
Father, Francis, you en-
riched your church with a
new offspring ; grant that
we, following him, may
scorn earthly things, and
ever rejoice to share in the
gifts of heaven. Through
our Lord.

Compline from Sunday.

MATINS

Invit. Let the works he
has done give praise to
Christ the King * whose
wounds are renewed in
Saint Francis.

Hymn

In heaven's holy company
Another colleague's name
is sung ;
Upon the saintly rosary
A blossom fresh from earth
is sprung.

For Francis, rich in graces
rare
And model of true low-
liness,

In glory bright delights to
share,
With spirits blest, their
happiness.

His lowly cloak of clay
deceives
Salvation's sly and jealous
foe ;
The harvest fruits he now
receives
From seed well scattered
here below.

The pride of flesh he made
in shame
To spirit's law pay homage
due ;
The world and sin he over-
came,
And self as well, this
victor true.

The deed that always took
the lead
Prepared the way for word
well sown ;
And lapsing ages all give
heed
To teaching thus by action
shown.

He planted deep his Minors'
vine
In poverty's productive
bed ;
And showed by life, in clear
outline,
The way of life our feet
should tread.

To wealth eternal would he
call
The army of God's holy
poor ;

To heaven's joys that never
pall,
The language of his deeds
would lure.

His life with doctrine's
light aglow
Gave miracles of wondrous
ray ;
Whate'er he taught, he first
would show,
A living lamp, he lit the
way.

Within the Great King's
blest domain,
Good master, your dis-
ciples place ;
By right of sainthood now
maintain
Christ's servants in his holy
grace.

From darkness, then, of
woe, though weak,
Let's follow him, our guid-
ing light,
The Father of all grace to
seek,
And share at last in glory
bright.
Amen.

I Nocturn

Ant. 1 While this man's
thoughts were still intent
on empty vanities, he was
mercifully restrained by
divine graces.

**Psalms from the Com-
mon of a Confessor** [100].

Ant. 2 Strengthened in-
creasingly by the grace of
the right hand of the Most

High, he longed for the rewards of heaven which now, blessed, he possesses.

Ant. 3 Taught from heaven through vision and illness, he completely despises the treasures and honours of the world.

℣. He set me up as his target. **℞.** His archers surround me.

From the blessed apostle Paul's Letter to the Galatians

Lesson i Chapters 5 and 6

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbour. For each man will have to bear his own load. Let him who is taught the word share all good things with him who teaches.

℞. i. When Francis ceases to engage publicly in business, he withdraws at once to the Lord's field to meditate; * he decides to purchase the gospel treasure which he has found. **℣.** Consulting God alone as to what he should do, he understands that an indication from heaven is given to him. — He decides to purchase the gospel treasure which he has found.

Lesson ii

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption; but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of

Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh.

℞. ii. Fervent in the work of God, as soon as he sold his possessions, he determined to devote to the poor the money * which by reason of its great weight held down a soul that would be free. **℣.** He cast it away in contempt, when a poor priest was afraid to accept it. — Which by reason of its great weight held down a soul that would be free.

Lesson iii

But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen. — Indeed, Lord.

℞. iii. As his father pursues him he avoids his wrath by hiding; after-

wards he begins with boldness to appear in public. * His appearance is seen to be filthy; he is regarded as insane. **℣.** Mud and stones are hurled at him, but the patient man tries to pass by as though unfeeling. — His appearance. — Glory. — His appearance.

I Nocturn

Ant. 4 His enraged father drags him home and beats him mercilessly: he upbraids, fetters and imprisons him, but his mother secretly releases him.

Ant. 5 When free, he does not yield to the unbridled anger of his father, but proclaims that he willingly suffers evil for Christ.

Ant. 6 Summoned before the local bishop, he returns his father's property: then, naked, he describes himself as an exile in the world.

℣. Your arrows have sunk deep in me. **℞.** Your hand has come down upon me.

From the Commentaries of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop

The Legenda Maior of St. Francis, the prologue, n. 1-2

Lesson iv

The grace of God our Saviour has, in these last days, appeared in his

servant Francis to all who are truly humble and friends of holy poverty. These, venerating the superabundant mercy of God in him, are taught, by his example, to renounce completely irreligion and worldly desires, to live like Christ, and to long for the blessed hope with unremitting desire. The most high God looked with such favourable condescension on this truly poor and contrite man, that not only did he raise him in his need from the dust of worldly conduct, but gave him, who had now become an exponent, guide and preacher of evangelical perfection, as a light to believers, that thus bearing witness to the light, he might prepare for the Lord the way of light and peace to the hearts of the faithful. For, like the morning star among the clouds, shining by the limpid brilliance of his life and teaching, by his penetrating rays he guided to the light those seated in darkness and the shadow of death.

Ry. iv. While half-naked the enthusiast for the New Law sings hymns of praise in French, to robbers in a wood * he answers prophetically, "I am the herald of the great king." **V.** Cast into the freezing snow, the future shepherd of the

flock hears, "Lie there, lout." - He answers.

Lesson v

Endowed in the first place with gifts of heavenly grace, then advancing by the merit of unwavering virtue, filled moreover with the spirit of a prophet and appointed to the role of an angel, burning entirely with a seraphic flame, as an angelic man borne aloft in a fiery chariot, as is clearly evident from the story of his life, he is with good reason regarded as having come in the spirit and power of Elijah. And therefore, not undeservedly, he is said to be indicated in the description of the angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, as given in the truth-filled prophecy of that other friend of the bridegroom, John the apostle and evangelist. "For when the sixth seal was opened, I saw," says John in the Revelation, "another angel ascend from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God."

Ry. v. He seeks his former friend, who clothed with a simple tunic him who had been despised at the convent. Rejoicing when scorned by men, * he shows deference to lepers, when formerly he had despised them. **V.** At the command

of God he built three churches, symbols of the three Orders. - He shows deference.

Lesson vi

If we take into account the exceptional holiness which made Francis in his lifetime copy angelic purity and become an example to all who would follow Christ perfectly, we conclude with unshakeable confidence that this messenger of God was his servant Francis, beloved of Christ, a model for us and a wonder to the world. It is not only his ministry of summoning to tears and lamentation, to the tonsure and to the belt of sack-cloth, of putting a mark upon the foreheads of those who sighed and groaned—Thau, the sign of the cross of penance and of habit conformed to the cross—that leads us to realise this in a loyal and dutiful spirit. But also the seal of likeness to the living God confirms it by evidence of irrefutable truth—the seal, that is, of Christ crucified, which was impressed on his body not by any natural power or artistic skill, but rather by the marvellous power of the Spirit of the living God.

Ry. vi. He hears, in the gospel, that which Christ spoke to his followers whom he sent to preach.

"This," he says, "is what I desire." * Joyfully, having memorized these words, he takes his stand upon them. **V.** Having put aside whatever he had two of, and not using staff, shoes or wallet, he is girt with a rope. - Joyfully. - Glory. - Joyfully.

III Nocturn

Ant. 7 Earnestly he takes to heart the words that have brought him new grace, and preaches in all simplicity the message of penance.

Ant. 8 In the power of the spirit he proclaims peace and salvation, he makes those far removed from salvation sharers in the true peace.

Ant. 9 That the merits of the saint may be rewarded in the new members, he gives them new counsel, the way of simplicity.

V. My hands dripped with myrrh. **Ry.** My fingers with liquid myrrh.

Reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Lesson vii Chapter 11

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise

and understanding and revealed them to babes." Etc.

Homily of Saint John
Chrysostom

**Homily 38, or in some texts
39, on Matthew, on the
above passage**

Confiteor tibi" here means, "I thank you." "I thank you," he says, "that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding." Here he calls the scribes and Pharisees "the wise." Furthermore, he says these things to make his disciples more alert, and to show the great things that were obtained by the fishermen but which all those others lost. When he speaks of them as "the wise" he is not speaking in terms of genuine and praiseworthy wisdom, but of that wisdom to which they seemed to have attained by reason of their importance. Therefore he did not say, "you revealed them to the foolish," but "to babes," to those, that is, who are sincere and simple. He shows, too, that, not only were they not worthy of these things, but that they deservedly did not obtain them. And in all things he teaches us to fly from pride but to strive after simplicity. Then when he had aroused desire

in them by his words and had shown his own ineffable power, he called them saying, "Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Ry. vii. Crushing his flesh like an ear of corn on the threshing floor of contempt, treading earthly things underfoot, * as pure grain winnowed from the chaff, Francis enters the granaries of the Great King. **V.** United at death with the Living Bread, he lives on after his death. — As pure grain.

Lesson viii

Come, not that I may inflict punishment but that I may forgive sin. Come, not that I need your glory but that I thirst for your salvation. "I," he says, "will give you rest." He does not say, "I will save you," but what is far greater, "I will establish you in perfect rest." "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." "Do not be afraid," he says, "at the mention of yoke, for it is easy. Do not be frightened because I spoke of a burden, for it is light." How then

did he say earlier on, "The gate is narrow and the way is hard?" It is so if you are slothful, if you are negligent. But if you carry out what has been said above, the burden will be light; and that is why he now speaks of it as such. But how is this done? If you are lowly, gentle and unassuming.

Ry. viii. The holy Francis feeds the famished followers of Christ from the granary of poverty lest they become weak on their journey. * He opens the road to glory and widens the way of life. **V.** Because of the perfection of his poverty he reigns now in the homeland, rich, placing next to himself, as kings, those whom poverty here makes rich. — He opens.

Lesson ix

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." And Paul speaks to the same effect. "For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison." "But," you will say, "how can the burden be light seeing that he says, 'Unless a man hates father and mother'; and, 'He who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me'; and, 'Whoever does

not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple': and seeing, too, that he gives command to hate even one's life?" Learn from Paul who says, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" And, "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." Learn from those who returned from the council of the Jews having received a thousand stripes, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for the name of Christ.

Ry. ix. Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, * by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. **V.** For I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. — By which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. — Glory. — By which.

Before Lauds V. Holy Father, Francis, pray for us. **Ry.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LAUDS

Antiphons

1. The holy Francis, having already learned through assiduous prayer what he should do, moved by divine zeal, wishes to live not merely for himself, but to be of assistance to others.

Psalm The Lord is king etc. p. 29.

2. He travels around preaching and the learned are amazed at him who was not taught by man. His words are an inspiration, and a new army follows the new leader.

3. He organizes three Orders: to the first he gives the name of Friars Minor: the second is made up of noble women who profess poverty: but the third, that of the penitents, comprises both sexes.

4. Having learned by grace and experience what pertains to perfection, he teaches all these things to his brethren, both by example and by frequent and eloquent discourses.

5. When he gave praise he asked that others, too, should praise; praise was always on his lips, the praise, that is, of the Saviour. He invites the birds, the beasts and other creatures to praise the Creator.

Little Chapter Gal. 6

But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Hymn

Rejoice, O needy company,
Enriched by father's poverty;
Then toast him, and the cup of praise
That wells from heart devoted, raise.

Sincere and just and humble he,
Of peace a loving devotee;
A burning light encased in clay,
From this weak frame he shines his ray.

Though he is clad in vesture low,
The Holy Spirit makes him glow;
Among the heavenly gifts he shares,
The marks of Christ's five wounds he bears.

The world and flesh he spurned as low,
He trampled on the evil foe;
And while he taught, triumphant knight,
Received the golden halo bright.

A poor man, stripped of all,
he dies,
Yet, rich in soul, to heaven
he flies;
With wondrous gifts he
fills the land,
And sickness flies at his
command.

Of truly poor the father,
you,
O make us poor in spirit,
too;
And, rescued from the
death of hell,
O take us with the blest to
dwell.

To Father, Son and Ad-
vocate
Be splendour, honour,
glory great;
By merit of this saint may
we
Rejoice for all eternity.
Amen.

V. My heart and my
soul ring out their joy. **R.**
To God, the living God.

Bened. ant. Francis,
martyr by desire, with
what earnest compassion
do you follow him whom,
in the book which you
opened, you find suffering.
Beholding in the air a
seraph fastened to a cross,
you bear thenceforth the
image of the wounds of
Christ on your hands, side
and feet. After your happy
decease, you displayed the
beauty of your glorified
body, once grievously

bruised. Provide for your
flock.

Prayer

O God, through the
merits of the blessed
Father, Francis, you en-
riched your church with a
new offspring; grant that
we, following him, may
scorn earthly things and
ever rejoice to share in the
gifts of heaven. Through.

**At the Hours, psalms and
antiphon from the week-
day.**

TERCE

**Little Chapter as in
Vespers.**

R. He set me up * as
his target. — He set me up.
V. His archers surround
me. — As his target. —
Glory. — He set me up.

V. Your arrows have
sunk deep in me. **R.**
Your hand has come down
upon me.

SEXT

Little Chapter Gal. 6

Pace and mercy be upon
all who walk by this
rule, upon the Israel of
God.

R. Your arrows * have
sunk deep in me. — Your
arrows. **V.** Your hand has
come down upon me. —
Have sunk deep in me. —
Glory. — Your arrows.

∇. My hands dripped with myrrh. *R.* My fingers with liquid myrrh.

NONE

Little Chapter Gal. 6

Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

R. My hands * dripped with myrrh. — My hands.

∇. My fingers with liquid myrrh. — Dripped with myrrh. — Glory. — My hands.

∇. My heart and my soul ring out their joy. *R.* To God, the living God.

VESPERS

Ant. to psalms The holy Francis, having already learned through assiduous prayer what he should do, moved by divine zeal, wishes to live not merely for himself, but to be of assistance to others.

Psalms from the Common of a Confessor [111].

Little Chapter Gal. 6

But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Hymn

T rue Virtue's pride and Minors' guide,
Great Francis has his prize in you;
In you, the vine of life divine,
O Christ, the world's Redeemer true.

O Brethren, praise your Father's ways
For with the blest he reigns on high;
Let grief give way, be joy our lay,
With songs of praise, rejoice the sky.

Removed from earth to heaven's berth,
His wondrous signs show him to be;
So then he lives, to him Christ gives
The gifts that last eternally.

By earthly fears and prayers and tears
He won the gifts of glory bright;
Now him you crown and give renown,
O God of mercy infinite.

Close in his train let them remain
Who forth from Egypt's land would go;
At this clear lead, in light, with speed,
The banners royal forward go.

The trusted guide, in hand and side
Is wounded with the King's own seal;
The dawn is nigh, night's shadows fly,
And up the sky the sunbeams steal.

This leader sure, this star secure,
Now guides our feet and shows our eyes
What things to shun, what may be won,
The blessed joys of Paradise.

Unto the King your poor flock bring,
O you that crushed the foe so sly;
O take us there and lead us where
The Lamb's great supper is on high.
Amen.

∇. Holy Father, Francis, pray for us. *R.* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Magnif. ant. A man truly wonderful in signs and miracles, driving away all sickness and evil spirits! When he preached, he made the birds of the forest attentive to his words. O life worthy of all praise, by which he sheds such lustre on the faith, and after his death gives life to many already dead! Francis, bring us into the company

of the citizens of heaven, to whom you are now united.

Prayer

O God, through the merits of the blessed Father, Francis, you enriched your church with a new offspring; grant that we, following him, may scorn earthly things and ever rejoice to share in the gifts of heaven. Through.

Compline from Sunday.

5 October

Bl. Raymond of Capua

Confessor O. P.

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

Raymond delle Vigne was born at Capua about the year 1303 and entered the Order of Preachers while he was pursuing his legal studies at Bologna. It was while Regent of studies at Siena that he was for six years spiritual director of Saint Catherine, whose life he afterwards wrote. Encouraged by her, he gave his full support to the cause of Urban VI. He was elected Master General of the Order of Preachers and was assiduous in restoring observance, which had suffered by reason of the

deplorable schism of Christendom. In the provinces under his control, he set some houses apart for regular observance, that the primitive fervour might gradually be revived everywhere. He died peacefully in the Lord, at Nuremberg, in the year 1399, after spending almost twenty years in the work of renewing his Order. In the sixteenth century his body was transferred to the church of St. Dominic at Naples. The long-standing devotion to him was graciously confirmed by Leo XIII.

Ry. iii. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast. **V.** Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. — And be like men. — Glory. — To come home.

LAUDS

O God, you willed that the blessed Raymond, your confessor, should be a distinguished master of evangelical perfection and a faithful upholder of apostolic authority; mercifully grant that, living after his example on earth, we may deserve to be crowned with him in heaven. Through.

6 October

St. Bruno

Confessor

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

Bruno, founder of the Carthusian order, was born at Cologne. From boyhood he was distinguished by the dignity of his conduct and his desire of solitude. Sent by his parents to Paris, he made such progress in the study of philosophy and theology that he obtained the degree of doctor and master in both faculties. Because of his outstanding virtue he was shortly afterwards made a canon of the church of Rheims. When he had founded the Carthusian Order and had, for some years, practised the eremitical life in it, he was summoned to Rome by Urban II, one of his former pupils. The Pope, confronted by the many calamities of that time, made use of his counsel and teaching for some years. Eventually, the man of God, having refused the archbishopric of Reggio, received permission to depart, and made his way once more to a wilderness. There, filled with virtues and merits, he slept in the Lord.

Ry. iii. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast. **V.** Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. — And be like men. — Glory. — To come home.

LAUDS

Prayer

May we be helped, Lord, by the prayers of holy Bruno, your confessor; that we who, by transgressing, grievously offend your majesty, may, by his merits and prayers, obtain pardon of our sins. Through.

7 October

The Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary

I class

I VESPERS

Ant. to psalms This is the Queen of virgins, the virgin, beautiful as a rose, who bore the king. Mother of God, through whom we gain God and man, gracious Virgin, intercede for us all.

Psalm Praise, O servants etc. [1].

Little Chapter *Ecclus. 39*

Listen to me, O you holy sons, and bud like a rose growing by a stream of water; send forth fragrance like frankincense.

Ry. Take in hand the

sweet-sounding harp on the great day of your solemnity, * and ring out your joy to the Virgin our helper. **V.** Sing a new song to her: tell among the nations her glory. — And ring out. — Glory. — And ring out.

Hymn

The herald sent from heaven's throne, God's secret purpose making known, Salutes the Virgin, "Full of grace," God's Mother made to save our race.

The Virgin then goes forth
to aid
Her relative, John's mother
made ;
Within the womb, before
his birth,
John, leaping, hails Christ
come on earth.

This Word which Father
spoke of old
Before the ages could
unfold,
From Virgin Mother's
womb takes birth
A mortal infant here on
earth.

The Child is in the temple
laid,
The Law he keeps, that
law he made ;
Redeemer, offering self for
all,
Himself redeemed by offer-
ing small.

Whom she had mourned
as lost, her Boy,
The happy Mother finds
with joy
As teachers, by his words,
are shown
The hidden things they
had not known.

Give glory to the Trinity
Who through each sacred
Mystery,
On those who pray, will
graces rain
That they to glory may
attain.
Amen.

¶ Queen of the most

holy Rosary, pray for us.
Ry. That we may be made
worthy of the promises of
Christ.

Magnif. ant. The holy
Mother of God is beautiful
and comely in the delights
of virginity. When they
saw her flourishing among
the roses and lilies of the
valleys, the maidens of
Sion called her happy and
the queens praised her.

Prayer

O God, whose only-
begotten Son by his
life, death and resurrection
has purchased for us the
rewards of eternal salva-
tion, grant, we beseech you,
that meditating upon these
mysteries in the most holy
Rosary of the blessed
Virgin Mary, we may imi-
tate what they contain and
obtain what they promise.
Through the same.

COMPLINE

Ant. to psalms No
woman born is your equal,
Virgin Mary. Blossoming
like the rose, fragrant as the
lily ! Pray for us, holy
Mother of God.

Psalms from Sunday.

Nunc dimittis ant. With
heart and mind let us sing
glory to Christ on this
sacred festival of the illus-
trious Mary, Mother of
God.

MATINS

Invit. Let us celebrate
the festival of the Rosary of
the Virgin Mary: * Let us
adore her Son, Christ the
Lord.

Hymn

O n Olivet above the plain
The praying Saviour
falls in pain ;
In weakness, trembling,
sad, he lies,
The ground with sweat of
blood he dyes.

Delivered up at traitor's
hands
And bound with rough and
cruel bands ;
Our God to agony is borne
And by the blood-red
scourge is torn.

The sharp and thorny
crown he wears,
A crown of shame he
meekly bears ;
The King of Glory, mocked
and sad,
With soiled and purpled
robe is clad.

He bears the cross so heavy,
great,
He sweats, gasps, falls
beneath the weight ;
But still he is compelled,
though weak,
To bear it to the mountain
peak.

Upon the gibbet nailed he
hangs,
He prays for those who
cause his pangs ;
His blood is spent, his
spirit flies,
The guiltless, midst the
guilty, dies.

Give glory to the Trinity
Who through each sacred
Mystery,
On those who pray, will
graces rain
That they to glory may
attain.
Amen.

I Nocturn

Ant. 1 The angel Gabriel
brought word to Mary,
and she conceived of the
Holy Ghost.

**Psalms as on feasts of
the B. V. M.** [22].

Ant. 2 Mary entered the
house of Zechari'ah and
greeted Elizabeth.

Ant. 3 She gave birth to
her first-born son, and laid
him in a manger.

¶ Holy Mother of God,
Mary ever virgin. Ry.
Intercede for us with the
Lord, our God.

Blessing May the gra-
cious Virgin of virgins
intercede for us with the
Lord. Ry. Amen.

From the book of
Ecclesiasticus

Lesson i Chapter 24

Among all these I sought a resting place; I sought in whose territory I might lodge. Then the Creator of all things gave me a commandment, and the one who created me assigned a place for my tent. And he said, "Make your dwelling in Jacob, and in Israel receive your inheritance." From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall not cease to exist. In the holy tabernacle I ministered before him, and so I was established in Sion. In the beloved city likewise he gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my dominion. So I took root in an honoured people, in the portion of the Lord, who is their inheritance. Where his faithful servants are gathered I love to linger.

Ry. i. Take in hand the sweet-sounding harp on the great day of your solemnity, * and ring out your joy to the Virgin our helper.

V. Sing a new song to her: tell among the nations her glory. — And ring out.

Blessing May the holy Mother of God be a benefactress to us. **Ry.** Amen.

Lesson ii

I grew tall like a cedar in Leb'anon, and like a

cypress on the heights of Hermon. I grew tall like a palm tree in Enged'i, and like rose plants in Jericho; like a beautiful olive tree in the field, and like a plane tree I grew tall. Like cassia and camel's thorn I gave forth the aroma of spices, and like choice myrrh I spread a pleasant odour, like galbanum, on'ycha, and stacte, and like the fragrance of frankincense in the tabernacle. Like a terebinth I spread out my branches, and my branches are glorious and graceful.

Ry. ii. I saw her, beautiful, coming up from the springs of water; her priceless perfume was heavy about her: * and as in the days of the first fruits, roses and the lilies of the valleys surrounded her. **V.** On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. — And as in the days of the first fruits.

Blessing May the Virgin Mary with her loving Child, bless us. **Ry.** Amen.

Lesson iii

I am the mother of noble love, of reverence, of knowledge, and of holy hope. In me is all grace of the way and of the truth, in me all hope of life and of strength. Come to me, you who desire me, and eat your fill of my

produce. For the remembrance of me is sweeter than honey, and my inheritance sweeter than the honeycomb. Mine is a renown that endures age after age. Those who eat me will hunger for more, and those who drink me will thirst for more. Whoever obeys me will not be put to shame, and those who work with my help will not sin. He who reads my lesson aright will find in it life eternal.

Ry. iii. Who is this coming forth as the sun, comely as Jerusalem? The maidens of Sion saw her and called her happy, * and the queens praised her. **V.** And as in the days of the first fruits, roses and the lilies of the valleys surrounded her. — And the queens. — Glory. — And the queens.

II Nocturn

Ant. 4 When his parents brought in Jesus to present him to the Lord, Simeon took him up in his arms and blessed God.

Ant. 5. His parents, seeking Jesus, found him after three days, sitting among the teachers.

Ant. 6 He began to be sorrowful, and in the garden his sweat became like great drops of blood.

V. After childbirth, O

Virgin, you remained inviolate. **Ry.** Mother of God, intercede for us.

Blessing May the Virgin Mother of God rescue us from the evil enemy. **Ry.** Amen.

Lesson iv

When the Albigensian heresy, which constituted a special threat to the sacred dignity of the Mother of God, was spreading in the region of Toulouse, the most blessed Father Dominic, who at that time laid the foundations of the Order of Preachers, devoted his whole energy to subduing the heresy. He prayed assiduously to the most blessed Virgin for the success of his work, and was instructed by her to preach, with all the fervour of his soul, the Rosary as an unparalleled means of overthrowing heresies and eliminating vices. From that time the practice of the Rosary—which is most helpful in the work of our salvation—began to be spread by the blessed Dominic and yielded an incredible harvest of souls. Leo XIII, Pius V, Gregory XIII and Sixtus V, by papal documents acknowledge Dominic as the originator of the Rosary.

Ry. iv. You are the

glory of Jerusalem, you are the joy of Israel, you are the honour of our people. You have done manfully; * for single-handed you have destroyed all heresies. V. You are beautiful and comely, terrible as an army with banners. — For.

Blessing May Jesus, Son of Mary, be gentle and kind to us. R. Amen.

Lesson v

The Rosary, or Psalter, is a sacred formula of prayer to God in honour of the blessed Mary. In it, fifteen principal mysteries of man's redemption are reviewed in pious meditations, as fifteen decades of the angelic salutation, with the Lord's prayer between each decade, are recited. Among its innumerable fruits, a rightful place of honour is given to the naval victory of the Christian princes over a much more powerful Turkish fleet at Lepanto on the Gulf of Corinth, on Sunday, October 7, in the year 1571. For, since on that day the sodalities of the Rosary had their customary prayers and processions, it was piously believed that they were of great help to the Christian fleet.

R. v. Your right hand,

glorious in power, your right hand shatters enemies. * They sank in the mighty waters, and the sea covered them. V. The Lord has blessed you by his power, because by you he has brought our enemies to nought. — They sank.

Blessing May most loving Mary, Star of the Sea, come to our aid. R. Amen.

Lesson vi

Gregory XIII has openly given testimony to this effect in an apostolic letter. For this reason, he instituted the feast of the Rosary on the first Sunday of October. Accordingly, Clement VIII, confirming the feast by his apostolic authority, commanded that the following be entered in the public registers of the church: "The seventh day of October: Commemoration of the holy Mary of Victory, which the Supreme Pontiff, Pius V, ordered to be made yearly on account of the remarkable naval victory of the Christians over the Turks, obtained, on this very day, through the help of the same Mother of God. Gregory XIII further decreed that the annual solemnity of this most blessed Virgin's Rosary should be cele-

brated on the first Sunday of this month." Leo XIII in times that were most disturbing for the church, a long-raging, cruel storm of evils, in a series of apostolic letters insistently urged the faithful of the world to recite often the Rosary of Mary, especially during the month of October. He also raised the rank of the annual feast, added to the Litany of Loreto the invocation to the Queen of the most holy Rosary, and granted to the universal church the proper office of the solemnity of the Rosary. Let us, therefore, continually venerate the most holy Mother of God by means of this devotion which is most pleasing to her, that she who, moved by the prayers of the Rosary, has so often enabled Christ's faithful to overcome and destroy earthly enemies, may likewise enable them to overcome their enemies from hell.

R. vi. A great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, * and on her head a crown of twelve stars. V. A fair garland will be placed on your head, she will bestow on you a beautiful crown. — And on her head. — Glory. — And on her head.

III Nocturn

Ant. 7 Pilate took Jesus and scourged him.

Ant. 8 The soldiers plaited a crown of thorns and put it on his head.

Ant. 9 The government of the cross is upon his shoulder; God has reigned from the tree.

V. You are beautiful and pleasing. R. In your winsomeness, O holy Mother of God.

Blessing May the gospel lesson be to us well-being and protection. R. Amen.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lesson vii Chapter. 1

At that time, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. Etc.

Homily of
St. Bernard, Abbot

Sermon on Saint Mary

To commend his grace and to confound human wisdom, God deigned to take flesh from a woman who nevertheless remained a virgin, that he might replace like with like, might cure contrary

with contrary, might pluck out the baneful thorn, and blot out most effectively the bond of sin. Eve was a thorn; Mary a rose. Eve was a thorn in that she caused a wound; Mary a rose in sweetening the disposition of all. Eve was a thorn driving death into all; Mary a rose restoring to all their heavenly destiny. Mary was a rose, white in her virginity, red in her charity. White in her flesh, red in her soul; pure white by cultivating virtue, red by trampling vices underfoot. White in purifying her affections, red in mortifying the flesh; white by loving God, red through compassion for her neighbour.

Ry. vii. Like a vine I caused loveliness to bud, * and my blossoms became glorious and abundant fruit. **V.** I am the mother of noble love, of reverence, of knowledge, and of holy hope. — And my blossoms.

Blessing May the loving Virgin Mary come to our aid in every trouble and hardship. **Ry.** Amen.

Sermon on the Aqueduct Lesson viii

The Word became flesh”: and now he dwells among us. He dwells in our memory,

he dwells in our thought; for he comes down even to our imagination. “In what way?” you ask. Surely, lying in the manger: reclining on the virginal bosom; preaching on the mount; passing the night in prayer; hanging on the cross; pale in death; free among the dead, and holding sway in hell; also, rising on the third day, and showing to the apostles the places of the nails, proofs of victory; finally ascending before their eyes to the heart of heaven. Is there one of these that is not rightly, devotedly, and religiously thought upon?

Ry. viii. Arise, my love, and come away: for see, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone, * the flowers appear on the earth. **V.** The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. — The flowers appear on the earth.

Blessing May the Queen of angels bring us to the company of the heavenly citizens. **Ry.** Amen.

Lesson ix

Whichever one of these I think on, I think on God, and through all of them he is my God. I have said that meditation on these things is wisdom,

and have considered it prudence to call to mind the delights which the priestly branch has produced abundantly from seeds of this kind, and which Mary, drawing from on high, has poured back to us more abundantly. On high, indeed, and beyond the angels is she who received the Word from the very heart of the Father.

Ry. ix. Listen to me, O you holy sons, and bud like a rose growing by a stream of water; * send forth fragrance like frankincense. **V.** Put forth blossoms like a lily. Scatter the fragrance, and bring forth leaves in beauty. — Send forth fragrance. — Glory. — Send forth fragrance.

Before Lauds V. Queen of the most holy Rosary, pray for us. **Ry.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LAUDS

Antiphons, and at the hours

1. Rejoice, Virgin Mother, alleluia: Christ is risen from the tomb, alleluia.

Psalm The Lord is king, etc. p. 29.

2. God goes up with shouts of joy, the Lord goes up with trumpet blast, alleluia.

3. The Spirit of the Lord has filled the world, alleluia.

4. Mary has been taken up to heaven: the angels rejoice; they praise and bless the Lord, alleluia.

5. The Virgin Mary has been exalted above the choirs of angels: and on her head is a crown of twelve stars, alleluia.

Little Chapter **Ecclus. 39**

Listen to me, O you holy sons, and bud like a rose growing by a stream of water; send forth fragrance like frankincense.

Hymn

Christ, risen from hell's fearful cave,
With death o'erthrown
comes from the grave;
And, breaking sin's enslaving chain,
Has opened heaven's gates again.

Beheld for long by mortal eye,
He rises now beyond the sky;
He takes his place upon God's right,
And shares his Father's glory bright.

Then sends he to his
chosen throug
The Holy Spirit, promised
long,
In fiery tongues of love
outpoured
Upon his flock who mourn
their Lord.

Of mortal body's burden
shorn,
To heaven is the Virgin
borne;
To greet her, angel voices
ring,
And all the heavens their
gladness sing.

Twelve stars, in garland
glorious, now
Bedeck the Maiden
Mother's brow;
And she, beside her Son,
is seen
Enthroned, the whole
creation's Queen.

Give glory to the Trinity
Who through each sacred
Mystery,
On those who pray, will
graces rain
That they to glory may
attain.
Amen.

V. God has chosen
her and has given her
preference. **R.** He gives
her his home to dwell in.

Bened. ant. Let us
devotedly celebrate to-
day's festival of the most
holy Rosary of Mary the
Mother of God, that she

may intercede for us with
the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer

O God, whose only-
begotten Son by his
life, death and resurrec-
tion has purchased for us
the rewards of eternal
salvation, grant, we beseech
you, that meditating upon
these mysteries in the most
holy Rosary of the blessed
virgin Mary, we may
imitate what they contain
and obtain what they
promise. Through the
same.

**At the Hours psalms
from Sunday.**

TERCE

Ant. God goes up with
shouts of joy, the Lord
goes up with trumpet blast,
alleluia.

**Little Chapter as in
Lauds.**

R. Holy Mother of
God, Mary ever virgin, *
alleluia, alleluia. — Holy
Mother of God. **V.** Inter-
cede for us with the Lord
our God. — Alleluia, alle-
luia. — Glory. — Holy
Mother of God.

V. After childbirth, O
Virgin, you remained in-
volute. **V.** Mother of
God, intercede for us.

SEXT

Ant. The Spirit of the
Lord has filled the world,
alleluia.

Little Chapter Ecclus. 39

Put forth blossoms like
a lily. Scatter the
fragrance, and bring forth
leaves in grace; sing a
hymn of praise; bless the
Lord for all his works.

R. After childbirth, O
Virgin, you remained in-
volute, * alleluia, alleluia. —
After childbirth. **V.**

Mother of God, intercede
for us. — Alleluia, alleluia. —
Glory. — After childbirth.

V. You are beautiful
and pleasing. **R.** In your
winsomeness, O holy
Mother of God.

NONE

Ant. The Virgin Mary
has been exalted above the
choirs of angels: and on
her head is a crown of
twelve stars, alleluia.

Little Chapter Ecclus. 24

I grew tall like a cedar in
Leb'anon, and like a
cypress on the heights of
Hermon. I grew tall like
a palm tree in Enged'i, and
like rose plants in Jericho.

R. You are beautiful
and pleasing, * alleluia,
alleluia. — You are beauti-
ful. **V.** In your winsome-
ness, O holy Mother of
God. — Alleluia, alleluia. —
Glory. — You are beautiful.

V. God has chosen
her and has given her
preference. **R.** He gives
her his home to dwell in.

II VESPERS

Ant. to psalms Re-
joice, Virgin Mother, alle-
luia: Christ is risen from
the tomb, alleluia.

**Psalms as on feasts of
the Bl. Virgin Mary [35].**

Little Chapter Ecclus. 39

Listen to me, O you
holy sons, and bud
like a rose growing by a
stream of water; send
forth fragrance like frank-
incense.

Hymn

We sing you, as great
joys you know,
We sing you, struck by
sorrow's blow;
And now in endless glory
dressed,
We sing you, Virgin Mother
blest.

Hail Mother! Greatest
joy you take
When you conceive and
visit make,
And when you bear,
present, and find
Your Son divine who
stayed behind.

Within your heart you,
suffering, bore
The agony, the scourging
sore,
The thorns and cross your
Son did bear.
Hail martyr's Queen, you
martyr were!

Hail, in your Son's
triumphant name!
Hail, in the Spirit's tongues
of flame!
In realms of honour and
of light
We greet you, Queen, with
glory bright.

Approach, you nations,
roses rare
To gather from these
mysteries fair;
And thus plait crowns in
heaven above
For her, the Mother of
fair love.

Give glory to the Trinity
Who through each sacred
Mystery,
On those who pray, will
graces rain
That they to glory may
attain.
Amen.

¶ Queen of the most
holy Rosary, pray for us.
R. That we may be made
worthy of the promises of
Christ.

Magnif. ant. Blessed
Mother and inviolate Vir-
gin, glorious Queen of the
world, may all who cele-
brate your festival of the
most holy Rosary ex-
perience your assistance.

Prayer

O God, whose only-
begotten Son by his
life, death and resurrection
has purchased for us the

rewards of eternal salva-
tion, grant, we beseech
you, that meditating upon
these mysteries in the most
holy Rosary of the blessed
virgin Mary, we may
imitate what they contain
and obtain what they
promise. Through the
same.

Compline of the B.V.M.
p. 838.

8 October
St. Bridget

Widow
III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

Bridget, born in Sweden
of illustrious and
dutiful parents, lived a
most holy life. She was
so moved by meditating
on the passion of Our
Lord that she was unable
to think of it without
shedding tears. Given in
marriage to Ulf, prince of
Nierck, she encouraged her
husband to works of piety
both by excellent example
and moving words. She was
most conscientious about
the training of her children,
and, also, served the poor
and sick. When her hus-
band died, shortly after he
had become a Cistercian

monk, Bridget under-
took a stricter way of life.
Many secret things were
then divinely revealed to
her. She founded a
monastery at Wadstena,
placing it under the rule
of the Holy Saviour. Out
of devotion she made a
pilgrimage to Jerusalem.
Finally, at Rome, after
suffering for a whole year
from serious illnesses, she
departed to heaven. She
was renowned for miracles
and was enrolled among
the saints by Boniface IX.

R. iii. Charm is deceit-
ful, and beauty is vain: *
a woman who fears God
is to be praised. ¶ Give
her of the fruit of her
hands, and let her works
praise her in the gates. —
A woman. — Glory. — A
woman.

LAUDS

Prayer

O Lord our God, through
your only - begotten
Son, you unveiled to the
blessed Bridget hidden
secrets of heaven; through
her holy intercession grant
us, your servants, to exult
with joy in the unveiling
of your eternal glory.
Through the same.

**Commemoration of St.
Mark, Pope and Confessor.**

Ant. "Well done, good
and faithful servant; you

have been faithful over a
little, I will set you over
much," says the Lord.

¶ The just man will
blossom as the lily. R.
And he will flourish before
the Lord for ever.

Prayer

L ord, hear our prayers,
and at the pleading of
the blessed Mark, your
confessor and bishop,
listen with favour to our
supplications. Through our
Lord.

**Commemoration of SS.
Sergius, Bacchus, Mar-
cellus and Apuleius,
Martyrs.**

Ant. These are the holy
ones who, for the love of
God, despised the threats
of men. The holy martyrs
rejoice with the angels in
the kingdom of heaven.
What a precious death is
that of the saints! They
stand always in the pres-
ence of the Lord, and are
not parted from one
another.

¶ God is to be feared.
R. In his holy place.

Prayer

M ay the blessed merits
of your holy martyrs,
Sergius, Bacchus, Marcel-
lus and Apuleius, follow us,
Lord, and make us always
fervent with the fire of
your love. Through.

9 October
St. Louis Bertrand

Confessor O. P.
III class

MATINS

Invit. Let us shout for joy to the great King, creator of the universe. * In him Louis lives, sharing the glory of the saints.

Hymn

O stars of night that gleam on high,
 You often heard the fervent sigh
 That Louis, praying heaven, made
 As on himself the scourge he laid.

Recount to us the scene you saw,
 The blows, the blood, the wounds all raw,
 As this great saint, with heart aflame,
 Oft disciplined his mortal frame !

And when the pavement of his cell
 Was moist with all the blood that fell,
 A bed of wood renewed again
 In every bone the cruel pain.

But then the light from heaven glows
 Around him, wounded from these blows;
 And, in his weakness angels pure
 Uplift him in their arms secure.

To God the Father, God the Son
 And God the Spirit, Three in One;
 Unending praise and glory be
 From age to age eternally.
 Amen.

Nocturn

Ant. 1 As a tree planted beside the flowing waters, Louis yielded fruit to the new world in due season.

Psalms from the Common of a Confessor [100].

Ant. 2 The nations were in tumult, the worthless idols fell, as his preaching revealed to the Indies the wonderful works of Christ.

Ant. 3 He did not fear even thousands of people who were ranged on every side against him; his zeal for preaching the gospel made him fearless of rocks, cudgels, and darts.

Ant. 4 It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves: he heard the prayer of the humble and released him from anguish.

Ant. 5 The king of everlasting majesty heeded the groanings of his just one, and surrounded Louis with favour as with a shield.

Ant. 6 To silence the rebel and the foe, the Lord perfected the praise of his name through Louis.

Ant. 7 Having walked without fault and acted with justice, he now rejoices in the dwelling on the mountain.

Ant. 8 Greeted with the blessings of success, he now enjoys the fulfilment of his heart's desire.

Ant. 9 He did not swear so as to deceive anyone, but was on his guard against sinful stain: with clean hands and pure heart, he climbed the mountain of the Lord.

V. The just will flourish like the palm tree in the house of the Lord. **R.** He shall grow like a Lebanon cedar.

From the blessed apostle Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians

Lesson i Chapter 5

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Here indeed we groan, and long to put on our heavenly dwelling, so that by putting

it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we sigh with anxiety; not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

R. i. Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one, in whom my soul delights; * I have put my Spirit upon him. **V.** It is good for a man that he bear the yoke of the Lord in his youth. — I have put my Spirit upon him.

Lesson ii

So we are always of good courage; we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. We are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men; but what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. We are not commending ourselves to

you again but giving you cause to be proud of us, so that you may be able to answer those who pride themselves on a man's position and not on his heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us.

R. ii. See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the Lord has blessed! * May your mother's sons bow down to you. **V.** Through us, God spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of himself, for we are the aroma of Christ to God. — May your mother's sons bow down to you.

Lesson iii

Louis Bertrand was born in Valencia in Spain. Moved by contempt of the world and inflamed with eagerness for the religious life, when but a youth he entered the Order of Preachers. There, overcoming the flesh by fasts, scourgings, hairshirts and vigils, he nourished his soul with the continual food of prayer. While still a young man he was put in charge of the training of novices, and these he trained in the holy fear of God by word and example. Sent to the West Indies in South America to preach

the Gospel, even though he spoke only Spanish, each of the different tribes heard him as if he were speaking its own tongue. From among these, he led countless souls to the faith. Remarkable for humility and patience, he repeatedly made use of the prayer: "Lord, burn here, cut here, do not spare here, that you may spare in eternity." Finally, broken by the hardships of severe penance, on October 9, 1581, in the fifty-fifth year of his age, he departed to heaven, at Valencia. There, his sacred relics are venerated. He was renowned for miracles and was enrolled among the saints by Clement X.

R. iii. Put on for ever the beauty from God: for God will show your splendour, and he will put on your head the diadem * of the glory of the Everlasting. **V.** You removed my sackcloth and girdled me with joy: so my soul sings psalms to you unceasingly.— Of the glory of the Everlasting. — Glory. — Of the glory of the Everlasting.

Before Lauds **V.**

Blessed Louis, pray for us. **R.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LAUDS

Antiphons

1. Louis, when you address the Lord who is glorious on high, the wondrous surgings of the sea are suddenly quiet.

Psalm The Lord is king, etc. p. 29.

2. Let the noble and the lowly praise the Lord in this great servant: enter his courts with songs of praise; give thanks to him.

3. His soul thirsted for you, keeping watch from the break of dawn, longingly repeating, "O God, you are my God."

4. The flame of the furnace stood in fear at the song of the three young men: Louis, too, checked the flames by the power of miracles.

5. Fire, hail, snow, beasts and stormy winds often did not dare to touch Louis who was dear to God.

Little Chapter **Rev. 14**

I saw another angel flying in midheaven, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation.

Hymn

In praise of Louis, see, on high,
The purple dawn bedecks the sky;

Dark night its mantle puts away,
For now has dawned his festal day.

Thus Louis in the Indies dwelled
And darkness of their night dispelled;
He broke the idols made of clay,
And with the cross held beasts at bay.

Then, twice, that faith be lifted up,
He drank from deadly poison-cup;
His word the sea's wild waves made tame,
And set a limit for the flame.

A pattern to his Order, he,
By noble virtues, high and free;
And as he breathes his soul on high,
Lights wondrous from his lips then fly.

Let praise and endless glory be
To all the Holy Trinity,
Who shows his majesty and light
As Louis triumphs in the fight.
Amen.

V. The just man will blossom as the lily. **R.**
And he will flourish before the Lord for ever.

Bened. ant. The Lord, the God of Israel, has visited his people in the lands of the Indies, sending them his servant who was to go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways.

Prayer

O God, through mortification of the body and preaching of the faith, you raised the blessed Louis, your confessor, to the glory of the saints; grant that what we profess by faith we may ever fulfil by works of piety. Through.

Commemoration of SS. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs.

Ant. These are the holy ones who, for the love of God, despised the threats of men. The holy martyrs rejoice with the angels in the kingdom of heaven. What a precious death is that of the saints! They stand always in the presence of the Lord and are not parted from one another.

V. God is to be feared.
R. In his holy place.

Prayer

O God, this day, you strengthened the blessed Denis, your martyr and bishop, by the virtue of steadfastness in suffering, and were pleased to

associate with him Rusticus and Eleutherius to preach your glory to the Gentiles; grant us, we beseech you, following them, for love of you to despise the pleasures of the world, and not to be terrified by any of its hardships. Through.

At the Hours, psalms and antiphon from the weekday.

TERCE

Little Chapter as in Vespers.

R. The Lord loved him * and adorned him. — The Lord. **V.** He clothed him with a robe of glory. — And. — Glory. — The Lord. **V.** The Lord guided the righteous man on straight paths. **R.** He showed him the kingdom of God.

Prayer

O God, through mortification of the body and preaching of the faith, you raised the blessed Louis, your confessor, to the glory of the saints; grant that what we profess by faith, we may ever fulfil by works of piety. Through.

SEXT

Little Chapter 2 Cor. 12

Even though I am nothing: the signs of a true apostle were performed among you in all

patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works.

R. The Lord guided the righteous man * on straight paths. — The Lord. **V.** He showed him the kingdom of God. — On straight paths. — Glory. — The Lord.

V. The just will flourish like the palm tree in the house of the Lord. **R.** He shall grow like a Lebanon cedar.

NONE

Little Chapter Rom. 1

For the sake of Jesus Christ we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the nations, including yourselves, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

R. The just will flourish like the palm tree * in the house of the Lord. — The just. **V.** He shall grow like a Lebanon cedar. — In the house. — Glory. — The just.

V. The just man will blossom as the lily. **R.** And he will flourish before the Lord for ever.

VESPERS

Ant. to psalms Louis, when you address the Lord who is glorious on high, the wondrous surgings of the sea are suddenly quiet.

Psalms as in the Common of a Confessor [111].

Little Chapter Rev. 1

I saw another angel flying in midheaven, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation.

Hymn

While Louis, in his glory bright,
Now shines in heaven's starry height,
Valencia sings her joyful song,
Proud parent of a saintly throng.

Let Mother Church, the world around,
With every joyous song resound,
Her voice upraised in jubilee
To thank God for his clemency.

With care she nurtured well the ways
Of Louis in his early days;
Developing so gently, mild,
The virtue of this holy child.

She watched unfailing by his side
Until he reached life's eventide;
His weapons, penances, in hand,
She led him to the triumph grand.

To Father and to Son be
praise
And to the Spirit all our
days;
Give praise, O blest of
heaven's domain,
In timbrel and in cymbal's
strain.
Amen.

V. Blessed Louis, pray
for us. **R.** That we may be
made worthy of the promis-
es of Christ.

Magnif. ant. The Lord
looked on his servant in his
nothingness and through
him filled the starving
Indies with good things;
henceforth all ages will call
him blessed.

Compline from weekday.

14 October

St. Callistus I
Pope and Martyr

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

Callistus, a Roman, ruled
the church during the
reign of the emperor An-
toninus Heliogabalus. He
fixed four "Times" of the
year at which the practice
of fasting, which had been
received from apostolic tra-
dition, was to be observed
by all. He built the basilica
of Santa Maria in Traste-
vere. He extended the
ancient cemetery on the
Via Appia and in it many

*Quater
Times*

holy priests and martyrs
were buried. Hence it is
named after him, the ceme-
tery of Callistus. He
reigned for five years, one
month and twelve days.
Having endured long pri-
vation of food, repeated
scourgings, and being cast
headlong into a well, he
was crowned with martyr-
dom in the reign of the
emperor Alexander. Callis-
tus was buried, on October
14, in the cemetery of Cale-
podius on the Via Aurelia,
at the third milestone from
Rome. His body was after-
wards transferred to the
basilica of Santa Maria in
Trastevere. There it lies
under the high altar and is
greatly venerated.

R. iii. Callistus, glorious
friend of God, strong in
the faith of the Lord Jesus,
stood undaunted in the
midst of agonizing tor-
tures. * Finally, dis-
tinguished by a trium-
phant death, decorated
with blood, he took flight
to heaven. **V.** By a profit-
able transaction, gaining
the heavenly in exchange
for the earthly, and the
eternal for that which
would perish. — Finally. —
Glory. — Decorated.

LAUDS

Prayer

O God, you see that we
fall from our own

very weakness, mercifully
restore us to your love by
the example of your saints.
Through.

15 October

St. Teresa
Virgin, Doctor of the
Church

III class

MATINS

Invit. The Lord, the
virgins' king, * come, let
us adore.

Hymn

As herald of the heavenly
king,
You leave your father's
home to bring
The Christ to pagan lands
in need,
Or shed your blood to
plant his seed.

But kinder death is kept
for you,
A kinder suffering, longer
too;
Transfixed by love of God
above,
Your death will be a death
of love.

O sacrifice to love most
high,
Consume our hearts, to
us come nigh;
And save your people from
the flame
That comes from hell and
sin and shame!

Be praise to Father and to
Son
And to the guiding Spirit
done;
To you, O holy Trinity,
Be praise for all eternity.
Amen.

Nocturn

Ant. 1 What is that
coming up from the
wilderness, like a column
of smoke, perfumed with
myrrh and frankincense?
Psalms from Common of
a virgin [130].

Ant. 2 My beloved
speaks and says to me:
"Arise, my love, my fair
one, and come away."

Ant. 3 Return, return,
O Shu'lammite; return,
return, that we may look
upon you.

Ant. 4 I saw the Lord
and he put a beautiful
crown on my head.

Ant. 5 The mother of the
Lord has clothed me with
the garments of salvation,
and it was granted to me
to be clothed with fine
linen, bright and pure.

Ant. 6 I will rejoice in
the Lord, I will joy in the
God of my salvation.

Ant. 7 The glory of
Lebanon shall be given to
it, the majesty of Carmel
and Sharon. They shall
see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Ant. 8 Lord, you came
to meet her with the

blessings of success, you have set on her head a crown of pure gold.

Ant. 9 She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

V. God girds me with strength. **R.** And makes the path safe before me.

From the book of Wisdom

Lesson i Chapter. 7

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I called upon God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to sceptres and thrones, and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her. Neither did I liken to her any priceless gem, because all gold is but a little sand in her sight, and silver will be accounted as clay before her. I loved her more than health and beauty, and I chose to have her rather than light, because her radiance never ceases. All good things came to me along with her, and in her hands uncounted wealth. I rejoiced in them all, because wisdom leads them; but I did not know that she was their mother. I learned without guile and I impart without grudging; I do not hide her wealth, for it is an unfailling treasure for men; those who get it

obtain friendship with God, commended for the gifts that come from instruction.

R. i. Justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. And the effect of righteousness will be peace; * and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust for ever. **V.** My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings. — And the result.

Lesson ii

For wisdom, the fashioner of all things, taught me. For in her there is a spirit that is intelligent, holy, unique, manifold, subtle, mobile, clear, unpolluted, distinct, invulnerable, loving the good, keen, irresistible, beneficent, humane, steadfast, sure, free from anxiety, all-powerful, overseeing all, and penetrating through all spirits that are intelligent and pure and most subtle. For wisdom is more mobile than any motion; because of her pureness she pervades and penetrates all things. For she is a breath of the power of God, and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty; therefore nothing defiled gains entrance into her. For she is a

reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness. Though she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God, and prophets.

R. ii. Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words, * for henceforth as a true bride you will be zealous for my honour. **V.** I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love, and in mercy. — For henceforth.

Lesson iii

Teresa was born of devout and noble parents at Avila in Spain. While still a little girl, inflamed with the desire of martyrdom, she fled from home and tried to reach Africa. She was brought back home, and, after the death of her mother, having committed herself totally to the patronage of the Blessed Virgin, at the age of twenty she made profession of the rule of the nuns of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. In her zeal for the salvation of souls, she built many monasteries and directed that the ancient

rule of the Carmelites should be observed there, both by the men and the women. For infidels and heretics she offered to God continual voluntary mortifications of her own body. Teresa merited that her heart should be pierced by an angel with a fiery dart, and burning with divine love she made a most difficult vow to do always what she understood to be the more perfect thing. She wrote many works full of heavenly wisdom and taught eloquently by word and example, repeating often, "Lord, either to suffer or to die." Renowned for virtue, the gift of prophecy and other charismata, in the sixty-seventh year of her age she returned to God her most pure soul at Alva, on October 15, in the year 1582.

R. iii. I loved wisdom more than health and beauty, and I chose to have her rather than light: * because her radiance never ceases. **V.** I rejoiced in them all, because wisdom leads them. — Because her radiance never ceases. — Glory. — Because.

Before Lauds V. Blessed Teresa, pray for us. **R.** That we may be made

worthy of the promises of Christ.

LAUDS

Antiphons

1. This is a wise virgin, one numbered among the prudent.

Psalm The Lord is king etc, p. 29.

2. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

3. The soul of your bride thirsted for you, Lord, and she rejoiced at those things that were said to her.

4. Draw me after you, let us make haste; your name is oil poured out.

5. Rejoice, Teresa, in your Maker: for the Lord has blessed your children, he feeds you with finest wheat.

Little Chapter Wisdom 7

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I called upon God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to sceptres and thrones, and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her.

Hymn

This is the day Teresa's soul,
Like to a dove of snow-white breast,

Soared high above to seek its goal
Amid the mansions of the Blest.

She heard the Bridegroom sweetly call,
"Come, sister, come from Carmel's height,
Come to the Lamb's fair nuptial-hall,
Come to the crown of glory bright."

O Jesus, Virgins' Spouse above,
May all blest spirits you adore,
And with the nuptial-song of love
Your praises sing for evermore.
Amen.

V. She is led to the king with her maiden companions. **R.** Her destined companions are escorted in.

Bened ant. God gave her wisdom and understanding beyond measure, and largeness of mind like the sand on the seashore.

Prayer

Graciously hear us, God our salvation, that as we rejoice on the feast of the blessed Teresa, your virgin, we may be fed with the food of her heavenly teaching and instructed in the practice of loving devotedness. Through.

At the Hours psalms and antiphon from weekday.

TERCE

Little Chapter as in Vespers.

R. Of you my heart has spoken, * "Seek his face." — Of you. **V.** It is your face, O Lord, that I seek. — Seek his face. — Glory. — Of you.

V. My soul shall be joyful in the Lord. **R.** And shall rejoice in his salvation.

Prayer

Graciously hear us, God our salvation, that as we rejoice on the feast of the blessed Teresa, your virgin, we may be fed with the food of her heavenly teaching and instructed in the practice of loving devotedness. Through.

SEXT

Little Chapter Wisdom 7

I loved her more than health and beauty, and I chose to have her rather than light, because her radiance never ceases.

R. My soul * shall be joyful in the Lord. — My soul. **V.** And shall rejoice in his salvation. — Shall be joyful in the Lord. — Glory. — My soul.

V. I will sing to him, praise the God of my life.

R. I will say to God, "My rock."

NONE

Little Chapter Wisdom 7

All good things came to me along with her, and in her hands uncounted wealth. I rejoiced in them all, because wisdom leads them.

R. I will sing to him, * praise the God of my life. — I will sing. **V.** I will say to God, "My rock." — Praise the God of my life. — Glory. — I will sing.

V. The sparrow herself finds a home. **R.** And the swallow a nest for her brood.

VESPERS

Ant. to psalms This is a wise virgin, one numbered among the prudent.

Psalms from the Common of a Virgin [142].

Little Chapter Wisdom 7

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I called upon God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to sceptres and thrones, and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her.

Hymn

As herald of the heavenly King,
You leave your father's home to bring
The Christ to pagan lands in need,
Or shed your blood to plant his seed.

But kinder death is kept
for you,
A kinder suffering, longer
too;
Transfixed by love of God
above,
Your death will be a death
of love.

O sacrifice to love most
high,
Consume our hearts, to us
come nigh;
And save your people from
the flame
That comes from hell and
sin and shame!

Be praise to Father and to
Son
And to the guiding Spirit
done;
To you, O holy Trinity,
Be praise for all eternity.
Amen.

℣. Forget your own
people and your father's
house. ℞. So will the
king desire your beauty.

Magnif. ant. Nations
will declare her wisdom
and the congregation will
proclaim her praise.

Compline from weekday.

18 October

St. Luke, Evangelist

II class

All as in the Common of
an Evangelist [38], except
what is given here.

MATINS

I Nocturn

Here begins the book of
Ezekiel the Prophet

Lesson i Chapter 1

In the thirtieth year, in
the fourth month, on
the fifth day of the month,
as I was among the exiles
by the river Chebar, the
heavens were opened, and
I saw visions of God. On
the fifth day of the month
(it was the fifth year of the
exile of King Jehoi'achin),
the word of the Lord came
to Ezekiel the priest, the
son of Buzi, in the land of
the Chalde'ans by the
river Chebar; and the
hand of the Lord was upon
him there. As I looked,
behold, a stormy wind
came out of the north, and
a great cloud, with bright-
ness round about it, and
fire flashing forth con-
tinually, and in the midst
of the fire, as it were gleam-
ing bronze. — Indeed, Lord.

℞. i. "Behold, I send
you out as sheep in the
midst of wolves," says the
Lord, * "so be wise as
serpents and innocent as
doves. ℣. For they will
deliver you up to councils,
and flog you in their
synagogues." — So be wise.

Lesson ii

And from the midst of
it came the likeness of

four living creatures. And
this was their appearance:
they had the form of men,
but each had four faces,
and each of them had four
wings. Their legs were
straight, and the soles of
their feet were like the sole
of a calf's foot; and they
sparkled like burnished
bronze. Under their wings
on their four sides they
had human hands. And
the four had their faces
and their wings thus: their
wings touched one an-
other. — Indeed, Lord.

℞. ii. "Take my yoke
upon you," says the Lord,
"and learn from me; for
I am gentle and lowly in
heart: * for my yoke is
easy, and my burden is
light. ℣. And you will
find rest for your souls." —
For my yoke.

Lesson iii

They went every one
straight forward, with-
out turning as they went.
As for the likeness of their
faces, each had the face of
a man in front; the four
had the face of a lion on the
right side, the four had the
face of an ox on the left
side, and the four had the
face of an eagle at the back.
Such were their faces. And
their wings were spread out
above; each creature had
two wings, each of which
touched the wing of an-
other, while two covered

their bodies. And each
went straight forward. —
Indeed, Lord.

℞. iii. When you
stand before kings and
governors, do not be
anxious how you are to
speak, or what you are to
say: * for what you are to
say will be given to you in
that hour. ℣. For it is
not you who speak, but the
spirit of your Father speak-
ing through you. — For
what. — Glory. — For what.

II Nocturn

From St. Jerome, on
Ecclesiastical Writers, and
from other early Fathers.

Lesson iv

Luke, a physician of Anti-
loch, was, as his writ-
ings indicate, not unac-
quainted with the Greek
language. He was a dis-
ciple and follower of the
apostle Paul, and his com-
panion on his journeys. He
wrote a gospel, and con-
cerning him Paul says,
"With him we are sending
the brother, who is famous
among all the churches for
his preaching of the gos-
pel." Indeed, many holy
Fathers state that Paul here
referred to him. Saint
Jerome says that he wrote
the gospel in the region of
Achia and Boeotia.

℞. iv. I saw men stand-
ing together, in shining gar-
ments, and the angel of the

Lord spoke to me, saying, * "These are the holy men, they have become the friends of God." *V.* I saw an angel of God flying in midheaven, and crying out with a loud voice, he said. — These.

Lesson v

He also produced another excellent work entitled Acts of Apostles. Its narrative extends to Paul's two-year stay in Rome, that is, up to the fourth year of the reign of Nero. From this we gather that the work was composed in the city of Rome. In writing his gospel he relied on what he had heard from the Apostles—, this he expressly states at the start of the book. In composing the Acts of Apostles, however, he narrated what he himself had witnessed.

R. v. These are they who have been victorious, the friends of God, who, disdaining the commands of princes, were worthy of everlasting reward; * now they are crowned and hold the palm branch. *V.* These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. — Now.

Lesson vi

Saint Epiphanius records that Luke preached the

gospel in Dalmatia, Gaul, Italy and Macedonia. Very many have handed on the tradition that he was eminent in the art of painting and that he painted by his own hand, in pencil and colours, portraits of Christ, the Mother of God, and the apostles Peter and Paul. He lived eighty-four years, remaining unmarried. Full of the Holy Spirit, he died in Bithynia. In the twentieth year of Constantius, his bones, along with the relics of Andrew the Apostle, were translated from Achaia to Constantinople.

R. vi. "You are the light of the world," says the Lord, * "who by your endurance will gain your lives. *V.* As my Father appointed a kingdom for me, so do I appoint for you, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom." — Who by. — Glory.— Will gain.

III Nocturn

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lesson vii Chapter 10

At that time, the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to come. Etc.

Homily of Pope St. Gregory

Homily 17 on the Gospel

Dear brethren, our Lord and Saviour sends his disciples to preach, two by two; because the precepts of charity are two, namely, to love God and to love our neighbour; and charity cannot exist between less than two. See then, the Lord sends his disciples to preach, two by two, and, in doing so, silently indicates to us that should anyone not love his neighbour, he should by no means take upon himself the office of preaching.

R. vii. These are the holy men whom the Lord has chosen in genuine love and to whom he has given everlasting glory. * By their teaching a light is cast upon the church as on the moon by the sun. *V.* Their span goes forth through all the earth: their words to the utmost bounds of the world. — By their.

Lesson viii

It is indeed well said that he sent them on ahead of him into every town and place where he himself was about to come. For the Lord follows his preachers. First comes preaching, and then the Lord comes to dwell in our soul, when, words of exhortation coming first, through them

truth is received into the mind. That is why Isaiah says to these preachers, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight a highway for our God."

R. viii. Who are these that fly like a cloud * and like doves to their windows? *V.* Purer than snow, whiter than milk, their bodies more ruddy than coral. — And like doves.

Lesson ix

Here the psalmist says to them, "Make a highway for him who rides on the clouds." For the Lord indeed rides on the clouds, because from where he lay in death he showed forth his glory all the more in his rising again. Clearly, he rides upon the clouds, who in his rising trampled under foot the death to which he had submitted. We then make a highway for him who rides upon the clouds when we preach his glory to you, that he, himself, coming afterwards, may enlighten your minds with the presence of his love.

R. ix. Do not forsake your flock, eternal Shepherd, but through your blessed apostles * guard it with unfailing vigilance. *V.* Lord, protect your people which trusts in the patronage of your apostles.—

Guard it. – Glory. – Guard it.

LAUDS

Prayer

May your holy evangelist, Luke, intercede for us, we beseech you, Lord; for the love of your name, he bore always in his body the sufferings of the cross. Through.

19 October

St. Peter of Alcantara

Confessor

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

Peter was born of noble parents at Alcantara in Spain, and entered the Order of Friars Minor at the age of sixteen. He was a model of all the virtues, especially of poverty and chastity, and by his preaching of the word of God led innumerable souls from sin to repentance. Wishing to restore the primitive observance of Saint Francis, he successfully embarked on a most rigorous form of life in a very small and extremely poor convent which he set up near Pedroso. This reform then spread in a wonderful manner. He assisted Saint Teresa in

promoting the reform of the Carmelites and had approved of the spirit in which she undertook it. During his lifetime he was often referred to by her as a saint. Saint Teresa testifies that he was noted for the grace of contemplation and miracles and that he was inspired with the gifts of prophecy and discernment of spirits. Finally, in his sixty-third year, he departed to heaven. In a vision Saint Teresa beheld him shining with wonderful glory.

R. iii. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast.

V. Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. – And be like men. – Glory. – To come home.

LAUDS

Prayer

O God, you were pleased to adorn your confessor, the blessed Peter, with the gift of wonderful penance and loftiest contemplation; grant, we pray you, that through the pleading of his merits, we, being mortified in the flesh, may the more easily take hold of heavenly things. Through.

21 October

SS. Ursula and Companions

Virgins and Martyrs

Commemoration

LAUDS

Ant. The kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

V. She is led to the king with her maiden companions. **R.** Her destined companions are escorted in.

Prayer

Grant us, we pray you, Lord our God, to reverence with unremitting devotedness the triumphs of your holy virgins and martyrs, Ursula and her companions; and although we cannot pay them the honour that is their due, let us at least offer them our humble service. Through.

22 October

Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church

I class

On the anniversary of the Dedication of a church everything is as indicated [3].

24 October

St. Raphael, Archangel

III class

MATINS

Invit. The Lord, the archangels' king, * come, let us adore.

Hymn

Christ, true splendour of the Father,
Life and strength of every heart;
In the presence of the angels
Soul and voice in song take part;
In alternate chorus ringing,
Tunefully your praise we start.

So we praise with veneration
All those princes of the sky;
But especially the healer,
True companion from on high;
Raphael, in strength and vigour,
Binding fast the demon sly.

All the wickedness of Satan
Through this watchful guard repel;
Christ, most loving King,
we pray you,
Evil by your mercy quell;
And, with minds and bodies holy,
Bring us heavenward where you dwell.

Loudly, then, with voices
tuneful
Let the Father's glory ring;
Glory then to Christ,
Redeemer
And the Spirit let us sing;
God eternal, one and trinal,
Who created everything.
Amen.

Psalm 8

How great is your name,
O Lord our God, *
through all the earth!

Your majesty is praised *
above the heavens;

On the lips of children
and of babes you have
found praise * to foil your
enemy, to silence the foe
and the rebel.

When I see the heavens,
the work of your hands, *
the moon and the stars
which you arranged,

What is man that you
should keep him in mind, *
mortal man that you care
for him?

Yet you have made him
little less than a god; *
with glory and honour you
crowned him,

Gave him power over the
works of your hand, * put
all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and
cattle, * yes, even the
savage beasts,

Birds of the air, and fish *
that make their way
through the waters.

How great is your name,
O Lord our God, * through
all the earth!

Ant. 1 Tobias going out,
found a young man, girded,
and, as it were, ready to
walk: and not knowing that
it was an angel, he greeted
him.

Psalm 10

In the Lord I have taken
my refuge. How can
you say to my soul: * "Fly
like a bird to its mountain.

See the wicked bracing
their bow; ζ they are fixing
their arrows on the string *
to shoot upright men in the
dark.

Foundations once des-
troyed, * what can the just
do?"

The Lord is in his holy
temple, * the Lord, whose
throne is in heaven.

His eyes look down on
the world; * his gaze tests
mortal men.

The Lord tests the just
and the wicked: * the lover
of violence he hates.

He sends fire and brim-
stone on the wicked; * he
sends a scorching wind as
their lot.

The Lord is just and
loves justice: * the upright
shall see his face.

Ant. 2 The Angel
Raphael, concealing his
identity, said, "I am
Azarias the son of the great
Ananias."

Psalm 14

Lord, who shall be ad-
mitted to your tent *

and dwell on your holy
mountain?

He who walks without
fault; * he who acts with
justice

And speaks the truth
from his heart; * he who
does not slander with his
tongue;

He who does no wrong
to his brother, * who casts
no slur on his neighbour,

Who holds the godless in
disdain, * but honours
those who fear the Lord;

He who keeps his pledge,
come what may; * who
takes no interest on a loan

And accepts no bribes
against the innocent. *
Such a man will stand firm
for ever.

Ant. 3 I will guide your
son safely to the land of the
Medes and bring him back
to you safely, alleluia.

Psalm 18

The heavens proclaim the
glory of God * and the
firmament shows forth the
work of his hands.

Day unto day takes up
the story * and night unto
night makes known the
message.

No speech, no word, no
voice is heard yet their span
goes forth through all the
earth, * their words to the
utmost bounds of the world.

There he has placed a
tent for the sun; * it comes
forth like a bridegroom
coming from his tent,

Rejoices like a cham-
pion * to run its course.

At the end of the sky is
the rising of the sun; to
the furthest end of the sky
is its course. * There is
nothing concealed from its
burning heat.

The law of the Lord is
perfect, * it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is
to be trusted, * it gives
wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord
are right, * they gladden
the heart.

The command of the
Lord is clear, * it gives
light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is
holy, * abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord
are truth * and all of them
just.

They are more to be
desired than gold, * than
the purest of gold.

And sweeter are they
than honey, * than honey
from the comb.

So in them your servant
finds instruction; * great
reward is in their keeping.

But who can detect all
his errors? * From hidden
faults acquit me.

From presumption re-
strain your servant * and
let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blame-
less, * clean from grave sin.

May the spoken words of
my mouth, the thoughts of
my heart, * win favour in

your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock!

Ant. 4 The angel said, "Grip the gill of the fish, and pull it out of the waters."

Psalm 23

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, * the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas; * on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? * Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things, * (who has not sworn so as to deceive his neighbour.)

He shall receive blessings from the Lord * and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him, * seek the face of the God of Jacob.

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. * Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory? * The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. * Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is he, the king of glory? * He, the Lord of

armies, he is the king of glory.

Ant. 5 I beseech you, brother Azarias, to tell me what cure have those parts of the fish which you have commanded me to keep.

Psalm 33

I will bless the Lord at all times, * his praise always on my lips;

In the Lord my soul shall make its boast. * The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me. * Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me; * from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant; * let your faces not be abashed.

This poor man called; the Lord heard him * and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, * to rescue them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good. * He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

Revere the Lord, you his saints. * They lack nothing, those who revere him.

Strong lions suffer want and go hungry * but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Come, children, and hear me * that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.

Who is he who longs for life * and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?

Then keep your tongue from evil * and your lips from speaking deceit.

Turn aside from evil and do good; * seek and strive after peace.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked * to destroy their remembrance from the earth.

The Lord turns his eyes to the just * and his ears to their appeal.

They call and the Lord hears * and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; * those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

Many are the trials of the just man * but from them all the Lord will rescue him.

He will keep guard over all his bones, * not one of his bones shall be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked; * those who hate the good are doomed.

The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. * Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

Ant. 6 The gall cures eyes, but the power of the heart and liver puts an end to domination by the devil.

Psalm 95

O sing a new song to the Lord, * sing to the Lord, all the earth.

O sing to the Lord, bless his name. * Proclaim his help day by day,

Tell among the nations his glory * and his wonders among all the peoples.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; * the gods of the heathens are naught.

It was the Lord who made the heavens, his are majesty and state and power * and splendour in his holy place.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, * give the Lord the glory of his name.

Bring an offering and enter his courts, worship the Lord in his temple. * O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: "God is king." The world he made firm in its place; * he will judge the peoples in fairness.

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, * let the sea and all within it thunder praise,

Let the land and all it bears rejoice, * all the trees of the wood shout for joy

At the presence of the Lord, for he comes, * he comes to rule the earth.

With justice he will rule the world, * he will judge the peoples with his truth.

Ant. 7 Here there is one, Sara, the daughter of Raguel; with all her inheritance she will be given to you in marriage.

Psalm 96

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, * the many coastlands be glad.

Cloud and darkness are his raiment; * his throne, justice and right.

A fire prepares his path; * it burns up his foes on every side.

His lightnings light up the world, * the earth trembles at the sight.

The mountains melt like wax * before the Lord of all the earth.

The skies proclaim his justice; * all peoples see his glory.

Let those who serve idols be ashamed, those who boast of their worthless gods. * All you spirits, worship him.

Sion hears and is glad; the people of Judah rejoice * because of your judgments, O Lord.

For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth * exalted far above all spirits.

The Lord loves those who hate evil: he guards the souls of his saints; *

he sets them free from the wicked.

Light shines forth for the just * and joy for the upright of heart.

Rejoice, you just, in the Lord; * give glory to his holy name.

Ant. 8 She had seven husbands who were struck down by the devil; I am afraid that the same thing might happen to me.

Psalm 102

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, * all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord * and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt, * who heals every one of your ills,

Who redeems your life from the grave, * who crowns you with love and compassion,

Who fills your life with good things, * renewing your youth like an eagle's.

The Lord does deeds of justice, * gives judgment for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses * and his deeds to Israel's sons.

The Lord is compassion and love, * slow to anger and rich in mercy.

His wrath will come to an end; * he will not be angry for ever.

He does not treat us according to our sins * nor

repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth * so strong is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west * so far does he remove our sins.

As a father has compassion on his sons, * the Lord has pity on those who fear him;

For he knows of what we are made, he remembers that we are dust.

As for man, his days are like grass; * he flowers like the flower of the field;

The wind blows and he is gone * and his place never sees him again.

But the love of the Lord is everlasting * upon those who hold him in fear;

His justice reaches out to children's children when they keep his covenant in truth, * when they keep his will in their mind.

The Lord has set his sway in heaven * and his kingdom is ruling over all.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels, 7 mighty in power, fulfilling his word, * who heed the voice of his word.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his hosts, * his servants who do his will.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his works, in every place where he rules. * My soul, give thanks to the Lord!

Ant. 9 For three days you will devote yourself to prayers with your wife that in the seed of Abraham you may obtain a blessing in children.

V. The Angel Raphael took the devil. **Rv.** And bound him in the desert of upper Egypt.

From the book of Tobias

Lesson i Chapter 12

Then Tobias called to him his son, and said to him, "What can we give to this holy man that is come with you?" Tobias, answering, said to his father, "Father, what wages shall we give him, or what can be worthy of his benefits? He conducted me and brought me safe again; he received the money of Gabelus; he caused me to have my wife, and he chased from her the evil spirit. He gave joy to her parents, myself he delivered from being devoured by the fish; you also he has made to see the light of heaven, and we are filled with all good things through him. What can we give him sufficient for these things? But I beseech you, my father, to desire him, that he would be pleased to accept one half of all things that have been brought."

Rv. i. At that time the

prayers of them both were heard in the sight of the glory of the most high God: * and the holy angel of the Lord, Raphael, was sent to heal them both, whose prayers were recited at the same time in the sight of the Lord. **V.** Tobias and Sara being in tribulation, began to pray with tears. — And the holy angel.

Lesson ii

So the father and the son, calling him, took him aside: and began to desire him that he would deign to accept the half of all things that they had brought. Then he said to them secretly, “Bless the God of heaven, give glory to him in the sight of all that live, because he has shown his mercy to you. For it is good to hide the secret of a king: but honourable to reveal and confess the works of God. Prayer is good with fasting and alms, more than to lay up treasures of gold: for alms delivers from death, and the same is that which purges away sins, and makes to find mercy and life everlasting. But they that commit sin and iniquity are enemies to their own soul. I make known then the truth to you, and I will not hide the secret from you. When you

prayed with tears, and buried the dead, and left your dinner, and hid the dead by day in your house, and buried them by night, I offered your prayer to the Lord. And because you were acceptable to God, it was necessary that temptation should prove you.”

Ry. ii. Tobias going out, found a beautiful young man, standing girded, and, as it were, ready to walk. And he greeted him and said, * “From whence are you, good young man?” **V.** And not knowing that it was an angel of the Lord, he greeted him and said. — From whence.

Lesson iii

And now the Lord has sent me to heal you, and to deliver Sara your son’s wife from the devil. For I am the angel Raphael, one of the seven who stand before the Lord.” And when they had heard these things, they were troubled, and being seized with fear they fell upon the ground on their face. And the angel said to them, “Peace be to you, fear not. For when I was with you, I was there by the will of God: bless him, and sing praises to him. I seemed indeed to eat and to drink with you: but I use an invisible meat and drink, which cannot be seen by men. It

is time therefore that I return to him that sent me: but you, bless God, and publish all his wonderful works.” And when he had said these things, he was taken from their sight, and they could see him no more. Then they, lying prostrate for three hours upon their face, blessed God: and rising up, they told all his wonderful works.

Ry. iii. All the angels praise you, holy Lord on high, saying, * “To you are due praise and honour, Lord.” **V.** The cherubim and seraphim and all the heavenly ranks proclaim you holy, saying: — To you are due praise and honour, Lord. — Glory. — And honour, Lord.

Before Lauds **V.**

You have appeared with glory in the sight of the Lord. **Ry.** Therefore the Lord has clothed you in splendour.

LAUDS

Antiphons

1. The Angel Raphael was sent to Tobias and Sara to heal them.

Psalm The Lord is king, etc. p. 29.

2. The angel, going in to Tobias, greeted him and

said, “Joy be to you always.”

3. Be of good courage, Tobias, your cure from God is at hand.

4. Bless the God of heaven, give glory to him in the sight of all that live, because he has shown his mercy to you.

5. Peace be to you, fear not: bless God and sing praises to him.

Little Chapter Tob. 12

When you prayed with tears, and buried the dead, and left your dinner, and hid the dead by day in your house, and buried them by night, I offered your prayer to the Lord.

Hymn

Christ, greatest glory of the holy angels,
Mankind’s Creator and its King almighty,
Grant us to reach your heaven everlasting;
Graciously hear us!

Send us your angel, Raphael the healer,
Bringing salvation down to us from heaven;
Curing the sickly, likewise, by his presence,
Guiding our actions.

So, too, let Mary, God's own mother holy,
Joined in the heavens by the choirs angelic,
And with all members of the blest assembly,
Ever assist us.

This may he grant us, God for ever blessed,
Father eternal, Son and Holy Spirit;
His is the glory which through all creation
Ever re-echoes.
Amen.

V. Worship God. **R.** All you spirits.

Bened. ant. I am the angel Raphael, I stand before the Lord: but, you, bless God, and publish all his wonderful works.

Prayer

O God, you gave the blessed archangel Raphael as a companion to your servant Tobias on his journey; grant that we your servants may in like manner be shielded by his guardianship and strengthened by his help. Through.

At the Hours psalms and antiphon from the week-day.

TERCE

Little Chapter as in Vespers.

R. An angel stood * at the altar of the temple. — An angel stood. **V.** With

a golden censer in his hand. — At the altar of the temple. — Glory. — An angel stood.

V. The smoke of the spices rose before the Lord.
R. From the hand of the angel.

SEXT

Little Chapter Tob. 12

And now the Lord has sent me to heal you, and to deliver Sara your son's wife from the devil. For I am the angel Raphael, one of the seven who stand before the Lord.

R. The smoke of the spices rose * before the Lord. — The smoke. **V.** From the hand of the angel. — Before the Lord. — Glory. — The smoke.

V. Before the angels I will bless you, my God.
R. I will adore before your holy temple and give thanks to your name.

NONE

Little Chapter Tob. 12

It is time that I return to him that sent me: but you, bless God, and publish all his wonderful works.

R. Before the angels * I will bless you, my God. — Before. **V.** I will adore before your holy temple and give thanks to your name. — I will bless you, my God. — Glory. — Before the angels.

V. Worship God. **R.** All you spirits.

VESPERS

Ant. to psalms The angel Raphael was sent to Tobias and Sara to heal them.

Psalms as on the feast of St. Michael, p. 806.

Little Chapter Tob. 12

When you prayed with tears, and buried the dead, and left your dinner, and hid the dead by day in your house, and buried them by night, I offered your prayer to the Lord.

Hymn

Christ, true splendour of the Father,
Life and strength of every heart;
In the presence of the angels
Soul and voice in song take part;
In alternate chorus ringing,
Tunefully your praise we start.

So we praise with veneration,
All those princes of the sky;
But especially the healer,
True companion from on high;
Raphael, in strength and vigour,
Binding fast the demon sly.

All the wickedness of Satan
Through this watchful guard repel;
Christ, most loving King,
we pray you,
Evil by your mercy quell;
And, with minds and bodies holy,
Bring us heavenward where you dwell.

Loudly, then, with voices tuneful
Let the Father's glory ring;
Glory then to Christ, Redeemer
And the Spirit let us sing;
God eternal, one and trinal,
Who created everything.
Amen.

V. An angel stood at the altar of the temple. **R.** With a golden censer in his hand.

Magnif. ant. Archangel Raphael, most glorious prince, be mindful of us: here and in all places pray for us to the Son of God.

Compline from week-day.

25 October
SS. Crispin and Crispinian
Martyrs
Commemoration

LAUDS

Ant. These are the holy ones who, for the love of

God, despised the threats of men. The holy martyrs rejoice with the angels in the kingdom of heaven. What a precious death is that of the saints! They stand always in the presence of the Lord, and are not parted from one another.

V. God is to be feared.
R. In his holy place.

Prayer

O God, as you allow us to keep the feast of your holy martyrs, Crispin and Crispinian, grant that we may enjoy their company in everlasting happiness. Through.

28 October

SS. Simon and Jude Apostles

II class

All as in the Common of Apostles [38], except what is given here.

MATINS

I Nocturn

Here begins the Letter of the blessed apostle Jude

Lesson i Chapter 1

Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, to those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus

Christ: may mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. Beloved, being very eager to write to you of our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. For admission has been secretly gained by some who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly persons who pervert the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

R. i. "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves," says the Lord, * "so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. **V.** For they will deliver you up to councils, and flog you in their synagogues" — So be wise.

Lesson ii

Now I desire to remind you, though you were once for all fully informed, that he who saved a people out of the land of Egypt afterward destroyed those who did not believe. And the angels that did not keep their own position but left their proper dwelling have been kept by him in eternal chains in the nether gloom until the judgment of the great day; just as Sodom and Gomor'rah and the

surrounding cities, which likewise acted immorally and indulged in unnatural lust, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire. Yet in like manner these men in their dreamings defile the flesh, reject authority, and revile the glorious ones.

R. ii. "Take my yoke upon you," says the Lord, "and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart: * for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. **V.** And you will find rest for your souls." — For my yoke.

Lesson iii

But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, disputed about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a reviling judgment upon him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you." But these men revile whatever they do not understand, and by those things that they know by instinct, as irrational animals do, they are destroyed. Woe to them! For they walk in the way of Cain, and abandon themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error, and perish in Korah's rebellion.

R. iii. When you stand before kings and governors, do not be anxious how you are to speak, or what you

are to say: * for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. **V.** For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. — For what. — Glory. — For what.

II Nocturn

Lesson iv

Simon the Cananaean, or Zealot, as he is called in the gospel, travelled through Egypt. Thad-daeus, who is called in the gospel Jude the son of James, and is the author of one of the Letters to all Christians, traversed Mesopotamia, in preaching the good tidings. Later they were united in Persia. When they had sown the seed of the faith among savage nations in those vast regions and had brought forth innumerable children to Jesus Christ, together they rendered the most holy name of Jesus illustrious by teaching and miracles, and finally by glorious martyrdom.

R. iv. I saw men standing together, in shining garments, and the angel of the Lord spoke to me, saying, * "These are the holy men; they have become the friends of God." **V.** I saw an angel of God flying in midheaven, and

crying out with a loud voice, he said. — These.

Sermon of Pope Saint Gregory

Hom. 30 on the Gospel past the middle

Lesson v

It is written: “The Spirit of the Lord has made the heavens fair.” The virtues of preachers are the adornments of the heavens. Paul enumerates these adornments, saying, “To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are inspired by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.”

R. v. These are they who have been victorious, the friends of God, who, disdain the commands of princes, were worthy of everlasting reward: * now they are crowned and hold the palm branch. **V.** These are they who have

come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. — Now.

Lesson vi

There are, then, as many ornaments of the heavens as there are virtues of preachers. Hence it is also written: “By the word of the Lord the heavens were made.” Now the Word of the Lord is the Son of the Father. But to show that all Three Persons of the Blessed Trinity together formed these heavens, namely the holy Apostles, there is immediately added concerning the divinity of the Holy Spirit: “By the breath of his mouth all their strength.” The strength of the heavens is therefore derived from the Spirit: for they would not presume to oppose the powers of this world, unless the fortitude of the Holy Spirit had given them strength. We know what the teachers of the holy church were like before the coming of this Spirit: and we see what fortitude was theirs after his coming.

R. vi. “You are the light of the world,” says the Lord, * “who by your endurance will gain your lives. **V.** As my Father has appointed a kingdom for me, so do I appoint for

you, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.” — Who by. — Glory. — Will gain.

III Nocturn

Reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Lesson vii Chapter 15

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples, “This I command you, to love one another. If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.” Etc.

Homily of Saint Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria

Bk. 10 on John, ch. 26 et seq.

The Lord uses a certain wonderful and divine dexterity in fashioning and strengthening the souls of his disciples. Because they were to be the teachers of the whole world, and as embodying the law and standard of the gospel were to be imitated by all peoples everywhere, it was necessary that he should warn them not to be concerned if they should be hated by the world, that is, by men who are given over to pleasure and impiety. Therefore, he says, when the hatred of the world is turned against you, you will not be upset if you

remember that the same thing has happened to me who am the Lord.

R. vii. These are the holy men whom the Lord has chosen in genuine love and to whom he has given everlasting glory. * By their teaching a light is cast upon the church as on the moon by the sun. **V.** Their span goes forth through all the earth: their words to the utmost bounds of the world. — By their.

Lesson viii

Because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.” He shows that what by its nature is most distressing, becomes easy, even pleasant. For what is more severe and, in general, more hurtful, than to be the object of hatred? But it becomes pleasant when endured for God’s sake. And when it is borne in a spirit of piety, it is a proof that he who is hated does not desire perishable things. Just as we recognise a resemblance between those who are related by birth, so too we find people who are akin in their behaviour, and the likeness of these latter far surpasses that of blood relations.

R. viii. Who are these that fly like a cloud, * and

like doves to their windows? *V.* Purer than snow, whiter than milk, their bodies more ruddy than coral. — And like doves.

Lesson ix

Saintly people find pleasure in similar company, and likewise the wicked. For this reason, it follows that the one intent on virtue is little loved by sinners. Thus Christ emphasizes that we should not be sad but should instead rejoice. For though the hatred of many brings loss in perishable things, yet it counts with God for greatest gain. The purpose of these words is that the disciples may preach freely and without fear of being hated, for they are taught that nothing is to be preferred to the love of God.

R. ix. Do not forsake your flock, eternal Shepherd, but through your blessed apostles * guard it with unflinching vigilance. *V.* Lord, protect your people which trusts in the patronage of your apostles.—Guard it. — Glory. — Guard it.

LAUDS

Prayer

O God, you were pleased to bring us to the knowledge of your name through your blessed apostles, Simon and Jude; grant that by advancing in virtue we may celebrate their everlasting glory, and by celebrating it advance the more. Through.

31 October
St. Quentin

Martyr
Commemoration

LAUDS

Ant. Let him who would come after me deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

V. A gold crown upon his head. *R.* Inscribed like a signet with "Holiness."

Prayer

Heed our prayers, Lord; may we who know that, as a result of our wrong-doing, we stand accused, be set free through the pleading of the blessed Quentin, your martyr. Through.

LAST SUNDAY OF OCTOBER

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

I class

I VESPERS

Ant. to psalms He shall be a man of peace, and his throne shall be established for ever.

Psalm Praise, O servants, etc. [1].

Little Chapter Col. 1

We give thanks to God the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

R. Might is yours, yours is the kingdom, O Lord; and you are exalted as head above all. * Give peace, Lord, in our days. *V.* O God, creator of all things, you are awe-inspiring and strong, just and merciful. — Give peace. — Glory. — In our days.

Hymn

To you, O Christ, the nations' King
And Prince of every age we sing;

Of hearts and minds we you declare
The only Lord without compare.

The rabble cried, with voice profane,
"We do not want the Christ to reign."
But our exultant voices ring,
"You are supreme, creation's King."

O Christ, O Prince of Peace,
we pray,
Make all rebellious souls obey;
By love, your erring sheep constrain
To seek your fold, to know your reign.

For this you hang from bloodstained tree
With wounded arms outstretched in plea;
And, pierced by lance's cruel blow,
Your heart with love on fire you show.

For this, concealed in Altar
Sign
Beneath the forms of bread
and wine,
Upon your flock from riven
breast
You pour salvation's graces
blest.

May nations' rulers you
profess
And in a public worship
bless ;
May teachers, judges, you
revere,
In Arts and Laws may this
appear.

Let every royal standard
shine
In homage to your power
divine ;
Beneath your gentle rule
subdue
The homes of all, their
countries too.

All glory be, O Lord, to
you,
All earthly powers you
subdue ;
With Father and the Spirit
be
All glory yours eternally.
Amen.

V. All authority has
been given to me. **Ry.** In
heaven and on earth.

Magnif. ant. The Lord
God will give to him the
throne of his father David,
and he will reign over the
house of Jacob for ever ;
and of his kingdom there
will be no end.

Prayer

Almighty, everlasting
God, you willed that all
things should be made new
in your beloved Son, the
King of all ; mercifully
grant, that all the peoples
of the nations, torn apart
by the wound of sin, may be
brought to submit to his
most gentle rule. Who
lives and reigns with you.

Compline from Sunday.

MATINS

Invit. Jesus Christ, the
King of kings: * come, let
us adore.

Hymn

God's own eternal image
true
The Light from Light
divine are you ;
To you, Redeemer, glory
bright
With honour true and
kingly might !

Before the world, or time,
were you
Creation's hope and centre
true ;
To you the Father rightly
gives
Supreme control o'er all
that lives.

You are the bud from
Virgin pure,
Of our weak race the head
most sure ;
The stone from high, of
mighty size,
That o'er the earth now
fallen lies.

Condemned, the mortals'
race, enslaved,
Was bound by tyranny de-
praved,
Through you it broke the
bonds that shamed,
And for itself the heavens
claimed.

O Teacher, Priest and
Ruler good,
Upon your garment,
marked in blood,
You bear this title, well it
rings,
"The Lord of lords and
King of kings" !

To you in homage glad we
call,
You rightly are the Lord of
all ;
They all are blest who own
your sway,
Possess your precepts and
obey.

All glory be, O Lord, to
you,
All earthly powers you
subdue ;
With Father and the Spirit
be
All glory yours eternally.
Amen.

I Nocturn

Psalm 2

Why this tumult among
nations, * among
peoples this useless mur-
muring ?

They arise, the kings of
the earth, * princes plot
against the Lord and his
Anointed.

"Come, let us break
their fetters, * come, let us
cast off their yoke."

He who sits in the
heavens laughs ; * the Lord
is laughing them to scorn.

Then he will speak in
his anger, * his rage will
strike them with terror.

"It is I who have set up
my king * on Sion, my
holy mountain."

(I will announce the
decree of the Lord:) **Z** The
Lord said to me: "You
are my Son. * It is I who
have begotten you this day.

Ask and I shall bequeath
you the nations, * put the
ends of the earth in your
possession.

With a rod of iron you
will break them, * shatter
them like a potter's jar."

Now, O kings, under-
stand, * take warning,
rulers of the earth ;

Serve the Lord with
awe * and trembling, pay
him your homage

Lest he be angry and
you perish ; **Z** for suddenly
his anger will blaze. *
Blessed are they who put
their trust in God.

Ant. 1 It is I who have
set up my king on Sion,
my holy mountain. I will
announce the decree of the
Lord.

Psalm 8

How great is your name,
O Lord our God, *
through all the earth !

Your majesty is praised *
above the heavens ;

On the lips of children
and of babes you have found
praise * to foil your enemy,
to silence the foe and the
rebel.

When I see the heavens,
the work of your hands, *
the moon and the stars
which you arranged,

What is man that you
should keep him in mind, *
mortal man that you care
for him ?

Yet you have made him
little less than a god ; * with
glory and honour you
crowned him,

Gave him power over
the works of your hand, *
put all things under his
feet.

All of them, sheep and
cattle, * yes, even the
savage beasts,

Birds of the air, and fish *
that make their way through
the waters.

How great is your name,
O Lord our God, * through
all the earth !

Ant. 2 With glory and
honour you crowned him,
Lord ; you put all things
under his feet.

Psalm 23

The Lord's is the earth
and its fullness, * the

world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the
seas ; * on the waters he
made it firm.

Who shall climb the
mountain of the Lord ? *
Who shall stand in his holy
place ?

The man with clean
hands and pure heart, who
desires not worthless
things, * (who has not
sworn so as to deceive his
neighbour.)

He shall receive blessings
from the Lord * and
reward from the God who
saves him.

Such are the men who
seek him, * seek the face
of the God of Jacob.

O gates, lift high your
heads ; grow higher, an-
cient doors. * Let him
enter, the king of glory !

Who is the king of
glory ? * The Lord, the
mighty, the valiant, the
Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your
heads ; grow higher, an-
cient doors. * Let him
enter, the king of glory !

Who is he, the king of
glory ? * He, the Lord of
armies, he is the king of
glory.

Ant. 3 Grow higher,
ancient doors. Let him
enter, the king of glory !

V. All authority has
been given to me. **Ry.** In
heaven and on earth.

From the blessed apostle
Paul's Letter to the
Colossians

Lesson i Chapter 1

We always thank God,
the Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, when we pray
for you, because we have
heard of your faith in
Christ Jesus and of the love
which you have for all the
saints, because of the hope
laid up for you in heaven.
Of this you have heard
before in the word of the
truth, the gospel which has
come to you, as indeed in
the whole world it is bear-
ing fruit and growing—so
among yourselves, from
the day you heard and
understood the grace of
God in truth, as you
learned it from Ep'aphras
our beloved fellow servant.
He is a faithful minister of
Christ on our behalf and
has made known to us your
love in the Spirit.

Ry. i. He will sit for ever
upon the throne of David
and over his kingdom: *
and his name will be called
Mighty God, Prince of
Peace. **V.** Of the increase
of his government and of
peace there will be no end.—
And his name will be called.

Lesson ii

And so, from the day we
heard of it, we have
not ceased to pray for you,

asking that you may be
filled with the knowledge
of his will in all spiritual
wisdom and understanding,
to lead a life worthy of the
Lord, fully pleasing to him,
bearing fruit in every good
work and increasing in the
knowledge of God. May
you be strengthened with
all power, according to his
glorious might, for all en-
durance and patience with
joy, giving thanks to the
Father, who has qualified
us to share in the inheri-
tance of the saints in light.
He has delivered us from
the dominion of darkness
and transferred us to the
kingdom of his beloved
Son, in whom we have
redemption, the forgive-
ness of sins. He is the
image of the invisible God,
the first-born of all creation;
for in him all things were
created, in heaven and on
earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dom-
inions or principalities or
authorities—all things were
created through him and
for him. He is before all
things, and in him all things
hold together.

Ry. ii. I saw in the night
visions, and behold, the
Son of man came with the
clouds of heaven: and to
him was given kingdom
and glory * that all peoples,
nations, and languages
should serve him. **V.** His
dominion is an everlasting

dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed. - That all peoples.

Lesson iii

He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. And you, who once were estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, provided that you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which has been creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Ry. iii. But you, O Bethlehem Eph'rathah, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel. * And he shall be Peace. **V.** His origin

is from of old, from ancient days: he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord. - And he shall be Peace. - Glory. - And he shall be Peace.

II Nocturn

Psalm 28

O give the Lord, you sons of God, * give the Lord glory and power;

Give the Lord the glory of his name. * Adore the Lord in his holy court.

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, * the Lord on the immensity of waters;

The voice of the Lord, full of power, * the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

The Lord's voice shattering the cedars, * the Lord shatters the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon leap like a calf * and Sirion like a young wild-ox.

(The Lord's voice flashes * flames of fire.)

The Lord's voice shaking the wilderness, * the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh;

The Lord's voice rending the oak tree * and stripping the forest bare.

The God of glory thunders. * In his temple they all cry: "Glory!"

The Lord sat enthroned

over the flood; * the Lord sits as king for ever.

The Lord will give strength to his people, * the Lord will bless his people with peace.

Ant. 4 The Lord sits as king for ever; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

Psalm 44

My heart overflows with noble words. To the king I must speak the song I have made; * my tongue as nimble as the pen of a scribe.

You are the fairest of the children of men and graciousness is poured upon your lips: * because God has blessed you for evermore.

O mighty one, gird your sword upon your thigh; * in splendour and state, ride on in triumph for the cause of truth and goodness and right.

Take aim with your bow * in your dread right hand.

Your arrows are sharp: peoples fall beneath you. * The foes of the king fall down and lose heart.

Your throne, O God, shall endure for ever. * A sceptre of justice is the sceptre of your kingdom.

Your love is for justice; your hatred for evil. * Therefore God, your God,

has anointed you with the oil of gladness above other kings:

Your robes are fragrant with aloes and myrrh. * From the ivory palace you are greeted with music.

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. * On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: * forget your own people and your father's house.

So will the king desire your beauty: * He is your lord, pay homage to him.

And the people of Tyre shall come with gifts, * the richest of the people shall seek your favour.

The daughter of the king is clothed with splendour, * her robes embroidered with pearls set in gold.

She is led to the king with her maiden companions. * They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king.

Sons shall be yours in place of your fathers: * you will make them princes over all the earth.

May this song make your name for ever remembered. * May the peoples praise you from age to age.

Ant. 5 A sceptre of justice is the sceptre of your kingdom: may the peoples praise you from age to age.

Psalm 46

All peoples, clap your hands, * cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, * great king over all the earth.

He subdues peoples under us * and nations under our feet.

Our inheritance, our glory, is from him, * given to Jacob out of love.

God goes up with shouts of joy; * the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise, * sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth. * Sing praise with all your skill.

God is king over the nations; * God reigns on his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples are assembled * with the people of Abraham's God.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, * to God who reigns over all.

Ant. 6 Sing praise to our King, sing praise: for he is the great King over all the earth.

V. Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples.

Rv. Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

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Lesson iv

Since this Holy Year, therefore, has provided more than one opportunity to enhance the glory of the kingdom of Christ, We deem it in keeping with Our Apostolic office to accede to the desire of many of the Cardinals, Bishops, and faithful, made known to Us both individually and collectively, by closing this Holy Year with the insertion into the Sacred Liturgy of a special feast of the Kingship of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It has long been a common custom to give to Christ the metaphorical title of king, because of the high degree of perfection whereby he excels all creatures. So he is said to reign in the minds of men, both by reason of the keenness of his intellect and the extent of his knowledge, and also because he is Truth itself and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind. He reigns, too, in the wills of men, for in him the human will was perfectly and entirely obedient to the holy will of God, and further by his grace and inspiration he so subjects our free will as to arouse us to the most noble endeavours. He is King of our hearts, too, by reason of his charity which sur-

passes all knowledge, and his mercy and kindness which draw all men to him; for there never was, nor ever will be, a man loved so much and so universally as Jesus Christ. But if we ponder this matter more deeply, we cannot but see that the title and the power of King belongs to Christ as man in the strict and proper sense also. For it is only as man that he may be said to have received from the Father power and glory and a kingdom, since the Word of God, as consubstantial with the Father, has all things in common with him, and therefore has, necessarily, supreme and absolute dominion over all things created.

Rv. iv. Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he: * and he shall command peace to the nations. **V.** His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth. — And he shall command.

Lesson v

The foundation of this power and dignity of Our Lord is rightly indicated by Cyril of Alexandria. "Christ," he says,

"has dominion over all creatures, a dominion not seized by violence nor usurped, but his by essence and by nature." His kingship is founded upon the wonderful hypostatic union. From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him, as man, angels and men are subject, and must recognise his empire; in that, by the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures. Let Us explain briefly the nature and meaning of this lordship of Christ. It consists, We need scarcely say, in a threefold power without which lordship could scarcely be envisaged. This is sufficiently clear from the scriptural testimony, already adduced, concerning the universal dominion of our Redeemer, and it is a dogma of faith that Jesus Christ was given to man, not only as our Redeemer, but also as a law-giver, to whom obedience is due. Not only do the gospels tell us that he made laws, but they present him to us in the act of making them. Those who keep them, the divine Master states in various places, will prove their love for him and will remain in his love. When the Jews accused him of breaking the Sabbath by the mirac-

ulous cure of a sick man, he declared that he had received judicial power from his Father. "The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son." In this power is included the right of rewarding and punishing all men living, for this right is inseparable from that of judging. Executive power, too, belongs to Christ, for all must obey his commands; none may escape them, nor the sanctions he has imposed.

R. v. He must reign, for God has put all things in subjection under his feet: * that God may be everything to everyone.

V. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the Father. - That God may be everything to everyone.

Lesson vi

This kingdom is primarily spiritual and concerned with spiritual things. That this is so the above quotations from Scripture amply prove, and Christ by his own action confirms it. On many occasions, when the Jews and even the Apostles wrongly supposed that the Messiah would uphold the people's liberty and restore the kingdom of Israel, he repelled and denied such a suggestion.

When the populace thronged around him in admiration and would have acclaimed him king, he shrank from the honour and, hiding himself, fled from them. Before the Roman magistrate he declared that his kingdom was not of this world. The gospels present this kingdom as one which men prepare to enter by penance, and cannot actually enter except by faith and by baptism, which, though an external rite, signifies and produces an interior regeneration. This kingdom is opposed to none other than to that of Satan and to the power of darkness. It demands of its subjects a spirit of detachment from riches and earthly things, and a spirit of gentleness. They must hunger and thirst after justice, and, more than this, they must deny themselves and carry the cross. Since Christ, as Redeemer, purchased the church at the price of his own blood; since as priest, he offered himself, and continues to offer himself as victim for our sins, is it not evident that his kingly dignity is filled with, and shares in, both these functions? It would be a grave error, on the contrary, to say that Christ has no power whatever in civil affairs, since, by virtue of

the absolute authority over all creatures committed to him by the Father, all things are in his power. Therefore, by Our Apostolic Authority, We institute the feast of the Kingship of our Lord Jesus Christ to be observed yearly throughout the whole world on the last Sunday of the month of October - the Sunday, that is, which immediately precedes the feast of All Saints. We further ordain that the dedication of mankind to the Sacred Heart of Jesus be renewed annually on that day.

R. vi. He has made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, * to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. **V.** He is the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. - To him be glory. - Glory. - To him be glory.

III Nocturn

Psalm 71

O God, give your judgment to the king, * to a king's son your justice, That he may judge your people in justice * and your poor in right judgment.

May the mountains bring forth peace for the people * and the hills, justice.

May he defend the poor of the people * and save the

children of the needy (and crush the oppressor).

He shall endure like the sun and the moon * from age to age.

He shall descend like rain on the meadow, * like raindrops on the earth.

In his days justice shall flourish * and peace till the moon fails.

He shall rule from sea to sea, * from the Great River to earth's bounds.

Before him his enemies shall fall, * his foes lick the dust.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts * shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba * shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, * all nations shall serve him.

For he shall save the poor when they cry * and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak * and save the lives of the poor.

From oppression he will rescue their lives, * to him their blood is dear.

(Long may he live, * may the gold of Sheba be given him.)

They shall pray for him without ceasing * and bless him all the day.

May corn be abundant in the land * to the peaks of the mountains.

May its fruit rustle like

Lebanon ; * may men flourish in the cities like grass on the earth.

May his name be blessed for ever * and endure like the sun.

Every tribe shall be blessed in him, * all nations bless his name.

Blessed be the Lord, God of Israel, who alone works wonders, * ever blessed his glorious name.

Let his glory fill the earth. * Amen! Amen!

Ant. 7 Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name.

Psalm 88, i

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord ; * through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, * that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one ; * I have sworn to David my servant:

I will establish your dynasty for ever * and set up your throne through all ages."

The heavens proclaim your wonders, O Lord ; * the assembly of your holy ones proclaims your truth.

For who in the skies can compare with the Lord * or who is like the Lord among the sons of God?

A God to be feared in the council of the holy ones, * great and dreadful to all around him.

O Lord God of hosts, who is your equal? * You are mighty, O Lord, and truth is your garment.

It is you who rule the sea in its pride ; * it is you who still the surging of its waves.

It is you who trod Rahab underfoot like a corpse, * scattering your foes with your mighty arm.

The heavens are yours, the world is yours. * It is you who founded the earth and all it holds ;

It is you who created the North and the South. * Tabor and Hermon shout with joy at your name.

Yours is a mighty arm, O Lord ; * your hand is strong, your right hand ready.

Justice and right are the pillars of your throne, * love and truth walk in your presence.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, * who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,

Who find their joy every day in your name, * who make your justice the source of their bliss.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength ; * it is by your favour that our might is exalted:

For our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord ; * our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

Of old you spoke in a vision. * To your friends the prophets you said:

"I have set the crown on a warrior, * I have exalted one chosen from the people.

I have found David my servant * and with my holy oil anointed him.

My hand shall always be with him * and my arm shall make him strong.

The enemy shall never outwit him * nor the evil man oppress him.

I will beat down his foes before him * and smite those who hate him.

My truth and my love shall be with him ; * by my name his might shall be exalted.

I will stretch out his hand to the sea * and his right hand as far as the river.

He will say to me: 'You are my father, * my God, the rock who saves me.'

And I will make him my first-born, * the highest of the kings of the earth.

I will keep my love for him always ; * for him my covenant shall endure.

I will establish his dynasty for ever, * make his throne as lasting as the heavens."

Ant. 8 And I will make him, my first-born, the

highest of the kings of the earth.

Psalm 88, ii

If his sons forsake my law * and refuse to walk as I decree

And if ever they violate my statutes, * refusing to keep my commands ;

Then I will punish their offences with the rod, * then I will scourge them on account of their guilt.

But I will never take back my love: * my truth will never fail.

I will never violate my covenant * nor go back on the word I have spoken.

Once for all, I have sworn by my holiness. * 'I will never lie to David.

His dynasty shall last for ever. * In my sight his throne is like the sun ;

Like the moon, it shall endure for ever, * a faithful witness in the skies."

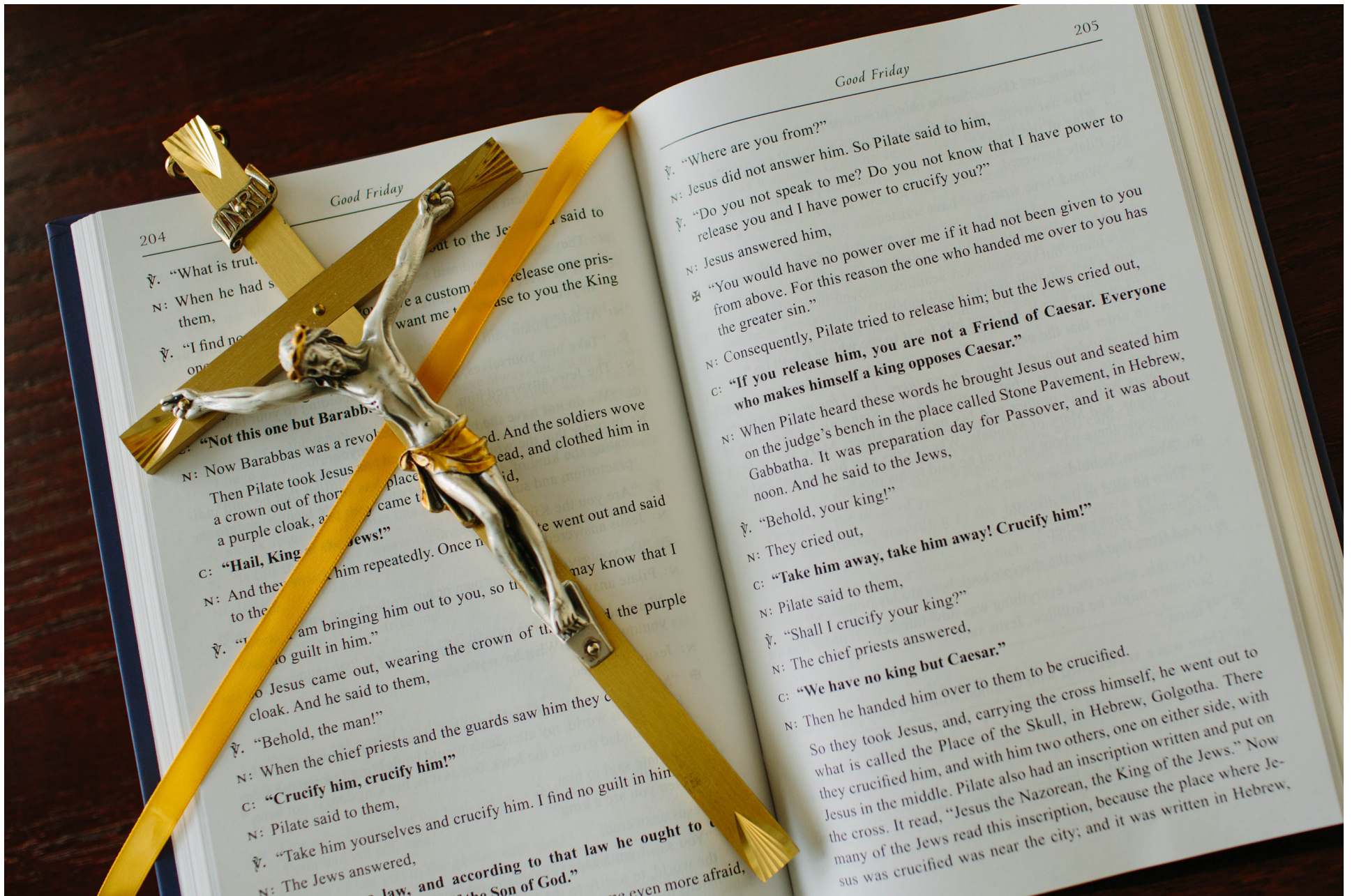
Ant. 9 In my sight his throne is like the sun ; like the moon, it shall endure for ever.

V. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate. **R.** All nations shall serve him.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Lesson vii Chapter 18

At that time, Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say



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this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Etc.

Homily of
Saint Augustine, Bishop

Tract. 51 on John, 12-13
and Tract. 117 on John
19-21

Was it something great for the King of ages to become the King of men? For Christ did not become the King of Israel to demand tax, or to equip an army with swords, or to wage war against his enemies by force of arms; but he became the King of Israel to rule minds, to have regard to eternal interests, to lead to the kingdom of heaven those who believe and hope and love. The fact, therefore, that the Son of God who is equal to the Father, that Word by which all things were made, wished to be the King of Israel, is an act of condescension, not of self-advancement; it is evidence of compassion, not an increase of dominion. For he who is called on earth the King of the Jews is the Lord of the angels in heaven. But is Christ the King of the Jews only, and not of the Gentiles? He is, indeed, the King of the Gentiles. For he spoke in prophecy, "It is I who have set up my kingdom

on Sion, my holy mountain. I will announce the decree of the Lord." Yet lest anyone should think that, because of the mention of Mount Sion, he has been established as King of the Jews only, he immediately subjoined: "The Lord said to me, 'You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day. Ask and I shall bequeath you the nations, put the ends of the earth in your possession.'"

Ry. vii. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, * and he shall reign for ever and ever. **V.** All families of the nations shall worship before him; for the kingdom is the Lord's. - And he shall reign.

Lesson viii

Tract. 115 on John, 18-36

Jesus replied, "My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews; but my kingship is not from the world." This is what our good Master wished us to know. But first of all we had to be shown how false was the opinion, held by men, about his kingship; both by the Gentiles, and by the Jews from whom Pilate had received his informa-

tion. According to this opinion, the reason why he was to be punished by death was either that he had unlawfully pretended kingly power, or that precautions had to be taken lest his kingdom should be opposed to the Romans or the Jews; for those who rule are usually envious of those who are coming to power.

Ry. viii. And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings: they will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, * for he is Lord of lords and King of kings. **V.** The Lord our God, the almighty, reigns: let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory. - For he is Lord of lords and King of kings.

Lesson ix

The Lord could have replied to the first question of the ruler when he asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" by his statement, "My kingship is not of this world." But by questioning him in return, as to whether he said this of his own accord, or had heard it from others, he wished to show, through Pilate's answer, that he had been accused of this, by the Jews, as a crime. Thus he reveals to us these thoughts of men which he himself knew to be no more than a

breath. Then, after Pilate had answered, he replied more suitably and aptly to all Jews and Gentiles, "My kingship is not of this world."

Ry. ix. Might is yours, yours is the kingdom, O Lord; and you are exalted as head above all. * Give peace, Lord, in our days.

V. O God, creator of all things, you are awe-inspiring and strong, just and merciful. - Give peace. - Glory. - In our days.

Before Lauds V. Your throne, O God, shall endure for ever. **Ry.** A sceptre of justice is the sceptre of your kingdom.

LAUDS

Antiphons and at the Hours

1. The God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand for ever.

Psalm The Lord is king, etc. p. 29.

2. To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.

3. Living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem; and the Lord will become king over all the earth.

4. He shall be great to the ends of the earth, and he shall be peace.

5. The nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; those nations shall be utterly laid waste.

Little Chapter Col. 1

We give thanks to God the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Hymn

Triumphant, Christ unfurls on high
His honoured banners in the sky;
O Nations, come with prayerful ways,
The King of kings for ever praise.

For not by slaughter, force or fear
Did he subject his kingdoms here;
But, raised upon the tree on high,
By love alone he drew all nigh.

O three times blessed is that land
Which rightly ruled by Christ's command,
To every law from heaven will show
A swift obedience here below.

No faithless arms, no hostile blade;

True peace is strengthened, treaty made;

And concord smiles sublime and sure;

The civic order stands secure.

The nuptial bond is firm and true,

There youth matures unsullied, too;

And households chaste all flourish there

With each domestic virtue fair.

O King, most gentle, may you shine

On us this longed-for light divine;

And may the world in peace sublime

Adore you to the end of time.

All glory be, O Lord, to you,

All earthly powers you subdue;

With Father and the Spirit be

All glory yours eternally. Amen.

¶ His dominion shall be increased. **Ry.** And of peace there will be no end.

Bened. ant. He, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth, has made us a kingdom to his God and Father.

Prayer

Almighty, everlasting God, you willed that all things should be made new in your beloved Son, the King of all; mercifully grant that all the peoples of the nations, torn apart by the wound of sin, may be brought to submit to his most gentle rule. Who lives and reigns with you.

At the Hours psalms from Sunday.

TERCE

Ant. To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.

Little Chapter as in II Vespers.

Ry. All authority has been given to me, * alleluia, alleluia. – All authority. ¶ In heaven and on earth. – Alleluia. – Glory. – All authority has been given to me.

¶ Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples. **Ry.** Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

SEXT

Ant. Living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem; and the Lord will become king over all the earth.

Little Chapter Col. 1

All things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

Ry. Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, * alleluia, alleluia. – Ascribe to the Lord. ¶ Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. – Alleluia. – Glory. – Ascribe to the Lord.

¶ Before him all kings shall fall prostrate. **Ry.** All nations shall serve him.

NONE

Ant. The nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; those nations shall be utterly laid waste.

Little Chapter Col. 1

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ry. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, * alleluia, alleluia. – Before him all kings. ¶ All nations shall serve him. –

Alleluia. - Glory. - Before him all kings.

V. His dominion shall be increased. **Ry.** And of peace there will be no end.

II VESPERS

Ant. to psalms The God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand for ever.

Psalms as on the feast of the Most Holy Trinity p. 229.

Little Chapter Col. 1

We give thanks to God the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Hymn

To you, O Christ, the nations' King
And Prince of every age we sing;
Of hearts and minds we you declare
The only Lord without compare.

The rabble cried, with voice profane,
"We do not want the Christ to reign."
But our exultant voices ring,
"You are supreme, creation's King."

O Christ, O Prince of Peace, we pray,
Make all rebellious souls obey;
By love, your erring sheep constrain
To seek your fold, to know your reign.

For this you hang from bloodstained tree
With wounded arms outstretched in plea;
And, pierced by lance's cruel blow,
Your heart with love on fire you show.

For this, concealed in Altar Sign
Beneath the forms of bread and wine,
Upon your flock from riven breast
You pour salvation's graces blest.

May nations' rulers you profess
And in a public worship bless;
May teachers, judges, you revere,
In Arts and Laws may this appear.

Let every royal standard shine
In homage to your power divine;
Beneath your gentle rule subdue
The homes of all, their countries, too.

All glory be, O Lord, to you,
All earthly powers you subdue;
With Father and the Spirit be
All glory yours eternally.
Amen.

V. All authority has been given to me. **Ry.** In heaven and on earth.

Magnif. ant. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name inscribed, King of kings and Lord of lords. To him belong glory and dominion for ever and ever.

Prayer

Almighty, everlasting God, you willed that all things should be made new in your beloved Son, the King of all; mercifully grant that all the peoples of the nations, torn apart by the wound of sin, may be brought to submit to his most gentle rule. Who lives and reigns with you.

Compline from Sunday.

1 November

Feast of All Saints

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I VESPERS

Ant. to psalms O how glorious is that kingdom in which all the saints rejoice with Christ. Clothed in white robes they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

Psalm Praise, O servants etc. [1].

Little Chapter Rev. 7

Then I, John, saw another angel ascend from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and

he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God upon their foreheads."

Ry. Grant us, Lord, we implore you, forgiveness of sins; and through the intercession of the saints whose feast we celebrate today, grant us such devotion * that we may merit to share their company.

V. May, we, who are hampered by our own wickedness, be aided by their merits; may we, who stand accused by our actions, be excused by their intercession, and may he, who granted them the palm of heavenly triumph, not deny us forgiveness of sins. — That we may. — Glory. — That we may.

Hymn

O Jesus, this world's Saviour made,
To all the ransomed come with aid.
And God's own mother, kindest, best,
Salvation beg for man distressed.

May all the great angelic troops,
The Patriarchs in godly groups,
And merits of the Prophets, call,
Beseeching pardon for us all.

May Christ's forerunner, Baptist great,
And he who guards the heavenly gate,
With all the Lord's Apostles see
That we from bond of sin be free.

May Martyrs' holy choir so brave,
And Priests who loyal witness gave,

And chastity of Virgins, win
That we be cleansed from every sin.

May suffrages of Monks arise,
With all your subjects of the skies,
Approving what we sup-
plicants pray,
And beg the prize of life today.

To God the Father, God the Son
And God the Spirit, Three in One;
Praise, honour, power and glory be
From age to age, eternally.
Amen.

V. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!
Ry. O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart.

Magnif. ant. You are blessed, all you saints of God; you have merited to gain fellowship with the heavenly powers and to enjoy resplendent glory; wherefore we pray that, mindful of us, you would graciously intercede for us with the Lord our God.

Prayer

Almighty, everlasting God, you have permitted us to honour in one festival the merits of all

your saints; we beseech you to grant us, through our many advocates, that abundance of your mercy for which we long. Through.

Compline from Sunday.

MATINS

Invit. Come, let us adore the Lord, the King of kings, * for he, himself, is crown of all the saints.

Hymn as in I Vespers.

I Nocturn

Psalm 8

How great is your name, O Lord our God, * through all the earth!

Your majesty is praised * above the heavens;

On the lips of children and of babes you have found praise * to foil your enemy, to silence the foe and the rebel.

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, * the moon and the stars which you arranged,

What is man that you should keep him in mind, * mortal man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a god; * with glory and honour you crowned him,

Gave him power over the works of your hand, * put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and cattle, * yes, even the savage beasts,

Birds of the air, and fish * that make their way through the waters.

How great is your name, O Lord our God, * through all the earth!

Ant. 1 Be with us, God, one, almighty; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 18

The heavens proclaim the glory of God * and the firmament shows forth the work of his hands.

Day unto day takes up the story * and night unto night makes known the message.

No speech, no word, no voice is heard yet their span goes forth through all the earth, * their words to the utmost bounds of the world.

There he has placed a tent for the sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom coming from his tent,

Rejoices like a champion * to run its course.

At the end of the sky is the rising of the sun; to the furthest end of the sky is its course. * There is nothing concealed from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, * it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, * it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, * they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, * it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy, * abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth * and all of them just.

They are more to be desired than gold, * than the purest of gold

And sweeter are they than honey, * than honey from the comb.

So in them your servant finds instruction; * great reward is in their keeping.

But who can detect all his errors? * From hidden faults acquit me.

From presumption restrain your servant * and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless, * clean from grave sin.

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, * win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock!

Ant. 2 As a lily among brambles, so is my love among maidens.

Psalm 102

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, * all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord * and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt, * who heals every one of your ills,

Who redeems your life from the grave, * who crowns you with love and compassion,

Who fills your life with good things, * renewing your youth like an eagle's.

The Lord does deeds of justice, * gives judgment for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses * and his deeds to Israel's sons.

The Lord is compassion and love, * slow to anger and rich in mercy.

His wrath will come to an end; * he will not be angry for ever.

He does not treat us according to our sins * nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth * so strong is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west * so far does he remove our sins.

As a father has compassion on his sons, * the Lord has pity on those who fear him;

For he knows of what we are made, * he remembers that we are dust.

As for man, his days are like grass; * he flowers like the flower of the field;

The wind blows and he is gone * and his place never sees him again.

But the love of the Lord is everlasting * upon those who hold him in fear;

His justice reaches out to children's children when they keep his covenant in truth, * when they keep his will in their mind.

The Lord has set his sway in heaven * and his kingdom is ruling over all.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels, 7 mighty in power, fulfilling his word, * who heed the voice of his word.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his hosts, * his servants who do his will.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his works, in every place where he rules. * My soul, give thanks to the Lord!

Ant. 3 Let us praise the Lord whom the angels praise, to whom the cherubim and seraphim cry, "Holy! Holy! Holy!"

V. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!

R. O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart.

Blessing May the eternal Father bless us with an everlasting blessing. **R.** Amen.

From a sermon of Rabanus or Maximus Tarentinus

Lesson 1

We read in church history that the holy

Pope Boniface IV asked Phocas, the Caesar, to hand over to the church the Roman temple, known from antiquity as the Pantheon. Having removed all uncleanness, he here established a church of the holy Mother of God and of all the martyrs, so that, the multitude of demons having been banished, the whole populace might gather in this church, dedicated to all the saints, at the beginning of the first day of November. With the spread of Christianity, it was decreed that on that day, throughout the world, there should be a commemoration of all saints; this was in order to compensate for what might have been lacking, through human weakness, in the celebration of their individual feasts. Now, therefore, in this the beginning of All Saints, it is right that we should praise him who created all the saints.

R. i. To the Supreme Trinity, the indivisible God, be one divinity, equal glory, the same eternal majesty; the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, * who controls the whole universe by his laws. **V.** May the blessed Godhead of the Father and the Son, equally with the life-giving Spirit, bestow grace upon us. —

Who controls. — Glory. —
Who controls.

Blessing May the only-begotten Son of God graciously bless and help us.
Ry. Amen.

Lesson ii

We must not imagine that the blessed Mother of God, Mary ever virgin, the sanctuary of the Holy Ghost, has no part in our present celebration; she who was a virgin before the birth, in the birth, and after the birth of her Son. It was she who, forming the people of God, urged them to despise the luxuries of this passing world, to turn away from the enticements of this mortal life, and, along with the honourable title of virginity, to observe likewise bodily purity within the inner recesses of the heart. It was fitting that the queen of all virtues should be, to all, the fruit of eternal salvation; and, companion of the angels, should guide all by her example. Hence a vast multitude of both sexes, refraining from marriage, have followed in her footsteps.

Ry. ii. You are, indeed, happy, holy Virgin Mary, and most worthy of all praise, * for, from you has risen the Sun of Justice,

Christ, our God. **V.** Pray for the people, plead for the clergy, intercede for the consecrated women; let all who celebrate your festival experience your assistance. — For. — Glory. — Christ, our God.

Blessing May the grace of the Holy Spirit enlighten our minds and our hearts.
Ry. Amen.

Lesson iii

He, who is the beginning and the end of all creatures, for the praise, glory and honour of his name and majesty, set out the upper realms of the heavens with angelic spirits, ever in a wonderful order. We know from scripture that there are nine orders of angels to carry out God's decrees and commands. Among these are the Principalities and Authorities, who are most precisely and wonderfully distinguished from one another by the will of almighty God. From the very first beginning of life the higher heavens have been adorned by God the Creator with such varieties of blessed spirits. To all these companies of angels, so pleasing and dear to God, we believe, beloved brethren, that this day's feast is consecrated.

Ry. iii. All the angels praise you, Holy Lord on

high, saying, * "To you are due praise and honour, Lord." **V.** The cherubim and seraphim and all the heavenly ranks proclaim you holy, saying: — To you are due praise and honour, Lord. — Glory. — And honour, Lord.

II Nocturn

Psalm 91

It is good to give thanks to the Lord * to make music to your name, O Most High,

To proclaim your love in the morning * and your truth in the watches of the night,

On the ten-stringed lyre and the lute, * with the murmuring sound of the harp.

Your deeds, O Lord, have made me glad; * for the work of your hands, I shout with joy.

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

The foolish man cannot know this * and the fool cannot understand.

Though the wicked spring up like grass and all who do evil thrive: * they are doomed to be eternally destroyed.

But you, Lord, are eternally on high. * See how your enemies perish; all doers of evil are scattered.

To me you give the wild-

ox's strength; * you anoint me with the purest oil.

My eyes looked in triumph on my foes; * my ears heard gladly of their fall.

The just will flourish like the palm-tree * and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord * they will flourish in the courts of our God,

Still bearing fruit when they are old, * still full of sap, still green,

To proclaim that the Lord is just; * in him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Ant. 4 Among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist.

Psalm 33

I will bless the Lord at all times, * his praise always on my lips;

In the Lord my soul shall make its boast. * The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me. * Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me; * from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant; * let your faces not be abashed.

This poor man called; the Lord heard him * and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the Lord is

encamped around those who revere him, * to rescue them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good. * He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

Revere the Lord, you his saints. * They lack nothing, those who revere him.

Strong lions suffer want and go hungry * but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Come, children, and hear me * that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.

Who is he who longs for life * and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?

Then keep your tongue from evil * and your lips from speaking deceit.

Turn aside from evil and do good; * seek and strive after peace.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked * to destroy their remembrance from the earth.

The Lord turns his eyes to the just * and his ears to their appeal.

They call and the Lord hears * and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; * those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

Many are the trials of the just man * but from them all the Lord will rescue him.

He will keep guard over all his bones, * not one of

his bones shall be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked; * those who hate the good are doomed.

The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. * Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

Ant. 5 Be valiant in the combat and fight the ancient serpent; and you shall receive an everlasting kingdom, alleluia.

Psalm 45

God is for us a refuge and strength, * a helper close at hand, in time of distress:

So we shall not fear though the earth should rock, * though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea,

Even though its waters rage and foam, * even though the mountains be shaken by its waves.

The Lord of hosts is with us: * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city, * the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within, it cannot be shaken; * God will help it at the dawning of the day.

Nations are in tumult, kingdoms are shaken: * he lifts his voice, the earth shrinks away.

The Lord of hosts is

with us: * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come, consider the works of the Lord * the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth.

He puts an end to wars over all the earth; * the bow he breaks, the spear he snaps. He burns the shields with fire.

“Be still and know that I am God, * supreme among the nations, supreme on the earth!”

The Lord of hosts is with us: * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Ant. 6 These are the holy ones who, for the love of God, despised the threats of men. The holy martyrs rejoice with the angels in the kingdom of heaven. What a precious death is that of the saints! They stand always in the presence of the Lord, and are not parted from one another.

V. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God.

R. They shall exult and dance for joy.

Blessing May God the Father all-powerful be kind and gentle to us. **R.** Amen.

Lesson iv

This feast is not only dedicated to the angels, but to every saint created since the beginning of the

world. First amongst these were the Patriarchs, fathers of the Prophets and the Apostles. The Patriarchs were found to be worthy of God, outstanding in faith, wise in deed, healers of the world, renowned for justice, persevering in hope, obedient to commands, believing in the promises, men who were visited by angels. Next comes the choice of the Prophets, with whom God spoke and to whom he revealed his secrets. Of these, some were found to have been sanctified in the womb, others in their childhood, others in their youth, and others in their old age. They were full of faith, excelling in devotion, untiring in their work, and endowed with great intellect. Expert in the practice of wisdom, constant in holy meditation, undaunted by the fear of death; castigators of tyrants and bewailing the sins of the people, they shone forth by many signs. Next there is John the Baptist, whose conception was announced by the same angel, as was that of Christ; from the beginning he upheld the pre-eminence of baptism.

R. iv. Among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist, * who

prepared the way for the Lord in the desert. **V.**

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. — Who prepared.

Blessing May the mercy of Christ lead us to the joys of paradise. **Ry.** Amen.

Lesson v

Next are the twelve Apostles, whom divine providence chose from all the world to lay the foundation of the new faith and to build up the infant church, that their span might go forth through all the earth. Like branches they adhered to the true vine, that is, to Christ; their fruit, enduring for ever, does not fail. It was of these that the Lord said, "You are the light of the world," and also, "A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel." And again, "No longer do I call you servants but friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you."

Ry. v. Who are these that fly like a cloud, * and like doves to their windows?

V. Purer than snow, whiter than milk, their bodies more ruddy than coral. — And like doves.

Blessing May God inflame in our hearts the fire of his love. **Ry.** Amen.

Lesson vi

After that of the Apostles comes the triumphant name of Martyrs, who under various forms of torture imitated the passion of Christ. Some died by the sword, others were consumed by fire, others were scourged with lashes, others pierced by spikes; some were crucified, others drowned in the sea, others skinned alive, others bound with chains; some had their tongues torn out, others were crushed with stones, others afflicted with cold, others tortured by hunger. Others, with their hands chopped off or despoiled of other limbs, became a spectacle to angels and to men. Naked among the peoples, they bore insults for the name of the Lord.

Ry. vi. They washed their robes and made them spotless * in the blood of the Lamb. **V.** These are they who have come out of the great tribulation, and have washed their robes. — In the. — Glory. — In the.

III Nocturn

Psalm 32

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; * for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, * with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

O sing him a song that is new, * play loudly, with all your skill.

For the word of the Lord is faithful * and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right * and fills the earth with his love.

By his word the heavens were made, * by the breath of his mouth all the stars.

He collects the waves of the ocean; * he stores up the depths of the sea.

Let all the earth fear the Lord, * all who live in the world revere him.

He spoke; and it came to be. * He commanded; it sprang into being.

He frustrates the designs of the nations, * he defeats the plans of the peoples.

His own designs shall stand for ever, * the plans of his heart from age to age.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord, * the people he has chosen as his own.

From the heavens the Lord looks forth, * he sees all the children of men.

From the place where he dwells he gazes * on all the dwellers on the earth,

He who shapes the hearts of them all * and considers all their deeds.

A king is not saved by

his army, * nor a warrior preserved by his strength.

A vain hope for safety is the horse; * despite its power it cannot save.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, * on those who hope in his love,

To rescue their souls from death, * to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. * The Lord is our help and our shield.

In him do our hearts find joy. * We trust in his holy name.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, * as we place all our hope in you.

Ant. 7 Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast.

Psalm 44

My heart overflows with noble words. To the king I must speak the song I have made; * my tongue as nimble as the pen of a scribe.

You are the fairest of the children of men and graciousness is poured upon your lips; * because God has blessed you for evermore.

O mighty one, gird your sword upon your thigh; * in splendour and state, ride on in triumph for the cause

of truth and goodness and right.

Take aim with your bow* in your dread right hand.

Your arrows are sharp: peoples fall beneath you. * The foes of the king fall down and lose heart.

Your throne, O God, shall endure for ever. * A sceptre of justice is the sceptre of your kingdom.

Your love is for justice; your hatred for evil. * Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above other kings:

Your robes are fragrant with aloes and myrrh. * From the ivory palace you are greeted with music.

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. * On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: * forget your own people and your father's house.

So will the king desire your beauty: * He is your lord, pay homage to him.

And the people of Tyre shall come with gifts, * the richest of the people shall seek your favour.

The daughter of the king is clothed with splendour, * her robes embroidered with pearls set in gold.

She is led to the king with her maiden companions. * They are es-

corted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king.

Sons shall be yours in place of your fathers: * you will make them princes over all the earth.

May this song make your name for ever remembered. * May the peoples praise you from age to age

Ant. 8 The kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

Psalm 83

How lovely is your dwelling place, * Lord, God of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning, * is yearning for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my soul ring out their joy * to God, the living God.

The sparrow herself finds a home * and the swallow a nest for her brood;

She lays her young by your altars, * Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

They are happy, who dwell in your house, * for ever singing your praise.

They are happy, whose strength is in you, * in whose hearts are the roads to Sion.

As they go through the Bitter Valley they make it a place of springs, * the

autumn rain covers it with blessings.

They walk with ever growing strength, * they will see the God of gods in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer, * give ear, O God of Jacob.

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, * look on the face of your anointed.

One day within your courts * is better than a thousand elsewhere.

The threshold of the house of God * I prefer to the dwellings of the wicked.

For the Lord God is a rampart, a shield; * he will give us his favour and glory.

The Lord will not refuse any good * to those who walk without blame.

Lord, God of hosts, * happy the man who trusts in you!

Ant. 9 Praise our God, all you his saints, you who fear him, small and great. For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

V. But the righteous live for ever. **Ry.** And their reward is with the Lord.

Blessing May he who lives and reigns for ever bless us. **Ry.** Amen.

Lesson vii

We believe that today's feast is not unknown also to the Priests, whether Doctors or Confessors, men

who moistened the hearts of the faithful with heavenly showers, that they might be able to bring forth the never-failing fruit of good works. These, without fraud, managed to increase with interest the talents entrusted to them,

because they strove to plant the good, which they had learned, in the minds of their subordinates, convincing, rebuking, and exhorting. The minds of these men are most clear and their hands altogether spotless, for while celebrating the sacred mysteries, they never ceased to offer themselves to God as a living sacrifice, without stain of evil deed. And, though they never felt the sword of the persecutor, yet, on account of the merit of their lives, they are not deprived of martyrdom.

Ry. vii. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast. **V.** Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. — And be like men.

Blessing May the divine assistance remain always with us. **Ry.** Amen.

Lesson viii

The sacred Virgins, too, are not excluded from today's feast. These are

they who, renouncing the propagation of children, chose to devote themselves to their Bridegroom in heaven by every thought, deed, habit and gesture. These are they who, eager in prayer, given to fasting, loving sacred vigils, constant in almsgiving, helping the poor, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, rejoicing in tribulation, patient under calumny and insults, humble in pursuing perfection, gave thanks to God for the loss of temporal possessions.

Ry. viii. I heard a voice from heaven: "Come, all wise virgins, * store oil in your vessels for the coming of the bridegroom." **V.** At midnight there was a cry, "Behold, the bridegroom!" — Store oil.

Blessing May the King of Angels bring us to the company of the heavenly citizens. **Ry.** Amen.

Lesson ix

Therefore, brothers, with utmost earnestness of mind we beg the patronage of such great advocates that, through the temporal festivals which we celebrate, we may be able to come to the eternal festivals. All worldly celebrations will pass away. Let those of you who indulge in such festivities take care lest you

be excluded from the eternal festival. What benefit is it to be present at the celebrations of men, if one is absent from the celebrations of the angels?

Ry. ix. Grant us, Lord, we implore you, forgiveness of sins; and through the intercession of the saints whose feast we celebrate today, grant us such devotion * that we may merit to share their company. **V.** May we, who are hampered by our own wickedness, be aided by their merits; may we, who stand accused by our actions, be excused by their intercession, and may he, who granted them the palm of heavenly triumph, not deny us forgiveness of sins. — That we may. — Glory. — That we may.

Before Lauds V. All you saints of God, pray for us. **Ry.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LAUDS

Antiphons: also at the Hours

1. I saw a great multitude which no man could number, from every nation, standing before the throne.

Psalm The Lord is king, etc. p. 29

2. And all the angels stood round the throne, and they fell on their faces before it and worshipped God.

3. O Lord God, by your blood you ransomed men for God from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made them a kingdom to our God.

4. Bless the Lord, all you, his chosen ones; keep days of joy, and give glory to him.

5. He is the praise of all his saints, of the sons of Israel, of the people to whom he comes close: this honour is for all his faithful.

Little Chapter

Rev. 7

Then, I, John, saw another angel ascend from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God upon their foreheads."

Hymn

Appeased in all by each request,
From that most holy Virgin blest,

O Christ, Redeemer of us all
Preserve your servants lest they fall.

And you, all happy hosts on high,
You spirits blest, from heaven, come nigh;
All past and present ills dispel,
From future evils guard us well.

Eternal Judge's Prophets true,
And you, the Lord's Apostles, too;
We humbly beg that saved we be,
Through your strong prayers, eternally.

O God's famed Martyrs blest, we pray,
And Confessors in bright array;
In all your holy prayers unite
And bring us to the realms of light.

O choirs of sacred Virgins all,
And Monks, so holy, hear our call;
With all the saints on high, obtain
That we Christ's fellowship may gain.

Drive every hostile nation far
From lands wherein your faithful are;

That we to Christ due
hymns of praise
May gladly offer all our
days.

To God the Father, God
the Son
And God the Spirit, Three
in One ;
Praise, honour, power and
glory be
From age to age, eternally.
Amen.

V. God is to be feared.
R. In his holy place.

Bened. ant. The glorious
choir of Apostles, the
venerable company of
Prophets, the white-robed
army of Martyrs sing your
praise ; all the elect, with
one voice, bear witness to
you, O blessed Trinity, one
God.

Prayer

Almighty, everlasting
God, you have per-
mitted us to honour in one
festival the merits of all
your saints ; we beseech
you to grant us, through
our many advocates, that
abundance of your mercy
for which we long.
Through.

TERCE

Ant. And all the angels
stood round the throne, and
they fell on their faces
before it and worshipped
God.

Little Chapter as in II Vespers.

R. Rejoice, rejoice in
the Lord, exult, you just, *
alleluia, alleluia. – Rejoice.

V. O come, ring out your
joy, all you upright of
heart. – Alleluia. – Glory. –
Rejoice.

V. The just shall rejoice
at the presence of God. **R.**
They shall exult and dance
for joy.

Prayer

Almighty, everlasting
God, you have per-
mitted us to honour in one
festival the merits of all
your saints ; we beseech
you to grant us, through
our many advocates, that
abundance of your mercy
for which we long.
Through.

SEXT

Ant. O Lord God, by
your blood you ransomed
men for God from every
tribe and tongue and
nation, and have made
them a kingdom to our
God.

Little Chapter Rev. 7

I heard the number of the
sealed, a hundred and
forty-four thousand sealed,
out of every tribe of the
sons of Israel.

R. The just shall rejoice
at the presence of God, *
alleluia, alleluia. – The just.

V. They shall exult and
dance for joy. – Alleluia. –
Glory. – The just.

V. But the righteous
live for ever. **R.** And their
reward is with the Lord.

NONE

Ant. He is the praise of
all his saints, of the sons of
Israel, of the people to
whom he comes close: this
honour is for all his faith-
ful.

Little Chapter Rev. 7

I saw a great multitude
which no man could
number, from every nation,
from all tribes and peoples
and tongues, standing be-
fore the throne.

R. But the righteous
live for ever, * alleluia
alleluia. – But the righteous.

V. And their reward is
with the Lord. – Alleluia.
Glory. – But the righteous.

V. God is to be feared.
R. In his holy place.

II VESPERS

Ant. at psalms I saw a
great multitude which no
man could number, from
every nation, standing be-
fore the throne.

**Psalms from the Com-
mon of Many Martyrs**
[89].

Little Chapter Rev. 7

Then I, John, saw an-
other angel ascend from

the rising of the sun, with
the seal of the living God,
and he called with a loud
voice to the four angels who
had been given power to
harm earth and sea, saying:
“ Do not harm the earth
or the sea or the trees, till
we have sealed the servants
of our God upon their fore-
heads.”

Hymn

O Jesus, this world's
Saviour made,
To all the ransomed come
with aid.
And God's own mother,
kindest, best,
Salvation beg for man
distressed.

May all the great angelic
troops,
The Patriarchs in godly
groups,
And merits of the Prophets,
call,
Beseeching pardon for us
all.

May Christ's forerunner,
Baptist great,
And he who guards the
heavenly gate,
With all the Lord's Apostles
see
That we from bond of sin
be free.

May Martyrs' holy choir
so brave,
And Priests who loyal
witness gave,

And chastity of Virgins,
win
That we be cleansed from
every sin

May suffrages of Monks
arise,
With all your subjects of
the skies,
Approving what we suppli-
ants pray,
And beg the prize of life
today.

To God the Father, God
the Son
And God the Spirit, Three
in One ;
Praise, honour, power and
glory be
From age to age, eternally.
Amen.

V. Rejoice, rejoice in
the Lord, exult, you just !
Ry. O come, ring out your
joy, all you upright of
heart.

Magnif. ant. Saviour of
the world, save us all ; holy
Mother of God, Mary ever
Virgin, pray for us ; we
also humbly implore the
prayers of the blessed
Apostles, Martyrs, Con-
fessors and holy Virgins,
that we may be saved from
every evil and merit to
enjoy every good, now and
for ever.

Compline from Sunday.

2 November

or, if it falls on a Sunday, 3 November

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

I class

The Commemoration of
all the Faithful Departed
excludes both occurring
and transferred feasts, no
matter of what rank.

MATINS

When the brethren, while
facing the altar, have signed
themselves with the sign of
the cross (which is also to
be done at the other Hours)
omitting all else, the first

Nocturn is straightway
begun.

In the three Nocturns, all
is as in the common of the
Office of the Dead [202]
except what is given here
as proper.

I Nocturn

The following nine les-
sons are read without bless-
ing or title.

The Enchir. of St. Augus-
tine, ch. 109 and the
following ; and his book
on Care for the Dead,
ch. 2 and 3.

saviour. **V.** Whom I shall
see on my side, and my
eyes shall behold, and not
another. — My saviour.

Lesson ii

Lesson i
The time that lies between
man's death and his
final resurrection is spent
by each soul, in its hidden
dwelling, either in peace or
in suffering, according as
each one merited by his
conduct when living in the
body. However, it is not to
be denied that the souls of
the dead can be assisted by
the devotedness of their
living friends, when the
Mediator's sacrifice is
offered for them or when
alms are given in the
church. But these things
benefit only those who,
when they lived, merited
that they should afterwards
benefit from them. There
is a way of life that is
neither so good as to have
no need of these after
death, nor so bad that they
are no help after death.
One person is so good that
he has no need of these
things, and, again, another
is so bad that even these
cannot help him after he
has passed from this life.

Ry. i. I believe that my
Redeemer lives, and at last
he will stand upon the
earth ; then from my flesh I
shall see God * my

Wherefore, it is here
that everything due
is amassed by which one
can be comforted or
troubled in the next life.
Let no one hope that
after death he can merit
from God that which he
neglected here. These
things, therefore, which the
church uses in praying for
the dead, do not conflict
with that statement of the
Apostle which says, " We
shall all stand before the
judgment seat of Christ, so
that each one may receive
good or evil, according to
what he has done in the
body." Because while he
lived in the body each one
merited this, that these
rites should benefit him.
They do not benefit every-
body. And why do they not
benefit everybody, if not
because of the different life
that each one lived in the
body ?

Ry. ii. You it was who
raised up Lazarus from the
decay of the tomb. * Give
them rest, Lord, and a
place of enjoyment. **V.**
You it is who will come to
judge the living and the
dead, and the world by
fire. — Give them rest.

Lesson iii

Now while sacrifices, whether of the altar or of any almsgiving, are offered for all the baptized who are dead, those for the very good are acts of thanksgiving; those for the not very bad are atonements; those for the very bad, while they are of no help to the dead, are some consolation to the living. For those whom they benefit, they can so far benefit that the remission is complete, or at least that the suffering is more bearable. Now, we must more carefully enquire whether the location of the body is any help to the soul of the dead. Certainly the bodies of the dead must not be disregarded or thrown aside, especially those of the righteous and of believers, for these were used by the Holy Spirit as instruments and vessels for every good work.

Ry. iii. Lord, where shall I hide from your angry countenance when you come to judge the earth, * because I have sinned greatly in my life? **V.** I am terrified at the thought of my sins and I blush before you. When you come to judge do not condemn me. — Because I have sinned.

II Nocturn

St. Aug. to Paulin. on the Care for the Dead, ch. 3 and the following.

Lesson iv

If a father's clothing, or ring, or anything of that kind, is more precious to his children the more they loved their parents, their bodies, so much more intimate and one with them than clothing, must not be disregarded. These are not like some external ornament or help, but pertain to the very nature of man. So it was that, of old, the burial of just men was performed with due reverence, their obsequies were performed and tombs provided. While living, they themselves instructed their children regarding the burial, and even later transfer, of their bodies. Tobiah, as the angel testified, was commended as having deserved well of God for burying the dead.

Ry. iv. Woe is me, Lord, for I have sinned greatly in my life. In my misery, what shall I do? Where shall I flee, if not to you, my God? Have mercy on me when you come * on the last day. **V.** My soul is filled with anguish, but come, Lord, with help. — On the last day.

Lesson v

The Lord himself, who was to rise again on the third day, praises the good deed of a devoted woman, and recommends that it should be preached that she poured precious ointment over his feet, and that she did this for his burial. In the Gospel, also, those are laudably commemorated who ensured that his body, when it was taken down from the cross, should be honourably shrouded and buried. These citations, of course, do not imply that there is any life in a corpse, but they indicate that even the bodies of the dead belong to God's providence, who is pleased even by such acts of devotedness, and so they increase faith in the resurrection.

Ry. v. Do not recall my sins, Lord, * when you come to judge the world by fire. **V.** Lord my God, make clear your way before me. — When you come.

Lesson vi Chapter 4

Now if this be so, certainly the provision of a burial place near the tombs of the saints indicates a proper human attitude towards the burial of their relatives. Because if it is a matter of piety that they should be buried,

piety cannot be lacking when care is taken as to the place where they are buried. But while the living seek such consolation to show their love for their departed ones, yet I do not see how it helps the dead, except that when they recall where the bodies of those whom they love have been laid, they may commend them to those same saints, as to patrons, that these, by praying to God, may help those who have been taken.

Ry. vi. Lord, do not judge me by what I have done: I have achieved no merit in your sight. * Wherefore I appeal to your majesty, that you, God, will wipe away my wickedness. **V.** O wash me more and more, Lord, from my guilt, and cleanse me from my sin: for against you, you alone, have I sinned. — Wherefore I appeal.

III Nocturn

Lesson vii

Indeed they can do this even if they cannot bury them in such places. The tombs of the dead, with their inscriptions, are called memorials, or monuments, precisely because they recall them to memory, and, by reminding, make one think of those whom death has removed from the sight of the living, lest

by forgetfulness they be removed from the heart also. This is obvious from the very name “memorial”; and a monument is so called because it instructs the mind, that is, it reminds.

Ry. vii. As I sin daily and am not repentant, the fear of death troubles me. * Since in hell there is no redemption, have mercy on me, God, and save me. **V.** O God, save me by your name, by your power set me free. — Since in hell.

Lesson viii Chaps. 4 and 5

Therefore, when the mind recalls where the body of the loved one has been buried, and it happens that the place is sacred to the name of a martyr, then the affection of the one who remembers and prays, commends the soul of the loved one to that same martyr. When such affection is shown towards the dead by the beloved faithful, there is no doubt but that it benefits those who, when they lived in the body, merited that such things should benefit them in the next life. When therefore a faithful mother desired that the body of her faithful son be buried in the basilica of a martyr—she certainly believed his soul would be helped by the merits of the martyr—her belief was a

sort of prayer, and if anything was of benefit, it was this.

Ry. viii. Remember, God, that my life is a breath. * The eye of him who sees me will behold me no more. **V.** My eye will never again see good. — The eye of him.

Lesson ix Chapter 18

This being so, we should not imagine that anything we do affects the dead, whom we care for, except what we solemnly implore for them by sacrifices, whether that of the altar, that of prayers, or that of alms. Indeed these do not benefit all for whom they are offered, but only those who, while still alive, make provision that they should benefit. As, however, we do not know who these are, we should do these things for all the faithful departed, so that no one may be overlooked who could and should benefit from them. For it is better that there should be too much for those whom they neither hinder nor help, than that they should be lacking for those whom they might benefit.

Ry. ix. Deliver me, Lord, from eternal death on that dread day, * when the heavens and the earth shall be shaken, as you come to

judge the world by fire.

V. i. That day is a day of wrath, a day of ruin and devastation, the great day, and a very bitter one. — When the heavens and the earth shall be shaken.

V. ii. I am seized with trembling and I fear, as the judgment draws near and the wrath to come. — As you come to judge the world by fire.

V. iii. I am most miserable, what shall I say, or what shall I do, when I have nothing good that I may say in front of such a Judge? — When the heavens and the earth shall be shaken.

V. iv. Therefore, Christ, we ask you, we beg you, to have mercy; you came to redeem the lost, do not condemn the redeemed. — As you come to judge the world by fire.

V. v. O God, creator of all things, you formed me from the dust of the earth, and wondrously redeemed me with your own blood. Although my body may now decay, you will raise it up again from the tomb on the day of judgment. Hear me; hear me and decree that my soul be gathered into the bosom of your patriarch Abraham.

Ry. Deliver me, Lord, from eternal death on that dread day, when the heavens and the earth shall

be shaken, as you come to judge the world by fire.

If Matins is separated from Lauds, when the responsory has been finished the Our Father is immediately added in secret. Then:

And lead us not into temptation. **Ry.** But deliver us from evil.

V. From the gate of hell. **Ry.** Lord deliver their souls. The Lord be with you. **Ry.** And also with you.

Prayer O God, creator, etc., as below.

LAUDS

Everything is taken from the common Office of the Dead [212].

Prayer O God, creator.

TERCE, SEXT, AND NONE

When the brethren, while facing the altar, have signed themselves, omitting all else, the psalms are begun at once.

Psalms from Sunday.

Neither Glory be to the Father, **nor** the versicle Eternal rest is said at the conclusion of each psalm. At the end of the third psalm only, is the antiphon said.

Ant. Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord; and let

perpetual light shine upon them.

Then V. From the gate of hell. **Ry.** Lord, deliver their souls.

Prayer

O God, creator and redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of your servants and handmaids remission of all their sins; that through loving supplications, they may obtain the favour they have always desired. For you live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

VESPERS

When the brethren, while facing the altar, have signed themselves, omitting all else, Vespers are said as in the Common Office of the Dead [217] with but one prayer, O God, creator, as above.

COMPLINE

Compline is said in the normal way with the Glory be to the Father at the end of each psalm. Psalms from Sunday.

4 November

St. Charles Borromeo

**Bishop and Confessor
III class**

MATINS

Lesson iii

Charles, who was born at Milan of the noble Borromeo family, was, when only twenty-three years old, made a member of the sacred college of cardinals by his uncle, Pius IV. The same Pope soon appointed him Archbishop of Milan. In this office he worked hard to bring the diocese entrusted to him into conformity with the decrees of the Sacred Council of Trent, recently completed largely by his efforts. When Milan was suffering from the plague, he sold his household furniture to help the needy, and untiringly visited those afflicted by the disease. He wonderfully consoled them, administering the sacraments of the church with his own hands. He was a strenuous upholder of the freedom of the church and wrote much that was most instructive, especially for bishops. Through his efforts a catechism for Parish Priests was also produced. He died at Milan on November 3, in the forty-seventh year of

his age. Outstanding for miracles, he was canonized by Paul V.

Ry. iii. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast.

V. Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. — And be. — Glory. — To come home.

LAUDS

Prayer

Lord, guard your church by the unfailing protection of the holy Charles your confessor and bishop, that through the intercession of him who became glorious by reason of his watchful care over his flock, we may ever be fervent in your love. Through.

Memory of SS. Vitalis and Agricola, Martyrs.

Ant. These are the holy ones who, for the love of God, despised the threats of men. The holy martyrs rejoice with the angels in the kingdom of heaven. What a precious death is that of the saints! They stand always in the presence of the Lord, and are not parted from one another.

V. God is to be feared.
Ry. In his holy place.

Prayer

Grant, we ask you, almighty God, that we who keep the feast of your blessed martyrs, Vitalis and Agricola, may be helped by their intercession with you. Through.

5 November

St. Martin de Porres

**Confessor, O. P.
III class**

MATINS

Invit. Let us adore the confessors' King; * by him the poor in spirit are enriched with the kingdom of heaven.

Hymn

Land of the New World, recently discovered, Bore you, an offspring, to the Lord most pleasing, Which, with sweet fragrance to the skies ascending, Would bear good harvest.

By birth a townsman of the saintly Rosa,
Like her resplendent,
crowned by deeds unsullied,
Like her in goodness, sharing her great honour
First fruits of Lima.

To the Redeemer wholly
dedicated,
Moved by his love to venerate
his mother ;
You became worthy to be
made a dwelling
Fit for the Spirit.

Glory and beacon of the
Preachers' Order,
Nations acclaim you with
a praise well-founded ;
Be to all peoples Patron,
kind, attentive,
Light and example.

Praise everlasting to the
triune Godhead
Who now exalts you with
renown immortal ;
May he, then, grant us, to
your prayers acceding,
Joys of the blessed.
Amen.

Nocturn

Ant. 1 Happy indeed
was Martin who pondered
the law of the Lord day and
night.

**Psalms from the Com-
mon of a Confessor** [100].

Ant. 2 Happy is this
saint who did not rely on
himself but trusted in God.

Ant. 3 You, Lord, are a
shield about me, my glory,
who lift up my head.

Ant. 4 You have granted
favours to your holy one,
Lord, and have heard him
whenever he called you.

Ant. 5 Through the
greatness of your love he

had access to your house,
and you led him, Lord, in
your justice.

Ant. With glory and
honour you crowned him,
Lord; you gave him power
over the works of your
hand.

Ant. 7 He walked with-
out fault and acted with
justice ; now, Lord, he
dwells on your holy moun-
tain.

Ant. 8 You came to meet
your holy one with the
blessings of success, Lord,
and how your strength has
made him glad !

Ant. 9 Martin, with
clean hands and pure heart,
merited to see God.

V. The just will flourish
like the palm tree in the
house of the Lord. **R.** He
shall grow like a Lebanon
cedar.

From the book of
Ecclesiasticus

Lesson i Chapters 3 and 4

My son, perform your
task in meekness ;
then you will be loved by
those whom God accepts.
The greater you are, the
more you must humble
yourself ; so you will find
favour in the sight of the
Lord. For great is the
might of the Lord ; he is
glorified by the humble.
Seek not what is too diffi-
cult for you, nor investigate
what is beyond your power.

Reflect upon what has been
assigned to you, for you do
not need what is hidden.
Do not meddle in what is
beyond your tasks, for
matters too great for human
understanding have been
shown you. For their hasty
judgment has led many
astray, and wrong opinion
has caused their thoughts
to slip.

R. i. God chose what is
foolish in the world to
shame the wise, and what is
weak in the world to shame
the strong, * so that no
human being might boast
in the presence of God.
V. For many that are first
will be last, and the last
first. — So that.

Lesson ii

Water extinguishes a
blazing fire: so alms-
giving atones for sin. Who-
ever requites favours gives
thought to the future ; at
the moment of his falling
he will find support. My
son, deprive not the poor
of his living, and do not
keep needy eyes waiting.
Do not grieve the one who
is hungry, nor anger a man
in want. Do not add to the
troubles of an angry mind,
nor delay your gift to a
beggar. Do not reject an
afflicted suppliant, nor turn
your face away from the
poor. Do not avert your
eye from the needy, nor

give a man occasion to
curse you ; for if in bitter-
ness of soul he calls down a
curse upon you, his Creator
will hear his prayer. Make
yourself beloved in the
congregation ; bow your
head low to a great man.
Incline your ear to the poor,
and answer him peaceably
and gently. Deliver him
who is wronged from the
hand of the wrongdoer ;
and do not be fainthearted
in judging a case. Be like
a father to orphans, and
instead of a husband to
their mother ; you will
then be like a son of the
Most High, and he will
love you more than does
your mother.

R. ii. He opened wide
his hand to his brother, to
the needy and to the poor,
in the land where he
dwelt. * His head will be
raised in glory. **V.** Open-
handed he gives to the
poor ; his justice stands
firm for ever. — His head.

Lesson iii

Martin, son of a Spanish
nobleman and a
coloured freed-woman of
African stock, was born
at Lima. Soon after birth
he was baptized and re-
ceived the adoption of the
sons of God. But it was
only afterwards that his
surname de Porres was
acknowledged by his father,

later Viceroy of Panama. Strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation, he thereafter sought first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and chose to be lowliest of all. So, at the age of fifteen, he was clothed with the habit of the Third Order in the convent of the Preachers. It was only out of obedience that he took solemn vows, and in joy and simplicity became a lay brother. Martin went regularly to the sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist. Daily he recited the entire Rosary in honour of God's Mother, and daily he chastised his body. Always meek and cheerful, it was especially as a barber and surgeon that he showed his sincere faith in deeds. Thus he was seen to be fervent in charity, and constant in peacefulness to his brethren and to strangers, to rich or poor, to native or negro, impartial to all. Poor and virginal, he went to heaven in the year 1639, aged sixty. John XXIII raised him to the honours of the saints.

Ry. iii. Blessed be the God and Father of all who has called us into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; * the same Lord is Lord of all. **V.** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free. —

The same. — Glory. — The same.

Before Lauds V. Blessed Martin, pray for us. **Ry.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LAUDS

Antiphons

1. You have robed yourself with greatness and beauty, Lord; you have been glorified in your gentle servants.

Psalm The Lord is king, etc. p. 29.

2. Give thanks to the Lord who, by heavenly gifts, has shown his mercy to the humble Martin.

3. My soul clings to you, Lord, that your Spirit may dwell in me.

4. You who are holy and humble in heart, bless the Lord who gave Martin wonderful power even over the animals.

5. All peoples, tribes and tongues, praise the Lord of all.

Little Chapter Gal. 3

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.

Hymn

With joy harmonious,
faithful voice loves
to cite
How the Lord, wondrously,
from a great sea of light,
Fills you, the humble one,
now in the realms above,
Martin, of men the most
friendly.

You despised vanities,
praises and pleasures
vast,
Such as this world can give,
honours that do not last;
And sought the lowly
things which God him-
self, most high,
Loves with a love that is
perfect.

Truly to reproduce Christ's
sacred likeness then,
With mind on godly things
you moved midst lowly
men;
And led by wisdom
high, strove hard to
make yourself
Everyone's servant most
faithful.

O Martin, from on high,
gently admonish men
That from their evil ways
they should now turn
again;
Such fruits of arrogance
and of ambition's greed
Cause them a harm that is
deadly.

To the great Trinity glory
eternal be.

And sinless, modest, poor,
Martin for us make plea;
That the eternal realms
may be unlocked to us,
Treading the pathways
that you trod.
Amen.

V. The just man will
blossom as the lily. **Ry.**
And he will flourish before
the Lord for ever.

Bened. ant. Blessed be
the Lord, the God of
Israel, for he has redeemed
all peoples, and has called
them all from darkness into
his marvellous light.

Prayer

O God, you led the
blessed Martin, your
confessor, to heavenly glory
along the way of humility;
grant, we beseech you, that
being made humble by his
example, we may deserve
to be exalted with him in
heaven. Through.

At the Hours psalms and
antiphon from the weekday.

TERCE

Little Chapter as in
Vespers.

Ry. The Lord loved
him * and adorned him. —
The Lord. **V.** He clothed
him with a robe of glory. —
And. — Glory. — The Lord.

V. The Lord guided the righteous man on straight paths. **R.** He showed him the kingdom of God.

SEXT

Little Chapter Gal. 3

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

R. The Lord guided the righteous man* on straight paths. — The Lord. **V.** He showed him the kingdom of God. — On straight paths. — Glory. — The Lord.

V. The just will flourish like the palm tree in the house of the Lord. **R.** He shall grow like a Lebanon cedar.

NONE

Little Chapter Gal. 5

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is of any avail, but faith working through love.

R. The just will flourish like the palm tree* in the house of the Lord. — The just. **V.** He shall grow like a Lebanon cedar. — In the house. — Glory. — The just.

V. The just man will blossom as the lily. **R.** And he will flourish before the Lord for ever.

VESPERS

Ant. to psalms You have robbed yourself with greatness and beauty, Lord; you have been glorified in your gentle servants.

Psalms from the Common of a Confessor [111].

Little Chapter Gal.

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Hymn

O Martin, in the halls of light

You shine, a jewel, sparkling bright;

Come now to help us from above

And bring us tokens of your love.

A pattern of God's love divine,

You have been made midst men to shine;

May every nation in you see The image of Christ's charity.

By God's life-giving Spirit led,

You cured the sick, the needy fed:

Your kind heart warmed the orphans small;

They called you Father of them all.

With flame of charity inspired

Obtain that we be strongly fired;

By which more freely God above
And neighbour, too, we hold in love.

May charity, which knows no bound,
In everyone be always found;

And Christ's same peace on all men shine,
Redeemed by his same blood divine.

All praise to Father and to Son

And Holy Spirit, Three in One;

May they, at your request, bestow

On us their favours here below.

Amen.

V. Blessed Martin, pray for us. **R.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Magnif. ant. The Lord looked on my nothingness, and the Almighty worked marvels in me.

Compline from weekday.

6 November
BB. Jerome, Valentine, Francis, Hyacinth and Companions
Martyrs O. P.

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

The commemoration today is of those martyrs from the Philippine Prov-

ince of the Order of Preachers who were beatified in 1909 and who triumphed in Indo-China during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. First of all there are Francis Gil de Federich and Matthew Alonso Lenziniana, who died in 1745; then, some twenty-eight years later, Hyacinth Castaneda, Vicar Apostolic, and Vincent Liem a Pace, first native Dominican martyr. From their blood came a splendid flowering of martyrs in the following century. Among these, in 1861, were the bishops Jerome Hermosilla and Valentine Berrio-Ochoa from the Order of Preachers; together with Peter Almedo and a native catechist Joseph Kang, "they washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb."

R. iii. They washed their robes and made them spotless* in the blood of the Lamb. **V.** These are they who have come out of the great tribulation, and have washed their robes. — In the. — Glory. — In the.

LAUDS

Prayer

O God, you were pleased to make your church fruitful through the blood of the blessed martyrs, Jerome, Valentine, Francis, Hyacinth and their companions; mercifully grant

that we who joyfully recall their triumph, may be helped by their prayers and merits. Through.

8 November
**The Four Crowned
 Saints**
 Martyrs
 Commemoration
LAUDS

Ant. There are the holy ones, who, for the love of God, despised the threats of men. The holy martyrs rejoice with the angels in the kingdom of heaven. What a precious death is that of the saints! They stand always in the presence of the Lord, and are not parted from one another.

V. God is to be feared.
R. In his holy place.

Prayer
Grant, we beseech you, almighty God, that we, who know how strong your glorious martyrs have been in showing forth their faith, may experience how devoted they are in prayer to you, on our behalf. Through.

9 November
**Dedication of the
 Basilica of the Most
 Holy Saviour**

II class
 Everything as on the anniversary of the Dedication of a church [3] except

what follows.

I Nocturn

From the blessed apostle John's book of the Revelation

Lesson i Chapter 21

And in the Spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed.

R. i. At the dedication of the temple the people sang praise: * and sweetly did their voices resound.

V. They offered sacrifice upon the altar of the Lord, and prostrate, face downwards, they worshipped him. — And sweetly.

Lesson ii

The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, clear as glass. The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every jewel; the first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the

ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoloprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst.

R. ii. The house of the Lord is established as the highest of the mountains, and is raised above the hills: and all nations shall flow to it * and they shall say, "Glory to you, O Lord." **V.** They come back, they come back full of song, carrying their sheaves. — And they shall say.

Lesson iii

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass. And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

R. iii. Jacob rose early in the morning and set up the stone for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it: he made a vow to the Lord: * "Surely this place is holy, and I did not know it." **V.** Jacob saw a ladder, whose top reached to heaven, with angels descending; and he said. — Surely. — Glory. — And I did not.

II Nocturn

Lesson iv

The rites which the Roman church uses in consecrating churches and altars were first drawn up by the blessed Pope Sylvester. From the time of the apostles, places had been dedicated to God where the christians were accustomed to come together every Sabbath to pray, to hear the word of God, and to receive the Eucharist. These places were called oratories by some, by others, churches. They were not yet, however, consecrated with solemn ritual, nor was an altar erected on them which, anointed with chrism, would symbolize our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our altar, our sacrifice and our priest.

R. iv. Bless, O Lord, this house which I have built for your name. To all who come to this place * grant their prayers from the throne of your glory on high. **V.** O Lord, if your people repent and pray toward your sanctuary. — Grant.

Lesson v

When, however, the Emperor Constantine had received health and salvation through the sacrament

of Baptism, he made a law permitting Christians throughout the world, for the first time, to build churches. He encouraged them in such sacred building, not only by edict, but also by example. For he dedicated a church to the Saviour in his Lateran palace and beside it, on that very spot where he himself had been cleansed in Baptism, by Pope Sylvester, from the leprosy of unbelief, he erected a basilica in honour of John the Baptist. This was consecrated by Pope Sylvester on November 9. Today we celebrate the memory of that day when a church was first publicly consecrated at Rome, and the image of the Saviour, painted on one wall, first displayed to the Roman people.

Ry. v. O how awesome is this place! Truly * this is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. **V.** Jacob rose early in the morning and made a vow to the Lord, and said. — This is none other.

Lesson vi

While the blessed Sylvester later decreed, on the occasion of the consecration of the altar of the Prince of the Apostles, that

in future all altars should be of stone, nevertheless, the altar of the Lateran Basilica was made of wood. This is not surprising, for, because of the persecutions, the popes, from St. Peter to Sylvester, were unable to remain in any definite place. They celebrated the sacred mysteries wherever necessity demanded, in crypts, in cemeteries, or in the homes of the faithful, on that wooden altar which was hollow like a box. When peace returned to the church, Sylvester had this altar set up in the first church of the Lateran, in honour of the Prince of the Apostles who was said to have sacrificed upon it, and also in honour of the other popes who up to that time had used it for celebrating the sacred mysteries. He decreed that henceforth no one, except the Roman Pontiff, should celebrate mass upon it. In course of time this church was successively wrecked and destroyed by fires, devastations and earthquakes, but was repaired through the unremitting care of the popes. After a complete restoration, it was consecrated with a solemn ritual on April 28, 1726, by Pope Benedict XIII of the Order of Preachers. He decreed that the commemoration of this solemnity should be

observed on this day. Pius IX planned to continue the work of restoration, but it was Leo XIII who undertook the immense task of widening and lengthening the sanctuary, which was deteriorating with age. He had the ancient mosaics, which had continually been touched-up, restored to their original state and transferred to the new apse, which he had magnificently decorated. In the year 1884, he ordered that the transept be embellished, and the ceiling and woodwork renewed. In addition, he had a sacristy and house built for the Canons, and also a porch extending to the Baptistery of Constantine.

Ry. vi. Forgive, O Lord, the sins of your people, who pray to you in this place: and show them the right way in which they should walk * and give glory to your name. **V.** Lord, listen to my prayer: and let my cry for help reach you. — And give glory. — Glory. — And give glory.

LAUDS

Commemoration of St. Theodore, Martyr

Ant. Let him who would come after me deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

V. A gold crown upon

his head. **Ry.** Inscribed like a signet with "Holiness."

Prayer

O God, you surround and shield us by the glorious witness of your holy martyr Theodore; grant that by modelling ourselves on him we may grow holier and be sustained by his prayer. Through.

11 November

St. Martin

Bishop and Confessor

III class

MATINS

Invit. Let us praise Christ the King. * He crowned the holy Martin with eternal glory.

Hymn from the Common of a Confessor [99].

I Nocturn

Ant. 1 The holy Martin knew of his own death long beforehand: he gathered his disciples together and foretold to them that his death was at hand.

Ant. 2 When, suddenly, he began to lose his bodily powers, there was mourning and lamentation, all bewailing and begging him, "Pastor, do not abandon your flock."

Ant. 3 We know, Father, that you desire Christ, but your reward is safe; rather, pity us, Father, whom you are leaving.

Ant. 4 Lord, I have battled long enough, but as long as it is your will, I shall fight on: yet it is well for me if you have pity on my years; you, yourself, guard those for whom I fear.

Ant. 5 He forced his fevered and failing limbs to serve the spirit; lying on his renowned bed of sack-cloth, no longer caring to see the earth, he longed wholly for heaven.

Ant. 6 "Allow me," he said, "to see heaven, that my spirit may be guided to the Lord. The enemy will find no evil in me, but Abraham's bosom will welcome me."

Ant. 7 The saint expired at midnight of the Lord's day. The citizens of heaven straightway met him. Many people heard voices on high. He, who was purer than crystal, whiter than milk, was, in body also, shown to be a jewel of the priesthood.

Ant. 8 Those present saw the glory of this glorified man. For his flesh, which he had always covered with ashes, after death shone with such

splendour, that to some extent it displayed the majesty of the resurrection.

Ant. 9 A multitude of monks and virgins was present. These, in particular, wept for him with a special pride, though they felt that they should rather be rejoicing, if only the impulse of sorrow would permit of moderation.

V. The just will flourish like the palm tree in the house of the Lord. **Ry.** He shall grow like a Lebanon cedar.

From the book of Job

Lesson i Chapter 31

From his youth I reared him as a father, and from his mother's womb I guided him; if I have seen any one perish for lack of clothing, or a poor man without covering; if his loins have not blessed me, and if he was not warmed with the fleece of my sheep; if I have raised my hand against the fatherless, because I saw help in the gate; then let my shoulder blade fall from my shoulder and let my arm be broken from its socket.

Ry. i. This is Martin, God's chosen priest, to whom, after the apostles, the Lord was pleased to give such great grace * that, in the power of the divine Trinity he became

worthy gloriously to raise three men to life. **V.** Martin acknowledged the belief in the Holy Trinity. — That in the power.

Lesson ii

For I was in terror of calamity from God, and I could not have faced his majesty. If I have made gold my trust, or called fine gold my confidence; if I have rejoiced because my wealth was great, or because my hand had got much; if I have looked at the sun when it shone, or the moon moving in splendour, and my heart has been secretly enticed, and my mouth has kissed my hand; this also would be an iniquity to be punished by the judges, for I should have been false to God above. If I have rejoiced at the ruin of him that hated me, or exulted when evil overtook him (I have not let my mouth sin by asking for his life with a curse); if the men of my tent have not said: "Who is there that has not been filled with his meat?" (the sojourner has not lodged in the street; I have opened my doors to the wayfarer).

Ry. ii. The blessed Martin knew of his own death long beforehand, and he told his brethren * that his

death was at hand, for he showed that he had already begun to disintegrate. **V.** Suddenly, he began to lose his bodily powers and calling his brethren together he told them. — That his death.

Lesson iii

Martin was born at Sabaria in Pannonia. When ten years old, against his parents' wishes, he fled to a church and asked to be enrolled as a catechumen. He became a soldier, while still a youth of fifteen, serving first in the army of Constantius and then in that of Julian. When at the age of eighteen, he had given part of his cloak to a poor man at Amiens, he was afterwards refreshed by a wonderful vision of Jesus Christ, and eagerly received baptism. Then, abandoning the military life, he was made an acolyte by Hilary, bishop of Poitiers. Later, when he became bishop of Tours, he built a monastery where for some time he lived a most holy life with eighty monks. Laid low by a severe fever at Candes, a village in his diocese, having pity on his disciples, he prayed to God, "Lord, if I am still necessary for your people, I do not refuse the work." Soon afterwards, at the point of death, seeing

the enemy of human kind, he said, "Why are you standing there, you cruel beast? You will find no deadly evil in me." With these words, at the age of eighty-one, and famous for many miracles, he gave back his soul to God.

Ry. iii. The happy Martin is received into Abraham's bosom. Martin here was poor and lowly, * he enters heaven a rich man; he is honoured with celestial hymns. **V.** The bishop, Martin, departed from this life; he lives in Christ, a jewel of the priesthood. — He enters heaven. — Glory. — He is honoured with celestial hymns.

Before Lauds V. Blessed Martin, pray for us. **Ry.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LAUDS

Antiphons

1. His disciples said to the blessed Martin, "Father, why are you abandoning us? To whom do you entrust us whom you are leaving desolate? Greedy wolves will attack your flock."

Psalm The Lord is king, etc. p. 29

2. Lord, if I am still necessary for your people, I do not refuse the work. Your will be done.

3. A man surpassing description, he was not overcome by work and was not to be defeated by death; he neither feared to die, nor refused to go on living.

4. With eyes and hands always raised to heaven, undefeated in spirit, he never ceased to pray, alleluia, alleluia.

5. The happy Martin is received into Abraham's bosom. Martin here was poor and lowly; he enters heaven a rich man; he is honoured with celestial hymns.

Little Chapter **Ecclus. 45**

Beloved by God and man, whose memory is blessed; he made him equal in glory to the holy ones.

Hymn

Redeemer, Jesus, of us all,
The crown of those
who to you call,
With kindness hear us as
we pray
And humbly ask your aid
today.

This meek confessor of
your name
Has now attained a glorious
fame;
His yearly feast, in solemn
state,
Your faithful people cele-
brate.

All earthly joys did he
disdain
As weak and passing, brief
and vain;
And therefore with angelic
bands
In endless joy he ever
stands.

Grant, then, that we, most
gracious God,
May follow in the steps he
trod;
And may his prayer your
servants win
Release from every stain of
sin.

To you, O Christ, the most
kind King,
May praise and thanks and
glory ring;
With Father and the Spirit
be
All glory yours eternally.
Amen.

V. The just man will
blossom as the lily. **Ry.**
And he will flourish before
the Lord for ever.

Bened. ant. How great
is everyone's grief! How
great especially the laments
of the choir of monks and
virgins! It is good to
rejoice with Martin and
good to weep for Martin.

Prayer

O God, you see that we
stand by no power of

our own; mercifully grant
that, through the inter-
cession of blessed Martin,
your confessor and bishop,
we may be protected
against all evils. Through.

Commemoration of St. Mennas.

Ant. Let him who would
come after me deny him-
self, and take up his cross
and follow me.

V. A gold crown upon
his head. **Ry.** Inscribed
like a signet with "Holi-
ness."

Prayer

Grant, we beseech you,
almighty God, that
we, who reverently keep
the feast of the blessed
Mennas, your martyr, may,
by his intercession, be
strengthened in the love of
your name. Through.

**At the Hours, psalms
and antiphon from week-
day.**

VESPERS

Ant. His disciples said
to the blessed Martin,
"Father, why are you
abandoning us? To whom
do you entrust us whom
you are leaving desolate?
Greedy wolves will attack
your flock.

**Psalms from the Com-
mon of a Confessor** [111].

Little chapter, hymn and
versicle from the same
Common [113].

Magnif. ant. O blessed
man, whose soul possesses
paradise! Therefore the

angels exult, the arch-
angels rejoice, the choir of
saints cries out, the com-
pany of virgins invites,
“Stay with us for ever.”

**Compline from the week-
day.**

12 November

Feast of All Saints of the Order of Preachers

II class

**At I VESPERS, where
the feast is celebrated as
I class:**

Ant. to psalms The Lord
raised up the needy from
the dust and set them in
the company of princes,
and so, in the heavenly
home, made Dominic the
happy father of children.

Psalm Praise, O servants
etc. [1].

Little Chapter Rom. 8

For those whom he fore-
knew he also predesti-
ned to be conformed to
the image of his Son, in
order that he might be the
first-born among many
brethren. And those whom
he predestined he also
called; and those whom
he called he also justified;
and those whom he justi-
fied he also glorified.

Ry. Who are these,
clothed in white robes, and
whence have they come?
These are they who have
washed their robes and
made them white * in the
blood of the Lamb. **V.**
Therefore are they before
the throne of God, and
serve him day and night
within his temple. — In the
blood of the Lamb. —
Glory. — In the blood of
the Lamb.

Hymn as in Matins.

V. Men and women
saints of God, pray for us.
Ry. That we may be made
worthy of the promises of
Christ.

Magnif. ant. He who is
mighty has done great
things for the Order; he
has protected his servant
Dominic; he has blessed
him and his followers for
ever.

Prayer

O God, you have been
pleased to enrich the
Order of Preachers with
a countless offspring of
saints, and have gloriously
crowned in them the heroic
merits of every virtue;
grant us so to tread in their
steps, that as today we
honour them with one
solemnity on earth, we
may at length be united
with them at the unending
festival in heaven. Through.

Compline from Sunday.

MATINS

Invit. Come, let us
adore the Lord, the King
of kings, * for he, himself,
is crown of all the saints.

Hymn

O Jesus, crown of all the
blest,
O Mary, joy of heaven's
rest,
O Angels, seeing God most
high,
We pray you, hear our
suppliant cry.

You choirs of Patriarchs
so true,
You groups of noble
Prophets, too;
Apostles, princes, firm and
strong,
You blood-empurpled
Martyr throng:

You Confessors and Hermit
troops,
You pleasing host of Virgin
groups;
All joined in this most holy
cause,
Befriend us with your blest
applause.

To these, your comrades,
like you, blest,
Who once our holy rule
professed,
These sacred rites their
Order brings,
And reverently, with joy,
it sings.

To these ancestors so re-
nowned
We now express our joy
profound,
That they are ever blessed
to be
With you through all
eternity.

Be equal praise by all
confessed
To Father, Son and Spirit
blest,
Whom all your joyous
realm reveres
And hymns, through ever-
lasting years.
Amen.

I Nocturn

Psalm 1

Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the
counsel of the wicked; ζ
nor lingers in the way of

sinner * nor sits in the company of scorners,

But whose delight is the law of the Lord * and who ponders his law day and night.

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, * that yields its fruit in due season

And whose leaves shall never fade; * and all that he does shall prosper.

Not so are the wicked, not so! * For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind.

When the wicked are judged they shall not stand, * nor find room among those who are just;

For the Lord guards the way of the just * but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

Ant. 1 The Lord guards the way of the just, who ponder his law day and night.

Psalm 4

When I call, answer me, O God of justice; * from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

O men, how long will your hearts be closed, * will you love what is futile and seek what is false?

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; * the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

Fear him; do not sin, * ponder on your bed and be still.

Make justice your sacrifice * and trust in the Lord.

“What can bring us happiness?” many say. * Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

You have put into my heart a greater joy * than they have from abundance of corn and new wine.

I will lie down in peace * and sleep comes at once

For you alone, Lord, * make me dwell in safety.

Ant. 2 The Lord grants favours to his saints; he hears them when they call him.

Psalm 8

How great is your name, O Lord our God, * through all the earth.

Your majesty is praised * above the heavens;

On the lips of children and of babes you have found praise * to foil your enemy, to silence the foe and the rebel.

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, * the moon and the stars which you arranged,

What is man that you should keep him in mind, * mortal man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a god; * with glory and honour you crowned him,

Gave him power over the works of your hand, * put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and cattle, * yes, even the savage beasts,

Birds of the air, and fish * that make their way through the waters.

How great is your name, O Lord our God, * through all the earth!

Ant. 3 Great is your name, Lord, for with glory and honour you crowned your Saints and gave them power over the works of your hand.

V. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just.

R. O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart.

From the book of
Ecclesiasticus

Lesson i Chapter 44

Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers in their generations. The Lord apportioned to them great glory, his majesty from the beginning. There were those who ruled in their kingdoms, and were men renowned for their power, giving counsel by their understanding, and proclaiming prophecies; leaders of the people in their deliberations and in understanding of learning for the people, wise in their

words of instruction; those who composed musical tunes, and set forth verses in writing.

R. i. The blessed Dominic, being made an illustrious shepherd and leader among the people of God, founded the Order of Preachers by his merits, set it in order by his example, * and did not cease to confirm it by miracles. **V.** He restored speech to the dumb, sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, movement to the paralysed, and health to many. – And did not.

Lesson ii

Rich men furnished with resources, living peaceably in their habitations; all these were honoured in their generations, and were the glory of their times. There are some of them who have left a name, so that men declare their praise. And there are some who have no memorial, who have perished as though they had not lived; they have become as though they had not been born, and so have their children after them.

R. ii. This is a true brotherhood which could never be broken by strife; by shedding their blood, they followed the Lord. * Despising the royal court,

they reached the heavenly kingdom. **V.** The reward of the saints is abundant in God and they shall live for ever. — Despising.

Lesson iii

But these were men of mercy, whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten; their prosperity will remain with their descendants, and their inheritance to their children's children. Their descendants stand by the covenants; their children also, for their sake. Their posterity will continue for ever, and their glory will not be blotted out. Their bodies were buried in peace, and their name lives to all generations. Peoples will declare their wisdom, and the congregation proclaims their praise.

Ry. iii. Priests of God, bless the Lord. * You who are holy and humble in heart praise God. **V.** Spirits and souls of the righteous, sing a hymn to our God. — You who are holy. — Glory. — You who are.

II Nocturn

Psalm 14

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent * and dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault; * he who acts with justice

And speaks the truth from his heart; * he who does not slander with his tongue;

He who does no wrong to his brother, * who casts no slur on his neighbour,

Who holds the godless in disdain, * but honours those who fear the Lord;

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; * who takes no interest on a loan

And accepts no bribes against the innocent. * Such a man will stand firm for ever.

Ant. 4 Lord, those who have acted with justice shall be admitted to your tent and shall dwell on your holy mountain.

Psalm 15

Preserve me, God, * I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: "You are my God. * My happiness lies in you alone."

He has put into my heart a marvellous love * for the faithful ones who dwell in his land.

Those who choose other gods increase their sorrows. * Never will I offer their offerings of blood. Never will I take their name upon my lips.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; * it is

you yourself who are my prize.

The lot marked out for me is my delight: * welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me!

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, * who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight: * since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; * even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead, * nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, * at your right hand happiness for ever.

Ant. 5 The Lord showed his saints the path of life, the fullness of joy in his presence.

Psalm 23

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, * the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas; * on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? * Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless

things, * (who has not sworn so as to deceive his neighbour.)

He shall receive blessings from the Lord * and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him, * seek the face of the God of Jacob.

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. * Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory? * The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. * Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is he, the king of glory? * He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory.

Ant. 6 Such are the men who seek the Lord, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

V. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God.

Ry. They shall exult and dance for joy.

Sermon of St. John Chrysostom

Sermon on Martyrs; they are to be imitated, or else not praised.

Lesson iv

He who, with reverent love, admires the merits of the saints, and

speaks often in praise of the glories of the just, should imitate their holy lives and their righteousness. For whoever rejoices in the merits of a saint should equally rejoice in the worship of God. He should, therefore, either imitate what he praises or what he declines to imitate he should not praise. Thus, he who praises another should render himself praiseworthy, and he who admires the merits of the saints should make himself admirable by holiness of life. For if we love those who are righteous and faithful, because we see in them righteousness and faith, we too can be as they are, if we do as they do.

Ry. iv. These are the holy men whom the Lord has chosen in genuine love, and to whom he has given everlasting glory. * By their teaching a light is cast upon the church as on the moon by the sun. **V.** Their span goes forth through all the earth: their words to the utmost bounds of the world. — By their.

From a sermon of the Venerable Bede, Priest

Homily 70 for the Feast of All Saints, near the end

Lesson v

It should please us therefore to achieve this re-

ward of good works. Let us willingly and eagerly take part in the struggle for righteousness. Let us run in the sight of God and Christ and, having begun to overcome the world, let us not be held back by any longing after this life. If the last day shall find us unencumbered, still swiftly running in the contest, the Lord will never fail to reward us according our merits

Ry. v. Because of the testament of the Lord and the laws of their fathers, the saints of God remained steadfast in fraternal love; * for there was one spirit and one faith in them. **V.** How good and how pleasant it is, brothers dwelling in unity. — For there was.

Lesson vi

Wherefore, dearly beloved, with pure mind, firm faith, strong virtue and perfect charity, let us be ready to carry out all God's wishes, keeping the Lord's commandments valiantly. Let us have innocence in singlemindedness, harmony with charity, modesty with humility, care in serving, watchfulness in helping those who fall, mercy in assisting the poor, constancy in the defence of truth, judgment in the rigour of our life, lest anything be wanting to us as

models of good deeds. These are the tracks which the saints have left to us as they returned to heaven, that we by keeping to their paths may also follow them to joy.

Ry. vi. Who are these, clothed in white robes, and whence have they come? These are they who have washed their robes and made them white * in the blood of the Lamb. **V.** Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night within his temple. — In the blood of the Lamb. — Glory. — In the blood of the Lamb.

III Nocturn

Psalm 31

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, * whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, * in whose spirit is no guile.

I kept it secret and my frame was wasted. * I groaned all the day long

For night and day your hand * was heavy upon me.

Indeed, my strength was dried up * as by the summer's heat.

But now I have acknowledged my sins; * my guilt I did not hide.

I said: "I will confess * my offence to the Lord."

And you, Lord, have forgiven * the guilt of my sin.

So let every good man pray to you * in the time of need.

The floods of water may reach high * but him they shall not reach.

You are my hiding place, O Lord; you save me from distress. * (You surround me with cries of deliverance.)

I will instruct you and teach you * the way you should go;

I will give you counsel * with my eye upon you.

Be not like horse and mule, unintelligent, needing bridle and bit, * else they will not approach you.

Many sorrows has the wicked * but he who trusts in the Lord, loving mercy surrounds him.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, * exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy, * all you upright of heart.

Ant. 7 Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart.

Psalm 32

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; * for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, * with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

O sing him a song that is new, * play loudly, with all your skill.

For the word of the Lord is faithful * and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right * and fills the earth with his love.

By his word the heavens were made, * by the breath of his mouth all the stars.

He collects the waves of the ocean; * he stores up the depths of the sea.

Let all the earth fear the Lord, * all who live in the world revere him.

He spoke; and it came to be. * He commanded: it sprang into being.

He frustrates the designs of the nations, * he defeats the plans of the peoples.

His own designs shall stand for ever, * the plans of his heart from age to age.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord, * the people he has chosen as his own.

From the heavens the Lord looks forth, * he sees all the children of men.

From the place where he dwells he gazes * on all the dwellers on the earth,

He who shapes the hearts of them all * and considers all their deeds.

A king is not saved by his army, * nor a warrior preserved by his strength.

A vain hope for safety is

the horse; * despite its power it cannot save.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, * on those who hope in his love,

To rescue their souls from death, * to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. * The Lord is our help and our shield.

In him do our hearts find joy. * We trust in his holy name.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, * as we place all our hope in you.

Ant. 8 The saints loved justice and right, and God has chosen them as his own.

Psalm 33

I will bless the Lord at all times, * his praise always on my lips;

In the Lord my soul shall make its boast. * The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me. * Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me; * from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant; * let your faces not be abashed.

This poor man called; the Lord heard him * and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those

who revere him, * to rescue them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good. * He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

Revere the Lord, you his saints. * They lack nothing, those who revere him.

Strong lions suffer want and go hungry * but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Come, children, and hear me * that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.

Who is he who longs for life * and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?

Then keep your tongue from evil * and your lips from speaking deceit.

Turn aside from evil and do good; * seek and strive after peace.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked * to destroy their remembrance from the earth.

The Lord turns his eyes to the just * and his ears to their appeal.

They call and the Lord hears * and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; * those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

Many are the trials of the just man * but from them all the Lord will rescue him.

He will keep guard over

all his bones, * not one of his bones shall be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked; * those who hate the good are doomed.

The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. * Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

Ant. 9 Revere the Lord, you his saints; they lack nothing, those who revere him. Behold, the Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal.

V. But the righteous live for ever. **R.** And their reward is with the Lord.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson vii Chapter 19

At that time, Peter said to Jesus, "See, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Etc.

Homily of St. Ambrose, Bishop

On psalm 118, sermon 8, near the beginning.

See, we have left everything and followed you." That is, we did not seek possessions but chose you for our portion. So then, Peter, you left everything you had. Where did you get that which you say you have? The lame man rises and, at the sound of

your voice, he stands upright. You give health to others, though you yourself needed help for your salvation. Therefore, you have left what you had and have received what you did not have. Christ is your portion, Christ is your possession. His name is generous to you, his name is profitable to you, his name pays the tribute for you, and good tribute, not of money, but of grace.

Ry. vii. You, my holy ones, who have battled while in the body * I will give you the reward of your labours. **V.** Come, you blessed of my Father, take possession of the kingdom.—I will give.

Lesson viii

Anyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother will receive a hundredfold in this world and will inherit eternal life. We know that many who in this life gave their possessions to the poor were enriched with greater wealth. However, they should not look for such worldly reward from the Lord nor hope for the things of this life, but rather bear in mind that God is the portion of those who leave all things. He is indeed that perfect reward of virtue which is not

reckoned by the hundredfold, but in the fullness of perfection. "I," he says, "am your God." He did not say, "I shall be," but, "I now am; I now dwell within you; I now possess you."

Ry. viii. Peoples will declare their wisdom * and the congregation proclaims their praise. **V.** Their name will be spoken of in all generations. — And the congregation.

Lesson ix

You have, O Man, among many possibilities, a portion such as this. The Lord has offered you as your portion, possessions, gold, silver, honour, nobility; he has also offered you himself. You have, therefore, many possibilities; make your choice. Do not allow the number to upset you, but be moved by grace. Do not let the work put you off, but let the reward inspire you.

Ry. ix. Grant us, Lord, we implore you, forgiveness of sins; and through the intercession of the saints whose feast we celebrate today, grant us such devotion * that we may merit to share their company. **V.** May we, who are hampered by our own wickedness, be aided by their merits; may we who

stand accused by our actions, be excused by their intercession, and may he who granted them the palm of heavenly triumph not deny us forgiveness of sins. — That we may. — Glory. — That we may.

Before Lauds V. Men and women saints of God, pray for us. **Ry.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LAUDS

Antiphons

1. Holiness, Lord, is fitting to your house, in which a multitude of brethren shone on earth.

Psalm The Lord is king etc. p. 29.

2. Those whom the Order trained here by many trials, stand before the Lord, singing for joy.

3. The religious company laboured in a dry, weary land without water; they rest now in the homeland, possessing the courts of heaven.

4. The spirits and souls of the righteous bless the Lord; they who are holy and humble of heart sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

5. Let the highest heavens and the waters

above the heavens praise the Lord in his saints whom the Order of Preachers has brought forth.

Little Chapter Rom. 8

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Hymn

Hail, Lebanon's great Cedars tall,
Plants once within the Order's wall!
With pleasing blossoms now you fill
The fields of heaven, vale and hill.

The glory of the Trinity
Surrounds you now eternally;
The Virgin Mother's breathing fair
Caresses you with zephyrs rare.

Encircling angels you entrance
With never-ending choral dance;
And moisture blest comes ever sure
From God's eternal streams most pure.

“ O Stock renowned, now blest on high, Assist your followers,” we cry ;
And strengthen us, your offshoots frail
Within this melancholy vale.

Be equal praise by all confessed
To Father, Son and Spirit Blest ;
With whom you live, all joyous bright
For ever in eternal light.
Amen.

∇. You saints and righteous men, rejoice in the Lord. *Ry.* God has chosen you as his own.

Bened. ant. The Lord the God of Israel has raised up for us a mighty saviour in the house of Dominic, his servant, that we might serve in his presence in holiness and justice all the days of our life.

Prayer

O God, you have been pleased to enrich the Order of Preachers with a countless offspring of saints, and have gloriously crowned in them the heroic merits of every virtue ; grant us so to tread in their steps, that as today we honour them with one solemnity on earth, we

may at length be united with them at the unending festival in heaven. Through.

At the Hours psalms and antiphon from the week-day.

TERCE

Little Chapter as at Vespers.

Ry. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, * exult, you just ! — Rejoice. ∇. O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. — Exult. — Glory. — Rejoice.

∇. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God. *Ry.* They shall exult and dance for joy.

SEXT

Little Chapter Ecclus. 44

Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers in their generations. The Lord apportioned to them great glory, his majesty from the beginning.

Ry. The just shall rejoice * at the presence of God. — The just. ∇. They shall exult and dance for joy. — At the. — Glory. — The just.

∇. But the righteous live for ever. *Ry.* And their reward is with the Lord.

NONE

Little Chapter Ecclus. 44

Their descendants stand by the covenants ; their

children also, for their sake. Their posterity will continue for ever, and their glory will not be blotted out.

Ry. But the righteous * live for ever. — But the righteous. ∇. And their reward is with the Lord. — Live. — Glory. — But the righteous.

∇. You saints and righteous men, rejoice in the Lord. *Ry.* God has chosen you as his own.

VESPERS

Ant. to psalms Holiness, Lord, is fitting to your house, in which a multitude of brethren shone on earth.

Psalms from the Common of Many Martyrs [89].

Little Chapter Rom. 8

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. And those whom he predestined he also called ; and those whom he called he also justified ; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Hymn

O Jesus, crown of all the blest,
O Mary, joy of heaven's rest,
O Angels, seeing God most high,
We pray you, hear our suppliant cry.

You choirs of Patriarchs so true,
You groups of noble Prophets, too ;
Apostles, princes, firm and strong,
You blood-empurpled Martyr throng :

You Confessors and Hermit troops,
You pleasing host of Virgin groups ;
All joined in this most holy cause,
Befriend us with your blest applause.

To these, your comrades, like you, blest,
Who once our holy rule professed,
These sacred rites their Order brings,
And reverently, with joy, it sings.

To these ancestors so renowned
We now express our joy profound,
That they are ever blessed to be
With you through all eternity.

Be equal praise by all
confessed
To Father, Son and Spirit
Blest,
Whom all your joyous
realm reveres
And hymns, through ever-
lasting years.
Amen.

V. Men and women
saints of God, pray for us.
Ry. That we may be made
worthy of the promises of
Christ.

Magnif. ant. The Lord,
in his salvation, gave glory
to his saints; henceforth
all generations will call
them blessed.

Compline from Sunday.

13 November

St. Brice

Bishop and Confessor
Commemoration

LAUDS

Ant. "Well done, good
and faithful servant; you
have been faithful over a
little, I will set you over
much," says the Lord.

V. The just man will
blossom as the lily. **Ry.**
And he will flourish before
the Lord for ever.

Prayer

Grant, we beseech you,
almighty God, that
the celebration of the feast

of the blessed Brice, your
confessor and bishop, may
increase our devotedness
and promote our salvation.
Through.

Nov - 14

15 November

St. Albert the Great

Bishop, Confessor, O. P.
and Doctor of the Church
II class

At I VESPERS, where
the feast is celebrated as
I class:

Ant. to psalms Excellent
teacher, glory of the
Preachers, splendour of
Germany, golden pillar of
holy church, blessed Albert,
intercede for us with the
Son of God.

Psalm Praise, O servants
etc. [1].

Little Chapter 3 Kings 3

Because you have asked
for yourself under-
standing, behold, I now do
according to your word.
Behold, I give you a wise
and discerning mind.

Ry. The blessed Mecht-
ilde saw Albert and
Thomas entering heaven
like two noble princes;
great angels went before
them, * and thus they
came before the throne of
God. **V.** The words they
had written were seen in-
scribed on their robes in
letters of gold. — And thus

they came. — Glory. —
Before the throne of God.

Hymn

Come, let the name of
Albert, far resounding,
Sound through the wide
world in our festive sing-
ing;
Saint and wise Teacher,
aptly is he titled,
Great among mankind.

This great, resplendent,
worthy son of Guzman,
Led an austere life, free
from sinful blemish;
Clear was his teaching of
God's word effective;
Able his preaching.

By the bright radiance of
celestial teaching
Rightly he scattered from
each soul deep darkness;
And, a good shepherd, led
his flock to feed in
Fields of salvation.

Under the forms of bread
and wine, here present,
Christ he exalted, loving
and adoring;
Fervent in honour towards
the Virgin Mary,
He was peace loving.

Christ, King of rulers, yours
be might and honour,
Majesty, power, also to the
Father;
And to the Spirit Counsel-
lor, sound likewise
Glory for ever.
Amen.

V. Blessed Albert, pray
for us. **Ry.** That we may
be made worthy of the
promises of Christ.

Magnif. ant. Albert,
God's resolute preacher
and servant, established
everywhere the peace of
Christ.

Prayer

O God, you have made
the blessed Albert,
your bishop and doctor,
great in subjecting human
wisdom to divine faith;
grant to us, we beg of you,
so to tread in the footsteps
of such a master, that we
may enjoy the perfect light
in heaven. Through.

Compline from Sunday.

MATINS

Invit. Let us adore the
Lord, wisdom's guide;
* he instructed Albert in
wisdom's ways.

Hymn

O brilliant light of proud
Cologne,
Great teacher, Albert,
widely known;
The tutor famed of
Thomas, too,
Accept this tribute sung
to you!

Of holiness a shining light,
Of highest truth a witness
bright,
Of charity a burning flame;
The Faithful this of you
proclaim.

Teach all the faithful souls
that they
Should spurn those things
that pass away ;
And raise the minds of all,
with love,
To truest joys of heaven
above.

Now, from your heavenly
home, we plead,
Come help your brethren
in their need ;
And Peter's boat, we pray
you, save
From raging seas and
tempest's wave.

To you O Christ, the
most kind King,
Be triumph always, let us
sing ;
To Father and to Spirit be
A song of praise eternally.
Amen.

I Nocturn

Ant. 1 From his earliest
years the blessed Albert
trained his heart to learn
the law of the Lord.

**Psalms from the Com-
mon of a Confessor** [100].

Ant. 2 The blessed Mary
said to him, " Son, flee the
world and embrace the rule
of the Friars Preachers."

Ant. 3 He rose up and,
coming to the blessed
Jordan, begged the mercy
of God and the habit of a
holy way of life.

V. The Lord loved him
and adorned him. **R.** He

clothed him with a robe of
glory.

From the book of
Ecclesiasticus

Lesson i Chapter 39

The wise man will seek
out the wisdom of all
the ancients, and will be
concerned with prophecies;
he will preserve the dis-
course of notable men and
penetrate the subtleties of
parables ; he will seek out
the hidden meanings of
proverbs and be at home
with the obscurities of
parables. He will serve
among great men and
appear before rulers ; he
will travel through the
lands of foreign nations,
for he tests the good and
the evil among men.

R. i. I am under obliga-
tion both to Greeks and to
barbarians, both to the wise
and to the foolish: so I am
eager * to preach the
gospel. **V.** For I am not
ashamed of the gospel: it
is the power of God for
salvation to every one who
has faith. - To preach the
gospel.

Lesson ii

He will set his heart to
rise early to seek the
Lord who made him, and
will make supplication be-
fore the Most High ; he
will open his mouth in

prayer and make supplica-
tion for his sins. If the
great Lord is willing, he
will be filled with the spirit
of understanding ; he will
put forth words of wisdom
and give thanks to the Lord
in prayer. He will direct
his counsel and knowledge
aright, and meditate on his
secrets.

R. ii. He gave me knowl-
edge to know the structure
of the world and the
activity of the elements,
the natures of animals and
the powers of spirits, the
varieties of plants and the
virtues of roots. * Wis-
dom, the fashioner of all
things, taught me. **V.** I
learned both what is secret
and what is manifest. -
Wisdom.

Lesson iii

He will reveal instruction
in his teaching, and
will glory in the law of the
Lord's covenant. Many
will praise his understand-
ing, and it will never be
blotted out ; his memory
will not disappear, and his
name will live through all
generations. Nations will
declare his wisdom, and
the congregation will pro-
claim his praise ; if he
lives long, he will leave a
name greater than a thous-
and, and if he goes to rest,
it is enough for him.

R. iii. Mary, Queen of
heaven, appeared to him,

saying, " Albert, flee the
world and enter the Order
of Preachers, * and God
will so endow you with the
abundance of his wisdom,
that the whole church will
be enlightened by your
writings and doctrine. **V.**
Apply yourself to study
according to the rule of the
Friars Preachers." - And
God will. - Glory. - That
the whole church.

II Nocturn

Ant. 4 In anguish he
called upon God that he
should not be deceived by
vain philosophy or per-
nicious error.

Ant. 5 Again the Blessed
Virgin spoke to him: " Arm-
ing yourself with the breast-
plate of faith and the shield
of sincerity, do not hesitate
to proceed with the study
of truth."

Ant. 6 In all things he
perceived the wonderful
magnificence of God's handi-
work.

V. The Lord guided the
righteous man on straight
paths. **R.** He showed him
the kingdom of God.

Lesson iv

Albert, called Great be-
cause of his outstand-
ing doctrine, was born in
Swabia, at Lauingen on
the Danube. He was care-
fully educated from his
childhood. He left home to

pursue his studies, but while staying in Padua, at the insistence of Blessed Jordan, Master General of the Friars Preachers, and in spite of his uncle's objections, he asked to become a Dominican. On being admitted amongst the brethren, he gave himself entirely to God, and was outstanding for religious observance and piety. He was inflamed with a filial and most tender devotion towards the blessed Virgin Mary. Having made profession in an apostolic order, he so ordered his whole life that he might, through study founded on prayer, prepare himself to preach the word of God and work for the salvation of souls. Early in his career he was sent to Cologne to complete his studies, and did so well that he excelled his contemporaries in his investigation and development of nearly all the profane sciences. As Alexander IV testified, he drank so deeply from the life-giving stream of learning that its fullness flourished in his heart.

Ry. iv. In the course of his sermon Jordan said, "There are some who, for God's sake, desire to forsake the world, but they are afraid, because the devil, with his suggestions, makes them imagine

that they could not persevere." **V.** Albert said to Jordan, "Master, how did God lay bare my heart to you?" For this was exactly what he had been thinking. — That they could not persevere.

Lesson v

He was appointed professor at Hildesheim, and later at Fribourg, Ratisbon and Strasbourg, that he might enrich others with the treasures of the sciences. He won the admiration of all while teaching at the famous university of Paris, where he added lustre to the sacred faculty and was appointed master in theology. He reconciled the teachings of the pagan philosophers with the demands of right reason and showed clearly how they were in harmony with the faith. By his genius he explained the wonders of the things of God. His numerous writings, in nearly every sphere of learning, clearly show how greatly by his eager mind and unceasing study he promoted all branches of learning, especially sacred learning. He returned to Cologne to take charge of a general house of studies of his Order, and such was his success that the authority and fame of his teaching

were greatly increased. He had as pupil his beloved Thomas of Aquin, whose loftiness of mind he was the first to discern and proclaim. Having very great devotion towards the most holy Sacrament of the altar he wrote outstanding works concerning it. He laid down more effective ways to form souls in the mystical life, and thus the fruitful zeal of this great teacher extended widely through the church.

Ry. v. An orator, versed in the scriptures and fervent in spirit, he zealously preaches and teaches the things of Jesus, * so that those who hear, not only acquire learning themselves but become the teachers of others. **V.** You call Thomas a dumb ox, but such will be his bellowing in doctrine that it will resound throughout the whole world. — So that those who hear.

Lesson vi

Amid so many heavy duties he yet shone by the example of his religious life and was elected, by his brethren, Provincial of the German province. He was called to Anagni where, in the presence of Alexander IV, he refuted William who, with irreligious audacity, was attacking the mendicant Orders. Later this pope

made him bishop of Ratisbon. Albert gave himself completely to the care of his flock, nevertheless retaining, with great determination, his humble manner of life and love of poverty. He resigned his see but, with eagerness and zeal for the labours of the episcopal office, he provided spiritual benefits throughout Germany and the neighbouring regions. He untiringly gave such excellent and fruitful advice to those who asked, and showed such prudence in settling quarrels, that it was not only in Cologne that he was known as a peacemaker, but prelates and princes often called him to settle disputes in far-off lands. From Saint Louis, King of France, he received the relics of Christ's passion and venerated them with great devotion. At the Second Council of Lyons he did work of importance. Finally worn out by age, he retired from teaching and gave himself entirely to contemplation. He entered into the joy of the Lord in the year 1280. Pius XI set a crown on the sacred honours which, with the permission of the Roman Pontiffs, had been paid to Albert in many dioceses and in the Order of Preachers. He willingly

acceded to the request of the Sacred Congregation of Rites and extended the feast of Saint Albert to the whole church, with the added title of Doctor. Finally Pope Pius XII declared Saint Albert the Great the heavenly patron before God of those who study the natural sciences.

Ry. vi. I will raise up a shepherd over my sheep who will care for them; he will strengthen the weak, heal the sick, bind up what is broken, seek what has been lost, * and make the flocks lie down in peace. **V.** I will make with them a covenant of peace and I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing. — And make. — Glory. — In peace.

III Nocturn

Ant. 7 With lofty sentiment and thought he spoke the truth in charity.

Ant. 8 By his teaching and writing he bore abundant fruit throughout the whole world.

Ant. 9 With clean hands and pure heart he climbed the mountain of the Lord.

V. The just will flourish like the palm tree in the house of the Lord. **Ry.** He shall grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson vii Chapter 5

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?” Etc.

Homily of St. Albert the Great, Bishop

From his Commentaries on Matthew

“**Y**ou are the salt of the earth.” The moral teaching of the doctors of the church is compared to salt, because they should, by the heat of their fiery speech, dry up every worldly attachment; by the dryness of bodily mortification destroy every evil flow of fleshy sensuality; by the flavouring of discernment make delightful the taste of every virtuous action; and by drying up worldly consolation blight the luxuriance of vice. Sensuality must be cured, and so it is commanded that salt be offered with every sacrifice; for a contrite soul cured of carnal concupiscence is a sacrifice of praise.

Ry. vii. O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. Now that I am

old and grey-headed, * do not forsake me. **V.** Let me tell of your power to all ages. — Do not forsake me.

Lesson viii

“**Y**ou are the light of the world.” This refers to the light of true wisdom; the enlightenment of faith which gives knowledge of God. This wisdom is true light. However, there is a difference between light and illumination; for whereas light is something primary with its own proper nature, illumination is that light used as a means. Thus the knowledge of divine wisdom is called light, but the illumination, which results from it, is the knowledge of every other science. The apostles are lamps pouring out this light, receptacles of light who received from divine Wisdom the words of life to be given to us, as it is said: “And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.”

Ry. viii. I thank him who has given me strength for this, Christ Jesus my Lord, * because he judged me faithful by appointing me to his service. **V.** In love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience

and sincere faith, I have laboured as a good soldier of Christ. — Because.

Lesson ix

“**A** city set on a hill cannot be hid.” This refers to the defences found in the arguments of holy doctors, and the safeguard they ought to be for those who follow them. Doctors, when teaching, are like a city, chiefly in two ways; first, by unanimity in doctrine—this is deduced from the word “city,” because a city is, as it were, a union of citizens; second, in defence of the city—this is deduced from the fortification of a city. As there is one faith, one church, one spirit, one head, and one seamless tunic of the perpetual city, so there ought to be one teaching, undivided by heresy or schism. Further, the fortifications of a city consist in two things, towers and walls. The towers are the lofty and solid guarantees of truth by which the doctors must strengthen their arguments. According to Chrysostom, “fortification” is derived from the word for walls, and indicates the defence offered by the doctors who are the refuge of their followers and of the unlearned.

Ry. ix. The blessed Mechtilde saw Albert and

Thomas entering heaven like two noble princes; great angels went before them, * and thus they came before the throne of God. **V.** The words they had written were seen inscribed on their robes in letters of gold. — And thus they came. — Glory. — Before the throne of God.

Before Lauds **V.** Blessed Albert, pray for us. **Ry.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LAUDS

Antiphons

1. For the denarius of eternal life, you hired me early in the morning, Lord, to work in your vineyard.

Psalm The Lord is king, etc. p. 29.

2. This sacred knowledge is attained more by prayer and devotion than by study.

3. Teach me, Lord, to fix the roots of my tree in heaven and not in the earth, that I may be found faithful, not by the foliage of words, but by the fruits of good works.

4. God, you have given us life by the death of your Son; you nourish us with his flesh and blood; may you be blessed by us for ever.

5. Grant, Lord, that I may be a temple of preach-

ing, a house of prayer and of your praise for ever.

Little Chapter 3 Kings 3

Because you have asked for yourself understanding, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind.

Hymn

Dispelling far the shades of night
The dawn, fair herald of the light,
Exhorts us, when we sing his praise,
That we should follow Albert's ways.

For he apostle true became
And did salvation's way proclaim,
That they should rise from sleep and night
Who would enjoy Christ's brilliant light.

This faithful steward, then, with care
Preserves his flock from robbers' snare;
He binds, retrieves, he saves and shows
Where every stream of life now flows.

Unwearied advocate of peace,
Do not from praying, Albert, cease,
That all the nations here below
The gifts of peace from heaven may know.

To God the Father glory true,
The same, eternal Son, to you;
To Counsellor Spirit glory be
Both now and for eternity.
Amen.

V. The just man will blossom as the lily. **Ry.** And he will flourish before the Lord for ever.

Bened. ant. Albert glorified the Lord by austerity of life, devoted prayer, love of the brethren, and the outpouring of doctrine.

Prayer

O God, you have made the blessed Albert, your bishop and doctor, great in subjecting human wisdom to divine faith; grant to us, we beg of you, so to tread in the footsteps of such a master, that we may enjoy the perfect light in heaven. Through.

At the Hours psalms and antiphon from weekday.

TERCE

Little Chapter as at Vespers.

Ry. The Lord loved him * and adorned him. — The Lord. **V.** He clothed him with a robe of glory. — And. — Glory. — The Lord. **V.** The Lord guided the righteous man on straight

paths. **Ry.** He showed him the kingdom of God.

SEXT

Little Chapter Eccus. 47

How wise you became in your youth! You overflowed, like a river, with understanding. Your name reached to far-off islands, and you were loved for your peace.

Ry. The Lord guided the righteous man * on straight paths. — The Lord. **V.** He showed him the kingdom of God. — On straight paths. — Glory. — The Lord.

V. The just will flourish like the palm tree in the house of the Lord. **Ry.** He shall grow like a Lebanon cedar.

NONE

Little Chapter Eccus. 45

The Lord made an everlasting covenant with him, and gave him the priesthood of the people. He blessed him with splendid vestments.

Ry. The just will flourish like the palm tree * in the house of the Lord. — The just. **V.** He shall grow like a Lebanon cedar. — In the house. — Glory. — The just.

V. The just man will blossom as the lily. **Ry.** And he will flourish before the Lord for ever.

VESPERS

Ant. to psalms For the denarius of eternal life, you hired me early in the morning, Lord, to work in your vineyard.

Psalms from the Common of a Confessor [111].

Little Chapter 3 Kings 3

Because you have asked for yourself understanding, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind.

Hymn

Come, let the name of Albert, far resounding, Sound through the wide world in our festive singing; Saint and wise Teacher, aptly is he titled, Great among mankind.

This great, resplendent, worthy son of Guzman, Led an austere life, free from sinful blemish; Clear was his teaching of God's word effective; Able his preaching.

By the bright radiance of celestial teaching Rightly he scattered from each soul deep darkness; And, a good shepherd, led his flock to feed in Fields of salvation.

Under the forms of bread and wine, here present, Christ he exalted, loving and adoring; Fervent in honour towards the Virgin Mary, He was peace loving.

Christ, King of rulers, yours be might and honour, Majesty, power, also to the Father; And to the Spirit Counsellor, sound likewise Glory for ever. Amen.

V. Blessed Albert, pray for us. **Ry.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Magnif. ant. Lord God of knowledge, with whole heart and voice, we praise and bless you, because you have raised up a great teacher from among our fathers.

Compline from Sunday.

17 November
St. Gregory, the Wonderworker
Bishop and Confessor
III class

MATINS**Lesson iii**

Gregory was bishop of Neocaesarea in Pontus. Famous for sanctity and

learning, he was much more famous for signs and miracles. So numerous and spectacular were they that he was called Wonderworker, and on Saint Basil's testimony, he was compared to Moses, the Prophets and the Apostles. By prayer, he changed to another place a mountain which obstructed the building of a church. Again, he dried up a swamp that had been a source of discord between brothers. When the river Lycus was disastrously flooding the fields, he drove his staff into the bank where it grew at once into a leafy tree. He then compelled the waters not to go beyond that boundary mark. Very often he cast out devils from idols and from men's bodies. Gregory performed many other wonders by which he drew countless numbers of men to believe in Jesus Christ. Filled with the spirit of prophecy he also foretold future events. When about to die, he asked how many unbelievers still remained in the city of Neocaesarea. On being told that there were only seventeen, he thanked God and said, "There were just that many believers when I began my episcopate." He wrote many works and, not alone by his miracles but also by his writings, cast

lustre on the church of God.

Ry. iii. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast.

V. Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. — And be like men. — Glory. — To come home.

LAUDS**Prayer**

Grant, we beseech you, almighty God, that the celebration of the feast of the blessed Gregory, your confessor and bishop, may increase our devotedness and promote our salvation. Through.

18 November

Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul

III class

MATINS**Lesson iii**

Among the holy places venerated from the beginning by the faithful, the Confession of St. Peter in the Vatican, made sacred by the tomb of the Prince

of the Apostles, was always regarded as one of the most outstanding. It is said that Constantine the Great went there, and taking a hoe and pitchfork, dug the ground, thus marking out the place for a basilica, which he built at his own expense. Pope Saint Sylvester dedicated it on the eighteenth of November, and at that time prescribed that thenceforward altars should be made only of stone. Later, when the basilica was, through age, falling into ruin, it was rebuilt even more magnificently from its foundations, through the devotion and generosity of the popes. Urban VIII solemnly dedicated it on this day in the year 1626. Likewise, the Emperor Constantine built the basilica of the holy apostle Paul on the Ostian Way, at very great expense. It, too, was consecrated by Pope Saint Sylvester. Destroyed by a great fire it was rebuilt more splendidly than before through the unwearied care of four popes. Pius IX, taking advantage of the most auspicious occasion of the dogmatic definition of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and surrounded by a solemn assembly of bishops, consecrated it.

Ry. iii. Awesome is this place ! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven: * Surely the Lord is in this place ; and I did not know it. **V.** When Jacob awoke from his deep sleep he said. — Surely. — Glory. — And I did not know it.

19 November

St. Elizabeth

Widow

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew, King of Hungary, began to reverence God in her infancy. As her age increased, so did her piety. When married to Ludwig, Landgrave of Hesse and Thuringia, she devoted herself to God's affairs no less than to those of her husband. She was assiduous in prayer, and being given to works of mercy, zealously took care of widows, orphans, the sick and the needy, and built a magnificent hostel for their assistance. To serve God more freely, when her husband died she clothed herself in a coarse garment

20 November

St. Felix of Valois

Confessor

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

and entered the order of Penitents of Saint Francis. There she was conspicuous for patience and humility. For, deprived of all her possessions, driven from her home, abandoned by all, she bore, with undaunted courage, insults, mockery and detraction, and even greatly rejoiced to suffer such things for God. Finally, having passed her life most religiously in good works, she slept in the Lord. Renowned for miracles, she was enrolled among the saints by Gregory IX.

Ry. iii. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain: * a woman who fears God is to be praised. **V.** Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates. — A woman. — Glory. — A woman.

LAUDS

Prayer

Enlighten the hearts of your faithful, God of mercy, and by the glorious pleadings of blessed Elizabeth, make us scorn the good things of earth, and ever rejoice in heavenly consolation. Through.

Felix, formerly called Hugh, was of the royal family of the Valois in France. From his youth he began to long for solitude, out of zeal for heavenly contemplation. Ordained priest, he withdrew into the desert, where for some years he lived with Saint John of Matha, until both were advised by an angel of God to set out for Rome. Here, from the Supreme Pontiff, Innocent III, who also had been counselled from heaven, they obtained the approval of a new Order for redeeming captives. From its white habit with cross of two colours received from the Angel, the Pope honoured this Order with the name of the most holy Trinity. Soon, in the diocese of Meaux, in a place called Cerfroi, they built the first monastery of the Order. There Felix received an extraordinary favour from the Blessed Virgin Mary, for he saw her in the middle of the choir, wearing the habit marked with the cross

of the Order. Full of merits he died in the Lord in 1212 at an advanced age.

Ry. iii. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast. **V.** Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. — And be like men. — Glory. — To come home.

LAUDS

Prayer

O God, you were pleased, by heavenly inspiration, to call the blessed Felix, your confessor, from the desert to the task of redeeming captives; grant, we beseech you, through his intercession, that freed by your grace from the captivity of our sins, we may be led into the heavenly fatherland. Through.

21 November

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

III class

MATINS

From the book of St. John Damascene on the Orthodox faith

Book 4 Chap. 15 Lesson iii

Joachim married that most excellent and praiseworthy woman called Ann. Like the former Hannah, who though barren, through prayer and a promise, gave birth to Samuel, so too this Ann, through prayer and a promise, received from God the very Mother of God, so that she was in no way inferior to those other illustrious matrons. Thus grace (for the name Ann means this) gives birth to the Lady (for that is the meaning of the name Mary). Truly, then, Mary becomes the Lady of all creation, since she is the Mother of the Creator. She first sees the light of day in Joachim's house near the Probatca, and is brought to the temple. And then, planted in the house of God, and nourished by the Spirit, like a fruitful olive tree, she becomes the abode of all virtue. She kept her mind free from every worldly or carnal desire, and was virgin in mind as well as in body as befitted her who was to receive God into her bosom.

Ry. iii. You are, indeed, happy, holy Virgin Mary, and most worthy of all praise, * for from you has risen the Sun of Justice, Christ, our God. **V.** Pray

for the people, plead for the clergy, intercede for the consecrated women; may all who celebrate your Presentation experience your assistance. — For from you has risen the Sun of Justice, Christ our God. — Glory. — Christ our God.

LAUDS

Prayer

O God, you willed that the blessed Mary, ever virgin and dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, should be presented this day in the temple; grant, we beseech you, through her intercession, that we may be worthy to be presented in the temple of your glory. Through our Lord . . . in the unity of the same.

22 November

St. Cecilia Virgin and Martyr

III class

MATINS

Invitatory and hymn for a Martyr from the Common of a Virgin [129].

Nocturn

Ant. 1 The virgin Cecilia overcame Almachius. She called Tiburtius and Valerian to their crowns.

Psalms from the Common of a Virgin [130].

Ant. 2 With hands outstretched, she prayed the Lord to deliver her from her enemies.

Ant. 3 Cecilia tamed her body with sackcloth, and prayed to God with sighs.

Ant. 4 O Lord Jesus Christ, sower of the counsel of chastity, receive the fruit of the seed which you sowed in Cecilia.

Ant. 5 Blessed Cecilia said to Tiburtius, "Today I acknowledge you as my kinsman, because the love of God has made you despise idols."

Ant. 6 Lord, let my heart and my body be spotless, that I be not put to shame.

Ant. 7 We believe that Christ the Son of God is the true God, who has chosen for himself so great a handmaiden.

Ant. 8 We, who know his holy name, cannot possibly deny him.

Ant. 9 Then Valerian went on his way to the bishop, and by a sign which he had received, found the holy Urban.

V. God will help her through his watchful presence. **Ry.** God is within, she cannot be shaken.

From the book of
Ecclesiasticus

Lesson i Chapter 51

I will give thanks to you, O Lord and King, and will praise you as God my Saviour. I give thanks to your name, for you have been my protector and helper and have delivered my body from destruction and from the snare of a slanderous tongue, from lips that utter lies. Before those who stood by, you were my helper, and delivered me, in the greatness of your mercy and of your name, from the gnashings of teeth about to devour me, from the hand of those who sought my life, from the many afflictions that I endured, from choking fire on every side and from the midst of fire which I did not kindle, from the depths of the belly of Hades, from an unclean tongue and lying words—the slander of an unrighteous tongue to the king.

Ry. i. As the music played, the virgin Cecilia sang in her heart to the Lord alone, saying, * “Lord, let my heart and my body be spotless, that I be not put to shame.” **V.** Fasting and praying for two and three days at a time, she committed her purity to the protection of the Lord,

saying. – Lord, let my heart.

Lesson ii

My soul drew near to death, and my life was very near to Hades beneath. They surrounded me on every side, and there was no one to help me; I looked for the assistance of men, and there was none. Then I remembered your mercy, O Lord, and your work from of old, that you deliver those who wait for you and save them from the hand of their enemies. And I sent up my supplication from the earth, and prayed for deliverance from death. I appealed to the Lord, the Father of my lord, not to forsake me in the days of affliction, at the time when there is no help against the proud. I will praise your name continually, and will sing praise with thanksgiving. My prayer was heard, for you saved me from destruction and rescued me from an evil plight. Therefore I will give thanks to you and praise you, and I will bless the name of the Lord.

Ry. ii. The glorious virgin always carried the gospel of Christ in her breast, * and neither by day nor by night did she rest from divine converse or from prayer. **V.** Cecilia tamed her body with sack-

cloth, and prayed to God with sighs. – And neither.

Lesson iii

Cecilia, a Roman maiden of noble family, at an early age vowed her virginity to God. Since, against her will, she had been given in marriage to Valerian, she persuaded him to leave her untouched, and to go to Pope Urban to be baptized that he might be worthy to see her guardian angel. When this had been granted to Valerian, he converted his brother Tiburtius to Christ, and shortly afterwards both suffered martyrdom under the prefect Almachius. But Cecilia, arrested by Almachius because she had distributed their property to the poor, was ordered to be burned to death in the bath. As the flame, however, did not dare to touch her, she was there and then struck three blows with an axe and left half-dead. After three days she received the palm of virginity and martyrdom and was buried in the cemetery of Callistus. Her body, along with those of Pope Urban, Pope Lucius, Tiburtius, Valerian and Maximus, was brought to Rome by Pope Pascal I and buried in the church consecrated under the title of Saint Cecilia.

Ry. iii. As dawn turned to day, Cecilia said, * “Up, then, soldiers of Christ, cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light.” **V.** Cecilia, when bidding good-bye to the brothers, and encouraging them, said. – Up then, soldiers. – Glory. – And put on the armour of light.

Before Lauds V. Blessed Cecilia, pray for us. **Ry.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LAUDS

Antiphons

1. As the music played, Cecilia sang to the Lord, saying, “Let my heart be spotless, that I be not put to shame.”

Psalm The Lord is king, etc. p. 29.

2. Valerian, I wish to tell you a secret: I have for lover an angel of God who very jealously guards my body.

3. Valerian found Cecilia in her room praying with an angel.

4. I bless you, Father of my Lord Jesus Christ, because through your Son, the fire at my side has been extinguished.

5. Lord, your handmaid
Cecilia serves you like a
bee that is richly laden.

Little Chapter *Ecclus. 51*

I will give thanks to you,
O Lord and King, and
will praise you as God my
Saviour. I give thanks to
your name, for you have
been my protector and
helper and have delivered
my body from destruction.

Hymn

O Son of virgin, whom
alone
The mother and the maid
we own;
O Jesus, crown of virgins
all
In gracious mercy hear our
call.

Among the lilies food you
find,
Surrounded by the virgin
kind;
The glorious bridegroom
now provides
Rewards in glory for his
brides.

The virgins follow in your
train
With hymns of praise, all
glorious strain;
Where'er you go are virgins
found
Who make their sweetest
songs resound.

Assist our senses, then, we
pray,
In larger measure here
today;
So that we ever may remain
Unhurt by all corrupting
stain.

To you, O Christ, the most
kind king,
May praise and thanks and
glory ring;
With Father and the Spirit
be
All glory yours eternally.
Amen.

V. She is led to the king
with her maiden com-
panions. **R.** Her destined
companions are escorted
in.

Bened. ant. As dawn
turned to day, Cecilia cried
out, saying, "Up, then,
Soldiers of Christ, cast off
the works of darkness, and
put on the armour of light."

Prayer

O God, you gladden us
by the annual solem-
nity of the blessed Cecilia,
your virgin and martyr;
grant that we may follow
the good example of her
whom we dutifully venerate.
Through.

**At the Hours, psalms
and antiphon from week-
day.**

VESPERS

Ant. to the psalms. As
the music played, Cecilia
sang to the Lord, saying,
"Let my heart be spotless
that I be not put to shame."

**Psalms from the Com-
mon of a Virgin** [142].
**Little chapter, hymn and
versicle from the same
Common** [144].

Magnif. ant. I asked
from the Lord a delay of
three days, that I might
consecrate my house to the
Lord as a church.

Prayer

O God, you gladden us
by the annual solem-
nity of the blessed Cecilia,
your virgin and martyr;
grant that we may follow
the good example of her
whom we dutifully venerate.
Through.

Compline from weekday.

23 November

**St. Clement I
Pope and Martyr**

III class

MATINS

**Lessons i and ii from the
current Scripture with the
following responsories:**

R. i. "Let us all pray
to the Lord Jesus Christ,"
said blessed Clement, "that

he may open the course of
the spring to his confes-
sors * so that we may
thank him for his benefits.
V. He who struck the rock
in the desert of Sinai, and
made the waters flow in
abundance, may he bestow
on us the abundant
water."—So that we may
thank him for his benefits.

R. ii. As the holy
Clement prayed, there ap-
peared to him the Lamb
of God; * from under his
foot a living spring flows
out: the waters of the
river give joy to God's city.
V. When he had finished
his prayer and looked
round about, he saw, upon
the mountain, the Lamb
standing. - From.

Lesson iii

Clement was a Roman,
and a disciple of the
blessed Peter. He divided
the seven districts of Rome
between seven notaries,
giving one to each. They
were to commit to writing,
after diligent inquiry, the
sufferings and deeds of the
martyrs. He wrote much
himself, both accurately
and well, explaining the
christian religion. But
since by learning and holi-
ness he converted many to
faith in Christ, he was
exiled, by the emperor
Trajan, across the Black Sea
to the wilderness of the city

of Cherson. Here he found two thousand christians who also had been condemned by Trajan. As here he won over many unbelievers to Christ, an anchor was tied to his neck by order of that same emperor, and he was thrown into the sea, thus being crowned with martyrdom. His body, brought back to Rome by Pope Nicholas I, was honourably buried in the church which had already been dedicated under his name.

Ry. iii. You gave, Lord, your martyr Clement a dwelling in the sea, in the shape of a marble temple made by the hands of angels: and you made a way for the people on land, that they might recount your mighty deeds. **V.** Lord, you wished this to be done for the praise and glory of your name. — That they might recount. — Glory. — That they might recount.

Before Lauds V. Blessed Clement, pray for us. **Ry.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LAUDS

Antiphons

1. As the holy Clement

prayed, the Lamb of God appeared to him.

Psalm The Lord is king, etc. p. 29.

2. It was not on account of my merits that the Lord sent me to you to share in your crowns.

3. I saw on the mountain the Lamb standing; from under his foot a living spring flows out.

4. From under his foot a living spring flows out; the waters of the river give joy to God's city.

5. All the peoples of the region believed in Christ the Lord.

Little Chapter James 1

Blessed is the man who endures trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love him.

Hymn

God's martyr you, the only Son
To victory has led you on!
Your every foe defeated
lies,
And heaven accords the
victor's prize.

O may your prayer for us
obtain
The cleansing of each
guilty stain;
Shield all from sin's con-
tagious blight,
Put life's long weariness to
flight.

Now riven are the bonds in
twain

That did your saintly limbs
enchain;

For love of God's own Son,
arise

And free us from all
worldly ties.

To God the Father glory
true,

The same, eternal Son, to
you;

To Counsellor Spirit glory
be

Both now and for eternity.
Amen.

V. A gold crown upon
his hand. **Ry.** Inscribed
like a signet with "Holi-
ness."

Bened. ant. Let us all
pray to the Lord Jesus
Christ, that he may open
the course of the spring to
his confessors.

Prayer

O God, you gladden us
by the annual solemn-
ity of the blessed Clement,
your martyr and bishop;
mercifully grant that, as we
honour his feast, we may
imitate the strength of his
endurance. Through.

VESPERS

Ant. to psalms As
the holy Clement prayed,
the Lamb of God appeared
to him.

**Psalms from the Com-
mon of a Martyr** [65].

**Little chapter, hymn and
versicle from the same
Common** [67].

Magnif. ant. They
found, prepared by God, a
dwelling in the shape of a
marble temple.

**Compline from the week-
day.**

24 November

St. John of the Cross

**Confessor and Doctor of
the Church**

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

John of the Cross was
born of pious parents
at Fontiveros in Spain.
From an early age it
became known with cer-
tainty how pleasing he
would be to the Virgin
Mother of God, for when,
aged five years, he fell into
a well, he was lifted up by
her and so escaped injury.
As a youth he lovingly
devoted himself as a ser-
vant in a hospital for the
poor at Medina del Campo.
He later joined the institute
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
of Mount Carmel and pro-
fessed the primitive rule,
being ordained priest out of
obedience. Inflamed with
zeal for promoting a

stricter discipline, he was divinely given to Saint Teresa as a colleague in restoring among the brethren the primitive observance of the Carmelite order. She considered him among the purer and more excellent souls then adorning the church of God. Since he strenuously laboured and suffered much in this work of reform he was asked by Christ what reward he wanted for so many efforts. He replied, "Lord, to suffer and be despised for you." John wrote books, full of divine wisdom, on mystical theology. Finally, at Ubeda, having patiently endured severe illness, he died in 1591, aged 49. Pius XI, having consulted the Congregation of Sacred Rites, declared him a Doctor of the universal Church.

Ry. iii. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast.

V. Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. — And be like men. — Glory. — To come home.

LAUDS

Prayer

O God, you made the holy John, your confessor

and doctor, an extraordinary lover of perfect self-denial and of the cross; grant that, always following his example, we may reach eternal glory. Through.

Commemoration of St. Chrysogonus, Martyr.

Ant. Let him who would come after me deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

V. A gold crown upon his head. **Ry.** Inscribed like a signet with "Holiness."

Prayer

Heed our prayers, Lord; may we who know that, as a result of our wrong-doing, we stand accused, be set free through the pleading of the blessed Chrysogonus, your martyr. Through.

25 November

St. Catherine Virgin and Martyr

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

Catherine was a noble virgin of Alexandria. To her studies of the liberal arts she joined ardent faith. When she saw many chris-

tians taken for torture by order of Maximin, she approached Maximin himself and vehemently declared to him that faith in Christ was necessary for salvation. Astonished at her wisdom, the tyrant ordered her to be detained. Summoning from all sides the most learned men, he tried to persuade her to turn to the worship of idols. But the opposite happened. For many of these men, convinced by Catherine's wisdom and reasoning, embraced the christian faith and did not hesitate to die for it. Because of this, Maximin, first by flattery, then by torture, tried to turn Catherine away from her belief; but since he had no success, he ordered her to be beheaded.

Ry. iii. The kingdom of the world and all earthly trappings I have spurned for the love of my Lord Jesus Christ, * whom I have seen, whom I have loved, in whom I have believed, whom I have cherished. **V.** My heart overflows with noble words. To the king I must speak the song I have made. — Whom I have seen, whom I have loved, in whom I have believed, whom I have cherished. — Glory. — In whom I have believed, whom I have cherished.

LAUDS

Prayer

O God, you gave the law to Moses on the summit of Mount Sinai, and through your holy angels, wonderfully put in that same place the body of the blessed Catherine, your virgin and martyr; grant, we beseech you, that by her merits and intercession, we may reach that mountain which is Christ. Who lives and reigns with you.

29 November

St. Saturninus Martyr

Commemoration

LAUDS

Ant. Let him who would come after me deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

V. A gold crown upon his head. **Ry.** Inscribed like a signet with "Holiness."

Prayer

O God, as you allow us to rejoice in the feast of your blessed martyr Saturninus, grant that we may be helped by his merits. Through.

30 November

St. Andrew, Apostle

II class

At I VESPERS where this feast is kept as I class.

Ant. to psalms One of the two who followed the Lord was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, alleluia.

Psalm Praise O servants, etc. [1].

Little Chapter Ephes. 2

So you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone.

Ry. As the man of God was led to crucifixion, the people cried aloud, * "His innocent blood is condemned without cause."
V. As the executioners were leading him to crucifixion, the people flocked together, crying aloud and saying. — His innocent. — Glory. — His innocent.

Hymn and versicle from the Common of Apostles [38].

Magnif. ant. When Jesus walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Peter and Andrew, his brother, and he said to them, "Follow me. I will make you fishers of men." And, leaving both nets and boat, they followed him.

Prayer

We appeal to your majesty, Lord, asking that the blessed apostle Andrew, who was a preacher and ruler in your church, may be also for us a constant advocate in heaven. Through.

Compline from Sunday.

MATINS

Invit. Let us adore Christ, the most triumphant king; * he crowned Andrew his apostle, victor through the trophy of the cross.

Hymn from the Common of Apostles [39].

I Nocturn

Ant. 1 Seeing Peter and Andrew, the Lord called them.

Psalms from the same Common [39].

Ant. 2 "Follow me," says the Lord, "I will make you fishers of men."

Ant. 3 Leaving their nets, they followed the Lord, the Redeemer.

V. Their span goes forth through all the earth. **Ry.** Their words to the utmost bounds of the world.

From the blessed apostle Paul's Letter to the Romans

Lesson i Chapter 10

Christ is the end of the law, that every one

who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practises the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach).

Ry. i. As the Lord walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Peter and Andrew casting nets into the sea and he called them, saying, * "Follow me; I will make you fishers of men." **V.** For they were fishermen, and he said to them. — Follow me.

Lesson ii

For, "every one who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." But how are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? And how can men preach unless they are sent? As it is written,

"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!" But they have not all heeded the gospel; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes from the preaching of Christ.

Ry. ii. As soon as the blessed Andrew heard the Lord preaching, he left the fishing nets, by which he earned his living, to follow him * who gave the prize of eternal life. **V.** At the sound of that one command, Peter and Andrew left their nets, to follow the Redeemer. — Who gave.

Lesson iii

But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have; for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the end of the world." Again I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, "I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry." Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, "I have been found by those who did not seek me; I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me." But of Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my

hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”

Ry. iii. As the man of God was led to crucifixion, the people cried aloud, * “His innocent blood is condemned without cause.”

V. As the executioners were leading him to crucifixion, the people flocked together, crying aloud and saying. — His innocent. — Glory. — His innocent.

II Nocturn

Ant. 4 The Lord delighted in Andrew as in a pleasing odour, alleluia.

Ant. 5 The Lord judged worthy to be his martyr, him whom he had called to be an apostle while he was on the sea, alleluia.

Ant. 6 Christ sent me to this region where I have gained no small following.

V. You will make them princes over all the earth.

Ry. May this song make your name remembered, Lord.

From the Acts of his martyrdom written by Priests and Deacons of Achaia, and from the Roman Breviary.

Lesson iv

The apostle Andrew, born at Bethsaida, a village in Galilee, was Peter’s brother and a disciple of

John the Baptist. Together with his brother he was the first of the apostles to be chosen by Christ. After the passion and resurrection he went to Scythia in Europe, then through Epirus and Thrace, converting countless souls by his teaching and miracles. Afterwards when he had come to Patras in Achaia and had led very many in that city to the gospel truth, he freely upbraided Aegeas the Proconsul, who was opposing the preaching of the gospel.

Ry. iv. Andrew, faithful teacher and God’s friend, is led to the cross. Looking from afar he saw the cross: “Welcome, Cross! * Receive the disciple of him who hung upon you, Christ my Master.” **V.** Welcome, Cross! You are consecrated by the body of Christ and adorned by his limbs as by gems. — Receive.

Lesson v

Then, Aegeas being angered, finally advised Andrew that, for his own sake, he should sacrifice to the gods. To which Andrew replied, “Every day, at the altar, I offer, in sacrifice to the one, true, almighty God, not the flesh of bulls nor the blood of goats, but the Immaculate Lamb. When

his flesh has then been eaten by all the faithful, the Lamb who was sacrificed remains entire and alive.” Wherefore, Aegeas, burning with anger, ordered him to be imprisoned. The people would gladly have set Andrew free had he, himself, not calmed them, earnestly begging them not to keep him from the crown of martyrdom which he most vehemently desired, and towards which he was hastening.

Ry. v. O good cross, you received majesty and beauty from the limbs of the Lord, receive me from among men and restore me to my Master, * that he who through you redeemed me, may through you, receive me. **V.** I come to you with trust and gladness, so may you, too, welcome me with joy. — That he.

Lesson vi

Soon afterwards he was brought to the tribunal, and as Aegeas could no longer bear this man who continued to uphold the mysteries of the cross and to accuse him of irreverence, he ordered him to be raised upon a cross and so imitate the death of Christ. As Andrew was being led to the place of martyrdom, when he saw the cross in

the distance, he began to cry out, “O good Cross, you received majesty and beauty from the limbs of the Lord. Long desired, earnestly loved, sought unceasingly, now you are prepared for the soul that longs for you. Receive me from among men and restore me to my Master, that he who, through you, redeemed me, may through you, receive me.” He was then fastened to the cross and hung there alive for two days, during which he did not cease to preach the faith. Then he departed to him whose death he had longed to imitate.

Ry. vi. Welcome Cross! You were consecrated by the body of Christ and adorned by his limbs as by gems. * Receive the disciple of him who hung upon you. **V.** O good cross, long desired and now prepared for the soul that longs for you. — Receive.—Glory. — Receive.

III Nocturn

Ant. 7 When he saw the cross, Andrew said joyfully, “O good cross, I have always loved you and longed to embrace you.”

Ant. 8 Receive me from among men and restore me to my Master, that he who through you redeemed me

may, through you, receive me.

Ant. 9 For the name of Christ, the blessed Andrew hung alive on the cross for two days, and taught the people.

V. To me, how mysterious are your thoughts, O God! **R.** The sum of them is not to be numbered.

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson vii Chapter 4

At that time: As Jesus walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Etc.

Homily of Pope St. Gregory

Homily 5 on the Gospels

You have heard, beloved brethren, how at the sound of one command, Peter and Andrew left their nets and followed the Redeemer. Up to this, they had not seen him work a miracle, nor had they heard from him anything about the prize of an eternal reward. And yet, at this one command of the Lord, they forgot that which they seemed to possess. How many of his miracles do we

not see! How often are we not afflicted by scourges! By how many threatening hardships are we not warned! And yet, when called, we disdain to follow him.

R. vii. All day I spread out my hands upon the cross, towards an unbelieving people who opposed me. * They go ways that are not good, following their sins. **V.** Judge of the earth, arise, give the proud what they deserve. — They go ways.

Lesson viii

He who warns us to turn to him is now enthroned in heaven. He has now bowed the necks of the nations to the yoke of faith; he has now brought low the glory of the world. Now, with its increasing destruction, he announces that the day of his strict judgment is approaching. And still, our haughty spirit is unwilling to give up freely that which, despite itself, it loses daily. What, then, dear brethren, are we to say at his judgment, since commands do not turn us from love of this present world, nor scourges amend us?

R. viii. The Lord delighted in Andrew as in a pleasing fragrance. He regarded him, hanging on the cross, as his worthy martyr whom, while on the sea, he

had called to be his apostle. * And therefore he was called a friend of God. **V.** This man was seen as the meekest of his people, but yet filled with grace and holiness. — And therefore.

Lesson ix

But, perhaps, in the silence of his thoughts, someone may ask himself, "What, or how much, did either of these fishermen give up at the Lord's call, since they owned practically nothing?" But in this case, dear brethren, we must think more in terms of willingness than of mere possessions. He who retains nothing for himself, leaves much; he leaves much who leaves all that he has, however small it may be. Certainly, we ourselves, love to keep what we possess and we seek with eagerness the things we have not. Hence Peter and Andrew gave up much when each abandoned even the desire of possessing.

R. ix. When Andrew saw the Cross, he cried out, * "O cross that surpasses description, O priceless Cross, cross whose radiance shines throughout the world. Do not send me away to wander like a sheep without a shepherd." **V.** For the name of Christ, the blessed Andrew hung alive on the cross for two

days and taught the people, and he said. — O Cross that. — Glory. — Do not send me away.

Before Lauds V. The Lord delighted in Andrew. **R.** As in a pleasing odour.

LAUDS

Antiphons

1. Welcome precious Cross! Receive the disciple of him who hung upon you, Christ my Master.

Psalm The Lord is King, etc. p. 29.

2. The blessed Andrew prayed, saying, "Lord, King of eternal glory, receive me as I hang on the cross."

3. Andrew was Christ's servant, a worthy apostle of God, Peter's brother and companion in his suffering.

4. Maximilla, Christ's handmaiden, took the apostle's body and buried it, with spices, in an honourable place.

5. Lord, you have drowned in the deep those who persecuted the just, and on the wood of the cross you have been his guide.

Hymn

Eternal gifts of Christ the King, Apostles' glory, let us sing; And all with hearts of gladness raise

Due hymns of thankful love
and praise.

For, rulers of the churches
they,
Triumphant leaders in the
fray ;
The heavenly King's own
warrior band,
True lights to lighten every
land.

They kept the steadfast
faith of saints,
The hope that never yields
nor faints,
The love of Christ in per-
fect glow,
That lays the prince of this
world low.

In them the Father's glory
bright,
In them the Spirit's true
delight ;
In them the Son with joy
abounds,
In exultation heaven re-
sounds.

We pray you now, Re-
deemer King,
Your lowly suppliants to
bring
To join that blessed com-
pany,
And be with them etern-
ally.
Amen.

V. They will tell what
God has done. *Ry.* They
will understand God's
deeds.

Bened. ant. Release to
us the just man ; give the

holy man back to us. Do
not kill a man who is just,
gentle, religious and dear
to God.

Prayer

We appeal to your
majesty, Lord, asking
that the blessed apostle,
Andrew, who was a
preacher and ruler in your
church, may be also for us
a constant advocate in
heaven. Through.

*At the Hours, psalms
and antiphon from week-
day.*

*At Terce, Sext and None,
the Little chapters, res-
ponsories and versicles are
from the Common of
Apostles [48].*

VESPERS

Ant. to psalms Welcome,
precious Cross ! Receive
the disciple of him who
hung upon you, Christ, my
Master.

*Psalms from the Com-
mon of Apostles [49].*

*Little chapter, hymn and
versicle from the same com-
mon [51].*

Magnif. ant. When the
blessed Andrew reached
the spot where the cross
was prepared, he cried out,
“ O good Cross, long de-
sired, and now, prepared
for the soul that longs for
you. So may you, too, with
joy, welcome me, the dis-
ciple of him who hung upon
you.”

Compline from Sunday.

1 December
Bl. John of Vercelli
Confessor, O. P.
Commemoration

LAUDS

Ant. “ Well done, good
and faithful servant ; you
have been faithful over a
little, I will set you over
much,” says the Lord.

V. The just man will
blossom as the lily. *Ry.*
And he will flourish before
the Lord for ever.

Prayer

O God, you willed that
the Blessed John
should shine with wonder-
ful prudence and constancy;
grant, through his inter-
cession, that your family
may always and everywhere
be governed by beneficial
rule. Through.

2 December
St. Bibiana
Virgin and Martyr

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

Bibiana, a Roman virgin
of noble birth, was still
more distinguished by the
christian faith. Her par-
ents, Flavian and Dafrosa,
suffered martyrdom under
Julian the apostate. Then
Bibiana and her sister,
Demetria, were deprived
of all their possessions. The
praetor of the city, Aproni-
anus, tried, by coaxing and

by threats, to draw them
away from the true faith,
but with great constancy
they prayed that this im-
pious design of the praetor
might be frustrated. Dur-
ing the ordeal, Demetria
suddenly collapsed in Bibi-
ana's presence and died in
the Lord. Then Bibiana
was handed over to a very
wicked woman named
Rufina, to be seduced. But
Bibiana overcame her wiles
and treated the praetor's
cunning with ridicule.
Wherefore, at his com-
mand, she was beaten to
death with leaded whips.
Although her holy body
was thrown to dogs and lay
in the open for two days, it
was divinely preserved from
injury. A priest, whose
name was John, buried it
by night at the Palace of
Licinius, near the tomb of
her mother and sister. A
church dedicated to God
under the title of St.
Bibiana now stands there.

Ry. iii. The kingdom of
the world, and all earthly
trappings, I have spurned
for the love of my Lord
Jesus Christ,* whom I have
seen, whom I have loved,
in whom I have believed,
whom I have cherished.
V. My heart overflows
with noble words. To the
king I must speak the song
I have made. — Whom I
have seen. — Glory. — In
whom I have believed.

Prayer

We beseech you, Lord, that we may obtain pardon through the prayer of the blessed Bibiana, your

virgin and martyr, who was ever pleasing to you by reason of her chastity and practice of your virtues. Through.

Office of the Saints O.P.

whose feasts are in some places celebrated
with I or II class rank
For The Second Order

9 June

BB. Diana, Cecilia and Amata, Virgins, O. P.

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

Diana d'Andalo of Bologna, an exceptional admirer of the brethren and of the Order, was a benefactress of the convent of Saint Nicholas. Influenced by the preaching of Blessed Reginald, she abandoned the vanities of the world and made a vow of virginity in the hands of Saint Dominic, whom she loved with all the ardour of her soul. She valiantly fought family opposition, ill-health and house detention in order to fulfil the obligations imposed by her vow. With the help of the Master General, Jordan, she founded the convent of Saint Agnes. By permission of Honorius III, four sisters from the convent of Saint Xystus went

to Bologna to instruct the community on the practices and duties of the religious life. Outstanding among these was Cecilia. She was the first to receive the habit from Saint Dominic in Rome and wrote for the sisters an account of his activities. Blessed Amata, also, added lustre to the convent. Leo XIII granted the Dominican Order and the archdiocese of Bologna permission to celebrate, under one feast, an office and mass in honour of these members of Christ, whom God, who dwells in the body of the chaste, united both in the austerities of religious life and in a glorious death.

R. iii. The kingdom of the world and all earthly trappings I have spurned for the love of my Lord, Jesus Christ, * whom I have seen, whom I have loved, in whom I have believed, whom I have cherished. **V.** My heart overflows with noble words.

To the king I must speak the song I have made. — Whom I have seen. — Glory. — In whom I have believed, whom I have cherished.

Before Lauds and at Vespers. V. Blessed Diana and your companions, pray for us. **Rv.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

VESPERS

Magnif. ant. Wise virgins, prepare your lamps. Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.

Prayer

O God, you endowed the blessed Diana, your virgin, with wonderful steadfastness of soul and gave her the blessed Cecilia and Amata as companions on the way of evangelical perfection, mercifully grant that we, too, through their example, may be strengthened in all trials and, by their help, be shielded against all foes. Through.

9 July

SS. John O.P. and Companions
Martyrs

II class

At I VESPERS where the feast is celebrated with I class rank :

Ant. to psalms Sion, praise your God because he has blessed the children within you: behold, they shall come clad with justice and with a gold crown on their head.

Psalm Praise O servants etc. [1].

Little Chapter **Rev. 12**

The holy ones have conquered by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

Rv. There was heard what seemed to be the mighty voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying, "Alleluia! * Salvation and glory and power belong to our God for ever and ever. **V.** For his judgments are true and just, and he has avenged the blood of his servants." — Salvation. — Glory. — For ever.

Hymn

Strength of the martyrs, sturdiness and courage, Prize of the victors, splendour and perfection, Christ, our King, hear us, calling to remembrance This wondrous triumph.

On this day, sacred, to that band unconquered God's faithful people joyfully do homage;

Singing with reverence of
Christ's noble soldiers,
Faith's loyal pillars.

This joyful Order specially
now honours,
Midst band heroic, John's
most noble triumph ;
Since that good pastor
sacrificed his life-blood
For his disciples.

These, then, aflame with
loyalty all holy,
Give to their people food
of life eternal :
No threat deters them ;
God himself, providing,
Kindles their spirit.

Might, honour, power, be
to God the Father ;
Give worship, likewise, to
the Son for ever,
And to the Spirit, sing,
with voice unceasing,
Hymns in his praises.
Amen.

V. Blessed John and
your companions, pray for
us. **Ry.** That we may be
made worthy of the promis-
es of Christ.

Magnif. ant. Scattering
the proud in the strength
of your arm, Lord, you
have looked on your serv-
ants in their nothingness ;
see, all ages will call them
blessed.

Prayer

O God, you crowned
with the laurel of im-

mortality the struggle made
for the faith by your blessed
martyrs, John and his com-
panions ; mercifully grant
that, striving here on earth,
we may likewise deserve,
through their merits and
following their example, to
be crowned with them in
heaven. Through.

Compline from Sunday.

MATINS

Invit. God, who has
adorned his martyrs with
everlasting crowns, * come,
let us adore.

Hymn

As new and monstrous
heresies are rising,
Soldiers of Christ, too,
grow in loyal fervour.
Faith, all resistless, as a
shield upholding,
Firmly they counter.

"Bread come from heaven,
that all men may savour,
You, God, made ready,"
cry they, bearing wit-
ness ;

"You, Christ, appointed,
in the sound ark, Peter,
Faith's firm instructor."

This band, most noble,
now to death advances.
One calls on Jesus, some-
one else on Mary ;
Thus, at death's moment,
with his breath expiring,
Greeting his Mother.

So fell the heroes, on this
day, life-crowning.
Wild foe triumphant, lets
brute strength make
orgy ;
Limbs, then, are scattered,
having first been
butchered:
Earth is blood-sodden.

Might, honour, power, be
to God the Father ;
Give worship, likewise, to
the Son for ever ;
And to the Spirit, sing,
with voice unceasing,
Hymns in his praises.

Amen.

I Nocturn

Ant. 1 They followed
not the counsel of the
wicked, but their delight
was in the law of the Lord.

**Psalms from the Com-
mon of Many Martyrs**
[78].

Ant. 2 On Sion, the holy
mountain of the Lord, they
announced the decree of
the Lord.

Ant. 3 The eyes of the
Lord look down on the
poor, because the Lord is
just and loves justice.

V. Rejoice, rejoice in
the Lord, exult you just.
Ry. O come, ring out your
joy, all you upright of
heart.

From the book of Wisdom
Lesson i Chapter 3

But the souls of the
righteous are in the
hand of God, and no tor-
ment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish
they seemed to have died,
and their departure was
thought to be an affliction,
and their going from us to
be their destruction ; but
they are at peace. For
though in the sight of men
they were punished, their
hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a
little, they will receive great
good, because God tested
them and found them
worthy of himself ; like
gold in the furnace he
tried them, and like a
sacrificial burnt offering he
accepted them. In the time
of their visitation they will
shine forth, and will run
like sparks through the
stubble. They will govern
nations and rule over
peoples, and the Lord will
reign over them for ever.

Ry. i. They continually
offered up a sacrifice of
praise to God, that is, the
fruit of lips that acknow-
ledge his name. * There-
fore, throughout all time
they march crowned in
triumph. **V.** The path of
the righteous is like the
light of dawn, which shines
brighter and brighter until
full day. — Therefore.

Lesson ii Chapter 5

Then the righteous man will stand with great confidence in the presence of those who have afflicted him, and those who make light of his labours. When they see him, they will be shaken with dreadful fear, and they will be amazed at his unexpected salvation. They will speak to one another in repentance, and in anguish of spirit they will groan, and say, "This is the man whom we once held in derision and made a byword of reproach—we fools! We thought that his life was madness and that his end was without honour. Why has he been numbered among the sons of God? And why is his lot among the saints? So it was we who strayed from the way of truth, and the light of righteousness did not shine on us, and the sun did not rise upon us. We took our fill of the paths of lawlessness and destruction, and we journeyed through trackless deserts, but the way of the Lord we have not known."

R. ii. The holy men considered reproach for Christ to be wealth far greater than the treasure of sinners: * for they looked to the reward. **Y.** They chose rather to be afflicted with the people of

God than to have the temporary pleasure of sin. — For they looked.

Lesson iii

Such things as these the sinners said in hell, because the hope of the ungodly man is like chaff carried by the wind, and like a light hoar-frost driven away by a storm; it is dispersed like smoke before the wind, and it passes like the remembrance of a guest who stays but a day. But the righteous live for ever, and their reward is with the Lord; the Most High takes care of them. Therefore they will receive a glorious crown and a beautiful diadem from the hand of the Lord, because with his right hand he will cover them, and with his arm he will shield them.

Ry. iii. Your enemies, Lord, raise a tumult, and those who hate you lift up their heads and conspire against those you love. * If God is for us, who is against us? **Y.** We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks and recount your name.—If God.—Glory.—If God.

II Nocturn

Ant. 4 They shall be admitted to the tent of God, and the victorious shall dwell on his holy mountain.

Ant. 5 The Lord is their

portion and their cup; it is he himself who is their prize.

Ant. 6 They shall climb the mountain of the Lord and stand in his holy place, and they shall receive blessings from the Lord.

Y. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God.

Ry. They shall exult and dance for joy.

Lesson iv

The sixteenth century, memorable for the disturbances of the error of Calvinism, provided in Holland a striking example of christian fortitude. The nineteen martyrs of Gorcum, as they are called, because of the place of their death, strove gloriously in defence of the Real Presence of Christ's body in the Eucharist and the Primacy of the Roman Pontiff. Outstanding among these was blessed John, a German, of the Order of Preachers, praiseworthy for his holiness of life and for his learning. At the direction of his superiors, he was administering the parish of Hoornaer in Holland, and when, in the course of his duty, he was visiting parish priests, religious, and other faithful committed to his care who had been imprisoned for their faith, and was administering the sacraments

to them, he himself was imprisoned.

Ry. iv. Gird yourselves and be valiant to fight * against the nations who have assembled to destroy us and our sanctuary. **Y.** God is for us a refuge and strength: in him our heart has trusted and we have been helped. — Against.

Lesson v

For several days and nights his constancy and that of the other holy men was tried by various forms of ridicule and ill-treatment, to induce him, if possible, to deny, in particular, Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, and sacrilegiously to renounce obedience to the Roman Pontiff. When it was evident that his courage could not be broken by these hardships, with the rest of his invincible comrades he was brought half-naked and in chains to Briel, there to complete his martyrdom with extreme suffering. On the way, he and his companions suffered incredible tortures at the hands of the soldiers, the sailors and the heretical mob. Finally, being hanged from a beam, the victim for Christ merited to become a glorious victor.

Ry. v. We are being given up to death for Jesus' sake,

but we are not crushed. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us * an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison. **V.** The sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. — An eternal.

Lesson vi

These great martyrs died about midnight on July 9, 1572. The executioners treated their bodies savagely. They cut asunder their ribs, opened up their insides and scattered their entrails. But God approved by miracles the noble triumph of his martyrs. Among these signs one was outstanding; a lovely shrub sprouted at the spot of the martyrdom. This shrub was completely covered with the same number of very white blossoms as there were martyrs who had fought there for the crown of faith. When these miracles had been formally examined, Pope Clement X added the names of John and his eighteen companions to the roll of the Blessed and granted permission to celebrate as a solemn feast the anniversary of their great victory. When the cause of these martyrs was again brought before the Apostolic See, the Supreme

Pontiff, Pius IX, with solemn ceremony in the Vatican Basilica, enrolled John and his companions on the list of the Saints, in the year 1867 on the feast day of the Princes of the Apostles, in the presence of Cardinals and Bishops who had come from all over the world to celebrate the centenary of the Apostles.

Ry. vi. Let us all die in our innocence; * heaven and earth testify for us that you are killing us unjustly. **V.** As his will in heaven may be, so he will do. — Heaven. — Glory. — Heaven.

III Nocturn

Ant. 7 The Lord looks on the just, to rescue their souls from death.

Ant. 8 The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; and those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.

Ant. 9 The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

V. But the righteous live for ever. **Ry.** And their reward is with the Lord.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lesson vii Chapter 6

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples: “Blessed

are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, on account of the Son of man!” Etc.

Homily of St. Augustine,
Bishop

On the Lord's Sermon.

Whoever seeks the pleasures of this world and the possession of temporal goods as a christian, let him note that our blessedness is from within, as is said through the mouth of the prophet: “All the beauty of the king's daughter is within.” For, from outside are promised, revilings, persecutions and detractions. But, for these the reward is great in heaven. It is already experienced in the heart of those who suffer patiently, those who can already say, “We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” For it is not merely to suffer these things that is fruitful, but to bear them for the name of Christ, not only with

equanimity, but even with joy.

Ry. vii. They presented their bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God * for a pleasing odour. **V.** Their feet were put in chains, their necks were bound with iron. — For a pleasing odour.

Lesson viii

Rejoice and leap for joy,” he says, “for your reward is great in heaven.” I think that here “heaven” does not refer to the upper part of this visible world. For our reward, which should be unshaken and eternal, must not be placed in fleeting and temporal things. But I think that “in heaven” means, in the spiritual heavens, where eternal justice dwells. In comparison with these, the earth is called an unjust soul, to which, as it sins, the word is spoken: “You are earth and to earth shall you go.” It is of these heavens that the Apostle says, “But our commonwealth is in heaven.”

Ry. viii. We know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, * we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. **V.** Because we look not to the things that are seen, but

to the things that are unseen. — We have a building.

Lesson ix

They already enjoy this reward who rejoice in spiritual goods: but then it will be made perfect in every respect, when this mortal nature has put on immortality. “For thus,” he says, “they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” Now he considers persecution, in general, to consist both in reviling one and in vilification of one’s good name. He has encouraged us well, showing by an example that those who speak the truth are usually persecuted; and yet the prophets of old did not, through fear of persecution, cease to preach the truth.

Ry. ix. Then was heard what seemed to be the mighty voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying, “Alleluia! * Salvation and glory and power belong to our God for ever and ever. ∇. For his judgments are true and just, and he has avenged the blood of his servants.” — Salvation. — Glory. — For ever.

The rest as above, p. 621, keeping the rank as I or II class.

17 August
St. Hyacinth

Confessor O. P.
II class

At I VESPERs, whenever the feast is celebrated with I class rank.

Ant. to psalms Let us celebrate the joyful day when Hyacinth, the light of Poland, doubly glorified, rose to the heavenly courts.

Psalm Praise, O servants, etc. (1).

Little Chapter **Ecclus. 49**

He was led aright, in converting the people, and took away the abominations of iniquity; in the days of wicked men he strengthened godliness.

Ry. Hyacinth found a path in the waters, and a firm foothold amidst the waves; the floods stood up in a heap, * and he passed over as though on dry ground. ∇. Bearing in his hands a statue of the Virgin, he made the waters of the river solid beneath his feet. — And he. — Glory. — And he.

Hymn

A song to Hyacinth we bring,
With joyous voices let us sing,
And, banished far each cloud obscure,
Adore our God with minds all pure.

His father, Dominic, leader best,
On him bestowed the habit blest;
And soon, before all eyes displayed,
An apostolic man was made.

Where father led, the son proceeds,
Reflecting well his gracious deeds;
His leader’s path he followed well
And crushed the worldly lord of hell.

On him the Virgin famed awaits,
Encouragement and joy donates;
With glory in the wondrous signs
The grace of Christ breaks forth and shines.

To you, O God, may glory be
From age to age eternally;
And us with hosts of heaven ally,
At prayer of Hyacinth on high.
Amen.

∇. Blessed Hyacinth, pray for us. **Ry.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Magnif. ant. Hyacinth, the great preacher, trained many to righteousness: he brought peoples of different nations under the law of Christ.

Prayer

O God, you made the blessed Hyacinth, your confessor, glorious among the peoples of different nations by the holiness of his life and the splendour of his miracles; grant that, by his example, we may amend our lives, and by his help be defended in adversity. Through.

Compline from Sunday.

MATINS

Invit. Let us adore the Lord, the giver of grace. * He glorified Hyacinth, the preacher of salvation.

Hymn

Salvation’s herald, heaven-sent,
A faithful preacher forth he went;
As far throughout the earth he sped
The message true of Christ is spread.

He sows on all sides gospel seed,
The light that shows the rightful deed;
And from his mouth, as torches, flow
The rules of life that shine and glow.

Salvation's pathway
straight, he shows
With fitting conduct ever
goes ;
And by that word which
soul improves,
To true repentance each
he moves.

From evil foe its prey he
storms,
And hardened hearts to soft
transforms ;
And fit for heaven each one
he makes,
As Satan's power in each
he breaks.

To you, O God, may glory
be
From age to age eternally ;
And us with hosts of heaven
ally,
At prayer of Hyacinth on
high.
Amen.

I Nocturn

Ant. 1 Trained in discipline and knowledge from his youth, Hyacinth yielded fruit in due season.

Psalms from the Common of a Confessor [100].

Ant. 2 Appointed by the Lord to proclaim the gospel, he announced his decree and taught the peoples by word, conduct and miracles.

Ant. 3 By his words he spread the light of faith and recalled great numbers from darkness.

∇. The Lord loved him and adorned him. **Ry.** He clothed him with a robe of glory.

From the blessed apostle
Paul's Letter to the
Philippians

Lesson i Chapters 3 and 4

Brethren, I do not consider that I have made it my own ; but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature be thus minded ; and if in anything you are otherwise minded, God will reveal that also to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

Ry. i. When Poland gave birth to Hyacinth, it brought forth a spotless blossom, purer than any flower ; * it produced a new gem, more precious than any precious stone. ∇. The flower is fragrant with purity, the gem sparkling with goodness. — It produced a new gem.

Lesson ii

Brethren, join in imitating me, and mark those who so live, as you have an example in us. For many, of whom I

have often told you and now tell you even with tears, live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their God is the belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our commonwealth is in heaven.

Ry. ii. Leaving his native land, Hyacinth visits the holy places of Rome ; * abandoning worldly pomp, he enters Dominic's cloister. ∇. Following a most excellent Father, he becomes a pattern of all virtues. — Abandoning worldly pomp.

Lesson iii

And from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brethren, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Ry. iii. Adorned with chastity, burning with charity, he constantly gave himself to prayer and fasting, * and he pondered on the law of the Lord day and night. ∇. He brought his body into subjection, that he might be fit to become a sacrifice worthy of God. — And he pondered.

II Nocturn

Ant. 4 You alone, Lord, made him dwell in safety, for he called upon you day and night.

Ant. 5 The crowds were attentive to his preaching and were in admiration at his gift of miracles.

Ant. 6 With signs and wonders he brought the glorious name of the Lord to many peoples.

∇. The Lord guided the righteous man on straight paths. **Ry.** He showed him the kingdom of God.

From his Bull of Canonization issued by Clement VIII on April 17, 1594.

Lesson iv

The blessed Hyacinth was born of noble christian parents at the castle of Camin, in the diocese of Warsaw, in Poland. Having been made a canon of the church of Cracow, he was an example of piety and learning to all. Brought to Rome by his uncle Ivo, Bishop of Cracow, he there received the habit of the Order of Preachers from the hands of the holy father Dominic. Thence, returning to Cracow, he spread the new Order. Most humble and modest, he maintained perpetual virginity and, the more easily to subject the flesh

to the spirit, used nightly scourge himself to blood.

Ry. iv. The Lord gave him the treasure of his wisdom, that, through the ministry of preaching the gospel * it should be expended liberally upon believers and unbelievers.

V. He put his words on his lips and confided to him the secret of his heart. — It should be.

Lesson v

He was most abstemious in food and very often used to fast on merely bread and water. Frequently he spent whole nights praying in the church. When his weary body had to be given some respite, he rested either by lying on the ground or by leaning against the altar. When not praying, he devoted himself wholly to sacred studies, preaching, or hearing confessions. One can scarcely enumerate the many different and distant places to which he journeyed in preaching the gospel; how many labours he undertook for Christ's glory; how many unbelievers he recalled to the church, how many believers he recalled to penance.

Ry. v. The Lord's Mother made him rejoice with the joy of her presence, saying, "Hyacinth, son,

rejoice, * for your prayers are pleasing to my Son.

V. And whatever you may consider asking, you shall obtain it by my intercession." — For your prayers are pleasing to my Son.

Lesson vi

When for almost forty years after his profession he had led this wonderful life, finally, on the feast of the Assumption of God's Mother, for whom he displayed exceptional piety and devotion, he slept in the Lord in the year of salvation, 1257. He was illustrious for countless miracles both during life and after death. Among these is recounted the most famous one, that when the river Vistula had overflowed and cut off Visograde, a city in Moravia, he brought himself and his companions across on a cloak, which he spread on the water. Clement VIII enrolled him among the saints. Since that time his feast has been celebrated with great splendour in almost all the Christian world.

Ry. vi. Hyacinth found a path in the waters, and a firm foothold amidst the waves; the floods stood up in a heap, * and he passed over as though on dry ground. **V.** Bearing in his

hands a statue of the Virgin, he made the waters of the river solid beneath his feet. — And he. — Glory. — And he.

III Nocturn

Ant. 7 Through the seed of God's word he gave nations life in Christ, and brought the evil one to nought.

Ant. 8 In your strength, Lord, he cleansed the world from vice and valiantly shattered the sway of demons and of death.

Ant. 9 He who fearlessly walked upon the waters, climbed the mountain of the Lord with clean hands and pure heart.

V. The just will flourish like the palm tree in the house of the Lord. **Ry.** He shall grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson vii Chapter 10

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples: "Preach as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" Etc.

Homily of St. John Chrysostom

Homily 33 on Matthew

Observe how the Lord is no less concerned that they should lead better

lives than that he should endow them with the power of miracles. To show that miracles are worthless without uprightness of life and that they might not fall through pride and haughtiness, he said, "You have received without payment." Then lest they be motivated by desire for money, he added, "Give without payment." Again, lest they take pride in miracles as though they did them by their own power, he said, "You have received without payment, pay nothing to those who receive you. For you did not receive these things as a reward for your work; it is my gift. So you, also, should give, without payment, these benefits which cannot be valued in money.

Ry. vii. Going forth for the salvation of his people he routed the evil forces of the North; * with the warmth of the heavenly word, he set cold hearts on fire. **V.** Endowed with great virtue, he destroyed the power of sin. Ever fervent in soul, he showed solicitude for the faithful. — With the warmth of the heavenly word.

Lesson viii

Next, in order to eradicate the root of all evil and destroy the foundations

of vice, he said, "Do not possess gold nor silver, nor copper in your belts, nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor a staff." He did not say, "Do not take with you," but rather, "Do not possess," so that even if it were possible to receive from someone else they should still decline, and so avoid this ruinous weakness. By this command he envisages many advantages. First, that the disciples may be above suspicion. Next, he thereby frees them from all worldly cares that they may devote themselves to preaching alone. Lastly, he shows them his immense power; and to this he later alludes when he says, "Did you then lack anything when I sent you out barefoot, without sandals?"

R. viii. The Lord wonderfully made Hyacinth an outstanding preacher of his name, * so that he gave life to the dead, sight to the blind, and cured those who suffered from various diseases. **V.** As in his life he did wonders, so in his death his deeds were marvellous. — So that.

Lesson ix

It is also worthy of note that he did not, from the outset, say, "Do not possess gold nor silver." But

when he had first given them the power to cleanse lepers and cast out devils, he then added, "Possess nothing; you have received without payment; give without payment." In this way, he showed that what he commanded them was useful, good, and easy to do. But you may say, "Surely the other things he said were not said without definite purpose. For that matter, why did he order them not to have a bag on the journey, nor two tunics, nor a staff, nor shoes?" Undoubtedly because he wished to establish most precisely the foundations of a higher life; hence, in the preceding passages, he exhorts them not to be anxious about tomorrow.

R. ix. As Hyacinth is taken from the earth, he is borne to heaven amid tremendous light. * The choir harmonious greets him; the Queen of Virgins receives him. **V.** As he rises above the starry heavens to receive his reward. — The choir. — Glory. — The Queen of virgins receives him.

Remainder as above, p. 710, keeping the rank of I or II class.

30 August
St. Rose of Lima

Virgin O. P.

II class

At I VESPERS, wherever the feast is celebrated with I class rank.

Ant. to psalms Begin a song to my God with tambourines, sing to my Lord with cymbals. Raise to him a new psalm; exalt him and call upon his name.

Psalm Praise O servants, etc. [1].

Little Chapter **Wis. 8**

I loved her and sought her from my youth, and I desired to take her for my bride, and I became enamoured of her beauty," says the Lord almighty.

R. I perfumed my dwelling as storax and galbanum and uncrushed frankincense. * My fragrance is like pure balsam.

V. The Rose of the Indies emitted a pleasing perfume, and the house was filled with the scent of an ointment. — My fragrance is like pure balsam. — Glory. — My frankincense.

Hymn

Let all who dwell upon the earth
Keep Rose's feast, her heavenly birth;

Let those who praise her sound as one,
From sunrise to the setting sun.

While yet an infant at the breast,
On her the gifts of grace did rest;
And filled with God she set her hand
To conquer self by penance planned.

Her sinless limbs, by suffering tried,
In wondrous ways she mortified;
Her brow with wreaths of thorn transfixed,
Her simple food with gall she mixed.

Rejoicing now the prize is won,
The great reward for penance done,
She gladly sings the anthem new
As Lamb of God she follows true.

Be praise and honour for all time
To Him who gives these gifts sublime,
Who, Three in One and One in Three,
One God, rules all eternally.
Amen.

V. Blessed Rose, pray for us. **R.** That we may be

made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Magnif. ant. Blessed are you, Rose, by your God in every tabernacle of Jacob. For in every nation which shall hear your name, the God of Israel shall be magnified on account of you.

Prayer

Oalmighty God, giver of all good gifts, in pre-disposing blessed Rose by the dew of your heavenly grace, you willed that she should blossom in the Indies with the beauty of virginity and patience; grant us, your servants, that hastening in her pleasing-fragrance, we may be worthy to be made the aroma of Christ. Who lives and reigns with you.

Compline from Sunday.

MATINS

Invit. Come, let us adore the eternal King. * On account of her merits, he fittingly crowned the Rose of his heart in heaven.

Hymn

The royal city Lima, bright,
A regal present brought to light;
A Rose, to God most pleasing, bore,
A blossom of the heavenly shore.

As sun the darkness drives afar,
She passed in loveliness each star;
And like unto the spirits blest,
The Godhead bore upon her breast.

She did not flinch at cruel jeer,
Nor hell-hounds fierce could cause her fear;
But all alone she stayed unbowed,
And spurned the world with bustling crowd.

O Blessed One, look down to us
Who set ourselves to praise you thus;
And to the heavenly joys then lead,
When from all stains we have been freed.

O virgins' bridegroom, Christ, to you
And to the Father, glory true,
With Holy Spirit Counsellor,
Who lives and reigns for evermore.
Amen.

I Nocturn

Ant. 1 Lord, you have made your Rose little less than a god, for with glory and honour you crowned her.

Psalms from the Common of a Virgin [130].

Ant. 2 Like a bridegroom coming forth from his dwelling he made his home with Rose.

Ant. 3 With clean hands and pure heart Rose climbs the mountain of the Lord and will stand in his holy place.

V. Graciousness is poured upon your lips. **R.** Because God has blessed you for evermore.

From the Song of Songs

Lesson i Chapter 2

I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys. As a lily among brambles, so is my love among maidens. As an apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among young men. With great delight I sat in his shadow, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love. Sustain me with raisins, refresh me with apples; for I am sick with love. O that his left hand were under my head, and his right hand embraced me! I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or the hinds of the field, that you stir not up nor awaken love until it please.

R. i. Pay attention,

peoples from afar: the Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother * he named my name. **V.** In the blood of the eternal covenant, the great shepherd calls his sheep by name and he leads them out. — He named my name.

From the Proverbs of Solomon

Lesson ii Chapter 8

I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me. Riches and honour are with me, enduring wealth and prosperity. My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver. I walk in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice, endowing with wealth those who love me and filling their treasures. The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

R. ii. Rose is given a name better than that of the other children; a new name * which the mouth of Our Lady has given.

V. I will give her a white stone, and on the stone, a new name. — Which the mouth of Our Lady has given.

From the book of
Ecclesiasticus

Lesson iii Chapter 39

Listen to me, O you holy sons, and bud like a rose growing by a stream of water; send forth fragrance like frankincense, and put forth blossoms like a lily. Scatter fragrance, and sing a hymn of praise; bless the Lord for all his works; ascribe majesty to his name and give thanks to him with praise, with songs on your lips, and with lyres; and this you shall say in thanksgiving: "All things are the works of the Lord, for they are very good."

Ry. iii. I perfumed my dwelling as storax and galbanum and uncrushed frankincense. * My fragrance is like pure balsam. **Ry.** The Rose of the Indies emitted a pleasing perfume, and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. — My fragrance is like pure balsam. — Glory. — My fragrance.

II Nocturn

Ant. 4 Rose is clothed with splendour in gold of Ophir and so the king desired her beauty.

Ant. 5 The Lord helped Rose at the dawning of the day, and within her heart she cannot be shaken.

Ant. 6 On the holy mountain is Rose. It is he,

the Most High, who gives each his place, and prefers her to all Jacob's dwellings.

V. In splendour and state. **Ry.** Ride on in triumph.

From the Acts and Bull of Canonization.

Lesson iv

The virgin Rose was the first flower of holiness in South America. Born in Lima of christian parents, she showed, from the cradle, signs of her future holiness. For the infant's face, being marvellously transformed into the likeness of a rose, was the reason why she was given this name. Later the Virgin Mother of God added a further name to it and ordered that from then onwards she be called Rose of the Blessed Mary. At fifteen she took a vow of perpetual virginity. When she was older she secretly cut off her lovely hair that she might not be forced by her parents to marry. Given to extraordinary fasting, she abstained from bread for the whole of Lent, and lived on a diet of five grains of citrus fruit.

Ry. iv. This Rose cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir, nor can she be got for gold; * because all gold is but a little sand in her sight. **V.** Glory and riches are in her house;

her justice stands firm for ever. — Because all gold.

Lesson v

On taking the habit of the Third Order of the Holy Father Dominic, she redoubled the austerities of her earlier life. She fixed sharp needles here and there on her long and very rough hair shirt. Day and night, under her veil, she wore a crown provided with thickly woven thorns. Following in the arduous path of Saint Catherine of Siena, she wore an iron chain wound three times about her loins. She made a bed for herself from knotted wood and filled the joints with fragments of earthenware. In a remote corner of the garden she built herself a tiny hermitage. Here she gave herself to the contemplation of heavenly things. Weakened in the flesh by many scourgings, fasts and vigils, but quickened in spirit, a victor in many assaults, she repulsed and fearlessly overcame the deceits of the demons.

Ry. v. She made herself a secret cell where she lived enclosed. With sackcloth covering her loins * she fasted every day of her life. **V.** The virgin Rose, was anxious about the affairs of the Lord that she

might be holy in body and spirit. — She fasted.

Lesson vi

Although severely troubled by sickness, by derision from the household and by slanderous tongues, she complained that, as yet, she was not being afflicted as she deserved. During fifteen years, pining pitifully for hours in desolation of spirit and aridity, she bore, with constant spirit, agonies more bitter than any death. Later she began to abound in delights, to be enlightened by visions and to overflow with seraphic raptures. From repeated apparitions she became wonderfully intimate with her angel guardian, Saint Catherine of Siena and the Virgin Mother of God, and was privileged to hear Christ speak these words, "Rose of my heart, be my bride." Finally, being happily brought to the paradise of this Bridegroom, and famous for miracles, both before and after her death, she was solemnly enrolled in the list of holy Virgins by Pope Clement X.

Ry. vi. Blessed are you, daughter, by the most high God because you did not spare your own life when our nation was brought low; * but you have

avenged our ruin, walking in the straight path before our God. *℣.* You considered how to save your people from ruin. — But you have avenged. — Glory. — Walking in the straight path before our God.

III Nocturn

Ant. 7 As Rose came up, the land and all it bears rejoiced, and all the trees of the wood shouted for joy.

Ant. 8 Let earth rejoice and the many coastlands be glad, because all peoples see the glory of her holiness.

Ant. 9 Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world and its peoples: for the Lord has worked wonders in Rose.

℣. God will help her through his watchful presence. *℞.* God is within, she cannot be shaken.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson vii Chapter 13

At that time Jesus spoke this parable to the multitudes: The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. Etc.

Homily of St. Peter
Chrysologus

On Matthew Chap. 13

Brethren, you have heard how the entire greatness of the heavenly kingdom has been compared to a grain of mustard seed. Christ, seeking in heaven and on earth, found nothing but a grain of mustard seed in which he might store the whole power of the heavenly dominion. He encloses and confines within the limits of a grain of mustard seed that kingdom which is unique in power, eternally happy, brilliant in its divinity and is spread throughout the whole of heaven and earth. Does this sum up the hope of believers? Is this the ultimate in the expectations of the faithful? Is this happiness of Virgins comparable with the long labours of continence? Brethren, let us not be easily upset by the Lord's words. For if the weakness of God be stronger than men, then this least thing of God is found to be greater than all the greatness of the world. Provided, of course, that we so plant this grain of mustard seed in our minds, that it grows up to be in us a great tree of understanding.

℞. vii. Rose loved God's house and the place where

his glory abides, therefore,* she shall dwell in his holy mountain. *℣.* She did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. — She shall dwell.

Lesson viii

The kingdom of God is therefore like the grain of mustard seed. It is brought down from heaven by the word. It is received by hearing, sown by faith, takes root by belief, grows by hope, and is spread by being professed. It is extended by virtue and spreads out into branches, to which it calls the birds of the air, that is, the spiritual senses, and in these branches it receives them in a peaceful dwelling. Let the heretic come. Let him come, since the church is ever open to those who return. Let him come, let him hear, and let him now stop carping at the Lord's goodness. If all the majesty of the heavenly kingdom came like the grain of mustard seed, why repine that God came down to man, the Lord to the likeness of a servant? For he came like this, that, since you completely lacked him by nature, he might grow fully in you by faith.

℞. viii. Come with me from Lebanon, Rose of my

heart; come with me from Lebanon, my bride: * come on your way from the peak of Senir and Hermon. *℣.* At midnight there was a cry: "Behold, the bridegroom!" — Come on your way.

Lesson ix

Observe, however, that Christ is the kingdom of heaven. Like the grain of mustard seed, he was placed in the garden which is the Virgin's body and grew throughout the whole world into the tree of the cross. Such savour did his fruit give, when crushed in the passion, that by its contact it flavours and seasons all that lives. Just as in the perfection of the grain of mustard seed there lies a hidden force, and its power is seen fully only when crushed, so Christ willed his body to be crushed, that his power would not remain hidden. As for us, brethren, let us crush the grain of mustard seed, so that we likewise may feel its power. Let us crush this grain of mustard seed that we may experience its power in this parable. Let us crush that seed that it may set our burning lips aflame with the vigorous effect of its flavour, that so its fire may burn and spread through our whole heart, and by its

flavour remove from us all the distaste of our ignorance.

Ry. ix. Let us rejoice and exult, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and his bride has made herself ready. * It was granted to her to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure, which is the righteous deeds of the saints. **V.** The king set the royal crown on her head and made her queen. — It was granted. — Glory. — The righteous deeds of the saints.

Remainder as above, p. 740, keeping the rank of I or II class.

9 October

St. Louis Bertrand
Confessor O. P.

II class

At I VESPERS when the feast is celebrated with the rank of I class:

Ant. to psalms Your life will be brighter than the noonday; its darkness will be like the morning.

Psalm Praise, O servants, etc. [1].

Little Chapter Rev. 14
I saw another angel flying in midheaven, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation.

Ry. In my name they will cast out demons; they

will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents: * and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them.

V. Your sons were not conquered even by the teeth of venomous serpents, for your mercy came to their help and healed them. — And if they drink. — Glory. — It will not hurt them.

Hymn

While Louis, in his glory bright,
Now shines in heaven's starry height,
Valencia sings her joyful song,
Proud parent of a saintly throng.

Let Mother Church, the world around,
With every joyous song resound,
Her voice upraised in jubilee
To thank God for his clemency.

With care she nurtured well the ways
Of Louis in his early days;
Developing so gently, mild,
The virtue of this holy child.

She watched unailing by his side
Until he reached life's eventide;
His weapons, penances, in hand,
She led him to the triumph grand.

To Father and to Son be praise
And to the Spirit all our days;
Give praise, O blest of heaven's domain,
In timbrel and in cymbal's strain.

Amen.

V. Pray for us, blessed Louis. **Ry.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Magnif. ant. Resplendent torch of the new world, holy Louis, you merited a share in the glory of the Apostles by proclaiming the gospel of Christ in the Indies; be ever our successful suppliant with God who chose you.

Prayer

O God, through mortification of the body and preaching of the faith, you raised the blessed Louis, your confessor, to the glory of the saints; grant that what we profess by faith, we may ever fulfil by works of piety. Through.

Compline from Sunday.

MATINS

Invit. Let us shout for joy to the great King, creator of the universe. * In him Louis lives, sharing the glory of the saints.

Hymn

O stars of night that gleam on high,
You often heard the fervent sigh
That Louis, praying heaven, made
As on himself the scourge he laid.

Recount to us the scene you saw,
The blows, the blood, the wounds all raw,
As this great saint, with heart aflame,
Oft disciplined his mortal frame!

And when the pavement of his cell
Was moist with all the blood that fell,
A bed of wood renewed again
In every bone the cruel pain.

But then the light from heaven glows
Around him, wounded from these blows;
And, in his weakness, angels pure
Uplift him in their arms secure.

To God the Father, God the Son
And God the Spirit, Three in One;
Unending praise and glory be
From age to age eternally.
Amen.

I Nocturn

Ant. 1 As a tree planted beside the flowing waters, Louis yielded fruit to the new world in due season.

Psalms from the Common of a Confessor [100].

Ant. 2 The nations were in tumult, the worthless idols fell, as his preaching revealed to the Indies the wonderful works of Christ.

Ant. 3 He did not fear even thousands of people who were ranged on every side against him; his zeal for preaching the gospel made him fearless of rocks, cudgels, and darts.

℣. The Lord loved him and adorned him. **℟.** He clothed him with a robe of glory.

From the blessed apostle Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians

Lesson i Chapter 5

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Here indeed we groan, and long to put on our heavenly dwelling, so that by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we sigh with anxiety; not that we would be unclothed, but

that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

℣. i. Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one, in whom my soul delights; * I have put my Spirit upon him. **℣.** It is good for a man that he bear the yoke of the Lord in his youth. — I have put my Spirit upon him.

Lesson ii

So we are always of good courage; we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. We are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body.

℣. ii. For the moment, all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant: but later * it yields peaceful fruit to those who have been trained by it. **℣.** I put on sackcloth in mourning and afflict my soul with fasting. — It yields peaceful fruit.

Lesson iii

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men; but what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to be proud of us, so that you may be able to answer those who pride themselves on a man's position and not on his heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us.

℣. iii. See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the Lord has blessed! * May your mother's sons bow down to you. **℣.** Through us, God spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of himself, for we are the aroma of Christ to God. — May your mother's sons bow down to you. — Glory. — May your mother's sons bow down to you.

II Nocturn

Ant. 4 It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves: he heard the prayer of the humble and released him from anguish.

Ant. 5 The king of everlasting majesty heeded the groanings of his just one, and surrounded Louis with favour as with a shield.

Ant. 6 To silence the rebel and the foe, the Lord perfected the praise of his name through Louis.

℣. The Lord guided the righteous man on straight paths. **℟.** He showed him the kingdom of God.

Lesson iv

Louis Bertrand was born of virtuous and dutiful parents in Valencia, a city of Tarragona in Spain. Almost from infancy he began his apprenticeship to holiness and penance. When his boyhood was over, he began to sleep occasionally on the bare ground, often went without sleep at night, and applied himself diligently to exercises of piety and charity. Inflamed alike with contempt of the world and eagerness for the religious life, he overcame with remarkable constancy the efforts of his parents to make him deviate from his holy resolve. At length, his wish was fulfilled and he entered the Order of Preachers. Here he made such progress in a short time that he became an example even to those who were advanced in years,

although himself still a beginner. It was wonderful how, having made his profession, he perfected his former manner of life with a great and varied increase of virtue. He checked his sinful inclinations by means of fasting, scourgings, hair-shirts and vigils, and nourished his soul ceaselessly with prayer. In this way he cultivated internal modesty and purity of soul to such a degree that it appeared in his very eyes and countenance.

Ry. iv. Tongues are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers: I thank God that * I speak in tongues more than you all.

V. The Lord gave me a tongue as my reward, and I will praise him with it: I opened my mouth and said. — I speak in tongues more than you all.

Lesson v

While still a young man he was put in charge of the training of the novices, and trained them in all holiness by word and example. He was sent to the West Indies to preach the gospel. There, different and far-flung nations heard him speaking, as it were, their own tongues, though he himself spoke only Spanish. From among these, he led countless souls to the Christian faith.

There also, on more than one occasion, he drank, without ill-effects, poison that had been set before him by the barbarians. A certain nobleman plotted to kill Louis in revenge for a public condemnation of sins which he regarded as directed against himself alone; when he aimed the gun at him it was suddenly changed into the form of a crucifix. The wicked assailant was deeply moved by this miracle, fell at the feet of the saint, and earnestly begged pardon for his crime.

Ry. v. He declared among the nations and proclaimed; he set up the banner of the cross among the peoples: their images are put to shame, * their idols are dismayed. **V.** What sign do you do, that we may see, and believe you? — Their idols are dismayed.

Lesson vi

Remarkable for humility and patience, he repeatedly made use of the prayer: “Lord, burn here, cut here, do not spare here, that you may spare in eternity.” Inspired with the spirit of prophecy, he foretold many things. He extinguished fire with the sign of the cross, calmed a storm, restrained the attacks of wild beasts, restored life to the

dead, sight to the blind, the power to walk to the lame, hearing to the deaf. Finally, broken by the hardships of severe penance, he fell ill, and, having been duly purified by the sacred mysteries, departed to heaven on October 9, 1581, in the fifty-fifth year of his age. He was also renowned for many miracles after death. Paul V enrolled him among the Blessed, and Clement X enrolled him among the saints. Finally, at the request of the catholic king, Alexander VIII decreed that his feast should be celebrated as of double rank, by all the secular clergy of that realm, and by his apostolic authority declared the saintly Confessor patron of the kingdom of New Granada.

Ry. vi. I pommel my body and subdue it, * lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified. **V.** Lord, burn here, cut here, do not spare here, that you may spare for eternity. — Lest after. — Glory. — Lest after.

III Nocturn

Ant. 7 Having walked without fault and acted with justice, he now rejoices in the dwelling on the mountain.

Ant. 8 Greeted with the

blessings of success, he now enjoys the fulfilment of his heart's desire.

Ant. 9 He did not swear so as to deceive anyone, but was on his guard against sinful stain: with clean hands and pure heart, he climbed the mountain of the Lord.

V. The just will flourish like the palm tree in the house of the Lord. **Ry.** He shall grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Lesson vii Chapter 16

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation.” Etc.

Homily of Pope Saint Gregory

Homily 29 on the Gospels, after the beginning.

Every nation of the Gentiles can be signified by the phrase “the whole creation.” Indeed, it had previously been said, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles”; now, however, is said, “Preach to the whole creation.” This is so, that the preaching of the Apostles, having first been rejected by Judea, might then become a help to us; that

proud nation having rejected it and so witnessed to its own condemnation. But when the Truth sends the disciples to preach, what is he doing but scattering grains of seed in the world? And in the seed he places few grains that he may receive from our faith the fruits of many harvests.

Ry. vii. I resolved to live according to wisdom and in my conduct I was strict: * I was zealous for the good and I shall never be put to shame. **V.** If I were still pleasing men, I should not be a servant of Christ. – I was zealous.

Lesson viii

Nor would such a great harvest of faithful have arisen through all the world if the choice grain of the preachers had not come from the Lord's hand upon the human soil. Then follows: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." Perhaps each one may say within himself, "I already have believed; I shall be saved." He speaks truly if he upholds the faith in his deeds. That faith is indeed true which does not contradict by behaviour what it professes in speech. It is for this reason that Paul, when

speaking of some disloyal believers, says, "They profess to know God, but they deny him by their deeds."

Ry. viii. We are not destroyed, always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, * so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. **V.** Grant me, Lord, to die for you, as you were pleased to die for me. – So that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

Lesson ix

And these signs will accompany those who shall believe: "In my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick and they will recover." Are you, then, not believers, dear brethren, because you do not do these signs? These things, however, were needed in the beginning of the church. The multitude of believers had to be fed on miracles that they might grow in the faith. We ourselves, when we plant trees, moisten them with water until we see that they are firmly fixed in the earth; but once they have taken root, the moistening will be dis-

continued. This is the reason why Paul says, "Tongues are a sign, not for believers, but for unbelievers."

Ry. ix. Put on for ever the beauty from God: for God will show your splendour, and he will put on your head the diadem * of the glory of the Ever-

lasting. **V.** You removed my sackcloth and girdled me with joy: so my soul sings psalms to you unceasingly. – Of the glory of the Everlasting. – Glory. – Of the glory of the Everlasting.

The rest as above, p. 852, preserving the rank of I or II class.

ON THE MISSIONS

3 October

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus

Virgin

I class

All from the Common of a Virgin not a Martyr [128], except the following:

Prayer

Lord, you have said, "Unless you become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven"; grant us, we beseech you, so to follow the footsteps of the holy virgin Teresa in humility and simplicity of heart, that we may gain the eternal reward. For you live and reign.

II Nocturn

Lesson iv

Teresa of the Child Jesus was born at Alençon in France, of parents who were remarkable for their extraordinary and unremitting piety towards God. Under the influence of the divine Spirit, she longed, from her earliest years, to lead the religious life. She promised with all earnestness that she would never deny to God what he seemed to ask of her—a promise which she kept

faithfully until death. When Teresa was five years old her mother died. She then surrendered herself entirely to the providence of God under the watchful care of her loving father and elder sisters. Under these teachers Teresa rejoiced as a champion to run the course of perfection. When nine years old she was sent to the Benedictine nuns in Lisieux to be educated. There she was seen to excel in the knowledge of divine things. In her tenth year she was afflicted for a long time with a mysterious and grave illness. From this she was divinely delivered, as she herself tells, through the aid of the most blessed Virgin who, wreathed in smiles, appeared to her and whom, under the title of Our Lady of Victories, she had fervently invoked for nine days. Then filled with angelic fervour she began a most diligent preparation for the sacred banquet in which Christ is received.

Ry. iv. I loved her and desired to take her for my bride, * and I became enamoured of her beauty.

V. Strength and dignity are her clothing and she laughs at the time to come.—And I became.

Lesson v

On receiving the Eucharistic Bread for the first

time she seemed to experience an insatiable hunger for this heavenly food. Hence, as if inspired, she asked Jesus to turn all earthly consolation into bitterness for her. Overflowing thereafter with a most tender love for Christ the Lord and the church, she desired nothing more dearly than to enter the order of Discalced Carmelites, so that by her self-denial and sacrifices she might bring help to priests, missionaries, and the whole church, and win innumerable souls for Christ Jesus: on her deathbed she promised to do this from heaven. Because she was too young she encountered many obstacles to her undertaking the religious life. With extraordinary fortitude of soul she overcame these difficulties, and, at the age of fifteen, happily entered the Carmel of Lisieux. There God planted lofty aspirations in the heart of Teresa who, in imitation of the hidden life of the Virgin Mary, like a well-watered garden, put forth flowers of all the virtues, but especially that of exceptional love of God and of her neighbour.

Ry. v. This is a wise virgin whom the Lord found watching; who with lamps in hand took oil with her; * and when the Lord

came, went in with him to the marriage feast. **V.** This is one of the wise, who prepared their lamps. — And when the Lord came.

Lesson vi

On reading that admonition of Sacred Scripture: “Whosoever is a little one, let him come to me,” in order to become more pleasing to the Most High, she wished to be a little one in spirit, and so, with childlike trust, gave herself over for ever to God as to a most beloved Father. This way of spiritual childhood, which is in accordance with the teaching of the gospel, she taught to others, especially to the novices whose formation in zeal for the virtues of religion she undertook under obedience. Thus filled with apostolic zeal, she disclosed the way of gospel simplicity to a world puffed up with pride and enamoured of mere nothings. Jesus her Bridegroom wholly inflamed her with a desire to suffer both in soul and body. Affected moreover with the deepest anguish on perceiving that God’s love was disregarded on all sides, two years before her death she offered herself as a victim to the compassionate love of God. She herself tells how she was then wounded by a

flame of heavenly fire. So it was that consumed with charity, rapt in ecstasy and repeating over and over again with most intense fervour: “My God, I love you,” she departed to her Bridegroom on September 30, 1897, when she was twenty-four years old. Now that she has been received into heaven she has fulfilled—and continues to fulfil by miracles—the promise that she made as she lay dying, that she would send down on earth an unending shower of roses. The Supreme Pontiff Pius XI, who enrolled her among the beatified Virgins and two years later, during the year of the Great Jubilee, enrolled her among the Saints, named and proclaimed her as the special patroness of all Missions.

Ry. vi. She is led to the king with her maiden companions. Her destined companions are escorted in * with joy and gladness. **V.** Wise virgins, prepare your lamps. Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him. — With joy.—Glory.—With joy.

III Nocturn

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson vii Chapter 18

At that time the disciples came to Jesus,

saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Etc.

Homily of Pope Saint Leo

Sermon 37, for the solemnity of the Epiphany, 7, chaps. 3-4

Beloved, the whole craft of christian wisdom consists, not in a facility for speaking nor in skill in debate, nor in a longing for praise and glory, but in that genuine voluntary humility which the Lord Jesus Christ both chose and taught with his whole strength from his Mother's womb to the sacrifice of the cross. For when, as the Evangelist recounts, his disciples inquired among themselves who would be greatest in the kingdom of heaven, he called a child and put him in the midst of them, and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Christ loves childhood which, from the start, he undertook in soul and in body. Christ loves childhood which is the teacher of humility, the model of innocence, the image of gentleness. Christ loves

childhood; according to its pattern he guides the conduct of adults, according to which he rolls back the years of those advanced in age; and he brings low, to follow his example, those whom he raises to the eternal kingdom.

Ry. vii. I heard a voice coming from heaven: "Come, all you wise virgins, * store oil in your vessels for the coming of the bridegroom." **V.** At midnight there was a cry: "Behold, the bridegroom!"—Store oil.

Lesson viii

That we may fully understand how to bring about such a wonderful transformation, and what change is required in us for return to the state of childhood, let the blessed Paul teach us and say to us: "Do not be children in your thinking; be babes in evil." We do not, then, have to return to childish activity and the imperfections of our early days, but we are to take from his words something which is applicable even to those of advanced years, namely, that violence should pass quickly and peace return swiftly; that there should be no harbouring of resentment, no coveting of position of rank; that love of the common brotherhood

should reign, all being equally privileged. It is indeed a great achievement to do no injury, to plan no evil; for to inflict or repay injury belongs to the prudence of this world; to repay no one evil for evil is that childlikeness which belongs to Christian patience.

Ry. viii. Come, my chosen one, and I will set my throne in you; * for the king has desired your beauty. **V.** In splendour and state, ride on in triumph. — For the king.

Lesson ix

Beloved, the celebration of today's festival invites you to cultivate this resemblance to children, and the infant Saviour adored by the Magi directs your attention to this model of humility. To show the glory he prepares for those who imitate him, he consecrated by martyrdom those who were born at the same time as himself, so that they who were born in Bethlehem, where Christ was born, might share in his passion as they shared his age. Let humility therefore be loved and let the faithful avoid all arrogance. Let each prefer his neighbour to himself, let no one seek what is his own but what is his neighbour's; so that, with feelings of

good will abounding in all men, the poison of envy may be found in none. For "whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted," as is attested by the same Jesus Christ himself, our Lord, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, God for ever and ever. Amen. — Indeed, Lord.

Ry. ix. The kingdom of the world and all earthly trappings I have spurned for the love of my Lord Jesus Christ, * whom I have seen, whom I have loved, in whom I have believed, whom I have cherished. **V.** My heart overflows with noble words. To the king I must speak the song I have made. — Whom I have seen. — Glory. — In whom I have believed.

5 November

St. Martin de Porres

Confessor, O. P.

II class

At I VESPERS, where the feast is celebrated as I class:

Ant. to psalms From the dust, Lord, you lifted up the poor, to set him in the company of the princes of your people.

Psalm Praise, O servants,
etc. [1].

Little Chapter Gal. 3

For in Christ Jesus you
are all sons of God,
through faith. For as many
of you as were baptized into
Christ, have put on Christ.

Ry. I thank you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
that you have hidden the
heavenly mysteries from
the wise and understand-
ing * and revealed them
to babes. **V.** Your will is
wonderful, indeed, O Lord,
and means more to me than
silver and gold. — And
revealed. — Glory. — And
revealed.

Hymn

O Martin, in the halls of
light
You shine, a jewel, spark-
ling bright;
Come now to help us from
above
And bring us tokens of your
love.

A pattern of God's love
divine,
You have been made midst
men to shine;
May every nation in you
see
The image of Christ's
charity.

By God's life-giving Spirit
led,
You cured the sick, the
needy fed;
Your kind heart warmed
the orphans small;
They called you Father of
them all.

With flame of charity in-
spired
Obtain that we be strongly
fired;
By which more freely God
above
And neighbour, too, we
hold in love.

May charity, which knows
no bound,
In everyone be always
found;
And Christ's same peace
on all men shine,
Redeemed by his same
blood divine.

All praise to Father and to
Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in
One;
May they, at your request,
bestow
On us their favours here
below.
Amen.

V. Blessed Martin, pray
for us. **Ry.** That we may
be made worthy of the
promises of Christ.

Magnif. ant. The Lord
has exalted his lowly serv-
ant and crowned him with

eternal glory in the
heavenly Jerusalem.

Prayer

O God, you led the
blessed Martin, your
confessor, to heavenly glory
along the way of humility;
grant, we beseech you, that
being made humble by his
example, we may deserve
to be exalted with him in
heaven. Through.

Compline from Sunday.

MATINS

Invit. Let us adore the
confessors' King; * by
him the poor in spirit are
enriched with the kingdom
of heaven.

Hymn

Land of the New World,
recently discovered,
Bore you, an offspring, to
the Lord most pleasing,
Which, with sweet frag-
rance to the skies ascend-
ing,
Would bear good harvest.

By birth a townsman of the
saintly Rosa,
Like her resplendent,
crowned by deeds un-
sullied,
Like her in goodness, shar-
ing her great honour;
First fruits of Lima.

To the Redeemer wholly
dedicated,
Moved by his love to
venerate his mother;
You became worthy to be
made a dwelling
Fit for the Spirit.

Glory and beacon of the
Preachers' Order,
Nations acclaim you with a
praise well-founded;
Be to all peoples Patron,
kind, attentive,
Light and example.

Praise everlasting to the
triune Godhead
Who now exalts you with
renown immortal;
May he, then, grant us, to
your prayers acceding,
Joys of the blessed.
Amen.

I Nocturn

Ant. 1 Happy indeed
was Martin who pondered
the law of the Lord day and
night.

**Psalms from the Com-
mon of a Confessor** [100].

Ant. 2 Happy is this
saint who did not rely on
himself but trusted in God.

Ant. 3 You, Lord, are a
shield about me, my glory,
who lift up my head.

V. The Lord loved him
and adorned him. **Ry.** He
clothed him with a robe of
glory.

From the book of
Ecclesiasticus

Lesson i Chapters 3 and 4

My son, perform your tasks in meekness; then you will be loved by those whom God accepts. The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord. For great is the might of the Lord; he is glorified by the humble. Seek not what is too difficult for you, nor investigate what is beyond your power. Reflect upon what has been assigned to you, for you do not need what is hidden. Do not meddle in what is beyond your tasks, for matters too great for human understanding have been shown you. For their hasty judgment has led many astray, and wrong opinion has caused their thoughts to slip.

Ry. i. God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, and what is weak in the world to shame the strong, * so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.
V. For many that are first will be last, and the last first. — So that.

Lesson ii

Water extinguishes a blazing fire: so almsgiving atones for sin. Who-

ever requites favours gives thought to the future; at the moment of his falling he will find support. My son, deprive not the poor of his living, and do not keep needy eyes waiting. Do not grieve the one who is hungry, nor anger a man in want. Do not add to the troubles of an angry mind, nor delay your gift to a beggar. Do not reject an afflicted suppliant, nor turn your face away from the poor.

Ry. ii. Moved by contemplating the Son of God who took the form of a servant, Martin, inspired by divine grace, humbled himself * and chose to be lowly in the house of God.
V. Against his father's wishes he left home and abandoned his heritage. — And chose.

Lesson iii

Do not avert your eye from the needy, nor give a man occasion to curse you; for if in bitterness of soul he calls down a curse upon you, his Creator will hear his prayer. Make yourself beloved in the congregation; bow your head low to a great man. Incline your ear to the poor, and answer him peaceably and gently. Deliver him who is wronged from the hand of the wrongdoer; and do not be fainthearted

in judging a case. Be like a father to orphans, and instead of a husband to their mother; you will then be like a son of the Most High, and he will love you more than does your mother.

Ry. iii. He opened wide his hand to his brother, to the needy and to the poor, in the land where he dwelt. * His head will be raised in glory. **V.** Open-handed he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. — His head. — Glory. — His head.

II Nocturn

Ant. 4 You have granted favours to your holy one, Lord, and have heard him whenever he called you.

Ant. 5 Through the greatness of your love he had access to your house, and you led him, Lord, in your justice.

Ant. 6 With glory and honour you crowned him, Lord, you gave him power over the works of your hand.

V. The Lord guided the righteous man on straight paths. **Ry.** He showed him the kingdom of God.

Lesson iv

Martin, son of a Spanish nobleman and a coloured freed-woman of African stock, was born at

Lima. Soon after birth he was baptized and received the adoption of the sons of God. But his earthly father was slow to acknowledge him, and it was only later that Martin could be called by the surname de Porres. During infancy he was solely under his mother's care, but later at Guayaquil in Ecuador, he spent almost five years under his father's tutelage. When Senor de Porres was appointed Viceroy of Panama, Martin, now an adolescent, returned to Lima and there practised as a barber and surgeon. He received the sacrament of Confirmation from the saintly archbishop Toribius, and thereafter sought first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. It was his pious custom to visit the church, to keep vigil for some time in prayer, and to help the needy by alms.

Ry. iv. Happy the man who is kind to the poor and the weak. * The Lord will save him in the day of evil.
V. The Lord his God will bless him in all that he undertakes. — The Lord will save.

Lesson v

Though forbidden by law to profess the religious state fully, he joyously chose to be lowly in the

house of his God. So, at the age of fifteen, he was clothed with the habit of the Third Order of the Holy Father Dominic. Later, out of obedience, he took solemn vows, and in joy and simplicity became a lay brother. Martin went regularly to the sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist. Daily he recited the entire Rosary in honour of God's mother, and daily he chastised his body. Always meek and cheerful, he readily undertook the most lowly tasks. Abuse and insult served only to make him happier, and he used refer to himself as an undeserving whelp. With patience and kindness he constantly ministered to the sick, both bodily and spiritually, for forty-five years.

Ry. v. In singleness of heart he obeyed others as he would obey Christ, * not in the way of eyeservice, as though desiring to please men. **V.** As a servant of Christ, he did the will of God from the heart. — Not in the way.

Lesson vi

Aware that all men are one in Christ, Martin, with impartiality, showed his faith in deeds. Thus, he was seen to be fervent in charity and constant in peacefulness to his brethren

and to strangers, to rich or poor, to native or negro. He delighted, however, in fraternal conversations with Blessed John Macias. It is little wonder that he was affectionately called "Martin of Charity" or "Father of the Poor." Aged sixty and deeply mourned by his fellow citizens he departed from this world and bore his robe of baptismal innocence unsullied before the tribunal of God. On November 3, 1639, as the words of the Creed "and he was made man" were being said, he brought the cross of the Lord to his lips, and with peaceful countenance, went up to heaven. John XXIII raised him to the honours of the saints.

Ry. vi. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden the heavenly mysteries from the wise and understanding * and revealed them to babes. **V.** Your will is wonderful indeed, O Lord, and means more to me than silver and gold. — And revealed. — Glory. — And revealed.

III Nocturn

Ant. 7 He walked without fault and acted with justice; now, Lord, he dwells on your holy mountain.

Ant. 8 You came to meet your holy one with the blessings of success, Lord, and how your strength has made him glad!

Ant. 9 Martin, with clean hands and pure heart, merited to see God.

V. The just will flourish like the palm tree in the house of the Lord. **Ry.** He shall grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson vii Chapter 25

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne." Etc.

Homily of St. Augustine, Bishop

On the Gospel words.
Sermon 86, ch. iv-v,
nn. 4-5.

You have someone to whom you may give. Give to Christ, and he in turn makes a bond with you that you shall receive; and you wonder why he should accept anything from you. For to those who are placed on his right hand he will later on say, "Come, O blessed of my Father." Come where? "Come, inherit the king-

dom prepared for you from the foundations of the world." For what reason? "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was naked and you clothed me, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was sick and in prison and you visited me." And they will say, "Lord, when did we see you?" What does this mean? The debtor makes a bond and the creditors make excuses. The trustworthy debtor will not have them suffer loss. "Do not hesitate to accept? Are you not aware that I have received?" And he explains how he has received: "When you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

Ry. vii. Following the example of Christ who came not to be served but to serve, the blessed Martin became * all things to all men. **V.** His love so abounded to all men that he was called "Martin of Charity." — All things.

Lesson viii

I did not receive directly, but in the person of my friends. What was given to them came to me, so be assured, you have not lost anything. You were kind on earth to those who were

unfit, you have in heaven one who is able. "I have received," says the Lord, "I will repay. I received earth, I will give heaven; I received temporal things, I will restore eternal; I received bread, I will give life." Indeed, we may put it this way: "I received bread, I will give Bread; I received drink, I will give Drink; I received hospitality, I will give a Dwelling; I was visited in sickness, I will give Health; I was visited in prison, I will give Liberty. The bread which you gave to my poor is consumed, but the Bread which I will give nourishes and does not fail." May he, then, give us bread, he who is the Bread which came down from heaven. When he will give bread, he will give himself.

Ry. viii. Continuing all night in prayer to God, in union with Christ, he presented his scourged body * as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.

V. Drawn by the charity of Christ who bore our sins in his body on the tree, he offered himself for sinners.—As a living sacrifice.

Lesson ix

What was your intention when you lent on interest? To give and receive money? "I," says God, "will give you a

better exchange for all you have given me. If you had received a pound of gold for a pound of silver, would you not have been delighted? Examine and question avarice. I have given a pound of silver and I receive a pound of gold. What proportion is there between silver and gold? Still more, then, what proportion is there between earth and heaven? And you will leave the gold and silver here below, for you will not remain here for ever. But I will give you something else, something more and better. I will give you that which remains for ever."

Ry. ix. Blessed be the God the Father of us all who has called us into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; * the same Lord is Lord of all.

V. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free.—The same.—Glory.—The same.

Remainder as above p. 928, keeping the rank of I or II class.

1 December
Bl. John of Vercelli
Confessor O. P.

Where celebrated as III class.

MATINS

John was a native of Vercelli and qualified

at Paris as a doctor both of civil and canon law. While he was exercising this office at Vercelli, encouraged by the Master General, Jordan, he entered the Order of Preachers. Later he founded a convent there, which he also governed as Prior. Afterwards, while most religiously ruling the Province of Lombardy, he was, in the year 1264, elected as sixth Master General of the Order. Austere with himself, gentle towards others, he quickly visited nearly all the Order's convents in Europe, and for almost twenty years laboured fruitfully and attentively for the good of the whole Order. Furthermore, he made out an agenda for the Second Council of Lyons and, at the request of Pope Gregory X, zealously propagated the practice of showing reverence to the name of Jesus. John strenuously upheld the reputation and teaching of Thomas Aquinas. Averse to honours and

unremitting in his work, he died peacefully at Montpellier. The devotion shown to him from time immemorial was confirmed by Pius X.

Ry. iii. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast.
V. Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.—And be like men.—Glory.—To come home.

Before Lauds and at Vespers V. Blessed John, pray for us. **Ry.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LAUDS

Prayer

O God, you willed that the blessed John should shine with wonderful prudence and constancy; grant, through his intercession, that your family may always and everywhere be governed by beneficial rule. Through.