

I CLASS FEASTS AT I VESPERS

On I Class Feasts at I Vespers

The following psalms are said at I Vespers on II class feasts of the Lord whenever these take the place of an occurring Sunday.

1 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 dungheap he raises the poor

To set him in the company of princes, * yes, with the princes of his people.

To the childless wife he gives a home * and gladdens her heart with children.

2 Psalm 116

O praise the Lord, all you nations, * acclaim him all you peoples.

Strong is his love for us; * he is faithful for ever.

3 Psalm 145

My soul, give praise to the Lord; * I will praise the Lord all my days, make music to my God while I live.

Put no trust in princes, * in mortal men in whom there is no help.

Take their breath, they return to clay * and their plans that day come to nothing.

He is happy who is helped by Jacob's God, * whose hope is in the Lord his God.

Who alone made heaven and earth, * the seas and all they contain.

It is he who keeps faith for ever, * who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, * the Lord, who sets prisoners free,

The Lord who gives sight to the blind, * who raises up those who are bowed down,

The Lord, who protects the stranger * and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves

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the just * but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, * Sion's God, from age to age.

4 **Psalm 146**

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving; * to him our praise is due.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem * and brings back Israel's exiles.

He heals the broken-hearted, * he binds up all their wounds.

He fixes the number of the stars; * he calls each one by its name.

Our Lord is great and almighty; * his wisdom can never be measured.

The Lord raises the lowly; * he humbles the wicked to the dust.

Sing to the Lord, giving thanks; * sing psalms to our God with the harp.

He covers the heavens with clouds; * he prepares the rain for the earth.

Making mountains sprout with grass * and with plants to serve man's needs.

He provides the beasts with their food * and young ravens that call upon him.

His delight is not in horses * nor his pleasure in warriors' strength.

The Lord delights in those who revere him, * in those who wait for his love.

5 **Psalm 147**

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! * Sion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates, * he has blessed the children within you.

He established peace on your borders, * he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth * and swiftly runs his command.

He showers down snow white as wool, * he scatters hoar-frost like ashes.

He hurls down hail-stones like crumbs. * The waters are frozen at his touch.

He sends forth his word and it melts them: * at the breath of his mouth the waters flow.

He makes his word known to Jacob, * to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations; * he has not taught them his decrees.

Office on the dedication of a Church and on its Anniversary

The feast of the Dedication of a Church is a feast of the Lord. On the actual day of the dedication of a church the Office of the occurring liturgical day is said up to None inclusive. If possible a Vigil should be made before the relics of the saints which are to be placed in the altar of the church about to be consecrated. The three nocturns of the Matins of the martyrs whose relics are to be enclosed should be sung or chanted. The faithful also should be invited to take part in this Vigil.

Those bound by the obligation of the Divine Office satisfy their obligation for Matins by the recitation of the nocturns in honour of the holy martyrs during the Vigil.

The Office of the Dedication is begun at Vespers on the actual day of dedication and said right through the following day to Compline as on a I class feast.

I VESPERS

Ant. to psalms The Lord has made holy his dwelling place. This is the house of the Lord; let it be called by his name. Of it is written: My name shall be there, says the Lord. **P. T.** Alleluia.

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

Little Chapter Rev. 21

I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Ry. 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. **P. T.** Alleluia. **V.** When Jacob awoke as from a deep sleep, he said. - Surely - Glory. - **Outside P. T.** And I. **P. T.** Alleluia.

Hymn

Blest Jerusalem, God's city,
Vision, named, of Peace,
most true;
For, in heaven above
constructed,
Made of living stones are
you;
And with angel cohorts
circled
As a bride with retinue.

Newly coming down from
heaven,
To the marriage she is
led;
As a bride adorned for
bridegroom,
To the Lord let her be
wed;
Made are all her streets
and ramparts,
From the purest gold 'tis
said.

Bright with pearls the
portals glitter,
They are open evermore;
And, by virtue of his
merits,
Thither faithful souls
may soar,
Who on earth for name of
Christian,
Pain and tribulation bore.
Many blows and much
affliction
Polished well those stones
elect,
In their places now com-
pacted
By the heavenly Architect,
Who therewith has willed
for ever
That his palace should be
decked.

Praise and honour to the
Father,
Praise and honour to the
Son,
Praise and honour to the
Spirit;
Ever Three, and ever One;
Consubstantial, co-eternal,
While unending ages run.
Amen.

¶ Holiness is fitting
to your house, O Lord.
P. T. Alleluia. R. Until
the end of time. P. T.
Alleluia.

Magnif. ant. O how
awesome is this place!
Surely, this is none other
than the house of God
and this is the gate of
heaven. P. T. Alleluia.

On the anniversary of Dedication

Prayer

O God, year by year
you renew for us
the day of this your holy
temple's consecration, and
you bring us in safety
to these holy mysteries;
graciously hear the prayers
of your people, and grant
that everyone who enters
this temple to ask favours
from you may be glad-
dened by obtaining all
that he has asked.
Through.

On the actual day of Dedication

Prayer

O God, in an invisible
manner you main-
tain all things, and
yet for the salvation of
mankind show visible
signs of power; ennoble
this temple with the might
of your presence, and
grant that all who gather
here to pray may obtain
the blessings of your

consolation in whatsoever
trouble afflicts them as
they call to you. Through.

Compline from Sunday

MATINS

Invit. Let us ring out
our joy to the Lord, the
King most high; * he
has made holy his dwelling
place. P. T. Alleluia.

Hymn as in I Vespers

I Nocturn

Psalm 23

1 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 bless-
ings 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. 1 O gates, lift high
your heads; grow higher
ancient doors.

2 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 moun-
tains 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. 2 Jacob saw a ladder, whose top reached to heaven, with angels descending, and he said, “Surely, this place is holy.” **P. T.** Alleluia.

3 Psalm 47

The Lord is great and worthy to be praised * in the city of our God.

His holy mountain rises in beauty, * the joy of all the earth.

Mount Sion, true pole of the earth, * the Great King's city!

God, in the midst of its citadels, * has shown himself its stronghold.

For the kings assembled together, * together they advanced.

They saw; at once they were astounded; * dismayed, they fled in fear.

A trembling seized them there, * like the pangs of birth,

Or as the east wind destroys * the ships of Tarshish.

As we have heard, so we have seen * in the city of our God,

In the city of the Lord of hosts * which God upholds for ever.

O God, we ponder your love * within your temple.

Your praise, O God, like your name * reaches to the ends of the earth.

With justice your right hand is filled. * Mount Sion rejoices;

The people of Judah rejoice * at the sight of your judgments.

Walk through Sion, walk all round it; * count the number of its towers.

Review all its ramparts, examine its castles, * that you may tell the next generation that such is our God.

Our God for ever and always. * It is he who leads us.

Ant. 3 When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he said, “Surely, this place is holy.” **P. T.** Alleluia.

Y. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord. **P. T.** Alleluia. **Ry.** Until the end of time. **P. T.** Alleluia.

From the second book of Chronicles

Lesson i Chapter 7

When Solomon had ended his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. And the priests could not enter the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord filled the Lord's house. When all the children of Israel saw the fire come down and the glory of the Lord upon the temple, they bowed down with their faces to the earth on the pavement, and worshipped and gave thanks to the Lord, saying, “For he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.” Then the king and all the people offered sacrifice before the Lord.

Ry. i. At the dedication of the temple the people sang praise: * and sweetly did their voices resound. **P. T.** Alleluia. **Y.** They offered sacrifice upon the altar of the Lord, and prostrate, face downwards, they worshipped him. - And sweetly.

Lesson ii

King Solomon offered as a sacrifice twenty-two thousand oxen and a hundred and twenty

thousand sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated the house of God. The priests stood at their posts; the Levites also with the instruments of music to the Lord which King David had made for giving thanks to the Lord—for his steadfast love endures for ever—whenever David offered praises by their ministry; opposite them the priests sounded trumpets; and all Israel stood.

Ry. ii. The house of the Lord is established as the highest of the mountains, and is raised above the hills: and all the nations shall flow to it, * and they shall say, “Glory to you, O Lord.” **Y.** They come back, they come back full of song, carrying their sheaves. - And they shall say.

Lesson iii

And Solomon consecrated the middle of the court that was before the house of the Lord; for there he offered the burnt offering and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar Solomon had made could not hold the burnt offering and the cereal offering and the fat. At that time Solomon held the feast for seven days, and all Israel

with him, a very great congregation from the entrance of Hamath to the Brook of Egypt. And on the eighth day they held a solemn assembly; for they had kept the dedication of the altar seven days and the feast seven days.

Ry. 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." **P. T.** Alleluia, alleluia. **V.** Jacob saw a ladder, whose top reached to heaven, with angels descending: and he said. - Surely. - Glory. - And I.

II Nocturn

4 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. 4 This is none other than the house of God and this is the gate of heaven. **P. T.** Alleluia.

5 Psalm 84

O Lord, you once favoured your land * and revived the fortunes of Jacob,

You forgave the guilt of your people * and covered all their sins.

You averted all your rage, * you calmed the heat of your anger.

Revive us now, God, our helper! * Put an end to your grievance against us.

Will you be angry with us for ever, * will your anger never cease?

Will you not restore again our life * that your people may rejoice in you.

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy * and give us your saving help.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, * a voice that speaks of peace,

Peace for his people and his friends * and those who turn to him in their hearts.

His help is near for those who fear him * and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met; * justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth * and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us

prosper * and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him * and peace shall follow his steps.

Ant. 5 Jacob set up the stone for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. **P. T.** Alleluia.

6 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 The Lord shall be my God, and this stone shall be God's house. **P. T.** Alleluia.

V. This is the house of the Lord; it is strongly built. **P. T.** Alleluia. **Ry.** It

is well founded on firm rock. **P. T.** Alleluia.

Sermon of St. Augustine,
Bishop

252nd for the Season

Lesson iv

Most dear brethren, as often as we keep the dedication-feast of some altar or church, if we think faithfully and carefully, and live a just and holy life, that which is done in temples made with hands, is done in us, a spiritual building. He did not lie who said, "For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are"; and again, "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you?" And therefore, most dear brethren, since by the grace of God, without any previous merits of our own, we have been made worthy to become the temple of God, let us work as hard as we can, with his help, that our Lord may not find in his temple, that is, in us, anything to offend the eyes of his majesty.

Ry. iv. Bless, O Lord, this house which I have built for your name. Of 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

And therefore, most dear brethren, let each one look into his own conscience, and when he finds the wounds of guilt there, let him first strive by prayers, fasting and almsdeeds, to purge his conscience, and so he may dare to receive the Eucharist. He who, acknowledging his guilt, withdraws himself through lowliness from the altar of the church till he has mended his life, need have but little fear that he will be excluded from that eternal banquet in heaven.

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

If one clad in soiled garments does not dare to approach the table of some important personage, how much more ought one who is stricken with the poison of envy or hatred, or filled with the fury of anger, to withdraw himself with reverence and

lowliness from the banquet of the eternal King—that is, from the altar of the Lord! And this, because of that which is written: "Go, first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." And again: "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?"

Ry. vi. Forgive, O Lord, the sins of your people who pray to you in this place: and show them the good way in which they should walk: * and give glory to your name. **V.** O Lord, listen to my prayer: and let my cry for help reach you. - And give glory. - Glory. - And give glory.

III Nocturn

7

Psalm 90

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High * and abides in the shade of the Almighty

Says to the Lord: "My refuge, * my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!"

It is he who will free you from the snare * of the fowler who seeks to destroy you;

He will conceal you with his pinions * and under his wings you will find refuge.

You will not fear the terror of the night * nor the arrow that flies by day,

Nor the plague that prowls in the darkness * nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.

A thousand may fall at your side, * ten thousand fall at your right,

You, it will never approach; * his faithfulness is buckler and shield.

Your eyes have only to look * to see how the wicked are repaid,

You who have said: "Lord, my refuge!" * and have made the Most High your dwelling.

Upon you no evil shall fall, * no plague approach where you dwell.

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.

On the lion and the viper you will tread * and trample the young lion and the dragon.

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; * protect him for he knows my name.

When he calls I shall answer: "I am with you." * I will save him in distress and give him glory.

With length of life I will content him; * I shall let him see my saving power.

Ant. 7 He who dwells

in the shelter of the Most High, abides in the shade of the Almighty. **P. T.** Alleluia.

8 **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 O Lord, protect this house, and may your angels guard its walls. **P. T.** Alleluia.

9 **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 house of the Lord is established as the highest of the mountains; and is raised above the hills. **P. T.** Alleluia.

Y. They are happy who dwell in your house, Lord. **P. T.** Alleluia. **Ry.** For ever singing your praise. **P. T.** Alleluia.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Lesson vii Chapter 19

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. Etc.

Homily of St. Ambrose,
Bishop

Book 8 on Luke

Zacchaeus was small of stature, that is, he had no title by birth to noble rank, and like the heathen peoples, he possessed few

merits. When he heard that the Lord and Saviour, whose own people had not received him, was coming, he wanted to see him. But to see Jesus is not easy; if one's outlook is worldly, it is impossible. And since Zacchaeus had neither the Prophets nor the Law as a helping grace to his nature, he climbed up into a sycamore tree. Thus he spurned the vanity of the Jews, and at the same time corrected the errors of his former life. That is why he received Jesus as an intimate guest.

Ry. vii. All your walls are precious stones: * and the towers of Jerusalem shall be built of jewels. **Y.** This is the house of the Lord, it is strongly built; it is well founded on firm rock. - And the towers.

Lesson viii

He did well to climb up into a tree, so that a good tree might bring forth good fruit; that, being hewn from the wild olive, and grafted, contrary to nature, into the good olive, he might bring forth the fruit of the Law. For the root was holy even though the branches were barren. The ordinary Gentiles rose superior to that fruitless

splendour, being, as it were, raised up bodily by faith in the resurrection.

Ry. viii. "My house shall be called a house of prayer," says the Lord, "there, everyone who asks, receives, and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks it will be opened." **V.** Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. - There.

Lesson ix

And behold, a man named Zacchaeus! Zacchaeus was in the sycamore tree, the blind man was in the roadway. For the one, the Lord stands waiting to show mercy, while he honours the other by the fame of his visit. The one who was to be healed he questions. Unasked, he invites himself as a guest to the other, for he knew how rich would be the reward for receiving him. Although he had heard from him no word of invitation, yet he had observed his longing.

Ry. ix. 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. **P. T.** Alleluia. **V.** When Jacob awoke from his deep sleep, he said. - Surely. - Glory. -

Outside P. T. And I. P. T. Alleluia.

Before Lauds V. O Lord I love the house where you dwell. **P. T.** Alleluia. **Ry.** The place where your glory abides. **P. T.** Alleluia.

LAUDS

Antiphons (and at the Hours)

1. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. **P. T.** Alleluia.

Psalm The Lord is king etc. p. 29.

2. This is the house of the Lord; it is strongly built: it is well founded on firm rock. **P. T.** Alleluia.

3. My house shall be called a house of prayer. **P. T.** Alleluia.

4. The Lord's house is well founded on firm rock. **P. T.** Alleluia.

5. All your walls are precious stones: and the towers of Jerusalem shall be built of jewels. **P. T.** Alleluia.

Little Chapter Rev. 21

I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Hymn

Christ is made the sure foundation,
And the precious corner-stone,

Who, the two walls underlying,
Binding each, in both is shown;

Holy Sion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.

All that dedicated City,
Loved by God eternally,
In exultant jubilation
Pours undying melody;
God the One, and God the Trinal,
Praising everlastingly.

To this temple, where we call you,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, to-day;

With accustomed loving kindness

Hear your people as they pray;

And with fullest benediction

Ever on it shed your ray.

Here may all your servants merit

What they now desire to gain;

Here to have and hold for ever

Those good things their prayers obtain;

And hereafter in your glory

With your blessed ones to reign.

Praise and honour to the Father,

Praise and honour to the Son,

Praise and honour to the Spirit;

Ever Three, and ever One,
Consubstantial, co-eternal,
While unending ages run.
Amen.

V. My house. **P. T.** Alleluia. **Ry.** Shall be called a house of prayer. **P. T.** Alleluia.

Bened. ant. 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." **P. T.** Alleluia.

Prayer

O God, year by year you renew for us the day of this your holy temple's consecration, and you bring us in safety to these holy mysteries; graciously hear the prayers of your people, and grant that everyone who enters this temple to ask favours from you, may be gladdened by obtaining all that he has asked. Through.

On the actual day of Dedication Prayer

O God, in an invisible manner you maintain all things, and yet for the salvation of mankind show visible signs of power; ennoble this temple with the might of your presence, and grant that all who gather here to pray, may

obtain the blessings of your consolation in whatsoever trouble afflicts them as they call to you. Through.

On a feast of the I class, the antiphons at the Hours are taken from Lauds and the psalms from Sunday. Otherwise the psalms and antiphon are from the current week-day.

TERCE

Little Chapter as in Lauds

R. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, * alleluia, alleluia. - Holiness. **V.** Until the end of time. - Alleluia. - Glory. Holiness.

V. This is the house of the Lord, it is strongly built. **P. T.** Alleluia. **R.** It is well founded on firm rock. **P. T.** Alleluia.

On feasts of the II and III class, and during

Septuagesima:

R. To your house, O Lord, * holiness is fitting. - To your. **V.** Until the end of time. - Holiness. - Glory. - To your.

V. This is the house of the Lord, it is strongly built. **R.** It is well founded on firm rock.

Prayer

O God, year by year you renew for us the day of this your holy temple's consecration, and you bring us in safety to these holy mysteries; graciously hear the prayers of your people, and grant that everyone who enters this temple to ask favours from you may be gladdened by obtaining all that he has asked. Through.

Or the prayer O God, in an invisible manner, as above.

SEXT

Little Chapter Rev. 21

Behold the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

R. This is the house of the Lord, it is strongly built, * alleluia, alleluia. - This is the house. **V.** It is well founded on firm rock. - Alleluia. - Glory. - This is the house.

V. They are happy who dwell in your house, Lord. **P. T.** Alleluia. **R.** For ever singing your praise. **P. T.** Alleluia.

On feasts of the II and III class, and during Septuagesima:

R. This is the house of the Lord, * it is strongly

built. - This is. **V.** It is well founded on firm rock. - It is strongly built. - Glory. - This is.

V. They are happy who dwell in your house, Lord. **R.** For ever singing your praise.

NONE

Little Chapter 1 Cor. 3

For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

R. They are happy who dwell in your house, Lord, * Alleluia, alleluia. - They are happy. **V.** For ever singing your praise. - Alleluia. - Glory. - They are happy.

V. My house. **P. T.** Alleluia. **R.** Shall be called a house of prayer. **P. T.** Alleluia.

On feasts of the II and III class, and during Septuagesima:

R. They are happy who dwell * in your house, Lord. - They are. **V.** For ever singing your praise. - In. - Glory. - They are.

V. My house. **R.** Shall be called a house of prayer.

II VESPERS

Psalm 115

I trusted, even when I said: * "I am sorely afflicted."

And when I said in my alarm: * "No man can be trusted."

How can I repay the Lord * for his goodness to me?

The cup of salvation I will raise; * I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil * before all his people.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord * is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; * you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: * I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil * before all his people,

In the courts of the house of the Lord, * in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Psalm 121

I rejoiced when I heard them say: * "Let us go to God's house."

And now our feet are standing * within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city * strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up, * the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is, * there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the

thrones of judgment * of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: * "Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls, * in your palaces, peace!"

For love of my brethren and friends * I say: "Peace upon you!"

For love of the house of the Lord * I will ask for your good.

Psalm 126

If the Lord does not build the house, * in vain do its builders labour;

If the Lord does not watch over the city, * in vain does the watchman keep vigil.

In vain is your earlier rising, * your going later to rest,

You who toil for the bread you eat: * when he pours gifts on his beloved while they slumber.

Truly sons are a gift from the Lord, * a blessing, the fruit of the womb.

Indeed the sons of youth * are like arrows in the hand of a warrior.

O the happiness of the man * who has filled his quiver with these arrows!

He will have no cause for shame, * when he disputes with his foes in the gateways.

Psalm 146

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: * to him our praise is due.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem * and brings back Israel's exiles,

He heals the broken-hearted, * he binds up all their wounds.

He fixes the number of the stars; * he calls each one by its name.

Our Lord is great and almighty; * his wisdom can never be measured.

The Lord raises the lowly; * he humbles the wicked to the dust.

Sing to the Lord, giving thanks; * sing psalms to our God with the harp.

He covers the heavens with clouds; * he prepares the rain for the earth,

Making mountains sprout with grass * and with plants to serve man's needs.

He provides the beasts with their food * and young ravens that call upon him.

His delight is not in horses * nor his pleasure in warriors' strength.

The Lord delights in those who revere him, * in those who wait for his love.

Psalm 147

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! * Sion, praise your God.

He has strengthened the bars of your gates, * he has blessed the children within you.

He established peace on your borders, * he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth * and swiftly runs his command.

He showers down snow white as wool, * he scatters hoar-frost like ashes.

He hurls down hailstones like crumbs. * The waters are frozen at his touch.

He sends forth his word and it melts them: * at the breath of his mouth the waters flow.

He makes his word known to Jacob, * to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations; * he has not taught them his decrees.

Ant. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. **P. T.** Alleluia.

Little Chapter Rev. 21

Isaw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Hymn

Blest Jerusalem, God's city,

Vision, named, of Peace, most true;

For, in heaven above constructed,

Made of living stones are you;

And with angel cohorts circled

As a bride with retinue.

Newly coming down from heaven,

To the marriage she is led;

As a bride adorned for bridegroom,

To the Lord let her be wed;

Made are all her streets and ramparts,

From the purest gold, 'tis said.

Bright with pearls the portals glitter,

They are open evermore;

And, by virtue of his merits,

Thither faithful souls may soar,

Who on earth for name of Christian,

Pain and tribulation bore.

Many blows and much affliction

Polished well those stones elect,

In their places now compacted

By the heavenly Architect, Who therewith has willed for ever

That his palace should be decked.

Praise and honour to the Father,

Praise and honour to the Son,

Praise and honour to the Spirit;

Ever Three, and ever One,

Consubstantial, co-eternal,

While unending ages run.
Amen.

V. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord. **P. T.** Alleluia.

R. Until the end of time. **P. T.** Alleluia.

Magnif. ant. Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house to-day. So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. To-day salvation has come from God to this house. **P. T.** Alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer

O God, year by year you renew for us the day of this your holy

temple's consecration, and you bring us in safety to these holy mysteries; graciously hear the prayers of your people, and grant that everyone who enters this temple to ask favours from you may be gladdened by obtaining all that he has asked. Through.

Or the prayer O God, in an invisible manner, as above [15].

Compline from Sunday

Matins during paschal time: the three psalms with their antiphons and versicles are taken according to the sequence of the weekdays and of the nocturns. The three lessons are taken from the preceding thus: the first and second are from the Scripture, (the second one being composed of the second and third), with the first and third responses. Lesson number four is read as the third, with the ninth responsory.

On Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary

I VESPERS

Ant. to psalms This is the Queen of virgins, the Virgin beautiful as a rose, who bore the king. O 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. 24

Like a vine I caused loveliness to bud, and my blossoms became glorious and abundant fruit.

R. 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.

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. Pray for us, holy Mother of God. **R.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Magnif. ant. With the greatest reverence let us celebrate the (festival) of the most blessed Virgin Mary; that she may intercede for us with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer

O merciful God, hear the prayers of your servants: grant that we who have come together on the (Festival) of the Virgin Mother of God, may, through her intercession, be saved by you from impending dangers. Through the same.

COMPLINE

Ant to the 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
p. 53.

Nunc dimittis ant. With heart and mind let us sing glory to Christ on this sacred festival of the illustrious Mary, Mother of God.

MATINS

Invit. Let us celebrate the (Festival) of the Virgin Mary. * Let us adore her Son, Christ the Lord.

Hymn

Whom earth and sea and sky proclaim,
The Ruler of their triple frame,
He unto whom their praises rise,
Within the womb of Mary lies.

Her womb, the seat of every grace,

Is now the Lord's abiding place;
That Lord to whom the sun by day,
The moon by night, their service pay.

O happy Mother, you are blest!

Enclosed beneath your lowly breast
Lies God, creator great,
who planned

The world he holds within his hand.

O blessed by herald angel's tongue,
O'er you God's shadowing Spirit hung,

And filled your womb whence came at birth
The long-desired of all the earth.

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.

I Nocturn**Psalm 8**

1 **H**ow 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 Behold you are beautiful, my love; behold, you are beautiful; your eyes are doves.

2 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 p r e s u m p t i o n 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.

3 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 Your lips distil nectar, my bride; the scent of your garments is like the scent of Lebanon.

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.

Here begins the Song of Songs

Lesson i Chapter 1

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 festival 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 festival 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 this most fitting festival 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 is the festival of 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 Engedi. 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.

R. **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

4 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. 4 Your shoots are an orchard of pomegranates, with all choicest fruits.

5 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. 5 A garden fountain a well of living water, and flowing streams from Lebanon.

6 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 Let my beloved

come to his garden, and eat its choicest fruits.

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

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

Sermon of St. John
Chrysostom
from *Metaphrastes*
Lesson iv

The Son of God did not choose a rich or wealthy woman to be his mother: but he chose that blessed virgin whose soul was adorned with virtues. Because the blessed Mary preserved chastity in a way unparalleled in all human kind, she conceived Christ the Lord in her womb. Let us fly then, to this most holy virgin who is the mother of God, and avail ourselves of her patronage. Therefore, all who are virgins, hasten to the mother of the Lord; for she, by her patronage, will preserve for you that most beautiful, precious and incorruptible possession.

R. 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. **R.** Amen.

Lesson v

Indeed, beloved brethren, the blessed Mary ever virgin, was a great marvel. For what greater or more illustrious than she was ever, or could ever, be found? She alone is greater far than heaven and earth. What is more holy than she? Not the prophets, not the apostles, not the martyrs, not the patriarchs, not the angels, not the thrones, not the dominations, not the seraphim, not the cherubim. It is then impossible to find in any part of the visible or invisible world anything greater or more excelling. That same handmaid of God is also his mother! She is at once virgin and mother.

R. 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. **R.** Amen.

Lesson vi

She is the mother of him whom angels and men acknowledge as Lord of all things, and who was begotten of the Father before anything was created. Do you wish to know how much this virgin surpasses the heavenly Powers? These stand in the Presence awestruck and tremulous, their faces veiled: but she offers the human race to him whom she bore. It is through her we obtain pardon of our sins. Hail then, Mother, heaven, maiden, virgin, throne; splendour, glory and support of our church! Pray for us, without ceasing, to Jesus, your son and our Lord, that on the day of judgment we may find mercy through you, and may be able to obtain the good things which are set aside for those who love God, by the grace and loving-kindness of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom, with the Father

and the Holy Spirit, be honour, glory and sovereignty now and throughout all ages. Amen. - Indeed, Lord.

R. 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

Psalm 95

7

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 I come to my garden, my sister, my bride. I gather my myrrh with my spice.

8 **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 I eat my honeycomb with my honey, I drink my wine with my milk.

9 **Psalm 97**

Sing a new song to the Lord * for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm * have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation; * has shown his justice to the nations.

He has remembered his truth and love * for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen * the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord all the earth, * ring out your joy.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp * with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn * acclaim the King, the Lord.

Let the sea and all within it, thunder; * the world, and all its peoples.

Let the rivers clap their hands * and the hills ring out their joy

At the presence of the Lord: for he comes, * he comes to rule the earth.

He will rule the world with justice * and the peoples with fairness.

Ant. 9 This is my beloved and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.

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 **Ch. 11**

At that time, when 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.

Sermon of St. Bede the Venerable, Priest.

Bk. 4 on Luke, ch. 11.

It is plain that this was a woman of great earnestness and faith. While the scribes and pharisees are blasphemously putting the Lord to the test, this woman so truly perceives his Incarnation, and so confidently acknowledges it, that she puts to shame both the falsehood of those eminent men who were present, and the faithlessness of heretics who were yet to come. Even as the Jews then, blaspheming the works of the Holy Spirit, denied that he was the true Son of God and of one substance with the Father, so, in later times, heretics denied that Mary ever-virgin, by the power of the Holy Spirit, supplied flesh to the only-begotten One of God, when he was about to be born in a human body. Denying this, the heretics declared that he should not be said to be the true Son of Man, of one substance with his mother.

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

But if the flesh, with which the Word of God was born incarnate, be declared unrelated to the flesh of the virgin his mother, then it would have been pointless to bless the womb that bore him and the breasts that nourished him. For the Apostle says, "God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law." They ought not to be heeded who would read this passage: "(Merely) born of a woman, made under the law". But he was made of a woman. For he was conceived in a virgin's womb, and took his flesh, not from nothing, not from elsewhere, but from the flesh of his mother. Furthermore, he could not truly be said to be the Son of Man if he did not have

his origin from mankind. **R. 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

Therefore, having said these things to contradict Eutyches, let us lift up our voice, along with the universal church, whereof that woman was a figure. Let us also lift up our heart from the crowd, and say to the Saviour: "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked." Truly blessed parent who, as someone has said, in childbirth brought forth the King who reigns for ever over heaven and earth.

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

Antiphons (and at the Hours)

1. This is the (Festival) of the glorious Virgin Mary, of the breed of Abraham, sprung from the tribe of Juda, of the renowned stock of David.

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

2. Today is the (Festival) of the holy Virgin Mary, whose illustrious life casts splendour on all the churches.

3. Mary is resplendent, born of kingly line; through her prayers we most devoutly beg to be strengthened in mind and spirit.

4. With heart and mind let us sing glory to Christ on this sacred festival of the illustrious Mary, mother of God.

5. Let us celebrate with joy the (Festival) of holy Mary, that she may intercede for us with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Little Chapter Ecclus. 24

Like a vine I caused loveliness to bud, and my blossoms became glorious and abundant fruit.

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.

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

Bened. ant. Let us reverently celebrate today's (Festival) of the Mother of God, Mary ever-virgin, by whom the supreme ruler went forth, alleluia.

Prayer

Omerciful God, hear the prayer of your servants; grant that we who have come together on the (Festival) of the Virgin Mother of God, may, through her intercession, be saved by you from impending dangers. Through the same.

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TERCE

Little Chapter as in Lauds.

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

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

SEXT

Little Chapter *Ecclus. 24*

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.

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

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

NONE

Little Chapter *Ecclus. 24*

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.

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

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

II VESPER

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 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 dungheap he raises the poor

To set him in the company of princes, * yes, with the princes of his people.

To the childless wife he gives a home * and gladdens her heart with children.

Psalm 121

I rejoiced when I heard them say: * "Let us go to God's house."

And now our feet are standing * within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a

city * strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up, * the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is, * there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgment * of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: * "Peace be to your homes.

May peace reign in your walls, * in your palaces, peace!"

For love of my brethren and friends * I say: "Peace upon you!"

For love of the house of the Lord * I will ask for your good.

Psalm 126

If the Lord does not build the house, * in vain do its builders labour;

If the Lord does not watch over the city, * in vain does the watchman keep vigil.

In vain is your earlier rising, * your going later to rest,

You who toil for the bread you eat: * when he pours gifts on his beloved while they slumber.

Truly sons are a gift from the Lord, * a blessing, the fruit of the womb.

Indeed the sons of youth * are like arrows in the hands of a warrior.

O the happiness of the man * who has filled his quiver with these arrows!

He will have no cause for shame * when he disputes with his foes in the gateways.

Psalm 147

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! * Sion, praise your God.

He has strengthened the bars of your gates, * he has blessed the children within you.

He established peace on your borders, * he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth, and swiftly runs his command.

He showers down snow white as wool, * he scatters hoar-frost like ashes.

He hurls down hailstones like crumbs. * The waters are frozen at his touch.

He sends forth his word and it melts them: * at the breath of his mouth the waters flow.

He makes his word known to Jacob, * to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations; * he has not taught them his decrees.

Ant. This is the festival of the glorious Virgin Mary, of the breed of Abraham, sprung from the

tribe of Juda, of the renowned stock of David.

Little Chapter Ecclus. 24

Like a vine I caused loveliness to bud, and my blossoms became glorious and abundant fruit.

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.

Y. Pray for us, holy Mother of God. **R.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Magnif. ant. 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.

Prayer

O merciful God, hear the prayer of your servants; grant that we who have come together on the (Festival) of the virgin Mother of God, may through her intercession, be saved by you from impending dangers. Through.

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 of the Sunday
Nunc dimittis ant. With heart and mind let us sing glory to Christ on this sacred festival of the illustrious Mary, mother of God.

Common of the Saints

Common of Apostles and Evangelists

outside paschal time

I VESPERS

Ant. to psalms. Be valiant in the combat and fight the ancient serpent: and you shall receive an everlasting kingdom, alleluia. (Within Septuagesima says the Lord is said instead of Alleluia). The psalm Praise, O servants, of the Lord, etc. [1].

For Apostles
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.

For Evangelists
Little Chapter Ecclus. 15

The man who fears the Lord will do this, and

he who holds to the law will obtain wisdom. She will come to meet him like a mother.

R. 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.

Hymn as in Matins

V. Their span goes forth through all the earth.
R. Their words to the utmost bounds of the world.

For Apostles

Magnif. ant. Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, on account

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of the Son of man. Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

For Evangelists

Magnif. ant. Behold, I John, saw in heaven an open door, and lo, a throne stood in it, and round the throne, on each side of the throne are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: and they gave glory and honour and blessing to him who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever.

MATINS

For Apostles

Invit. Rejoice and leap for joy, * for your names are written in heaven.

For Evangelists

Invit. The Lord, the evangelists' king, * come, let us adore.

Hymn

With praises due let heaven sing,
And earth with joy responsive ring;
Apostles' deeds and high estate,
This festal day we celebrate.

O you, who throned in glory dread
Shall judge the living and the dead,
True lights, the world enlightening,

O hear the suppliant prayer we bring.

The gates of heaven, at your command,
Must either closed or open stand;
May we, at your august decree,
Be loosed from our iniquity.

The power, of old to you conveyed,
Disease and health alike obeyed;
May you, our ailing souls once more
To strength and holiness restore.

So when the world is at its end
And Christ to judgment shall descend,
Then may the Lord decree that we
Shall share his joy eternally.

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

I Nocturn

1 **Psalm 18**
The heavens proclaim the glory of God * and the firmament shows forth the work of his hands.

37

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. 1 Their span goes forth through all the earth, their words to the utmost bounds of the world.

2 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 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 good are doomed.

The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. * Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

Ant. 2 The just call and the Lord hears.

3 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 will make them princes over all the earth: may this song make your name remembered, Lord.

V. Their span goes forth through all the earth. **Ry.** And their words to the utmost bounds of the world.

The lessons for all three Nocturns will be found in the special Office of each Apostle or Evangelist.

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.

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.

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

4 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. 4 The princes of the peoples are assembled with the people of Abraham's God.

5 Psalm 60

O God, hear my cry! * Listen to my prayer. From the end of the earth I call: * my heart is faint.

On the rock too high for me to reach * set me on high.

O you who have been my refuge, * my tower against the foe.

Let me dwell in your tent for ever * and hide in the shelter of your wings.

For you, O God, hear my prayer * and grant me the heritage of those who fear you.

May you lengthen the life of the king: * may his years cover many generations.

May he ever sit enthroned before God: * bid love and truth be his protection.

So I will always praise your name * and day after day fulfil my vows.

Ant. 5 You grant me the heritage of those who fear you, Lord.

6 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. 6 They will tell what God has done; they will understand God's deeds.

Y. You will make them princes over all the earth.

Ry. May this song make your name remembered, Lord.

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." **Y.** I saw an angel of God flying in mid-heaven, and crying out with a loud voice, he said. - These.

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

Ry. vi. "You are the light of the world," says the Lord, * "who by your endurance will gain your lives." **Y.** 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

7 **Psalm 74**

We give thanks to you, O God, we give

thanks and call upon your name. * We recount your wonderful deeds.

"When I reach the appointed time, * then I will judge with justice.

Though the earth and all who dwell in it may rock, * it is I who uphold its pillars.

I say to the boastful: 'Do not boast,' * to the wicked: 'Do not flaunt your strength.

Do not flaunt your strength on high. * Do not speak with insolent pride."

For neither from the east nor from the west, * nor from desert or mountains comes judgment.

But God himself is the judge. * One he humbles, another he exalts.

The Lord holds a cup in his hand, * full of wine, foaming and spiced.

He pours it; they drink it to the dregs: * all the wicked on the earth must drain it.

As for me, I will rejoice for ever * and sing psalms to Jacob's God.

He shall break the power of the wicked, * while the strength of the just shall be exalted.

Ant. 7 He shall break the power of the wicked, while the strength of the just shall be exalted.

8 **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.

9 **Psalm 98**

The Lord is king; the peoples tremble. † He is throned on the cherubim; earth quakes. * The Lord is great in Sion.

He is supreme over all the peoples. † 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. 9 They did his will; they kept the law which he had given.

†. To me, how mysterious are your thoughts, O God! †. The sum of them is not to be numbered.

†. 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.

†. 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.

†. ix. Do not forsake your flock, eternal Shepherd, but through your blessed apostles * guard it with unfailing vigilance.

†. Lord, protect your people which trusts in the patronage of your apostles. - Guard it. - Glory. - Guard it.

Before Lauds †. You grant me the heritage.

†. Of those who fear you, Lord.

LAUDS

Antiphons (and at the Hours)

1. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Psalm The Lord is king etc. p. 29.

2. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

3. "You are my friends if you do what I command you," says the Lord.

4. Blessed are the peacemakers, blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

5. By your endurance you will gain your lives.

For Apostles

Little Chapter Ephes. 2

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For Evangelists

Little Chapter Eccclus. 15

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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 perfect 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 resounds.

We pray you now, Redeemer King,

Your lowly suppliants to bring

To join that blessed company,

And be with them eternally.

Amen.

†. They will tell what God has done. †. They

will understand God's deeds.

For Apostles

Bened. ant. You who have followed me will sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

For Evangelists

Bened. ant. Round the throne of God, and on each side of it, the four living creatures, each with six wings, are full of eyes on all sides, and day and night they never cease to sing: "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty, who was and is and is to come."

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TERCE

Little Chapter as in Lauds

Ry. Their span goes forth * through all the earth. - Their span. **V.** Their words to the utmost bounds of the world. - Through all. - Glory. - Their span.

V. You will make them * princes over all the earth. **Ry.** May this song make your name remembered, Lord.

SEXT

For Apostles

Little Chapter Acts 5

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles.

For Evangelists

Little Chapter Ecclus. 15

The Lord fed him with the bread of understanding, and gave him the water of wisdom to drink.

Ry. You will make them princes * over all the earth. - You will. **V.** May this song make your name remembered, Lord. - Over all. - Glory. - You will.

V. To me, how mysterious are your thoughts, O God! **Ry.** The sum of them is not to be numbered.

NONE

For Apostles

Little Chapter Act. 5

The apostles left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for the name.

For Evangelists

Little Chapter Ecclus. 15

The Lord opened his mouth in the midst of the assembly and filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding, and clothed him with a robe of glory.

Ry. To me, how mysterious are * your thoughts, O God! - To me. **V.** The sum of them is not to be numbered. - Your thoughts. - Glory. - To me. **V.** They will tell what God has done. **Ry.** They will understand God's deeds.

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 day-break 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 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 dunghheap he raises the poor

To set him in the company of princes, * yes, with the princes of his people.

To the childless wife he gives a home * and

gladdens her heart with children.

Psalm 115

I trusted, even when I said: * "I am sorely afflicted."

And when I said in my alarm: * "No man can be trusted."

How can I repay the Lord * for his goodness to me?

The cup of salvation I will raise; * I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil * before all his people.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord * is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; * you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: * I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil * before all his people.

In the courts of the house of the Lord, * in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Psalm 125

When the Lord delivered Sion from bondage, * it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said * "What marvels the Lord worked for them!"

What marvels the Lord worked for us! * Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage * as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears * will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, * carrying seed for the sowing.

They come back, they come back, full of song, * carrying their sheaves.

Psalm 138

O Lord, you search me and you know me, † you know my resting and my rising, * you discern my purpose from afar.

You mark when I walk or lie down, * all my ways lie open to you.

Before ever a word is on my tongue * you know it, O Lord, through and through.

Behind and before you besiege me, * your hand ever laid upon me.

Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, * too high, beyond my reach.

O where can I go from your spirit, * or where can I flee from your face?

If I climb the heavens, you are there. * If I lie in the grave, you are there.

If I take the wings of the dawn * and dwell at the sea's furthest end,

Even there your hand would lead me, * your right hand would hold me fast.

If I say: "Let the darkness hide me * and the light around me by night,"

Even darkness is not dark for you * and the night is as clear as the day.

For it was you who created my being, * knit me together in my mother's womb.

I thank you for the wonder of my being, * for the wonders of all your creation.

Already you knew my soul, * my body held no secret from you

When I was being fashioned in secret * and moulded in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw all my actions, * they were all of them written in your book;

Every one of my days was decreed * before one of them came into being.

To me, how mysterious your thoughts, * the sum of them not to be numbered!

If I count them, they are more than the sand; * to finish, I must be eternal, like you.

O God, that you would slay the wicked! * Men of blood, keep far away from me!

With deceit they rebel against you * and set your designs at naught.

Do I not hate those who hate you, * abhor those who rise against you?

I hate them with a perfect hate * and they are foes to me.

O search me, God, and know my heart. * O test me and know my thoughts.

See that I follow not the wrong path * and lead me in the path of life eternal.

Ant. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

For Apostles

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.

For Evangelists

Little Chapter Eccclus. 15

The man who fears the Lord will do this, and he who holds to the law will obtain wisdom. She

will come to meet him
like a mother.

Hymn

With praises due let
heaven sing,
And earth with joy respon-
sive ring;
Apostles' deeds and high
estate,
This festal day we cele-
brate.

O you, who throned in
glory dread
Shall judge the living and
the dead,
True lights the world
enlightening,
O hear the suppliant
prayer we bring.

The gates of heaven, at
your command,
Must either closed or open
stand;
May we, at your august
decree,
Be loosed from our
iniquity.

The power, of old to you
conveyed,
Disease and health alike
obeyed;
May you, our ailing souls
once more
To strength and holiness
restore.

So when the world is at its
end
And Christ to judgment
shall descend,

Then may the Lord decree
that we
Shall share his joy eter-
nally.

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

Y. Their span goes forth
through all the earth.
R. Their words to the
utmost bounds of the
world.

For Apostles

Magnif. ant. "In the new
world, when the Son of
man shall sit on his
glorious throne, you also
will sit on twelve thrones,
judging the twelve tribes
of Israel," says the Lord.

For Evangelists

Magnif. ant. These are
your works, O Christ, who
so glorify your saints as
to foreshadow their
excellence by miracles.
You have prefigured the
illustrious preachers of the
gospel under the wonder-
ful symbol of heavenly
living creatures. By these
glorious signs you wished
to show the heavenly
office entrusted to them.
Wherefore, let praise and
glory be sung to you for
ever.

Common of a Martyr

outside paschal time

I VESPERS

Ant. The just will
rejoice in the Lord and
fly to him for refuge. All
the upright hearts will
glory.

Psalm Praise O servants,
etc. [1].

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.

R. N., glorious
friend of God, strong in
the faith of the Lord Jesus,
stood undaunted in the
midst of agonising tor-
tures. * Finally distin-
guished by a triumphant
death, decorated with
blood, he took flight to
heaven. Y. By a profit-
able transaction, gaining
the heavenly in exchange
for the earthly, and the
eternal for that which
shall perish. - Finally. -
Glory. - Decorated.

Hymn as in Matins

Y. With glory and
honour you crowned him,

Lord. R. You gave him
power over the works of
your hand.

When the Office (or
commemoration) is of a
Saint or Blessed of the
Order of Preachers the
following versicle is said
at Vespers in this and in
the Commons that follow.

Y. Blessed N., pray for
us. R. That we may be
made worthy of the
promises of Christ.

Magnif. ant. This is
indeed a martyr who shed
his blood for the name of
Christ; who was not
afraid of judges' threats
and did not look for
earthly honours, but
successfully won through
to the heavenly kingdom.

For a Martyr Bishop Prayer

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

Another Prayer

G grant, we ask you,
almighty God, that we

who keep the feast of the blessed **N.**, your martyr and bishop, may be helped by his intercession with you. Through.

For a Martyr not a Bishop 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 **N.**, your martyr. Through.

Another Prayer

Grant, we beseech you, almighty God, that we who reverently keep the feast of the blessed **N.**, your martyr, may, by his intercession, be freed from all the evils that threaten us. Through.

MATINS

Invit. Come, let us adore the eternal king * who, worthily and deservedly, crowned his martyr in heaven.

On a III class feast

Invit. The Lord, the martyrs' king, * come, let us adore.

Hymn

O God, of all your champions, Lord, The portion, crown and great reward;

From ties of sin, O set us free,
Who sing your martyr's victory.

The pleasures of the world he spurned,
From sin's pernicious lures he turned;
Accounting them as transient all,
He reached at length your heavenly hall.

With courage high he hardship faced
And suffering manfully embraced;
And since his blood for you did pour,
He now has life for evermore.

On his account, all earnest, we
Beseech you hear our humble plea;
On this your martyr's triumph-day,
From us all evil take away.

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

1 Psalm 1
Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; † 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. His delight was in the law of the Lord day and night.

2 Psalm 2

Why this tumult among nations, * among peoples this useless murmuring?

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 decrees of the Lord:) †

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, understand * take warning, rulers of the earth;

Serve the Lord with awe * and trembling, pay him your homage

Lest he be angry and you perish; † for suddenly his anger will blaze * Blessed are they who put their trust in God.

Ant. 2. Announcing the decree of the Lord, he was established on his holy mountain.

3 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. 3. I cry aloud to the Lord. He answers me from his holy mountain.

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

For a Martyr not a Bishop, the lessons I consider, are read with their responsories [68].

The following lessons and responsories are read for a Martyr Bishop.

From the Acts of the Apostles

Lesson i Chapter 20

From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you all the time from the first day I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all

humility and with tears and with trials which befell me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance to God, and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ."

R. i. This Saint fought unto death for the law of his God, and did not fear the words of the ungodly: * for he was founded on firm rock. **V.** Entrenched within the royal rampart he was utterly invincible to his antagonists. - For.

Lesson ii

And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, bound in the Spirit, not knowing what shall befall me there; except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may accomplish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."

R. ii. You have set, Lord, on his head, a crown of pure gold: he asked you for life and this you

have given * for ever. **V.** Your saving help has given him glory: you have laid upon him majesty and splendour. - For ever.

Lesson iii

And now, behold, I know that all you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will see my face no more. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the church of the Lord which he obtained with his own blood."

R. iii. With glory and honour you crowned him, Lord, you gave him power over the works of your hand. * You put all things under his feet. **V.** Your majesty, O God, is praised above the heavens. - You put. - Glory. - You put.

II Nocturn

4 **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. 4 O men, know that it is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves.

5 **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 prayers, * 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, 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 surround him with favour as with a shield.

Ant. 5 You surround him with favour, Lord, as with a shield.

6 **Psalm 8**

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. 6 With glory and honour, through all the earth, you crowned him.

‡. You have set, Lord,

on his head. **R.** A crown of pure gold.

For a Martyr not a Bishop the lessons are from the sermon of St. Augustine, Bishop, The annual [69].

For a Martyr Bishop the lessons and responsories are as follows.

Sermon of St. Augustine
Bishop

From the 3rd sermon on St. Cyprian

Lesson iv

It is an easy thing to celebrate the renown of a martyr, but it is something great to imitate the faith and endurance of the martyr. Let us so strive after this latter in order that we may desire the former, and so celebrate it that we may love the latter all the more. What should we praise in the faith of the martyr? This, that he fought for truth unto death, and therefore was victorious. He spurned the allurements of the world; to threats he did not give way. Thus, victorious, he came to God.

R. iv. 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. †. He shall receive blessings from the

Lord, and reward. - Which God.

Lesson v

False doctrines and terrors were rampant at that time. The most blessed martyr overcame the false doctrines by his wisdom and the terrors by his endurance. His was a great feat; he followed the Lamb and overcame the lion. While persecution raged, the lion continued to roar. But the lion was cast down and trampled underfoot, because the Lamb was taken up—the same who in dying destroyed death; who hung from the tree; who shed his blood, who redeemed the world.

R. v. Lord, 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, Lord, and this you have given. - A crown.

Lesson vi

While this blessed martyr in the unshakeable steadfastness of his struggle overcame his enemy, he showed the way of victory to others. He was victor, not by the short cut of wounds received, but he emerged triumphant by his wonderfully prolonged struggle,

despite constant and unremitting sufferings. The guardians of the prison enclosure relied on fetters and irons. But while the body was bound in chains the spirit remained unfettered and free. The flesh pined away from hunger and thirst, but the soul, living by faith and fortitude, God fed with spiritual nourishment.

Ry. vi. This, indeed, is a martyr who shed his blood for the name of Christ. * He was not afraid of Judges' threats and did not look for earthly honours, but successfully won through to the heavenly kingdom. **V.** The Lord guided the righteous man on straight paths; he showed him the kingdom of God. - He was. - Glory. - But successfully.

III Nocturn

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

8 **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. 8 He shall be

admitted to your tent: he shall dwell on your holy mountain.

20 **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 You have set, Lord, on his head a crown of pure gold.

V. Glory has been given him by your saving help.

Ry. You have laid upon him majesty and splendour.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lesson vii Chapter 14

At that time, Jesus said to the multitudes, "If any man comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple," Etc.

Homily of St. Gregory, Pope.

Homily 37 on the Gospels

Most dear brethren, if we consider what

and how great are the benefits that are promised to us in heaven, all earthly things seem to be of little worth. For when earthly goods are compared with the gladness above, they are found to be a burden rather than a help. This present life, compared with life eternal, ought rather to be called death than life. For what is the daily weakness of that which is mortal, but as it were, a long drawn out death? Indeed, what tongue can tell, or what understanding can comprehend, how great is the joy in that heavenly city: to be one with the choirs of angels; to stand with the most blessed spirits in the glory of the creator; to see the face of God who is present; to behold the infinite light; to be untouched by fear of death; to rejoice for ever in the gift of immortality?

Ry. vii. The Lord clothed him with a robe of gladness * and placed on his head the crown of perfection. **V.** The Lord fed him with the bread of understanding and gave him the water of wisdom to drink. - And placed.

Lesson viii

On hearing these things the spirit glows inwardly, and longs to be

already there, where it hopes to rejoice for ever. But one cannot attain to great rewards except through great labour. Hence it is that Paul, the outstanding preacher, affirms: "One is not crowned unless one competes according to the rules." The greatness of the reward, then, delights the mind, but do not let the strain of the struggle cause discouragement. Thus, to everyone that comes to him, the Truth says, "If any man comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."

Ry. viii. A gold crown upon his head, inscribed like a signet with "Holiness"; a distinction to be prized, * the work of an expert. **V.** You came to meet him with the blessings of success, you have set on his head a crown of pure gold. - The work of an expert.

Lesson ix

But it may be asked how is it we are commanded to hate our parents and relatives when we are exhorted to love even our enemies. And indeed, the Truth has said, regarding one's wife: "What God has

joined together, let no man put asunder." And Paul says: "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church." Behold, the disciple commands a man to love his wife, but the Master says, "If any man does not hate his wife, he cannot be my disciple." Does the judge, then, make one proclamation, and his herald make another? Or can we at the same time both love and hate? If we consider well the force of the commandment we shall, by making a distinction, be able to do both. We should love wife and kindred in so far as we recognise that they are related to us; but if they should be opposed to us on the way to God, then by hating and fleeing from them in this, we do not recognise them.

Ry. ix. N., glorious friend of God, strong in the faith of the Lord Jesus, stood undaunted in the midst of agonising tortures. * Finally, distinguished by a triumphant death, decorated with blood, he took flight to heaven. **V.** By a profitable transaction, gaining the heavenly in exchange for the earthly, and the eternal for that which would perish. - Finally - Glory. - Decorated.

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

LAUDS

Antiphons (and at the Hours)

1. He who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father.

Psalm The Lord is king etc. p. 29.

2. "He who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life," says the Lord.

3. "If anyone serves me, the Father, who is in heaven, will honour him," says the Lord.

4. If anyone serves me he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also.

5. Father, I desire that where I am, there, also, may my servant be.

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.

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

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

Should there be com-
memorations of other
individual martyrs in
Lauds; for the 1st
commemoration is said

Ant. "He who follows
me will not walk in dark-
ness, but will have the
light of life," says the
Lord.

For the 2nd commem-
oration is said

Ant. "If anyone serves
me, the Father, who is in
heaven, will honour him,"
says the Lord.

The versicles are said in
this order :

1. ∿. Your saving help
has given him glory.
R. You have laid upon
him majesty and splen-
dour.

2. ∿. You have set,
Lord, on his head. **R.** A
crown of pure gold.

If the feast is of I
class, antiphons for the
Hours are taken from
Lauds, and the psalms
from Sunday. Otherwise
the psalms and antiphon
are from the current week-
day.

In I class feasts, out-
side of Septuagesima, the
Alleluia is added to the
responsories at the Hours.

TERCE

Little Chapter as in
Lauds

R. 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.

∿. You have set, Lord,
on his head. **R.** A crown
of pure gold.

SEXT

Little Chapter Wisd. 10

The Lord protected him
from his enemies, and
kept him safe from those
who lay in wait for him;
in his arduous contest he
gave him the victory.

R. You have set, Lord,
* on his head. - You have
set. ∿. A crown of pure
gold. - On his head. -
Glory. - You have set.

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

NONE

Little Chapter Eccus. 4

Strive even to death for
the truth and the Lord
God will fight for you.

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

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 111

Happy the man who
fears the Lord, * who
takes delight in his com-
mands.

His sons will be power-
ful 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 dungheap he raises the poor

To set him in the company of princes, * yes, with the princes of his people.

To the childless wife he gives a home * and gladdens her heart with children.

Psalm 115

I trusted, even when I said: * "I am sorely afflicted."

And when I said in my alarm: * "No man can be trusted."

How can I repay the Lord * for his goodness to me?

The cup of salvation I will raise; * I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil * before all his people.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord * is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; * you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: * I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil * before all his people.

In the courts of the house of the Lord, * in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Psalm 125

When the Lord delivered Sion from bondage, * it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: * "What marvels the Lord worked for them!"

What marvels the Lord worked for us! * Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage * as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears * will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, * carrying seed for the sowing;

They come back, they come back, full of song, * carrying their sheaves.

Ant. He who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father.

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

O God, of all your champions, lord,
The portion, crown and great reward;

From ties of sin, O set us free,
Who sing your martyr's victory.

The pleasures of the world he spurned,
From sin's pernicious lures he turned;
Accounting them as transient all,
He reached at length your heavenly hall.

With courage high he hardship faced
And suffering manfully embraced;
And since his blood for you did pour
He now has life for evermore.

On his account, all earnest, we
Beseech you hear our humble plea;
On this your martyr's triumph day,
From us all evil take away.

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.

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

Magnif. ant. This is he who gave himself to death for the law of his God: he did not falter at the thought of death. He was slain by the wicked and now lives for ever with Christ. He followed the Lamb and received the palm of victory.

LESSONS FOR A MARTYR NOT A BISHOP

I Nocturn

From the blessed apostle Paul's Letter to the Romans

Lesson i Chapter 8

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Ry. i. This saint has striven unto death for the law of his God, and did not fear the words of the ungodly: * for he was

founded on firm rock. **V.** Entrenched within the royal rampart he was utterly invincible to his antagonists. - For.

Lesson ii

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Ry. ii. You have set, Lord, on his head, a crown of pure gold; he asked you for life and this you have given * for ever. **V.** Your saving help has given him glory; you have laid upon him majesty and splendour. - For ever.

* Lesson iii

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. And he who searches the hearts of

men knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that everything works for good with those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Ry. iii. With glory and honour you crowned him, Lord, you gave him power over the works of your hand. * You put all things under his feet. **V.** Your majesty, O God, is praised above the heavens. - You. Glory. - You.

II Nocturn

Sermon of St. Augustine, Bishop

44th sermon on the saints Lesson iv

The annual celebration of the day of triumph of the blessed martyr **N.** has come round to us again. As the church rejoices with him in his glory, she also recommends that we follow in his footsteps. For if we share in his suffering we shall also share in his glory. In his glorious combat we have two things chiefly to consider; the hardened cruelty of the tormentor, and the invincible endurance of the martyr: the cruelty of the tormentor, that we may

abhor it; the endurance of the martyr, that we may imitate it.

Ry. iv. 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. **V.** He shall receive blessings from the Lord, and reward. - Which God.

Lesson v

Christ's glorious champion did not shrink from prison. Like his Head, he bore reproach, underwent mockery, and did not flinch from the scourges. As many sufferings as for Christ's sake he bore before he died, so many offerings did he make to him of himself. Truly, he held in high regard those things that he had drunk in from the Apostle: "The sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us," and, "For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory" in heaven.

Ry. v. Lord, you came to meet him with the blessings of success: you have set on his head * a crown of pure gold. **V.** He asked you for life, Lord,

and this you have given. -
A crown.

Lesson vi

In so far as human weakness is able, in this darkness, to fix the eye of the mind upon eternal things, he contemplated the intense joy of the heavenly city. And being unable to express it verbally, he cried out in wonder: "What else have I in heaven?" As though he would have said: "It is beyond my capability, it is beyond my power of expression, it goes beyond the reach of my understanding, to describe that beauty, that glory, that exaltation with which our Lord Jesus Christ, when he has taken us away from the tumult of men into the hidden place where he is visibly present, will change our lowly body." At the thought of this perfect liberty he shirked no danger and did not flinch from suffering, and were he able to die a thousand times he would not consider himself worthy of it.

Ry. vi. This, indeed, is a martyr who shed his blood for the name of Christ. * He was not afraid of Judges' threats, and did not look for earthly honours, but successfully won through to the

heavenly kingdom. **V.** The Lord guided the righteous man on straight paths; he showed him the kingdom of God. - He was. - Glory. But successfully.

III Nocturn

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

Tract 51 on John

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.

Ry. vii. The Lord clothed him with a robe of gladness * and placed on his head the crown of perfection. **V.** The Lord fed him with the bread of understanding and gave him the water of wisdom to drink. - And placed.

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.

Ry. viii. A gold crown upon his head, inscribed like a signet with "Holiness"; a distinction to be prized, * the work of an expert. **V.** You came to meet him with the blessings of success, you

have set on his head a crown of pure gold. - The work of an expert.

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.

Ry. ix. N., glorious friend of God, strong in the faith of the Lord Jesus, stood undaunted in the midst of agonising tortures. * Finally, distinguished by a triumphant death, decorated with blood, he took flight to heaven. **V.** By a profitable transaction, gaining the heavenly in exchange for the earthly, and the eternal for that which would perish. - Finally. - Glory. - Decorated.

Another Gospel Both for a Martyr Bishop or non-Bishop

Reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew

Lesson vii Chapter 16

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Etc.

Homily of St. John
Chrysostom

Homily 56 on Matthew

The organiser of public games, though a close friend of one of the athletes, would not give him a victor's crown unless he took part in the competition. His mind is, that the contender should win on his merits; and the closer he is to him in friendship the more he desires to see him win. In the same way Christ wishes those whom he so greatly loves, to be approved, not alone by reason of his help, but also by their own efforts. Nor does he render this statement in any way burdensome to them, for he does not apply it specially to them, but in common to the whole world, saying, "If any man would"—whether man or woman, ruler or subject, let him follow this way.

R. vii. The Lord clothed him with a robe of gladness, * and placed on his head the crown of perfection. **V.** The Lord fed him

with the bread of understanding and gave him the water of wisdom to drink. - And placed.

Lesson viii

While this saying seems to mean one thing, it really means three: self-denial; that you take up your cross; and, thirdly, that you follow Christ. Two of these are grouped together and one is placed separately. So let us first consider what it is to deny another, and then you will see clearly what it is to deny yourself.

R. viii. A gold crown upon his head, inscribed like a signet with "Holiness"; a distinction to be prized, * the work of an expert. **V.** You came to meet him with the blessings of success, you have set on his head a crown of pure gold. - The work of an expert.

Lesson ix

What then, is it to deny yourself? What is it to deny another? One has already denied another—a brother, for instance or a servant or anyone else—if he sees him beaten with rods, or held in fetters, or suffering any other evil, and does not run to him, does not help him, is not affected or in

any way moved, any more than if he were a total stranger to him. Thus, he wishes us in no way to give in to our body, so that whether it be beaten or banished, or burned, or whatever else it may undergo, we may not spare it.

R. ix. **N.**, glorious friend of God, strong in the faith of the Lord Jesus, stood undaunted in the midst of agonising tortures. * Finally, distinguished by a triumphant death, decorated with blood, he took flight to heaven. **V.** By a profitable transaction, gaining the heavenly in exchange for the earthly and the eternal for that which would perish. - Finally. - Glory. - Decorated.

Another Gospel

Reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Lesson vii Chapter 15

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser." Etc.

Homily of St. Augustine
Bishop

80th tract on John

This passage of the gospel, brethren, in which the Lord calls himself the vine, and his disciples the branches, is

to be understood in this sense: that the mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, is head of the church, and we are his members. Since indeed, the vine and the branches are of one nature, therefore being God, of whose nature we are not, he was made man, in order that in him, human nature should be the vine, and that we men might be able to be its branches.

R. vii. The Lord clothed him with a robe of gladness * and placed on his head the crown of perfection. **V.** The Lord fed him with the bread of understanding and gave him the water of wisdom to drink. - And placed.

Lesson viii

What, then, does this mean, "I am the true vine"? Surely in adding the word 'true', he could not mean to refer this to the literal vine, from which the simile is taken? For he is called vine, by figure of speech and not in literal fact, just as he is called sheep, lamb, lion, rock, cornerstone, and other such things; and the true things here are rather the objects themselves, from which these same metaphorical, not literal, appellations are derived. But

when he says, "I am the true vine" he clearly distinguishes himself from that to which it is said, "How then have you turned degenerate and become a wild vine?" For how should that be the true vine, which, when one looked for it to yield grapes, bore thorns?

R. viii. A gold crown upon his head, inscribed like a signet with "Holiness"; a distinction to be prized, * the work of an expert. **V.** You came to meet him with the blessings of success, you have set on his head a crown of pure gold. - The work of an expert.

Lesson ix

I", he says, "am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser". Are vinedresser and vine one? Christ is the vine in the sense in which he says, "The Father is greater than I": but when he says, "I and the Father are one", he, too, is the vinedresser. Yet he is not just like those whose whole effort is in external labour, but such, that in addition he gives the increase from within. For neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

R. ix. N., glorious friend

of God, strong in the faith of the Lord Jesus, stood undaunted in the midst of agonising tortures. * Finally, distinguished by a triumphant death, decorated with blood, he took flight to heaven. **V.** By a profitable transaction, gaining the heavenly in exchange for the earthly, and the eternal for that which would perish. - Finally. Glory. - Decorated.

Another Gospel

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson vii Chapter 10

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword." Etc.

Homily of St. Hilary Bishop

Comm. on Matthew 10

What is this separation? Among the first of the commands of the law we have been told, "Honour your father and your mother". And the Lord himself said, "My peace I give you, my peace I leave you". What does he mean when he says that he was sent rather to bring the sword into the world, and to set a

son against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, and to result in a man's foes being those of his own household? From this it would seem that public approval is given to disloyalty: widespread hatreds, world-wide wars, and the sword of the Lord brandished furiously between father and son, and daughter and mother.

R. vii. The Lord clothed him with a robe of gladness * and placed on his head the crown of perfection. **V.** The Lord fed him with the bread of understanding and gave him the water of wisdom to drink. - And placed.

Lesson viii

The sword is the sharpest of all weapons. It is the emblem of the right of authority, the severity of justice, the correction of offenders. And frequently, in the prophets, we have the example of calling the preaching of the new gospel by the name of this weapon. Let us remember then that the word of God is likened to a sword. So here, the sword that is sent upon the earth is his preaching which is poured into the heart of man. Hence, in the one house

comes serious disagreement, and the members of his household become the foes of the new man. Because, separated from the others by the word of God, he will be glad to remain, both internally and externally, that is, in body and soul, in the newness of spirit.

R. viii. A gold crown upon his head, inscribed like a signet with "Holiness"; a distinction to be prized, * the work of an expert. **V.** You came to meet him with the blessings of success, you have set on his head a crown of pure gold. - The work of an expert.

Lesson ix

In this same passage he continues with his series of instructions and their interpretation. For when he had commanded that all which is held most dear in this life should be forsaken, he adds, "He who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me". Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. And he is unworthy of Christ who does not take his cross — on which we suffer with him, die with him, are buried, and rise again with him —

and follow his Lord, ready to overcome in newness of spirit on this symbol of the faith.

R. ix. N., glorious friend of God, strong in the faith of the Lord Jesus, stood undaunted in the midst of agonising tortures. *

Common of Many Martyrs

outside paschal time

I VESPERS

Ant. to psalms These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb.

Psalm Praise, O servants etc. [1].

Little Chapter Hebr. 11
Through faith the saints conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R. 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. - Glory. - In the blood of the Lamb.

Hymn as in Matins

V. Rejoice, rejoice in the

Finally, distinguished by a triumphant death, decorated with blood, he took flight to heaven. **V.** By a profitable transaction, gaining the heavenly in exchange for the earthly, and the eternal for that which would perish. - Finally. - Glory. - Decorated.

Lord, exult, you just. **R.** O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart.

If the Office or commemoration is of many Martyrs of the Order of Preachers, the following versicle is said:

V. Blessed N. and your companions, pray for us. **R.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Magnif. ant. The souls of the saints, who have followed in the footsteps of Christ, rejoice in heaven. And because they shed their blood for the love of him, they shall reign for ever with Christ.

Of many Martyrs 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.

Another prayer

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

Of many Martyr Bishops

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 bishops, N. and N. Through.

MATINS

Invit. Come, let us adore the King of kings; * he has given the blessed martyrs a crown of glory.

On a III class feast

Invit. The Lord, the martyrs' king, * come, let us adore.

Hymn

Tell in our song of their glorious state
Heroic deeds and merits so great;
With pride the soul hastens to sing such a theme,

The noblest of victors, their courage supreme.

These from this earth the world did exclude,
For deep they despised it as barren and rude;
But turning to you, Lord, they followed with speed,
O Christ, King of Goodness, your heavenly lead.

Fury of men, brutal outrage, in turn,
And scourging so cruel they joyfully spurn;
Though torture and racking the body may tear,
These yet fail to master the high spirit there.

Calmly as sheep to the slaughter they went,
Without plaint or murmuring, to the sword bent;
With heart undisturbed, the mind clear, till last breath

Maintained christian patience and triumphed in death.

Is there a voice that can ever declare
Those gifts which you for your martyrs prepare?
For, scarlet of bloodshed they wear with delight,
Enriched with the laurels of victory bright.

Godhead supreme, one alone, we you pray
To cleanse every sin, every harm take away;
Grant peace to your servants, in order that we

May live to your glory,
Lord, eternally.
Amen.

I Nocturn

1 Psalm 1

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; † nor lingers in the way of sinners † 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 He planted the vineyard of the just beside the flowing waters; and their delight was the law of the Lord.

2 Psalm 2

Why this tumult among nations, † among

peoples this useless murmuring?

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:) † 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, understand, † take warning, rulers of the earth;

Serve the Lord with awe † and trembling, pay him your homage

Lest he be angry and you perish; † for suddenly his anger will blaze. † Blessed are they who put their trust in God.

Ant. 2 Like gold in the furnace the Lord tested

the chosen ones; and, as a burnt offering, he took them to himself for ever.

3 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 For though in the sight of men they were punished, yet the hope of the chosen ones is undying for ever.

† Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult you just! † O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart.

From the blessed apostle Paul’s Letter to the Romans

Lesson i Chapter 8

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God.

R. i. God will wipe away every tear from the eyes of the saints: and henceforth there shall be no mourning nor crying nor pain any more, † for the former things have passed away. † They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them nor any scorching heat. - For the former things.

Lesson ii

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait

for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Ry. ii. The holy men gloriously shed their blood for the Lord. They loved Christ during life and imitated him in death: * and thus they became worthy of the crowns of victory. **V.** One spirit and one faith moved them. - And thus.

Lesson iii

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. And he who searches the hearts of men knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose.

Ry. iii. For the sake of God they let their bodies be tortured * and became worthy to possess everlasting crowns. **V.** These are they who have come

out of the great tribulation and have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. - And became. - Glory. - And became.

II Nocturn

4 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 "I will give to my saints an honoured place in the kingdom of my Father," says the Lord.

5 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 He has put into my heart a marvellous love

for the faithful ones who dwell in his land.

6 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 The holy ones who wait for the Lord shall have strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall fly and not be weary.

V. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God.

R. They shall exult and dance for joy.

From the Letter of St. Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr, to Martyrs and Confessors

Bk. 2, Epist. 6
Lesson iv

With what praises shall I extol you, most valiant martyrs? With what verbal commendation shall I set out the courage of your hearts, and the perseverance of your faith? You endured the severest torture until it ended in glory. You did not yield to suffering, rather suffering yielded to you. The victorious crown, and not the tortures, put an end to your pain. The grievous tortures were long drawn out, yet the result was not the overthrow of your steadfast faith, but the sending of God's servants more quickly to their Lord.

R. iv. Your holy ones, O Lord, complying with your commands, have travelled a marvellous way * that they might be found

unharmd in the midst of mighty waters: dry land emerged, an unhindered way out of the Red Sea.

V. They praised, with one accord, your defending hand, they sang hymns, Lord, to your holy name. - That.

Lesson v

The crowd of bystanders, in admiration, saw the heavenly conflict, the conflict of God, the spiritual conflict, the battle of Christ; saw that his servants stood with voice unfettered, with minds unbroken, with God-given courage, without worldly weapons, but armed and trusting in the weapons of faith. The tortured stood more resolute than the torturers; and the racked and mangled limbs vanquished the grappling-hooks that racked and mangled them.

R. v. The holy ones of God did not shrink from the scourges of the executioners but died for Christ's name, * that they might become heirs in the house of the Lord.

V. For the sake of God they let their bodies be tortured. - That.

Lesson vi

Long though it raged, the loft-renewed blow could not vanquish in God's

servants a faith invincible, even though the enclosure of their entrails was torn open, and now not so much limbs as wounds were being tortured. The blood flowed, that would extinguish the fire of persecution, quench the flames and fires of hell by its glorious effusion. What a spectacle was that to the Lord! How sublime, how great, how acceptable to the eyes of God, the loyalty and devotion of his soldier! How Christ rejoiced there! How willingly in servants like these did he not both fight and conquer!

R. vi. Revered and renowned were the combats of the martyrs. These, for Christ, bore inhuman bodily torments. * and thus were made worthy to obtain the unfading crown of eternal glory. **V.** For, in spurning the outlook of this present life, and making light of the torture of their bodies, they overcame the raging world for the love of God. - And thus. - Glory. - And thus.

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 But the righteous live for ever, and their reward is with the Lord.

8 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. 8 For the sake of God they let their bodies be tortured that they might become heirs in the house of the Lord.

9 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 See how great is the reward of the saints with God! They, indeed, died for Christ and shall live for ever.

V. But the righteous live for ever. **R.** And their reward is with the Lord.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lesson vii Chapter 21

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples, "When you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified; for this must first take place, but the

end will not be at once." Etc.

Homily on St. Ambrose
Bishop

Bk. 9 on Luke 21

But of the heavenly words none are greater witnesses than we, in whose time the end of the world comes. What wars, and what rumours of wars we have received. The Huns have risen against the Scythians, the Scythians against the Goths, the Goths against the Taifali and the Slavs. Gothic exiles have likewise exiled the people of Dalmatia, and the end has not yet come. What universal famine, what pestilence affecting men and cattle alike, and also the rest of the beasts! So it is that pestilence reduces us who have not endured war to the state of those who have.

Ry. vii. All about you, O Lord, is a light that never wanes, where you have built resplendent mansions: * there the souls of your holy ones rest. **V.** The Lord is great and worthy to be praised in the city of our God, on his holy mountain. - There.

Lesson viii

Since then we are in a dying world, certain

worldly illnesses must first come. Hunger is an illness of the world, as are, also disease and persecution. There are other wars too, that the christian man wages; the battles of varying ambitions, the clash of conflicting desires; much more dangerous are the enemies within one's household than those who are outside it.

Ry. viii. You, my holy ones, who have battled in this life, * 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 ix

Now greed incites, now passion inflames, now fear terrifies, now anger makes violent, now ambition allures, now the unholy spirits who dwell in the heavens try to cause dismay. Therefore, one is, as it were, beset by battles, and the inconstant loyalty of the fickle mind is shaken as by earthquakes. But the strong man says, "Though an army encamp against me my heart would not fear. Though war break out against me even then would I trust".

Ry. ix. They washed their robes and made them spot-

less * 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.

Before Lauds V. Let the faithful rejoice in their glory. **Ry.** Let them shout for joy and take their rest.

When the Office is of Many Martyrs of the Order of Preachers, the following is said:

V. Blessed N. and your companions, pray for us. **Ry.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LAUDS

Antiphons (and at the Hours)

1. But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.

Psalm The Lord is king etc. p. 29.

2. Bearing the palm-branch, the saints have come to the kingdom; they have merited to receive crowns of glory from the hand of the Lord.

3. The bodies of the saints were buried in peace, and their names live for ever.

4. Martyrs of the Lord, for ever bless the Lord.

5. Choir of martyrs, sing

praise to the Lord in the heights.

Little Chapter Hebr. 11

Through faith, the saints conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hymn

Eternal gifts of Christ the King,
With martyrs' victories let us sing;
And high today our voices raise,
In due and joyful songs of praise.

They vanquished every worldly fear,
Made light of pain and anguish here;
And, death's brief struggle o'er, possess
The life of perfect blessedness.

By savage beasts are martyrs riven,
A death by fire to them is given;
On them hook-torn and torment rent
The rage of torturer is spent.

Their entrails hang from body gashed
Their sacred blood the earth has splashed;
Yet firm and dauntless they remain,
The prize of endless life to gain.

We pray you now, Redeemer King,
Your lowly suppliants to bring
To join that martyr company
And be with them eternally.
Amen.

℣. God is to be feared.
℞. In his holy place.

Bened. 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.

If commemorations of other many Martyrs are made in Lauds, for the 1st commemoration is said:

Ant. Bearing the palm-branch the saints have come to the kingdom; they have merited to receive crowns of glory from the hand of the Lord.

For the 2nd commemoration is said:

Ant. The bodies of the saints were buried in peace, and their names live for ever.

The versicles are said in this order:

℣. But the righteous live for ever. ℞. And their

reward is with the Lord.

2. ℣. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God. ℞. They shall exult and dance for joy.

On a I class feast antiphons for the Hours are taken from Lauds and the psalms from the Sunday Office. Otherwise the antiphons and psalms are from the current weekday.

On I class feasts outside Septuagesima the Alleluia is added to the responsories at the Hours.

TERCE

Little Chapter as in Lauds.

℞. 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. ℞. They shall exult and dance for joy.

SEXT

Little Chapter Wisd. 10

God gave to holy men the reward of their labours; he guided them along a marvellous way, and became a shelter to them by day, and a starry flame through the night.

℞. 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. ℞. And their reward is with the Lord.

NONE

Little Chapter Wisd. 3

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, but they are at peace.

℞. But the righteous * live for ever. - But the righteous. ℣. And their reward is with the Lord. - Live for. - Glory. - But the righteous.

℣. God is to be feared. ℞. In his holy place.

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 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 dunghap he raises the poor

To set him in the company of princes, * yes,

with the princes of his people.

To the childless wife he gives a home * and gladdens her heart with children.

Psalm 115

I trusted, even when I said: * "I am sorely afflicted,"

And when I said in my alarm: * "No man can be trusted."

How can I repay the Lord * for his goodness to me?

The cup of salvation I will raise; * I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil * before all his people.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord * is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; * you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: * I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil * before all his people,

In the courts of the house of the Lord, * in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Psalm 125

When the Lord delivered Sion from bondage, * it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: * "What marvels the Lord worked for them!"

What marvels the Lord worked for us! * Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage * as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears * will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, * carrying seed for the sowing:

They come back, they come back, full of song, * carrying their sheaves.

Psalm 139

Rescue me, Lord, from evil men; * from the violent keep me safe,

From those who plan evil in their hearts * and stir up strife every day;

Who sharpen their tongue like an adder's, * with the poison of viper on their lips.

Lord, guard me from the hands of the wicked; from the violent keep me safe; * they plan to make me stumble.

The proud have hidden a trap, have spread out lines in a net, * set snares across my path.

I have said to the Lord: "You are my God." *

Lord, hear the cry of my appeal!

Lord my God, my mighty help, * you shield my head in the battle.

Do not grant the wicked their desire * nor let their plots succeed.

Those surrounding me lift up their heads. * Let the malice of their speech overwhelm them.

Let coals of fire rain upon them. * Let them be flung in the abyss, no more to rise.

Let the slanderer not endure upon the earth. * Let evil hunt the violent man to death!

I know that the Lord will avenge the poor, * that he will do justice for the needy.

Truly the just will praise your name: * the upright shall live in your presence.

Ant. But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God and no torment will ever touch them.

Little Chapter Hebr. 11

Through faith, the saints conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, in Christ Jesus, Our Lord.

Hymn

Tell in our song of their glorious state,
Heroic deeds and merits
so great;

With pride the soul hastens to sing such a theme,
The noblest of victors,
their courage supreme.

These from this earth the world did exclude,
For deep they despised it as barren and rude;
But turning to you, Lord, they followed with speed,
O Christ, King of Goodness, your heavenly lead.

Fury of men, brutal outrage, in turn,
And scourging so cruel they joyfully spurn;
Though torture and racking the body may tear,
These yet fail to master the high spirit there.

Calmly as sheep to the slaughter they went,
Without plaint or murmuring to the sword bent;
With heart undisturbed, the mind clear, till last breath

Maintained christian patience and triumphed in death.

Is there a voice that can ever declare
Those gifts which you for your martyrs prepare?
For, scarlet of bloodshed they wear with delight,
Enriched with the laurels of victory bright.

Godhead supreme, one alone, we you pray
To cleanse every sin, every harm take away;
Grant peace to your servants, in order that we
May live to your glory, Lord, eternally.
Amen.

V. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult you just. **R.** O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart.

Magnif. ant. God will wipe away every tear from the eyes of the saints, and henceforth there shall be no mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

OTHER LESSONS for many Martyrs

II Nocturn

Sermon of St. John
Chrysostom

Homily on Maccabees
Lesson iv

How beautiful and pleasing a festival has dawned upon us! How this day outshines the days of the whole year! Not because it is more intensely illuminated by the accustomed rays of the sun, but because it is more sublimely illuminated by the light of the martyrs, who sparkle more than

lightning and all brilliance. For the martyrs are brighter than many suns, and more glorious than the great luminaries. The rays which the sun in its heavenly course casts upon the earth, are not to be compared to the brilliance which comes forth with glittering light from their bodies and blinds the eyes of the envious demon.

R. iv. Your holy ones, O Lord, complying with your commands, have travelled a marvellous way * that they might be found unharmed in the midst of the mighty waters: dry land emerged, an unhindered way out of the Red Sea. **V.** They praised, with one accord, your defending hand, they sang hymns, Lord, to your holy name. - That.

Lesson v

The Same—Sermon on the Martyrs

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. 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.

R. v. The holy ones of God did not shrink from the scourges of the executioners but died for Christ's name * that they might become heirs in the house of the Lord. **V.** For the sake of God they let their bodies be tortured. - That.

Lesson vi

In them are always appropriate virtues, various combats, and glorious victories. You then, follower of Christ, are an effeminate soldier if you think you can conquer without fighting, and triumph without entering the lists. Show your strength, fight bravely and strive fiercely in that battle. Think of the agreement, be mindful of the obligation, be aware of the military service; the solemn promise you made, the obligation you contracted, the service in which you enlisted. For it was under this agreement that all those whom you admire fought; under this obligation all were victor-

ious, in this warfare all triumphed.

R. vi. Revered and renowned were the combats of the martyrs. These, for Christ, bore inhuman bodily torments: * and thus were made worthy to obtain the unfading crown of eternal glory. **V.** For, in spurning the outlook of this present life, and making light of the torture of their bodies, they overcame the raging world for the love of God. - And thus. - Glory. - And thus.

III Nocturn

Reading from the holy
Gospel according to
Matthew

Lesson vii Chapter 5

At that time, Jesus came seeing the crowds, went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying, "Blessed are the poor in spirit." Etc.

Homily of St. Hilary,
Bishop

Comment. on Matt. 5

When, therefore, a great crowd has gathered he goes up into a mountain and teaches. Established in the height of the Father's majesty, he lays

down the laws of the heavenly life. For he would not have given the eternal precepts unless he had been set in eternity. Indeed, this is what is written, "He opened his mouth and taught them." It would have been easier to say that he spoke, but, as he was instructing in the glory of his Father's majesty and was teaching eternal truths, it was made clear that the service of his human lips obeyed the prompting of the spirit who was speaking.

Ry. vii. All about you, O Lord, is a light that never wanes, where you have built resplendent mansions: * there the souls of your holy ones rest. **V.** The Lord is great and worthy to be praised in the city of our God, on his holy mountain. - There.

Lesson viii

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven". The Lord had taught by his own example that the human longing for renown should be relinquished, when he said, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve". And since he had foretold by the prophets that he would

choose a humble people who would tremble at his words, he placed the beginning of perfect blessedness in humility of spirit.

Ry. viii. You, my holy ones, who have battled in this life, * 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 ix

We must not allow the arrogance of worldly pomp, nor the desire of riches, nor the pursuit of vainglory to corrupt us. But let us be subject to God, and in the life which we live together let us be joined to all in the charity of common life. Let us be mindful also of the fact that our being born is a pledge of the divine goodness yet to come; whose reward and honour must be merited by the works of this life. In this spirit of humility let us remember that all things have been given us by God, and that greater things are still to be hoped for. In this way the kingdom of heaven will be ours.

Ry. ix. 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.

ANOTHER GOSPEL

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lesson vii Chapter 6

At that time, Jesus came down from the mountain and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon. Etc.

Homily of St. Ambrose,
Bishop

Bk. 5 on Luke 6

Note everything well, how Jesus goes upwards with his disciples, but downwards to the multitude. How should the multitude see Christ except in a lower place? It does not follow him to the things which are above; it does not attain to the things that are sublime. And when Jesus comes down he finds the sick, for these do not go up to the heights. Hence Matthew points out that the sick were cured on low ground. Each one must first be healed so that when he had got back his

strength, he might gradually go up into the mountain. Therefore, he heals them in the plain, that is to say, he calls them away from lust, and frees them from harmful blindness. He came down to our wounds in order that by the help and wealth of his own nature, he might make us share with him in the kingdom of heaven.

Ry. vii. All about you, O Lord, is a light that never wanes, where you have built resplendent mansions: * there the souls of your holy ones rest. **V.** The Lord is great and worthy to be praised in the city of our God, on his holy mountain. - There.

Lesson viii

Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God". Luke gives but four of the beatitudes, whereas Matthew gives eight: but in those eight are contained these four, and in these four those eight. For in these four are embraced, as it were, the cardinal virtues; and in those eight they are set forth in a mystic number. For many of the psalms are entitled "For the octave"; and you have

received the commandment: "Give a portion to eight"—perhaps degrees of blessedness. For as the eighth beatitude expresses the fulfilment of our hope, so is the eighth the sum total of all virtue.

Ry. viii. You, my holy ones, who have battled in this life, * 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 ix

But first let us examine the fuller form. "Blessed are the poor in spirit", he said, "for theirs is the kingdom of heaven". Both evangelists give to this beatitude the first place. For it is the first in order, as it were, the mother and root of the virtues. Because he who sets no store by temporal things will win eternal things; and no man is able to gain the kingdom of heaven, on whom the love of this world so presses, that he cannot rise above it.

Ry. ix. 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.

ANOTHER GOSPEL

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lesson vii Chapter 12

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: "Beware of the leaven of the pharisees, which is hypocrisy". Etc.

Homily of St. Bede, the Venerable, Priest

Bk. 4 on Luke. Ch. 12

The Apostle warns us about this leaven: "Let us, therefore, celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth". For just as a little leaven infects the whole lump into which it is put, and spreads its taint all over it, so does hypocrisy, when once it has tainted the soul, drive out from it all sincerity and truth.

Ry. vii. All about you, O Lord, is a light that never wanes, where you have built resplendent mansions: * there the souls of your holy ones rest. **V.** The Lord is great and worthy to be praised in the city of our God, on his holy mountain. - There.

Lesson viii

Therefore the meaning is this: Beware lest you become as the hypocrites, for in a little while all men will see that you are good, and that they are hypocrites. Indeed the following: "Whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light", is applicable not only to the world which is to come, wherein the secrets of all hearts will be made manifest, but even to this present world. For that which the Apostles spoke and suffered in the darkness of persecution and in the gloom of the dungeon, now that the church is renowned throughout the world, is publicly proclaimed wherever their Acts are read.

Ry. viii. You, my holy ones, who have battled in this life, * 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 ix

Itell you, my friends, do not fear those who

kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do". If then, those who persecute the righteous, when they have killed the body, have, after that, no more that they can do, they rage in pointless fury who throw to birds and beasts the dead limbs of the martyrs. Such men can in no way withstand the omnipotence of God, whereby he will enliven these same limbs and raise them up again. There are however, two kinds of persecutors: the one who openly rages, the other who deceitfully and hypocritically flatters and beguiles. For this reason, the Saviour, wishing to put us on guard against both, warns against the hypocrisy of these pharisees, and also instructs us not to fear the stroke of the executioners.

Ry. ix. 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.

Common of a Confessor

outside paschal time

I VESPERS

Ant. to psalms This saint who has passed to the joy of angels is fittingly held in memory by man.

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. Holy N., Confessor of Christ, hear your suppliant servants * and from heaven, bring the favour procured. **V.** O holy N., golden star, by the favour of the Lord hear with accustomed kindness the pleadings of your servants. - And from - Glory - Bring the favour procured.

Hymn as in Matins

V. The Lord loved him and adorned him.

R. He clothed him with a robe of glory.

Magnif. ant. N., confessor of the Lord, give strength through your holy intercession to the people here present, so

that we who are pressed down with the weight of evil may be raised up by the glory of your happiness, and, under your guidance, attain to eternal rewards.

For a Confessor Bishop Prayer

Grant, we beseech you, almighty God, that the celebration of the feast of the blessed N., your confessor and bishop, may increase our devotedness and promote our salvation. Through.

Another Prayer

Graciously hear, we beseech you, Lord, the prayers we make on the feast of the blessed N., your confessor and bishop; by the merits and intercession of him who so worthily served you, free us from all sin. Through.

For a Confessor Doctor Prayer

O God, you gave your people the blessed N., 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.

For a Confessor not a Bishop

O God, you gladden us by the annual solemnity of the blessed N., your confessor, mercifully grant that as we honour his feast, we may follow in his ways. Through.

Another Prayer

Heed, Lord, our prayers which we make on this feast of the blessed N., your confessor; may we who have no trust in our own righteousness, be helped by the prayers of him who was pleasing to you. Through.

For an Abbot Prayer

Let the intercession of the blessed abbot, N., commend us, we pray you, Lord, so that what we cannot gain by our own merits, we may obtain by his patronage. Through.

MATINS

Invit. Let us adore the confessors' King. * He gave the reward and glory

of the heavenly kingdom to N., his holy one.

On III class feasts

Invit. The Lord, the confessors' King, * come, let us adore.

Hymn

This great confessor of the Lord, whose triumph Now all the faithful celebrate, with gladness, First on this feast-day merited to enter Into his glory.

Saintly and prudent, modest in behaviour, Peaceful and sober, chaste was he and lowly; While this life's vigour, coursing through his members, Quickened his being.

Often because of his most sacred merit Limbs of the feeble are restored their power, And, in whatever illness might afflict them, Healing is given.

So we in chorus gladly do him honour, Chanting his praises with devout attention; And by his suffrage may we be assisted, Now and for ever.

His be the glory, power and salvation,

Who over all things dwelling in the highest, Earth's mighty fabric regulates and governs, One and yet Trinal.
Amen.

I Nocturn

Psalm 1

1 **H**appy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; † nor lingers in the way of sinners * 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 Happy is the man who ponders the law of the Lord; his delight is constant day and night,

and all that he does shall prosper.

2 Psalm 2

Why this tumult among nations, * among peoples this useless murmuring?

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:) † 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, understand, * take warning, rulers of the earth;

Serve the Lord with awe * and trembling, pay him your homage

Lest he be angry and

you perish; † for suddenly his anger will blaze. * Blessed are they who put their trust in God.

Ant. 2 Happy is that saint, whose trust was in the Lord: he announced the decree of the Lord, he was set up on his holy mountain.

3 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. 3 You are my glory, you are a shield about me, Lord: you lift up my head, you answer me from your holy mountain.

†. The Lord loved him and adorned him.

†. He clothed him with a robe of glory.

For a Doctor the lessons

Blessed is the man who meditates, with their †.†. [115].

For a Confessor not a Bishop the lessons

Blessed is the man who is found blameless, with their †.†. [119].

For a Confessor Bishop the following are the lessons and †.†.

From the blessed apostle Paul's First Letter to Timothy

Lesson i Chapter 3

The saying is sure: If anyone aspires to the office of bishop, he desires a noble task. Now a bishop must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, sensible, dignified, hospitable, an apt teacher, no drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, and no lover of money. He must manage his own household well, keeping his children submissive and respectful in every way; for if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how can he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may be puffed up with conceit and fall into the

condemnation of the devil; moreover he must be well thought of by outsiders, or he may fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Ry. i. Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much. * Enter into the joy of your master. **V.** Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more. - Enter.

From the Letter to
Titus

Lesson ii Chapter 1

A bishop, as God's steward, must be blameless; he must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but hospitable, a lover of goodness, master of himself, upright, holy, and self-controlled; he must hold firm to the sure word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to confute those who contradict it.

Ry. ii. The just man will blossom as the lily, * and he will flourish before the Lord for ever. **V.** Planted in the house of the Lord, in the courts of our God. - And he will flourish.

Lesson iii Chapter 2

But as for you, teach what befits sound doctrine. Bid the older men be temperate, serious, sensible, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. Bid the older women likewise to be reverent in behaviour, not to be slanderers or slaves to drink; they are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be sensible, chaste, domestic, kind, and submissive to their husbands, that the word of God may not be discredited.

Ry. iii. This saint who has passed to the joy of angels, is fittingly held in memory by man. * For set merely bodily in this pilgrimage, in thought and desire he lived in that eternal homeland. **V.** Released from the bondage of the flesh, he brought back to his Lord the talent entrusted to him, increased twofold. - For set. - Glory. - He lived.

II Nocturn

4 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. 4. The Lord heard his holy one calling him: the Lord heard him and made him dwell in peace.

5 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, † 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 surround him with favour as with a shield.

Ant. 5. All those you protect shall be glad, for it is you who blessed the just man, Lord: you surround him with favour as with a shield.

6 **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. 6. How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth! For with glory and honour you crowned your holy one, you gave him power over the works of your hand.

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

For a Doctor the lessons are from Pope St. Gregory After the Orion [116].

For a Confessor not a Bishop the lessons are from the sermon of St. John Chrysostom The feast of [120].

For a Confessor Pontiff the following are the lessons with their R/R.

Sermon of St. Maximus Bishop

78th Homily, 2nd on St. Eusebius

Lesson iv

Today we celebrate the feast of our holy and most blessed father, **N.** To add anything to his praises would be to take away from them. The beauty of his life ought not to be the subject of panegyrics so much as the object of imitation. The scripture says: "A wise son is the glory of his father". What glory then will he not enjoy in the

wisdom and holiness of so many children — he became our father in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

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.

Lesson v

Whatever, then, of grace and virtue that may be in this holy people, flowed from him as from a most clear spring, from which is derived the purity of all the streams. Because he was strong with the power of chastity, because he rejoiced in the rigours of self-denial, because of the gentleness and graceful courtesy that marked him, he aroused a love for God in his fellow men. Because he was outstanding in his work as bishop he left behind him many successors to his priesthood.

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

On this day, made so joyful for us by the passing of our holy father **N.** to paradise, it is only right and fitting that we should have sung this verse of the psalm "The just man will be remembered for ever". For he who has now passed to the joy of the angels is fittingly held in memory by man. Let us then in so far as we can, set ourselves to follow in his footsteps. By these, as he hastened along the very narrow way to the spaciousness of heaven he showed the path by which we might follow.

R. vi. Holy **N.**, Confessor of Christ, hear your suppliant servants: * and from heaven bring the favour procured. **V.** O holy **N.**, 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

7 **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. 7 Lord, this saint shall be admitted to your tent. He acted with justice, he shall dwell on your holy mountain.

8 **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. 8 He asked you for life and this you have given, Lord. You have laid upon him majesty and splendour. You have set on his head a crown of pure gold.

9 **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. 9 He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him; for such

are the men who seek him.

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

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson vii Chapter 24

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples: "Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming." Etc.

Homily of St. Hilary Bishop

Ch. 26 & 27 on Matthew

In order that we may know that our ignorance of that day which is hidden from all is not without its use, the Lord warns us to watch for the coming of the thief, to be constant in prayer and occupied in the works that he commands. He shows how the devil is that thief who is always on the alert, watching how he may take away our goods, laying siege to the houses that are our bodies; that while we are off guard and heavy with sleep, he may dig through our walls with his weapons of cunning and of temptation.

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. **Y.** Riches and wealth are in his house: his justice stands firm for ever. - He will flourish.

Lesson viii

It behoves us then, to be ready, because our ignorance of that day is for us a reason for watchfulness. Who then is the good and faithful servant whom the Lord has set over his household? Although the Lord exhorts us all, in general, to increasing vigilance, yet on the rulers of his people, that is, the bishops, he lays this duty, to look with special earnestness for his coming.

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

Lesson ix

This, then, is that faithful and wise servant,

set over his Lord's household, who seeks, for the people committed to his care, things that are fitting and useful. If such a one hears this word and does that which is commanded, that is, if he strengthens the weak by suitable and sound doctrine, if he binds together that which was torn apart, if he brings back that which had strayed, and gives to the household the living word, which can feed them unto eternal life; if, doing this, he is snatched away in death, he will obtain glory from the Lord, as the faithful treasurer and profitable steward, and will be set over all his goods. That is, he will be placed in the glory of God, than which there can be nothing better.

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

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

LAUDS

Antiphons (and at the Hours)

1. Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.

Psalm The Lord is king etc. p. 29.

2. Blessed is that servant whom the Master finds awake when he comes and knocks at the door.

3. The faithful and wise servant, whom his Master has set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time.

4. Behold, an Israelite, indeed, in whom is no guile.

5. Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Master.

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 celebrate.

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.

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

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

Should there be commemorations in Lauds of other Confessors.

For the 1st commemoration is said:

Ant. Blessed is that servant whom the Master finds awake when he comes and knocks at the door.

For the 2nd commemoration is said:

Ant. The faithful and wise servant, whom his Master has set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time.

The versicles are said in this order:

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

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

Should the Office or commemoration be of many Confessors, then is said:

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

Bened. ant. 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.

Prayer

O God, you surround and shield us by the glorious witness of your holy Confessors, **N.** and **N.**; grant that, by modeling ourselves on them, we may grow holier, and may rejoice in their intercession. Through.

If the feast is of the I class the antiphons for the Hours are taken from Lauds and the psalms from Sunday. Otherwise the psalms and antiphon are of the weekday.

On I class feasts outside of Septuagesima, the Alleluia is added to the responsories at the Hours.

TERCE

Little Chapter **Ecclus. 45**
Beloved by God and man, whose memory is blessed. He made him equal in glory to the holy ones.

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.

SEXT

Little Chapter **Ecclus. 39**
The just man will set his heart to rise early to

seek the Lord who made him, and will make supplication before the Most High.

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 **Wisd. 10**

The Lord guided the righteous man on straight paths; he 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.

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.

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 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 dungheap he raises the poor

To set him in the company of princes, * yes, with the princes of his people.

To the childless wife he gives a home * and gladdens her heart with children.

Psalm 115

I trusted, even when I said: * "I am sorely afflicted,"

And when I said in my alarm: * "No man can be trusted."

How can I repay the Lord * for his goodness to me?

The cup of salvation I will raise; * I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil * before all his people.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord * is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; * you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: * I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil * before all his people,

In the courts of the

house of the Lord, * in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Psalm 125

When the Lord delivered Sion from bondage, * it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: * "What marvels the Lord worked for them!"

What marvels the Lord worked for us! * Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage * as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears * will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, * carrying seed for the sowing:

They come back, they come back, full of song, * carrying their sheaves.

Ant. Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.

Little Chapter Ecclus. 45

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

Hymn

This great Confessor of the Lord, whose triumph

Now all the faithful celebrate, with gladness, First on this feast-day merited to enter Into his glory.

Saintly and prudent, modest in behaviour, Peaceful and sober, chaste was he and lowly, While this life's vigour, coursing through his members, Quickened his being.

Often because of his most sacred merit Limbs of the feeble are restored their power, And, in whatever illness might afflict them, Healing is given.

So we in chorus gladly do him honour, Chanting his praises with devout attention; And by his suffrage may we be assisted, Now and for ever.

His be the glory, power and salvation, Who over all things dwelling in the highest, Earth's mighty fabric regulates and governs, One and yet Trinal. Amen.

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

Magnif. ant. I shall liken him to a wise man who built his house upon rock.

Should the Office or commemoration be of many Confessors, then is said:

V. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult you just. **Ry.** O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart.

Magnif. ant. The just will shine forth and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and will reign for ever.

ANOTHER GOSPEL for a Confessor Bishop

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson vii Chapter 25

At that time, Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: "A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property." Etc.

Homily of St. Hilary
Bishop

Comm. on Matthew 25

The sharing of the money is indeed unequal, but this is not due to him who divided it. For he says that each one received according to his

ability. By the householder he means himself. The period of the journey is a time for penance, in which, sitting at the right hand of God, he entrusted to all mankind the power of the gospel faith and practice.

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

Each one, therefore, according to the measure of his faith received from the preacher a talent, that is, the gospel preaching. This is indeed something imperishable: this is the very patrimony of Christ set aside for the heirs to eternity. Now, that servant who received five talents represents the group of believers come from those of the law. These having rightly and fitly fulfilled it, now came forth from it and doubled its value by the practice of the gospel faith.

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

In the settling of accounts this is the manner of reckoning; the trading of the heavenly word, the interest on the invested talent, is sought. Thus he to whom five talents were given, handed up on his master's return, ten from these five. That is, he was found as worthy in the faith as he had been in the law. He had fulfilled through the grace of justification of the gospel, the ten commandments of the five books of Moses. Therefore he is bidden to enter into the joy of the Master, that is, he is welcomed to the honour of the glory of Christ.

R. 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.

LESSONS FOR THE OFFICE OF A DOCTOR

I Nocturn

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.

R. i. Well done, good and faithful servant, you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much. * Enter into the joy of your Master. **V.** Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more. - Enter.

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. The just man will blossom as the lily, * and he will flourish before the Lord for ever. **V.** Planted in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God. - And he will flourish.

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 laboured for myself alone, but for all who seek instruction.

Ry. iii. This saint who has now passed to the joy of angels, is fittingly held in memory by man. * For set merely bodily in this pilgrimage, in thought and desire he lived in that eternal homeland. **V.** Released from the bondage of the flesh he brought back to his Lord the talent entrusted to him, increased twofold. - For set. - Glory. - He lived.

II Nocturn

Bk. 9. Ch. 11

Lesson iv

From the book of Morals by St. Gregory, Pope

After the Orion group, who are described under the title of the Hyades but the Doctors of the holy church? These, after the era of martyrs had passed, had come to the notice of the world precisely at that time when the faith shone more brightly, and with the passing of the winter of unbelief, the sun of truth burned more warmly in the hearts of the faithful. Then, the storms of persecution over, and the long nights of unbelief past, these arose to holy

church, when already the springtime of belief gave promise of a brighter year.

Ry. 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.

Lesson v

Not undeservedly are the holy Doctors signified by the Hyades. In the Greek language rain is termed 'hyetos', and the Hyades are named after rain, because when they rise they undoubtedly bring rain. Suitably, then, are they named Hyades, who, when they are raised up in the universal church, as in the sky itself, make the rain of holy preaching to fall upon the parched ground of man's heart. For if the word of preaching had not been as rain, Moses would not have said, "May my discourse be awaited as the rain", nor would Truth have said by Isaiah, "I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it", nor these words which we have just quoted, "Therefore the showers have been withheld".

Ry. 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

When the Hyades come bringing rain, the sun rises higher in the heavens. Thus, when the learning of the Doctors is seen and our minds are saturated with the rain of preaching, the warmth of belief is increased. The well-watered earth yields its harvest when the sunlight is burning brightly, for we bring forth more abundantly the harvest of good works when through the flame of sacred learning we become more ardent at heart. When, by them, day by day, the knowledge of heavenly things is more and more diffused, a springtime of inward light, as it were, is opening within us, a new sun rises in our mind, and though made known to us by their words, by itself shines brighter every day. For as the end of the world approaches, the knowledge of heavenly things advances and increases with the times.

Ry. vi. Holy N., Confessor of Christ, hear your

suppliant servants: * and from heaven bring the favour procured. **V.** O holy **N.**, 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 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. John Chrysostom
15th Hom. on Matthew

At tend to what he says: "You are the salt of the earth". By this he shows how necessary it is that he should give these directions. For, he tells us, "The account that you shall have to give will be, not merely of your own life, but of the whole world. For I am not sending you, as I sent the prophets, to two cities, or to ten, or to twenty, or to a single nation, but to land and to sea, in a word, to the whole world weighed

down as it is by all kinds of sins".

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

In saying, "You are the salt of the earth", he shows that all human nature had lost its savour and had been corrupted by sins. Wherefore, he demands from them those virtues that are most necessary and useful in bringing about the salvation of many. For, one who is meek and unassuming and merciful and righteous, does not just keep these good deeds locked away within himself, rather will he also see to it that these outstanding springs gush out for the good of others. So it is that he who is clean of heart and a peacemaker and who endures persecution in the cause of truth will, nevertheless, arrange his life to serve the public interest.

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

Do not think, then", he says, "that you will be led into trivial conflicts, or that the account you will have to render will be of trifling things. You are the salt of the earth". What then? Did they restore that which had decayed? By no means; for it is not possible, by rubbing with salt, to restore that which is already corrupted. Therefore, they did not do this. But that which had already been renewed and given to them now freed from corruption, this they sprinkled with salt and so, preserved in it that freshness that they had received from the Lord. To Christ belongs the power that frees men from the corruption of sin. It is the work and concern of the apostles to see that they do not return again to that former state.

R. 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.

LESSONS FOR THE OFFICE OF A CONFESSOR NOT A BISHOP

I Nocturn

From the book of Ecclesiasticus

Lesson i Chapter 31

Blessed is the man who is found blameless, and who does not go after gold. Who is he? And we will call him blessed, for he has done wonderful things among his people. Who has been tested by it and been found perfect? Let it be for him a ground for boasting. Who has had the power to transgress and did not transgress, and to do evil and did not do it? His prosperity will be established, and the assembly will relate his acts of charity.

Ry. i. Well done, good and faithful servant, you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much. * Enter into the joy of your Master. **V.** Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more. - Enter.

Lesson ii Chapter 32

He who fears the Lord will accept his discipline, and those who rise early to seek him will find favour. He who seeks the law will be filled with it, but the hypocrite will stumble at it. Those who fear the Lord will form true judgments, and like a light they will kindle righteous deeds. He who believes the law gives heed to the commandments, and he who trusts the Lord will not suffer loss.

R. ii. The just man will blossom as the lily, * and he will flourish before the Lord for ever. **V.** Planted in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God. - And he will flourish.

Lesson iii Ch. 33, 34

No evil will befall the man who fears the Lord, but in trial he will deliver him again and again. A wise man will not hate the law, but he who is hypocritical about it is like a boat in a storm. A man of understanding will trust in the law; for him the law is as dependable as an inquiry by means of Urim. The spirit of those who fear the Lord will live, for their hope is in him who saves them. He who fears the

Lord will not be timid, nor play the coward, for he is his hope. Blessed is the soul of the man who fears the Lord!

R. iii. This saint who has now passed to the joy of the angels, is fittingly held in memory by man. * For, set merely bodily in this pilgrimage, in thought and desire he lived in that eternal homeland. **V.** Released from the bondage of the flesh he brought back to his Lord the talent entrusted to him, increased twofold. - For set. - Glory. - He lived.

II Nocturn

Sermon of St. John Chrysostom

Sermon on St. Philogonius

Lesson iv

The feast of the blessed **N.**, which we celebrate today prompted us to speak of his good deeds. For today this blessed one passed to that life of peace which suffers no disturbance. Today his ship reached that harbour where there can be no further fear of shipwreck, no worry, no sorrow.

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.

Lesson v

Therefore, I greatly rejoice at the happiness of this saint, for although he has been taken hence and has left this city of ours, yet he has become a citizen of that other city, which is the city of God. Though he has gone from this church he has come to the church of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven. Having left behind festivals like these he has joined in the jubilations of the angels.

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.

Sermon of St. Ephrem the Syrian, Deacon

Panegyric on St. Basil

Lesson vi

This wise and faithful man, **N.**, is truly a way of virtue, a book of praises, a life of miracles. While he walked in the body, his advance was in the spirit. He lived the common life on earth but

his thoughts were on heavenly things. He was a jewelled plectrum of the mystic harp, giving pleasure in the dwelling-place of the holy angels; a true lamb of the parent stem, shedding light on the field and garden of the Holy Spirit, exulting with desire and love, and plucking a flower from the lowest root of the most precious cross; a beautiful vellum of divine wisdom, that received from heaven the divine imprint.

R. vi. Holy **N.**, Confessor of Christ, hear your suppliant servants: * and from heaven bring the favour procured. **V.** O holy **N.**, 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 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 St. John
Chrysostom

Hom. 39 on Matt.

The word "Confiteor" as used here, means "I thank you". Thus he says, "I thank you because you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding". Shall we, then, say that he rejoices in destruction, and in the others not having received this knowledge? By no means. He does not rejoice because the wise have not learned these things, rather is he glad that the babes have received them. Just as Saint Paul says, "But I give thanks to my God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed". Paul did not, then, rejoice because they were the slaves of sin, but rather, that, being such, they became worshippers of the truth.

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

Now, it is the scribes and pharisees that he here terms the wise. By these words he renders his disciples more earnest, for they realise that they, fishermen, have attained to those things of which these others, leaders as they seemed to be, were deprived. But in calling them wise, he does not refer to true and praiseworthy wisdom, but this which is attained by worldly learning. Wherefore, neither did he say, "You revealed it to fools," but "to babes"; to those, as it were, who are not yet fully informed, to unsophisticated men.

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

Thus he showed that those were deprived of these things, not in any unfair way, but rightfully. Above all, he teaches us to flee from the pomp of pride and to follow after

Homily of St. Gregory,
Pope

Homily 13 on the Gospels

Dear brethren, the lesson that has been read from the holy gospel is quite clear, but lest its very simplicity should perhaps seem to some to be lofty, we shall run through it briefly, in such wise, that the explanation may make it known to those who do not understand, without making it wearisome to those who do. When the Lord says, "Let your loins be girded", the word "loins" means lustful inclinations. Thus, we gird our loins when, by continence, we restrain the lustful inclinations of the flesh.

simplicity. Paul expresses the same idea in more copious words when he writes: "If any one among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise". For in this way God's grace is made manifest. But why did he give thanks to the Father when it was he himself who did this? As he prays and intercedes for us with God, showing his great love for us, so, he does this also, from the vehemence of his love.

R. 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.

ANOTHER GOSPEL

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lesson vii Chapter 12

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples, "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." Etc.

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

But since it is not enough to abstain from evil unless one strives earnestly to do good works, there follows at once, "and your lamps burning". We

keep lamps burning when by our good works we give shining example to our neighbours. In fact, referring to such good works, the Lord says, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven".

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

However, two things are commanded; to gird the loins and to keep lamps burning: in order that in our bodies may be the cleanliness of chastity, and in our deeds the light of truth. Indeed, one without the other can never be pleasing to our Redeemer: neither he who performs good works but does not abstain from the defilement of lust, nor he who, though outstanding in chastity, does not employ himself in good works. For chastity without good works counts for little,

and good works without chastity are as nothing.

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.

ANOTHER GOSPEL

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lesson vii Chapter 12

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples, "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Etc.

Homily of St. Bede,
the Venerable, Priest

Bk. 4 on Luke Ch. 12.

He calls the elect a little flock, perhaps because of the greater number of the rejected, but, more probably, from a desire for humility. For, obviously, he wills that his church, however great it has grown in numbers, should nevertheless, to the end of the world, grow in humility, and, by humility, reach the promised kingdom.

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

Sell your possessions and give alms." "Do not be afraid," he says, "that the necessities of life will be wanting to those who struggle for the kingdom of God. Rather, sell what you have that you may give alms." A man, then, does well, when having once and for all given up, for the sake of the Lord, everything that he possesses, nevertheless afterwards works with his hands in order that he may earn his living and still have something to give in alms.

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

Provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old"; clearly by almsgiving, the value of which lasts for ever. One must not imagine that it has here been commanded that holy people should not keep money either for their own use, or for helping the poor. But it has been commanded not to serve God for gain, and not to abandon righteousness through fear of want.

R. 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.

ANOTHER GOSPEL

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 St. Gregory
Pope

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.

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

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”.

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

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 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. 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.

LESSONS FOR THE OFFICE OF AN ABBOT

I Nocturn

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

II Nocturn

Lessons from the Proper of the Saints.

III Nocturn

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson vii Chapter 19

At that time, Peter said to Jesus: “Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?” Etc.

Homily of St. Jerome
Priest

**Bk. 3 on Matthew
Ch. 19**

What great trust! Peter was a fisherman, he was not rich, he earned his bread by the skill of his hands, and nevertheless he says confidently:

“We have left everything.” And because it is not enough just to leave, he adds that which is perfect: “And followed you.” We have done what you commanded, what reward, then will you give us? But Jesus said to them: “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

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

He did not say, “You who have left everything,” for even Crates the philosopher did this, and many others despised riches. But he said, “You who have followed me,” which is special to the apostles and to believers. In the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne (when also the dead shall rise imperishable from

corruption) you will also sit on judgment seats to pass sentence on the twelve tribes of Israel, because, while you believed, they would not believe.

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

And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life". This passage accords well with that

other in which the Saviour says, "I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and a man's foes will be those of his own household". Everyone, therefore, who for the faith of Christ and the preaching of the Gospel has turned his back on all affection, wealth and worldly pleasures, will be rewarded a hundredfold and will possess eternal life.

R. 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.

Common of a Virgin

outside paschal time

I VESPERS

Ant. to psalms When the Bridegroom came, the prudent virgin, being ready, went in with him to the marriage feast.

The psalm Praise, O servants etc. [1].

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.

Ry. 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.

Hymn as in Matins

V. Graciousness is poured upon your lips.

Ry. Because God has blessed you for evermore.

Magnif. ant. This is a wise virgin whom the Lord found watching, who, with lamp in hand, took oil with her and, when the Lord came, went in with him to the marriage feast.

For a Virgin Martyr Prayer

We beseech you, Lord, that we may obtain pardon through the prayer of the blessed N., your virgin and martyr, who was ever pleasing to you

by reason of her chastity and practice of your virtues. Through.

Another 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 N., your virgin and martyr, may experience the power of her pleading with you. Through.

For a Virgin not a Martyr

Graciously hear us, God, our salvation, that as we rejoice on the feast of the blessed N., your virgin, we may be imbued with her spirit of holy earnestness. Through.

MATINS

Invit. The Lamb, the virgins' bridegroom, * come, let us adore the Lord Jesus Christ.

On a III class feast

Invit. The Lord, the virgins' king, * come, let us adore.

On the feast of a Virgin who is a Martyr the following is said.

Hymn

Son of a virgin, Maker of your mother,

Borne by a virgin, born of
maid unsullied!
This virgin's feastday we
proclaim her triumph;
Hear us, we pray you.

Now, this your virgin
blessed in double
manner,

Who in her body con-
quered woman's weak-
ness,

By that same body, this
harsh world, blood-
spattered,

Conquered triumphant.

Hence fearing neither
death nor death's com-
panions,

Harshest of torments cruel
pain inflicting,

This holy maiden shed her
blood and triumphed,
Scaling the heavens.

Then, at her pleading,
gracious God, relenting,
Save us from error, pardon
our offences;

So may we ever, from a
heart unsullied,
Sing to you sweetly.

Glory to Father and to
Son begotten,

And to you also, Spirit
life-bestowing,

Of each the equal, one
God everlasting,

Through all the ages.
Amen.

**But on the feast of a
Virgin who is not a
Martyr the following is
said**

Hymn

Son of a virgin, Maker of
your mother,
Borne by a virgin, born of
maid unsullied!

This virgin's feastday we
proclaim her glory;
Hear us, we pray you.

Then, at her pleading,
gracious God, relenting,
Save us from error, pardon
our offences;

So may we ever from a
heart unsullied,
Sing to you sweetly.

Glory to Father and to
Son begotten,

And to you also, Spirit
life-bestowing,

Of each the equal, one
God everlasting,

Through all the ages.
Amen.

I Nocturn

1 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 Before this
maiden's couch sing for
us, again and again, the
sweet-sounding songs of
the drama.

2 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 de-
sired than gold, * than the
purest gold

And sweeter are they
than honey, * than honey
from the comb.

So in them your ser-
vant 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. 2 Your name is anointing oil poured out; therefore the maidens love you.

3 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 Better to have no children yet to have virtue!

Y. Graciousness is poured upon your lips.

R. Because God has blessed you for evermore.

For a Virgin not a Martyr, lessons Concerning the unmarried, with their responsories [146].

For a Virgin Martyr, lessons and responsories as below.

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 the slanderous tongue, from lips that utter lies. Before those who stood by, you were my helper, and de-

livered 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.

R. i. Come, bride of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord has prepared for you. * For love of him you have shed your blood and have entered with the angels into paradise. **Y.** Come, my chosen one, and I will set my throne in you, for the king has desired your beauty. - For love.

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.

R. ii. For the cause of truth and goodness and right: * he will lead you wondrously by your right hand. **Y.** Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words. - He will lead.

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.

R. iii. In splendour and state * ride on in triumph. **Y.** Graciousness is poured upon your lips: because God has blessed you for evermore. - Ride on. - Glory. - In triumph.

4 Psalm 44

II Nocturn

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 people praise you from age to age.

Ant. 4 In splendour and state, ride on in triumph.

5 **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. 5 God will help her through his watchful presence; God is within, she cannot be shaken.

6 **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 O that his left hand were under my head and that his right hand embraced me!

V. In splendour and state. **R.** Ride on in triumph.

For a Virgin not a Martyr the lessons with their responsories are from the sermon of St. Augustine, Bishop, On the feast of a virgin [147].

For a Virgin Martyr the lessons and responsories are as follows:

Sermon of St. Maximus Bishop

Homily on St. Agnes

Lesson iv

Since throughout the whole world the virgin offspring of Mary twines unfading crowns and maintains the royal abode of purity in unsullied affection, virginity has so far triumphed that in maidens it has won the trophy of sanctity and so, in the footsteps of the virgin mother, has come to the heavenly nuptials. O, Virgin, what an appealing example you have given to maidens of your own love, by spurning earthly riches, repudiating fleshly pleasures, and loving only Christ's beauty!

R. iv. She was made pleasing by the Lord in combat, because she was renowned before God and men. She spoke wisdom in the presence of princes * and the Lord of all loved her. **V.** For, being raised up on the pinnacle of virtue she scorned tortures and trampled on rewards. - And the Lord.

Lesson v

This holy virgin set up in herself a great example of purity, for she put virginity before life itself, won the trophy of Christ's cross, and, armed with faith rather than with the sword, fought vic-

toriously both against bodily desire and earthly torment. She did not know the love of ephemeral things, but so highly did she cherish virginity that she became fearless in face of mockery and fire, of torture and torturers: nor in the end did she flinch from the sword of the executioner.

R. 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

Come now, virgin, to the nuptials for which you longed. Let your unspotted virginity acclaim you bride of Christ, and let your loyal testimony declare you martyr. Happy that band of virgins who are eager to follow in your footsteps and bear witness! We beseech you, then, with all our might, you whom Christ considers noble, whom the Son of God considers beautiful, who are pleasing to all the angels and archangels, that you will graciously remember us; so that he who

gave you the reward of all your labours will give us pardon of our sins.

R. 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

7

Psalm 95

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 While the king was on his couch, my nard gave forth its fragrance.

8

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 This is she who has not entered into a sinful union; she will have fruit when God examines souls.

9

Psalm 97

Sing a new song to the Lord * for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm * have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation; * has shown his justice to the nations.

He has remembered his truth and love * for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen * the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord all the earth, * ring out your joy.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp * with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn * acclaim the King, the Lord.

Let the sea and all within it, thunder; * the world, and all its peoples.

Let the rivers clap their hands * and the hills ring out their joy

At the presence of the Lord: for he comes, * he comes to rule the earth.

He will rule the world with justice * and the peoples with fairness.

Ant. 9 This is a virgin wise and renowned, because the Lord of all has cherished her.

Y. God will help her through his watchful presence. **Ry.** God is within, she cannot be shaken.

For a Virgin Martyr

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson vii Chapter 13

At that time: Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." Etc.

Homily of Pope
St. Gregory

Homily 11 on the Gospels

For this reason, dear brethren, the kingdom of heaven is compared to earthly things, that the mind may rise from the things that it knows to acquire some knowledge of the things it had not known before. In this way, by the example of things seen, it stretches out to things unseen, and is, as it were, inflamed by contact with those things that it has experienced. And so by the known thing that it has learned to cherish, it may learn to love the unknown. Now, the kingdom of heaven is compared to treasure hidden in a field. In this consideration, it is to be noted that the treasure, when found, is hidden again that it may be kept safe. For it is not enough to guard the keenness of heavenly longing

from the evil spirits, if one does not hide it also from human adulation. In this life, we are, as it were, journeying to our homeland. But evil spirits, like highwaymen, beset our path.

Ry. vii. I heard a voice coming from heaven: "Come, all wise virgins, * store oil in your vessels for the coming of the bridegroom". **Y.** At midnight there was a cry: "Behold, the bridegroom". - Store oil.

Lesson viii

He, therefore, invites robbery who bears his treasure openly. I say this, not that our neighbours should not see our good works, but that though our good works may be seen, we should wish to keep our intentions secret. Again, the heavenly kingdom is compared to a merchant in search of fine pearls. He finds one of great value and then sells everything he has in order to buy it: so, too, one who perceives clearly, in so far as is possible, the sweetness of the heavenly life, turns his back on everything earthly that he had ever loved.

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

Rightly did Solomon say "Love is strong as death". Just as death cuts off the body, so does the love of eternal life cut us off from love of bodily things. For when one is wholly wrapt up in it, one becomes almost insensible to extraneous earthly desires. Now this saint, whose heavenly birthday we celebrate to-day, never could have faced bodily death for the Lord if she were not already dead in heart to earthly desire. For being raised up on the pinnacle of virtue, she scorned tortures and trampled on rewards. What are we to say, grown-up men yet weak, when we see young girls enter the heavenly kingdom by way of the sword, while we are overcome by anger, puffed up by pride, tormented by ambition and defiled by debauchery? If then we cannot attain the kingdom of heaven through the conflicts of persecution, let us consider it shameful if we will not, at least, follow God in time of peace.

R. 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.

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

LAUDS

Antiphons (and at the Hours)

1. This is a wise virgin, one numbered among the prudent.

Psalm The Lord is king etc. p. 29.

2. This is a wise virgin whom the Lord found watching.

3. Come, bride of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord has prepared for you for ever.

4. At midnight there was a cry, "Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him".

5. Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.

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 companions. *R.* Her destined companions are escorted in.

Bened. ant. Come, my chosen one, and I will set my throne in you, for the king has desired your beauty.

Should there be commemorations of other virgins in Lauds:

For the 1st is said

Ant. This is a wise virgin whom the Lord found watching.

For the 2nd

Ant. Come, bride of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord has prepared for you for ever.

The versicles are said in this order:

1. *V.* God will help her through his watchful presence. *R.* God is within, she cannot be shaken.

2. *V.* In splendour and state. *R.* Ride on in triumph.

Should the Office or commemoration be of many Virgins, the following is said:

Bened. ant. The kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens

who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

The versicles are said in this order:

1. *V.* She is led to the king with her maiden companions. *R.* Her destined companions are escorted in.

2. *V.* At midnight there was a cry. *R.* Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.

If the feast is of the I class the antiphons for the Hours are taken from Lauds and the psalms from the Sunday office. Otherwise the psalms and antiphons are from the weekday office.

In I class feasts outside of Septuagesima, the Alleluia is added to the responsories at the Hours.

TERCE

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.

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 *2 Cor. 11*

I feel a divine jealousy for you, for I betrothed you to Christ to present you as a pure bride to her one husband.

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 *Wisd. 4*

Better to have no children yet to have virtue, for in the memory of virtue is immortality, because it is known both by God and by men.

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.

II VESPER

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 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 dungheap he raises the poor

To set him in the company of princes, * yes, with the princes of his people.

To the childless wife he gives a home * and gladdens her heart with children.

Psalm 121

I rejoiced when I heard them say: * "Let us go to God's house."

And now our feet are standing * within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city * strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up, * the tribes of the Lord.

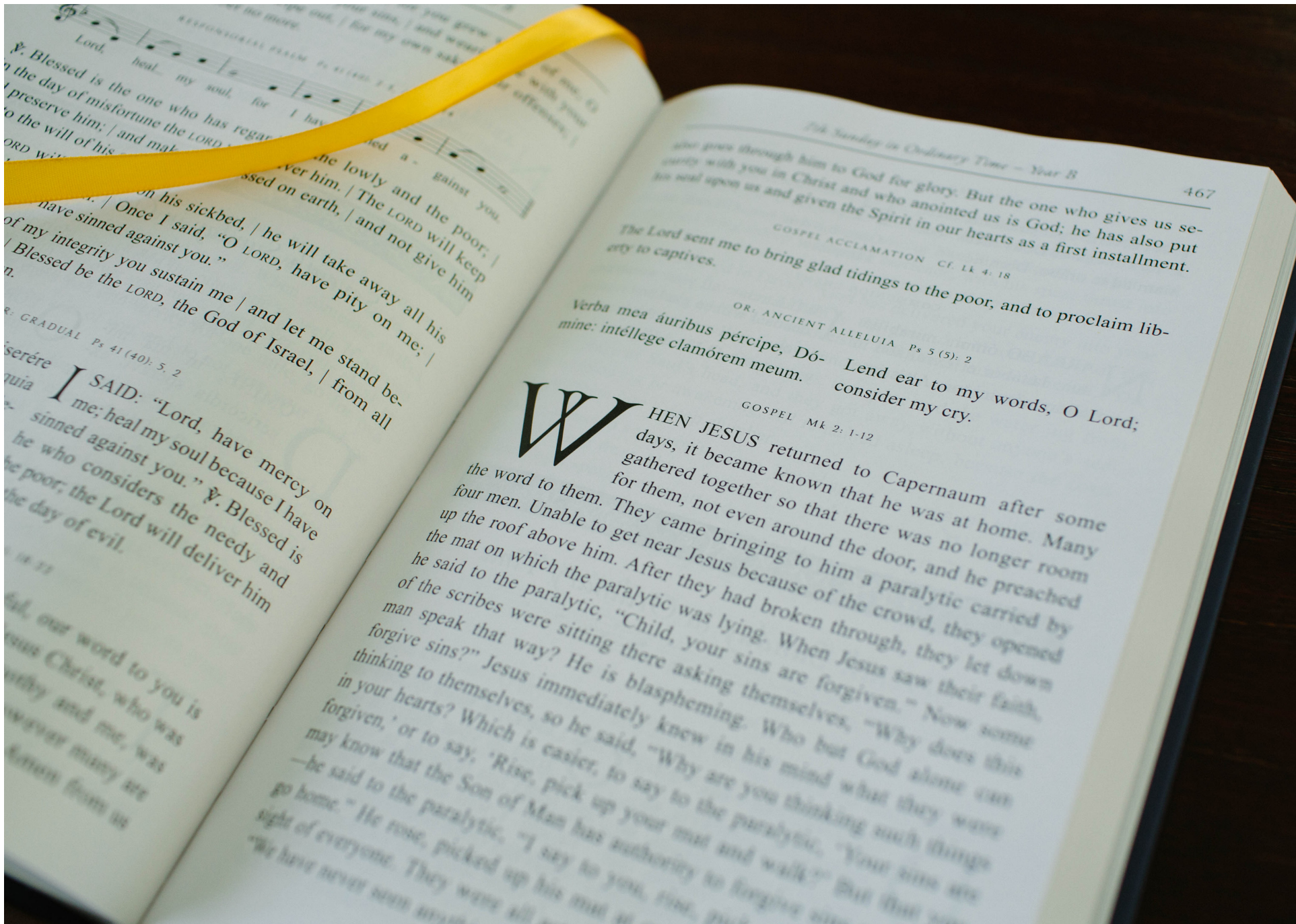
For Israel's law it is, * there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgment * of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: * "Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls, * in your palaces, peace!"

For love of my brethren and friends * I say: "Peace upon you!"



...you give through him to God for glory. But the one who gives us security with you in Christ and who anointed us is God; he has also put his seal upon us and given the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.
The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Cf. Lk 4: 18

OR: ANCIENT ALLELUIA Ps 5 (5): 2
Verba mea auribus percipe, Dómine: intéllige clamórem meum.
Lend ear to my words, O Lord; consider my cry.

GOSPEL Mk 2: 1-12

WHEN JESUS returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that he was at home. Many gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and he preached for them, not even bringing to him a paralytic carried by up the roof above him. After they had broken through, they opened the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?" Jesus immediately knew in his mind what they were thinking to themselves, so he said, "Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins —he said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat and go home." He rose, picked up his mat and went home in sight of everyone. They were all amazed and said, "We have never seen anything like this."

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For love of the house of the Lord * I will ask for your good.

Psalm 126

If the Lord does not build the house, * in vain do its builders labour;

If the Lord does not watch over the city, * in vain does the watchman keep vigil.

In vain is your earlier rising, * your going later to rest,

You who toil for the bread you eat: * when he pours gifts on his beloved while they slumber.

Truly sons are a gift from the Lord, * a blessing, the fruit of the womb.

Indeed the sons of youth * are like arrows in the hand of a warrior.

O the happiness of the man * who has filled his quiver with these arrows!

He will have no cause for shame * when he disputes with his foes in the gateways.

Psalm 147

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! * Sion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates, * he has blessed the children within you.

He established peace on your borders, * he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth * and swiftly runs his command.

He showers down snow white as wool, * he scatters hoar-frost like ashes.

He hurls down hail-stones like crumbs. * The waters are frozen at his touch;

He sends forth his word and it melts them: * at the breath of his mouth the waters flow.

He makes his word known to Jacob, * to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations; * he has not taught them his decrees.

Ant. This is a wise virgin, one numbered among the prudent.

Little Chapter Eclus. 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.

On the feast of a Virgin who is a Martyr the following is said.

Hymn

Son of a virgin, Maker of your mother,

Borne by a virgin, born of maid unsullied!

This virgin's feast day we

proclaim her triumph; Hear us, we pray you.

Now this your virgin blessed in double manner,

Who, in her body conquered woman's weakness,

By that same body, this harsh world, blood-spattered,

Conquered triumphant.

Hence fearing neither death nor death's companions,

Harshest of torments cruel pain inflicting,

This holy maiden shed her blood and triumphed, Scaling the heavens.

Then, at her pleading, gracious God, relenting, Save us from error, pardon our offences;

So may we ever from a heart unsullied, Sing to you sweetly.

Glory to Father and to Son begotten,

And to you also, Spirit life bestowing,

Of each the equal, one God everlasting,

Through all the ages. Amen.

But on the feast of a Virgin who is not a Martyr the following is said.

Hymn

Son of a Virgin, Maker of your mother,

Borne by a virgin, born of maid unsullied!

This virgin's feast day we proclaim her glory; Hear us we pray you.

Then, at her pleading, gracious God, relenting, Save us from error, pardon our offences;

So may we ever from a heart unsullied, Sing to you sweetly.

Glory to Father and to Son begotten,

And to you also, Spirit life-bestowing,

Of each the equal, one God everlasting,

Through all the ages. Amen.

Y. Graciousness is poured upon your lips.

R. Because God has blessed you for evermore.

Magnif. ant. She girded her loins with strength and made her arms strong; therefore her lamp shall never go out.

Should the office or commemoration be of many Virgins, the following is said:

Y. She is led to the king with her maiden companions. R. Her destined companions are escorted in.

Magnif. ant. Wise virgins, prepare your lamps. Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.

**LESSONS OF A
VIRGIN
NOT A MARTYR**

I Nocturn

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

Lesson i Chapter 7

Concerning the unmarried, I have no command of the Lord, but I give my opinion as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy. I think that in view of the impending distress it is well for a person to remain as he is. Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek marriage. But if you marry, you do not sin, and if a girl marries she does not sin. Yet those who marry will have worldly troubles.

R. i. Come, bride of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord has prepared for you. * For love of him you spurned the world and have entered with the angels into paradise. **V.** Come, my chosen one, and I will set my throne in you, for the king has desired your beauty. - For love.

Lesson ii

Iwould, however, spare you that. I mean, brethren, the appointed

time has grown very short; from now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the form of this world is passing away.

R. ii. For the cause of truth and goodness and right: * he will lead you wondrously by your right hand. **V.** Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words. - He will.

Lesson iii

Iwant you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the affairs of the Lord; how to please the Lord; but the married man is anxious about worldly affairs, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided. And the unmarried woman or girl is anxious about the affairs of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit; but the married woman is anxious about worldly affairs, how to please her husband.

R. iii. In splendour and

Lesson v

state * ride on in triumph. **V.** Graciousness is poured upon your lips: because God has blessed you for ever more. - Ride on. - Glory. - In triumph.

II Nocturn

Sermon of St. Augustine, Bishop

Bk. on Virginité

Lesson iv

On the feast of a virgin the theme should be virginité; this is our theme in to-day's sermon. May Christ the virgin's son and the spouse of virgins come to our aid. He was born according to the flesh from a virginal womb, and wedded according to the spirit in virginal nuptials. Since, therefore, the whole church is a virgin, as the Apostle says, ought they not to be honoured highly who even in the body itself preserve those virtues which the church, as a whole, keeps in faith? No corporal fertility, then, is comparable to holy virginité even though this, too, be corporal.

R. 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.

That virgin, then, is rightly preferred to one who is in the married state, because she does not offer herself to be loved by many, but has so loved "the fairest of the children of men", that although she could not conceive him bodily as Mary did, yet conceiving him in her heart she kept her body intact. All bodily fertility, all conjugal purity, must yield to virginité. The one is not in our control, the other does not exist in heaven. Bodily fertility is not subject to free-will; in heaven there is no conjugal purity.

R. 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

Assuredly in that general immortality, they will possess something over and above the rest, who here in the flesh possessed something incorporeal. For when the Lord had said of eunuchs, "I will give them in my house a monument and a name

better than sons and daughters," he immediately added, "I will give them an everlasting name." This certainly indicates something special and outstanding.

Ry. vi. She is led to the king with her maiden companions. Her destined companions are escorted in * with joy and gladness. **Y.** 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 25

At that time, Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom" Etc.

Homily of Pope St. Gregory

Homily 12 on the Gospels

Dear brethren, I often warn you to fly evil practices and to avoid the contamination of this world. But today's gospel reading impels me to say that you must also take great care even in your good works. When you do something good, do not, by that, look for preference

or for the good graces of men, lest the desire for praise should creep in, and that which is outwardly displayed, be inwardly deprived of value.

Ry. vii. I heard a voice coming from heaven: "Come, all wise virgins, * store oil in your vessels for the coming of the bridegroom." **Y.** At midnight there was a cry: "Behold, the bridegroom!" - Store oil.

Lesson viii

Note how the Redeemer speaks of these ten maidens; all are called maidens, yet not all of them were received within the gates of Paradise. For some, while outwardly glorying in their virginity, yet were not willing to keep oil in their vessels. We should know, however, that in sacred scripture the kingdom of heaven often signifies the church on earth, which, since it comprises both sexes among the faithful, is said to be like ten maidens. Since, in it, the bad mingle with the good, and the rejected with the chosen, it is rightly presented as resembling wise and foolish maidens.

Ry. viii. Come, my chosen one, and I will set

my throne in you: * for the king has desired your beauty. **Y.** In splendour and state; ride on in triumph. - For the king.

Lesson ix

For there are many who practise continence and who keep themselves from desiring external things, and are drawn by hope to those that are internal. They mortify the body and long earnestly for the heavenly homeland. They look for an eternal reward and do not want human praise for their labours. Indeed, these do not place their glory on the lips of men but in the depths of their own conscience. Yet

there are many, too, who mortify the body by abstinence, but on account of that same abstinence look for human esteem.

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. **Y.** 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.

This homily can also be said on the feast of a Virgin Martyr.

Common of a Non-Virgin

outside paschal time

I VESPERS

For a Martyr only

Ant. to psalms While the king was on his couch my nard gave forth its fragrance.

The psalm, Praise, O servants, etc. [1].

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.

Ry. She was made pleasing by the Lord in the combat, because she was renowned before God and men. She spoke wisdom in the presence of princes * and the Lord of all loved her. **Y.** For being raised up on the pinnacle

of virtue she scorned tortures and trampled on rewards. - And the Lord. - Glory. - And the Lord.

For one who is neither Virgin nor Martyr

Ant. to psalms This is she who has not entered into a sinful union; she will have fruit when God examines souls.

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

Little Chapter Prov. 31

A good wife, who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.

R. 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.

Hymn as at Matins

V. Graciousness is poured upon your lips. **R.** Because God has blessed you for evermore.

Magnif. ant. Come, my chosen one, and I will set my throne in you, for the king has desired your beauty.

For a Martyr 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 N., your martyr, may, through her example, draw nearer to you. Through.

For one who is neither Virgin nor Martyr Prayer

Enlighten the hearts of your faithful, God of mercy, and by the glorious pleadings of the blessed N., make us scorn the good things of earth, and ever rejoice in heavenly consolation. Through.

Another Prayer

Graciously hear us, God of our salvation, that as we rejoice in the feast of the blessed N., we may be imbued with the spirit of holy earnestness. Through.

MATINS

For a Martyr only

Invit. Let us praise our God * on the witness borne by the blessed N.

For one who is neither Virgin nor Martyr

Invit. Let us praise our God * on the solemnity of the holy N.

Hymn

Then, at her pleading, gracious God, relenting, Save us from error, pardon our offences; So may we ever from a heart unsullied, Sing to you sweetly.

Glory to Father and to Son begotten, And to you also, Spirit life-bestowing, Of each the equal, one God everlasting, Through all the ages. Amen.

I Nocturn

Psalms from I Nocturn of the Common of a Virgin [130].

Ant. 1 Better to have no children, yet to have virtue!

Ant. 2 Your name is anointing oil poured out; therefore the maidens love you.

Ant. 3 She is beautiful among the daughters of Jerusalem.

V. Graciousness is poured upon your lips. **R.** Because God has blessed you for evermore.

For one who is a Martyr only, lessons I will give thanks as for a Virgin Martyr with the corresponding responsories [132].
For one who is neither

Virgin nor Martyr the lessons and responsories are as follows.

From the Proverbs of Solomon

Lesson i Chapter 31

A good wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from afar. She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and tasks for her maidens. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds her loins with strength and makes her arms strong.

R. i. Let us all rejoice in the Lord, celebrating a festival day in honour of the blessed N. * At her solemnity the angels rejoice and give praise to the Son of God. **V.** His are majesty and state and power and splendour in his holy place. - At her.

Lesson ii

She perceives that her merchandise is pro-

fitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers girdles to the merchant.

R. ii. For the cause of truth and goodness and right: * he will lead you wondrously by your right hand. **V.** Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words. - He will.

Lesson iii

Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass

them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

R. iii. In splendour and state * ride on in triumph. **V.** Graciousness is poured upon your lips: because God has blessed you for evermore. - Ride on. - Glory. - In triumph.

II Nocturn

The antiphons, psalms and versicle are taken from the II Nocturn of the Common of a Virgin [133].

For one who is a Martyr only, the lessons are from the sermon of St. John Chrysostom. The commemorations which I love and welcome with their responsories [158].

For one who is neither Virgin nor Martyr the lessons and responsories are as follows.

From the Book on Widows by St. Ambrose, Bishop

Lesson iv Chapter 14

I see that fertile field which is the church, now flourishing with the flower of virginity, now rich with the ripe harvest of widowhood, now abounding in the fruits of marriage. Though these

are all diverse, yet they are the fruits of the same field. There are not so many garden lilies as there are stalks of bearded grain, ears for the harvest; more places in the soil are prepared to receive seed than there are places, which when they have yielded a crop, are left fallow. Widowhood, then, is a good thing; it has often been commended by the apostles themselves. For it is a teacher of faith, a teacher of chastity.

R. iv. She girds her loins with strength and makes her arms strong: perceives that her merchandise is profitable. * Her lamp does not go out at night. **V.** Your word is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path. - Her lamp.

Lesson v

Therefore they who worship adultery and shameful deeds in their gods, make celibacy and widowhood punishable. Out of zeal for vice they put a tax on the practice of virtue. Their pretence was desire of fruitfulness, but their aim was to abolish the cultivation of virginity. When a soldier has completed his service he lays down his arms, and giving up the com-

mission that he exercised, retires to his own lands in order that he may rest after the toils of life, and that the hope of retirement to come may make others the more ready to undertake labours. So also, the aged farmer leaves it to others to guide the plough, and wearied by the labours of his youth now ventures on the tasks of supervision, suitable to old age. He shows that it is easier to prune the vine than to stamp it out, to check the first wild outburst of its vigour, and curtail with the sickle the wantonness of its young growth: by this limitation of offspring, teaching that, even in a vine, a certain chastity is desirable.

R. v. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. * She is not afraid of snow for her household. **V.** Open-handed, she gives to the poor; her justice stands firm for ever. - She is not afraid.

Lesson vi

The widow, like this farmer, is a veteran retiring on the merits of her chastity. Although she lays down the armour of married life, she still maintains the peace of her

entire household. Although she is relieved from bearing burdens, she has a care for the younger ones of marriageable age, and with the wisdom of age decides what training will be the more useful, what harvest the richer, what marriage the more suitable. If then, the supervision of the field is entrusted to the elder rather than to the younger, why should you think that a married woman is more competent than a widow? And if they who persecute the faith also persecute widowhood, then surely, by those who believe, widowhood ought not be avoided as a torture, but should be considered as a reward.

Ry. vi. 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. - Glory. - For the king.

III Nocturn

Ant. 7 While the king was on his couch my nard gave forth its fragrance.

Psalms of the III Nocturn are from the Common of a Virgin [137].

Ant. 8 The daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments, O Lord.

Ant. 9 This is she who

has not entered into a sinful union; she will have fruit when God examines souls.

V. God will help her through his watchful presence. **Ry.** God is within, she cannot be shaken.

For one neither Virgin nor Martyr

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson vii Chapter 13

At that time, Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field," Etc.

Homily of Pope St. Gregory

Homily 11 on the Gospels

For this reason, dear brethren, the kingdom of heaven is compared to earthly things, that the mind may rise from the things that it knows, to acquire some knowledge of the things it had not known before. In this way, by the example of things seen, it stretches out to things unseen, and is, as it were, inflamed by contact with those things that it has experienced. And so,

by the known thing that it has learned to cherish, it may learn to love the unknown. Now, the kingdom of heaven is compared to treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up; then, in his joy, he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Ry. vii. 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 viii

In this consideration, it is also to be noted that the treasure, when found, is hidden again that it may be kept safe! For it is not enough to guard the keenness of heavenly longing from the evil spirits, if one does not hide it also from human adulation. In this life, we are, as it were, journeying to our homeland. But the evil spirits, like highwaymen, beset our path. He, therefore, invites robbery who bears his treasure openly. I say this, not that our neighbours should not see our good works, but that though our good works may be seen, we should wish to keep our intentions secret.

Ry. viii. Give her of the fruit of her hands: * and let her works praise her in the gates. **V.** By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. - And let.

Lesson ix

The treasure is the desire for heaven; the field in which it is covered up is the earnest observance surrounding this desire. Truly, he sells all that he has and buys this field, who, renouncing carnal pleasures, treads worldly desires underfoot by keeping this heavenly observance. As a result, nothing that allures the flesh is now pleasing to him; his soul will not flinch at anything that might kill life of the body.

Ry. ix. 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.

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

LAUDS

Antiphons (and at the Hours)

1. A modest wife adds charm to charm, and no balance can weigh the value of a chaste soul.

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

2. Like the sun rising in the heights of the Lord, so is the beauty of a good wife in her well-ordered home.

3. Like everlasting foundations on solid rock, so are the commandments of God in the heart of a holy wife.

4. Like pillars of gold on a base of silver, so are beautiful feet with a steadfast heart.

5. The building of a city will establish a man's name, but a blameless wife is accounted better than this.

For one who is a Martyr
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.

For one who is neither Virgin nor Martyr

Little Chapter **Prov. 31**

A good wife, who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband

trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.

Hymn

O loving mother, kind and meek,
Be mindful of our nature weak;
Uplift your voice in prayer that we
Be guided in life's stormy sea.

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.

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

Or, should this versicle be already chanted:

Y. God will help her through his watchful presence. **R.** God is within, she cannot be shaken.

Bened. 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.

When the feast is of the I class the antiphons for the Hours are taken from Lauds and the psalms from the Sunday Office. Otherwise the psalms and antiphons are from the weekday office.

On I class feasts outside of Septuagesima, the Alleluia is added to the responsories at the Hours.

TERCE

Little Chapter as in II Vespers

R. Graciousness is poured * upon your lips. Graciousness. **Y.** Because God has blessed you for evermore. - Upon. - Glory. - Graciousness.

Y. In splendour and state. **R.** Ride on in triumph.

SEXT

For a Martyr

Little Chapter **Ecclus. 51**

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.

For one who is neither Virgin nor Martyr

Little Chapter **Prov. 31**

She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of snow for her household.

R. In splendour * and state. - In splendour. **Y.** Ride on in triumph. - And state. - Glory. - In splendour.

Y. God will help her through his watchful presence. **R.** God is within, she cannot be shaken.

NONE

For a Martyr

Little Chapter **Ecclus. 51**

My soul will praise the Lord until death, for you deliver those who wait for you and save them from distress, O Lord our God.

For one who is neither Virgin nor Martyr

Little Chapter **Prov. 31**

Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears God is to be praised.

R. God will help her * through his watchful presence. - God will. **Y.** God is within, she cannot be shaken. - Through. - Glory. - God.

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

II VESPERS

Ant. to psalms A modest wife adds charm to charm, and no balance can weigh the value of a chaste soul.

Psalms from the Common of a Virgin [142].

For one who is a Martyr
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.

For one who is neither Virgin nor Martyr
Little Chapter **Prov. 31**

A good wife, who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.

Hymn

Then, at her pleading,
gracious God,
relenting,
Save us from error, pardon
our offences;
So may we ever from a
heart unsullied,
Sing to you sweetly.

Glory to Father and to
Son begotten,
And to you also, Spirit
life-bestowing,
Of each the equal, one
God everlasting,
Through all the ages.
Amen.

Y. Graciousness is
poured upon your lips.
R. Because God has
blessed you for evermore.

Magnif. ant. She girds
her loins with strength
and makes her arms
strong. She perceives that
her merchandise is profit-
able. Her lamp does not
go out at night.

LESSONS OF ONE WHO IS MARTYR ONLY

II Nocturn

Sermon of St. John
Chrysostom

**67th on various passages
of New Test.**

Lesson iv

The commemorations
which I love and wel-
come most, are the com-
memorations of the
martyrs, and while I love
and welcome them all,
more especially I do
so when the struggle put
before us is that of women.
For, the weaker the vessel,
the greater is the grace,
the nobler the prize, the

more outstanding the vic-
tory; and that, not because
the sex of the contenders
is frail, but because the
enemy is now overcome
by those instruments
through which he once
triumphed.

R. iv. She was made
pleasing by the Lord in
the combat, because she
was renowned before God
and men. She spoke
wisdom in the presence of
princes * and the Lord of
all loved her. **Y.** For, being
raised up on the pinnacle
of virtue, she scorned tor-
tures and trampled on
rewards. - And the Lord.

Lesson v

By a woman he overcame,
by a woman he is over-
come. A woman was once
the means he used; a
woman is now become the
instrument of his defeat;
the weak vessel is un-
breakable. The first
woman sinned and died;
this one died rather than
sin. The first, elated by a
prospect of an empty
promise, broke the laws
of God; this one chose
rather to keep faith with
her benefactor than to
keep this present life.
What excuse for softness
and sloth can men any
longer hope to make? Or
what forbearance can they
expect, when women bear

themselves so bravely and
manfully, and gird them-
selves up so nobly to do
battle for godliness?

R. v. Let us all rejoice
in the Lord, celebrating
a festival day in honour of
the blessed **N.** * At her
endurance the angels re-
joice and give praise to the
Son of God. **Y.** His are
majesty and state and
power and splendour in
his holy place. - At her.

Lesson vi

This woman had a weak
body and the vul-
nerability of her sex, but
grace came and obliterated
these frailties. For nothing,
absolutely nothing, is
stronger than one in whose
mind the fear of God is
firmly and earnestly
rooted. Let the enemy
threaten fire, or the sword,
or beasts, or anything else,
such a one will count them
all as nothing. And that is
what this blessed woman
did.

R. vi. Come, my chosen
one, and I will set my
throne in you, * for the
king has desired your
beauty. **Y.** In splendour
and state ride on in
triumph. - For the king. -
Glory. - In triumph.

III Nocturn

Reading from the holy
Gospel according to
Matthew

Lesson vii Chapter 13

At that time, Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." Etc.

Homily of Pope
St. Gregory

Homily 11 on the Gospels

For this reason, dear brethren, the kingdom of heaven is compared to earthly things, that the mind may rise from the things it knows to acquire some knowledge of the things it had not known before. In this way, by the example of things seen, it stretches out to things unseen, and is, as it were, inflamed by contact with those things that it has experienced. And so, by the known thing that it has learned to cherish, it may learn to love the unknown. Now, the kingdom of heaven is compared to treasure hidden in a field. In this consideration, it is to be noted that the treasure, when found, is

hidden again that it may be kept safe! For it is not enough to guard the keenness of heavenly longing from the evil spirits, if one does not hide it also from human adulation. In this life, we are, as it were, journeying to our homeland. But the evil spirits, like highwaymen, beset our path.

Ry. vii. I loved her and desired to take her for my bride, * and I became enamoured of her beauty. **Y.** Strength and dignity are her clothing and she laughs at the time to come. - And I became.

Lesson viii

He, therefore, invites robbery who bears his treasure openly. I say this, not that our neighbours should not see our good works, but that though our good works may be seen, we should wish to keep our intentions secret. Again, the heavenly kingdom is compared to a merchant in search of fine pearls. He finds one of great value and then sells everything he has, in order to buy it: so, too, one who perceives clearly, in so far as is possible, the sweetness of the heavenly life, turns his back on everything earthly that he had ever loved.

Ry. viii. Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain. * A woman who fears God is to be praised. **Y.** Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates. - A woman.

Lesson ix

Rightly did Solomon say, "Love is strong as death". Just as death cuts off the body, so does the love of eternal life cut us off from love of bodily things. For when one is wholly wrapt up in it, one becomes almost insensible to extraneous earthly desires. Now this saint, whose heavenly birthday we celebrate today, never could have faced bodily death for the Lord if she were not already dead in heart to earthly desire. For, being raised up on the pinnacle of virtue, she scorned tortures and trampled on

rewards. What are we to say, grown-up men, yet weak, when we see young girls enter the heavenly kingdom by way of the sword, while we are overcome by anger, puffed up by pride, tormented by ambition and defiled by debauchery? If, then, we cannot attain the kingdom of heaven through the conflicts of persecution, let us consider it shameful if we will not, at least, follow God in time of peace.

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. **Y.** 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.

Common of Apostles and Evangelists

in paschal time

I VESPERS

Ant. to psalms Be valiant in the combat and fight the ancient serpent; and you shall receive an everlasting kingdom, alleluia.

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

For Apostles

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.

For Evangelists

Little Chapter Eccles. 15

The man who fears the Lord will do this, and he who holds to the law will obtain wisdom. She will come to meet him like a mother.

R. His Nazarites have been made pure, alleluia: they have shown the splendour of God, alleluia:

* and they are become as the curds of milk, alleluia, alleluia. **V.** Their span goes forth through all the earth, their words to the utmost bounds of the world. - And they are become. - Glory. - Alleluia, alleluia.

Hymn as in Matins.

V. Their span goes forth through all the earth, alleluia. **R.** Their words to the utmost bounds of the world, alleluia.

Magnif. ant. Daughters of Jerusalem, come and see the martyr with his crown, with which the Lord crowned him on the day of solemnity and joy, alleluia, alleluia.

MATINS

Invit. Let the saints rejoice in the Lord, * alleluia.

Hymn

With praises due let heaven sing,
And earth with joy responsive ring;
Apostles' deeds and high estate,
This festal day we celebrate.

The Nocturn

Sole ant. to psalms Your sorrow, alleluia, will turn into joy, alleluia.

Three psalms are taken from the other Common of the Apostles in the order of the Nocturns: on Sunday, Monday and Thursday from the I Nocturn; on Tuesday and Friday from the II Nocturn; on Wednesday and Saturday from the III Nocturn.

The Versicle is according to the order of the Nocturns, as follows:

Sunday, Monday and Thursday

V. Their span goes forth through all the earth, alleluia. **R.** Their words to the utmost bounds of the world, alleluia.

Tuesday and Friday

V. You will make them princes over all the earth, alleluia. **R.** May this song make your name remembered, Lord, alleluia.

Wednesday and Saturday

V. To me, how mysterious are your thoughts, O God, alleluia. **R.** The sum of them is not to be numbered, alleluia.

The blessings before the lessons are also given according to the order of the Nocturns.

R. i. With great power

O you, who throned in glory dread
Shall judge the living and the dead,
True lights, the world enlightening,
O hear the suppliant prayer we bring.

The gates of heaven, at your command,
Must either closed or open stand;
May we, at your august decree,
Be loosed from our iniquity.

The power, of old to you conveyed,
Disease and health alike obeyed;
May you our ailing souls once more
To strength and holiness restore.

So when the world is at its end
And Christ to judgment shall descend,
Then may the Lord decree that we
Shall share his joy eternally.

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

Amen.

the apostles gave * their testimony to the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, alleluia, alleluia. **V.** Filled as they were with the Holy Spirit they spoke the word of God with boldness. - Their testimony.

R. ii. These are the new lambs who have proclaimed, alleluia; now they have come to the fountains: * they are filled with glory, alleluia, alleluia. **V.** Before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. - They are filled.

R. iii. His Nazarites have been made pure, alleluia; they have shown the splendour of God, alleluia: * and they are become as the curds of milk, alleluia, alleluia. **V.** Their span goes forth through all the earth, their words to the utmost bounds of the world. - And they are. - Glory. - Alleluia, alleluia.

Before Lauds V. You grant me the heritage, alleluia. **R.** Of those who fear you, Lord, alleluia.

LAUDS

Antiphons (and at the Hours)

1. Your saints, Lord, will blossom as the lily, alleluia: they will be as

the fragrance of balm before you, alleluia.

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

2. Rejoice in the Lord, you holy and righteous, alleluia: God has chosen you as his heritage, alleluia.

3. Your saints, Lord, will cry to you from the shadow, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

4. Spirits and souls of the righteous, sing a song of praise to our God, alleluia, alleluia.

5. The home of the saints is in the heavenly realms, alleluia: and their repose will last for ever, alleluia.

For Apostles

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.

For Evangelists

Little Chapter Ecclus. 15

The man who fears the Lord will do this, and he who holds to the law will obtain wisdom. She will come to meet him like a mother.

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 perfect 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 resounds.

We pray you now, Redeemer King, Your lowly suppliants to bring To join that blessed company, And be with them eternally. Amen.

V. They will tell what God has done, alleluia. **R.** They will understand God's deeds, alleluia.

Bened. ant. Perpetual light will shine upon your saints, Lord, alleluia, and an eternity of ages, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

If the feast is of the I class, the antiphons at the Hours are taken from Lauds and the psalms from Sunday. Otherwise the psalms and antiphon are taken from the current weekday.

TERCE

The Little Chapter as at II Vespers

R. Their span goes forth through all the earth, * alleluia, alleluia. Their span. **V.** Their words to the utmost bounds of the world. - Alleluia. - Glory. - Their span.

V. You will make them princes over all the earth, alleluia. **R.** May this song make your name remembered, Lord, alleluia.

SEXT

For Apostles

Little Chapter Acts 5

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles.

For Evangelists

Little Chapter Ecclus. 15

The Lord fed him with the bread of understanding, and gave him the water of wisdom to drink.

R. You will make them princes over all the earth, * alleluia, alleluia. - You will make. V. May this song make your name remembered, Lord. - Alleluia. - Glory. - You will make.

V. To me how mysterious are your thoughts, O God, alleluia. R. The sum of them is not to be numbered, alleluia.

NONE

For Apostles

Little Chapter Acts 5

The apostles left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for the name.

For Evangelists

Little Chapter Ecclus. 15

The Lord opened his mouth in the midst of the assembly and filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding, and clothed him with a robe of glory.

R. To me, how mysterious are your thoughts, O God * alleluia, alleluia. - To me. V. The sum of

them is not to be numbered. - Alleluia. - Glory. - To me.

V. They will tell what God has done, alleluia. R. They will understand God's deeds, alleluia.

II VESPERS

Ant. to psalms Your saints, Lord, will blossom as the lily, alleluia; they will be as the fragrance of balm before you, alleluia.

Psalms are from the Common of Apostles outside paschal time [49].

For Apostles

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.

For Evangelists

Little Chapter Ecclus. 15

The man who fears the Lord will do this, and he who holds to the law will obtain wisdom, and she will come to meet him like a mother.

Hymn

With praises due let heaven sing,

And earth with joy responsive ring;
Apostles' deeds and high estate,
This festal day we celebrate.

O you, who throned in glory dread
Shall judge the living and the dead,
True lights, the world enlightening,
O hear the suppliant prayer we bring.

The gates of heaven, at your command,
Must either closed or open stand;
May we, at your august decree,
Be loosed from our iniquity.

The power, of old to you conveyed,
Disease and health alike obeyed;
May you our ailing souls once more
To strength and holiness restore.

So when the world is at its end
And Christ to judgment shall descend;
Then may the Lord decree that we
Shall share his joy eternally.

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

Amen.

V. Their span goes forth through all the earth, alleluia. R. Their words to the utmost bounds of the world, alleluia.

Magnif. ant. The harps of the saints for ever resound in the city of the Lord; there the angels and archangels unceasingly sing in praise before the throne of God, alleluia.

Common of a Martyr

in paschal time

I VESPERS

Ant. to psalms The just will rejoice in the Lord and will fly to him for refuge. All the upright hearts will glory, alleluia.

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. From the mouth of

the man of understanding comes honey, alleluia; his tongue has the sweetness of honey, alleluia; * his lips distil nectar, alleluia, alleluia. **V.** Wisdom will come to rest in his heart, and understanding in the speech of his mouth. - His lips. - Glory. - Alleluia, alleluia.

Hymn as in Matins

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

Magnif. ant. Daughters of Jerusalem, come and see the martyr with his crown, with which the Lord crowned him on the day of solemnity and joy, alleluia, alleluia.

MATINS

Invit. Let the saints rejoice in the Lord, * alleluia.

Hymn

O God, of all your champions, Lord, The portion, crown and great reward; From ties of sin, O set us free, Who sing your martyr's victory.

The pleasures of the world he spurned,

From sin's pernicious lures he turned; Accounting them as transient all,

He reached at length your heavenly hall.

With courage high he hardship faced And suffering manfully embraced;

And since his blood for you did pour He now has life for evermore.

On his account, all earnest, we

Beseech you hear our humble plea;

On this your martyr's triumph-day,

From us all evil take away.

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

Sole ant. to psalms Your sorrow, alleluia, will turn into joy, alleluia.

Three psalms and versicle are taken, according to the order of the Nocturns, from the Common of a Martyr outside paschal time.

The blessings before the lessons are also given

according to the order of the Nocturns.

R. i. Happy the man who feared the Lord, alleluia: * he takes delight in his commands, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **V.** His sons will be powerful on earth; the children of the upright are blessed. - He takes.

R. ii. From the mouth of the man of understanding comes honey, alleluia; his tongue has the sweetness of honey, alleluia: * his lips distil nectar, alleluia, alleluia. **V.** Wisdom will come to rest in his heart, and understanding in the speech of his mouth. - His lips.

R. iii. Daughters of Jerusalem, come and see the martyr with his crown, with which the Lord crowned him * on the day of solemnity and joy, alleluia. **V.** The Lord clothed him with a robe of glory, and crowned him. - On the day. - Glory. - Alleluia.

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

LAUDS

Antiphons (and at the Hours)

1. Your saints, Lord,

will blossom as the lily, alleluia: they will be as the fragrance of balm before you, alleluia.

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

2. Rejoice in the Lord, you holy and righteous, alleluia: God has chosen you as his heritage, alleluia.

3. Your saints, Lord, will cry to you from the shadow, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

4. Spirits and souls of the righteous, sing a song of praise to our God, alleluia, alleluia.

5. The home of the saints is in the heavenly realms, alleluia: and their repose will last for ever, alleluia.

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.

Y. A gold crown upon
his head, alleluia. R. In-
scribed like a signet with
"Holiness," alleluia.

Bened. ant. Perpetual
light will shine upon your
saints, Lord, alleluia,
and an eternity of ages,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

If the feast is of the
I class, the antiphons at
the Hours are taken from
Lauds and the psalms
from Sunday. Otherwise
the psalms and antiphon
are taken from the current
weekday.

TERCE

Little Chapter as in Lauds

R. With glory and
honour you have crowned
him, Lord, * alleluia,
alleluia. - With glory and
honour. Y. You gave him
power over the works of
your hand. - Alleluia. -
Glory. - With glory and
honour.

Y. You have set, Lord,
upon his head, alleluia.
R. A crown of pure gold,
alleluia.

SEXT

Little Chapter Wisd. 10

The Lord protected him
from his enemies, and
kept him safe from those
who lay in wait for him;
in his arduous contest he
gave him the victory.

R. You have set, Lord,
on his head, * alleluia,
alleluia. - You have set.
Y. A crown of pure gold.
- Alleluia. - Glory. - You
have set.

Y. Your saving help has
given him glory, alleluia.
R. You have laid upon
him majesty and splen-
dour, alleluia.

NONE

Little Chapter Ecclus. 4

Strive even to death for
the truth and the Lord
God will fight for you.

R. Your saving help has
given him glory, * alleluia,

alleluia. - Your saving.
Y. You have laid upon
him majesty and splen-
dour. - Alleluia. - Glory. -
Your saving.

Y. A gold crown upon
his head, alleluia. R. In-
scribed like a signet with
"Holiness," alleluia.

II VESPERS

Ant. to psalms Your
saints, Lord, will blossom
as the lily, alleluia: they
will be as the fragrance
of balm before you,
alleluia.

Psalms are taken from
the Common of a Martyr
outside paschal time [65].

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

O God, of all your
champions, Lord,
The portion, crown and
great reward;
From ties of sin O set us
free,
Who sing your martyr's
victory.

The pleasures of the world
he spurned,

From sin's pernicious lures
he turned;
Accounting them as
transient all,
He reached at length your
heavenly hall.

With courage high he
hardship faced
And suffering manfully
embraced;
And since his blood for
you did pour
He now has life for ever-
more.

On his account, all earnest,
we
Beseech you, hear our
humble plea;
On this your martyr's
triumph-day,
From us all evil take away.

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.

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

Magnif. ant. The harps
of the saints for ever re-
sound in the city of the
Lord; there the angels
and archangels unceasing-
ly sing in praise before the
throne of God, alleluia.

Common of Many Martyrs

in Paschal time

I VESPERS

Ant. to psalms These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb, alleluia.

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

Little Chapter Hebr. 11

Through faith, the saints conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ry. Perpetual light will shine upon your saints, Lord, and an eternity of ages, * alleluia, alleluia.

V. Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness. - Alleluia, alleluia. - Glory. - Alleluia, alleluia.

Hymn as in Matins.

V. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just, alleluia. **Ry.** O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart, alleluia.

Magnif. ant. Daughters of Jerusalem, come and see the martyr with his crown, with which the Lord crowned him on the

day of solemnity and joy, alleluia, alleluia.

MATINS

Invit. Let the saints rejoice in the Lord, * alleluia.

Hymn

Tell in our song of their glorious state

Heroic deeds and merits so great;

With pride the soul hastens to sing such a theme,

The noblest of victors, their courage supreme.

These from this earth the world did exclude,

For deep they despised it as barren and rude;

But turning to you, Lord, they followed with speed,

O Christ, King of Goodness, your heavenly lead.

Fury of men, brutal outrage, in turn,

And scourging so cruel they joyfully spurn;

Though torture and racking the body may tear,

These yet fail to master the high spirit there.

Calmly as sheep to the slaughter they went, Without plaint or murmuring to the sword bent; With heart undisturbed, the mind clear, till last breath

Maintained christian patience and triumphed in death.

Is there a voice that can ever declare

Those gifts which you for your martyrs prepare?

For, scarlet of bloodshed they wear with delight,

Enriched with the laurels of victory bright.

Godhead supreme, one alone, we you pray

To cleanse every sin, every harm take away;

Grant peace to your servants, in order that we

May live to your glory, Lord, eternally.

Amen.

Nocturn

Sole ant. to psalms Your sorrow, alleluia, will turn into joy, alleluia.

Three psalms and versicle are taken according to the order of the Nocturns, from the Common of Many Martyrs outside Paschal time.

The blessings before the lessons are also given according to the order of the Nocturns.

Ry. i. Precious in the

eyes of the Lord, alleluia, * is the death of his faithful, alleluia. **V.** In the sight of all his people. - Is the death of his faithful, alleluia.

Ry. ii. Your sorrow, alleluia * will turn into joy, alleluia, alleluia. **V.** While the world will rejoice, you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow. - Will turn into joy, alleluia, alleluia.

Ry. iii Perpetual light will shine upon your saints, Lord, and an eternity of ages, * alleluia, alleluia. **V.** Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness. - Alleluia, alleluia. - Glory. - Alleluia, alleluia.

Before Lauds V. Let the faithful rejoice in their glory, alleluia. **Ry.** Let them shout for joy and take their rest, alleluia.

LAUDS

Antiphons (and at the Hours)

1. Your saints, Lord, will blossom as the lily, alleluia: they will be as the fragrance of balm before you, alleluia.

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

2. Rejoice in the Lord, you holy and righteous,

alleluia: God has chosen you as his heritage, alleluia.

3. Your saints, Lord, will cry to you from the shadow, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

4. Spirits and souls of the righteous, sing a song of praise to our God, alleluia, alleluia.

5. The home of the saints is in the heavenly realms, alleluia: and their repose will last for ever, alleluia.

Little Chapter Hebr. 11
Through faith, the saints conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hymn

Eternal gifts of Christ the King,
With martyrs' victories let us sing;
And high today our voices raise,
In due and joyful songs of praise.

They vanquished every worldly fear,
Made light of pain and anguish here;
And, death's brief struggle o'er, possess
The life of perfect blessedness.

By savage beasts are martyrs riven,
A death by fire to them is given;

On them, hook-torn and torment rent,
The rage of torturer is spent.

Their entrails hang from body gashed,
Their sacred blood the earth has splashed;
Yet firm and dauntles they remain,
The prize of endless life to gain.

We pray you now,
Redeemer King,
Your lowly suppliants to bring,
To join that martyr company
And be with them eternally.
Amen.

Y. God is to be feared, alleluia. R. In his holy place, alleluia.

Bened. ant. Perpetual light will shine upon your saints, Lord, alleluia, and an eternity of ages, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

If the feast is of the I class, the antiphons at the Hours are taken from Lauds, and the Psalms from Sunday. Otherwise the psalms and antiphon are taken from the current weekday.

TERCE

The Little Chapter as in Lauds.

R. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just, alleluia, alleluia. - Rejoice, rejoice. Y. O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. - Alleluia. - Glory. - Rejoice, rejoice.

Y. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, alleluia. R. They shall exult and dance for joy, alleluia.

SEXT

Little Chapter Wisd. 10

God gave to holy men the reward of their labours; he guided them along a marvellous way, and became a shelter to them by day, and a starry flame through the night.

R. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, alleluia, alleluia. - The just. Y. They shall exult and dance for joy. - Alleluia. - Glory. - The just.

Y. But the righteous live for ever, alleluia. R. And their reward is with the Lord, alleluia.

NONE

Little Chapter Wisd. 3

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the

foolish they seemed to have died, but they are at peace.

R. But the righteous live for ever, alleluia, alleluia. - But the righteous. Y. And their reward is with the Lord. - Alleluia. - Glory. - But the righteous.

Y. God is to be feared, alleluia. R. In his holy place, alleluia.

II VESPERS

Ant. to psalms Your saints, Lord, will blossom as the lily, alleluia: they will be as the fragrance of balm before you, alleluia.

The psalms are taken from the Common of Many Martyrs outside paschal time [89].

Little Chapter Hebr. 11

Through faith, the saints conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hymn

Tell in our song of their glorious state,
Heroic deeds and merits so great;
With pride the soul hastens to sing such a theme,
The noblest of victors, their courage supreme.

These from this earth the world did exclude,
For deep they despised it as barren and rude;
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Fury of men, brutal outrage, in turn,
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With heart undisturbed, the mind clear, till last breath
Maintained christian patience and triumphed in death.

Common of a Confessor

in Paschal time

I VESPERS

Ant. to psalms This saint who has passed to the joy of angels is fittingly held in memory by man, alleluia.

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

Is there a voice that can ever declare

Those gifts which you for your martyrs prepare?
For, scarlet of bloodshed they wear with delight,
Enriched with the laurels of victory bright.

Godhead supreme, one alone, we you pray

To cleanse every sin, every harm take away;
Grant peace to your servants, in order that we
May live to your glory, Lord, eternally.

Amen.

V. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult you just, alleluia. **Ry.** O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart, alleluia.

Magnif. ant. The harps of the saints for ever resound in the city of the Lord; there the angels and archangels unceasingly sing in praise before the throne of God, alleluia.

Little Chapter **Ecclus. 45**

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

Ry. From the mouth of the man of understanding

comes honey, alleluia: his tongue has the sweetness of honey, alleluia: * his lips distil nectar, alleluia, alleluia. **V.** Wisdom will come to rest in his heart, and understanding in the speech of his mouth. - His lips. - Glory. - Alleluia, alleluia.

Hymn as in Matins.

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

Magnif. ant. Daughters of Jerusalem, come and see the martyr with his crown, with which the Lord crowned him on the day of solemnity and joy, alleluia, alleluia.

MATINS

Invit. Let the saints rejoice in the Lord, * alleluia.

Hymn

This great confessor of the Lord, whose triumph Now all the faithful celebrate, with gladness First on this feast-day merited to enter Into his glory.

Saintly and prudent, modest in behaviour, Peaceful and sober, chaste was he and lowly,

While this life's vigour, coursing through his members

Quickened his being.

Often because of his most sacred merit,
Limbs of the feeble are restored their power;
And in whatever illness might afflict them
Healing is given.

So we in chorus gladly do him honour,
Chanting his praises with devout attention.
And by his suffrage may we be assisted.
Now and for ever.

His be the glory, power and salvation,
Who, over all things dwelling in the highest,
Earth's mighty fabric regulates and governs,
One and yet Trinal.
Amen.

Nocturn

One antiphon only. Your sorrow, alleluia, will turn into joy, alleluia.

Three psalms and versicle are taken according to the order of the **Nocturns**, from the **Common of a Confessor outside Paschal time**.

The **blessings before the lessons** are also given according to the order of the **Nocturns**.

R. i. Happy the man who feared the Lord, alleluia: * he takes delight in his commands, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **V.** His sons will be powerful on earth; the children of the upright are blessed. - He takes.

R. ii. From the mouth of the man of understanding comes honey, alleluia: his tongue has the sweetness of honey, alleluia: * his lips distil nectar, alleluia, alleluia. **V.** Wisdom will come to rest in his heart, and understanding in the speech of his mouth. - His lips.

R. iii. Daughters of Jerusalem, come and see the martyr with his crown, with which the Lord crowned him * on the day of solemnity and joy, alleluia. **V.** The Lord clothed him with a robe of glory, and crowned him. - On the day. - Glory. - Alleluia.

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

LAUDS

Antiphons (and at the Hours)

1. Your saints, Lord, will blossom as the lily, alleluia: they will be as

the fragrance of balm before you, alleluia.

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

2. Rejoice in the Lord, you holy and righteous, alleluia: God has chosen you as his heritage, alleluia.

3. Your saints, Lord, will cry to you from the shadow, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

4. Spirits and souls of the righteous, sing a song of praise to our God, alleluia, alleluia.

5. The home of the saints is in the heavenly realms, alleluia: and their repose will last for ever, alleluia.

Little Chapter. Eccus. 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 to-day.

This meek Confessor of your name
Has now attained a glorious fame;

His yearly feast, in solemn state,
Your faithful people celebrate.

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, alleluia. **R.** And he will flourish before the Lord for ever, alleluia.

Bened. ant. Perpetual light will shine upon your saints, Lord, alleluia, and an eternity of ages, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

If the feast is of the first class, the antiphons at the Hours are taken from

Lauds and the psalms from Sunday. Otherwise the psalms and antiphon are taken from the current weekday.

TERCE

Little Chapter as in Lauds.

The Lord loved him and adorned him, * alleluia, alleluia. - The Lord. **V.** He clothed him with a robe of glory. - Alleluia. - Glory. - The Lord.

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

SEXT

Little Chapter Eccus. 39

The just man will set his heart to rise early to seek the Lord who made him, and will make supplication before the Most High.

R. The Lord guided the righteous man on straight paths, * alleluia, alleluia. - The Lord

V. He showed him the kingdom of God. - Alleluia. - Glory. - The Lord.

V. The just will flourish like the palm tree in the house of the Lord, alleluia.

R. He shall grow like a Lebanon cedar, alleluia.

NONE

Little Chapter. Wisd. 10

The Lord guided the righteous man on straight paths; he 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.

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

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

II VESPERS

Ant. to psalms Your saints, Lord, will blossom as the lily, alleluia: they will be as the fragrance of balm before you, alleluia.

The psalms are taken from the Common of a Confessor outside Paschal time [111].

Little Chapter. Eccus. 45

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

Hymn

This great Confessor of the Lord, whose triumph
Now all the faithful celebrate, with gladness,
First on this feast-day
merited to enter
Into his glory.

Saintly and prudent,
modest in behaviour,
Peaceful and sober, chaste
was he and lowly,
While this life's vigour,
coursing through his
members,
Quickened his being.

Often because of his most
sacred merit,
Limbs of the feeble are
restored their power;
And in whatever illness
might afflict them,
Healing is given.

So we in chorus gladly do
him honour,
Chanting his praises with
devout attention;
And by his suffrage may
we be assisted,
Now and for ever.

His be the glory, power
and salvation,
Who, over all things
dwelling in the highest,
Earth's mighty fabric re-
gulates and governs,
One and yet Trinal.

Amen.

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

Magnif. ant. The harps of the saints for ever resound in the city of the Lord; there the angels and archangels unceasingly sing in praise before the throne of God, alleluia.

When in Paschal time a commemoration occurs of one or many Martyrs or Confessors the antiphon Perpetual light is said at Lauds; the versicle is taken from the Common outside Paschal time with the addition of Alleluia.

Common of Virgins and Non-Virgins
in Paschal time

The Office of Virgins and Non-Virgins, or a commemoration of such, is taken from the Common outside Paschal time, with the addition of Alleluia in the respective places. The responsories at the Hours are said with the Alleluia.

At Matins the three psalms and versicle, and the three blessings before the lessons are said according to the order of the Nocturns or of the weekdays, with only one antiphon to the psalms; as follows:

For a Virgin.

Ant. to psalms When the bridegroom came, the prudent virgin being ready went with him into the

Should it arise that on the same day the Office is of one or many Martyrs, or of one or many Confessors, and a commemoration occurs of another or other Martyrs, or of another or other Confessors, the antiphon for the Benedictus is taken from the Common in Paschal time; but for the commemoration, the antiphon is taken from the Common outside Paschal time with the addition of Alleluia.

marriage feast, alleluia.

For a holy woman who is a Martyr only.

Ant. to psalms While the king was on his couch, my nard gave forth its fragrance, alleluia.

For a holy woman, neither Virgin nor Martyr.

Ant. to psalms This is she who has not entered into a sinful union; she will have fruit when God examines souls, alleluia.

When feasts of Saints of the Order of Preachers are celebrated in Paschal time the three psalms and the versicle before the lessons are always those of the I Nocturn. Likewise three proper antiphons are said with the psalms.

Saturday Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Saturday Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary is said on all Saturdays of the IV class. The antiphons and psalms are taken from Saturday; the remainder is as follows.

MATINS

Invit. Hail Mary, full of grace: * The Lord is with you. **P.T.** Alleluia.

Hymn

Whom earth and sea and sky proclaim,
The Ruler of their triple frame,
He unto whom their praises rise,
Within the womb of Mary lies.

Her womb, the seat of every grace,
Is now the Lord's abiding place;
That Lord to whom the sun by day,
The moon by night, their service pay.

O happy Mother, you are blest!
Enclosed beneath your lowly breast

Lies God, creator great, who planned
The world he holds within his hand.

O blessed by herald angel's tongue,
O'er you God's shadowing spirit hung,
And filled your womb whence came at birth
The long-desired of all the earth.

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.

Nocturn

During Easter time three psalms only are said with the antiphon and versicle of Paschal time, according to the sequence of the weeks.

Blessings

i. May the Virgin Mary pray for us with loving voice. **Ry.** Amen.

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

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

The 1st and 2nd lessons are taken from current Scripture; their responsories are of the Season. The 3rd lesson is taken from those given below, according to the appropriate month. The following responsory is said.

Ry. iii. Virgin, mother of Christ, in childbirth you brought forth God. Bright star of the sea, guard us, protect us. * While you bring forth and rejoice, let the heavenly hosts sing in praise. **P.T.** Alleluia.

V. O loving Virgin Mary, intercede for us. - While you. - Glory. **Outside P.T.** Let the. **P.T.** Alleluia.

Te Deum is said.

Before Lauds **V.** Pray for us, holy Mother of God. **P.T.** Alleluia. **Ry.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. **P.T.** Alleluia.

LAUDS

Little Chapter **Ecclus. 24**

Like cassia and camel's thorn I gave forth the aroma of spices, and like choice myrrh I spread a pleasant odour.

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.

∇. God has chosen her and has given her preference. P.T. Alleluia.
Ry. He gives her his home to dwell in. P.T. Alleluia.

From the octave of Christmas to the feast of the Purification.

Bened. ant. A woman in childbirth brought forth the king whose name is eternal. Hers is both the joy of motherhood and the honour of virginity; the like has not been seen before or since, alleluia.

Alleluia is omitted during Septuagesima.

Prayer

O God, who, through the fruitful virginity of the blessed Mary, offered to all men the rewards of eternal salvation, grant, we beseech you, that we may experience her intercession, through whom we were found worthy to receive among us the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your son. Who lives and reigns with you.

From the Purification to Quinquagesima Sunday and from the feast of the Most Holy Trinity to Advent.

Bened. ant. Hail, morning star, healer of sinners, leader and queen of the world, who alone may worthily be called Virgin! Hold up against the weapons of the enemy that shield of salvation, your title of virtue. O chosen spouse of God, be to us a straight path to eternal joys.

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.

Paschal time

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, alleluia, alleluia.

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.

Let us bless the Lord with double Alleluia.

During the Christmas season and in Paschal time the double Alleluia is added to the responses at the Hours.

TERCE

Little Chapter Ecclus. 24

Like cassia and camel's thorn I gave forth the aroma of spices, and like choice myrrh I spread a pleasant odour.

Ry. Holy Mary, Mother of Christ, * hear your suppliant servants. - Holy. ∇. And from heaven bring us the favour procured. - Hear. - Glory. - Holy.

∇. Pray for us, holy Mother of God. Ry. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

SEXT

Little chapter Ecclus. 24

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. Pray for us, * holy Mother of God. - Pray. ∇. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. - Holy. - Glory. - Pray for us.

∇. God has chosen her, and has given her preference. Ry. He gives her his home to dwell in.

NONE

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.

Ry. God has chosen her, * and has given her preference. - God. ∇. He gives her his home to dwell in. - And has given. - Glory. - God.

∇. Holy Mother of God, Mary ever-virgin. Ry. Intercede for us with the Lord our God.

This Office ends with None.

The third lesson is taken from those appointed to each month, as follows.

January

From the Homily of St. Augustine, Bishop

5th on the Birth of Our Lord

Lesson iii

He to whom the Virgin Mother gave birth was, in turn, to fashion sons for God. He would annul the sentence against the great disobedience, remove the penalty of death, and give instead everlasting life to those who believe. The son whom she bore in her womb, and gave to the world as if he were a servant, was the same whom the angels in heaven worship as God. This mother gave birth to a son, but she was to be nourished more by him than he by her. In a mortal womb the Virgin received an immortal guest; in an earthly dwelling she received the king of heaven. He, who was to be born of a Virgin, gave motherhood to that Virgin. This mother was perturbed at the thought of bearing a child, but God spoke by his angel, and she having heard, conceived. Let every age now hear what was never heard before. This Virgin in childbirth celebrated her nuptials: in giving birth redoubled her virginity: she adored the son whom she bore.

R. *iii.* Virgin mother of Christ, in childbirth you brought forth God. Bright star of the sea, guard us, protect us. * While you bring forth and rejoice, let the heavenly hosts sing in praise. **V.** O loving Virgin Mary, intercede for us. — While you. — Glory. — Let the.

February

From St. John Damascene

3rd Sermon on the Death of the Blessed Virgin

Lesson iii

The reflection of his glory, the very stamp of the Paternal nature, who upholds the universe by his word of power, is borne in virginal arms in the form of an infant. O truly divine wonders! O mysteries transcending nature and thought! O privileges of the Virgin surpassing all human state! O sacred Mother and Virgin, what a wondrous thing is this mystery that surrounds you! You are blessed among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. You are blessed in all ages, and alone worthy to be declared blessed beforehand. For you are that regal throne at which the angels assist, adoring their Master and Lord. You are the spiritual Eden, holier

and more godly than that Eden of old. For, in this latter, the earthly Adam lived, but in you dwells the Lord, who came down from heaven.

R. *as above.*

March

From St. Epiphanius, Bishop

On the Praises of the Holy Mother of God

Lesson iii

The Virgin Mary surpasses all, except God alone. She emerges more beautiful than the very cherubim and seraphim themselves and the whole host of angels. The language of heaven and earth does not suffice to extol her—indeed it is even beyond the compass of angels. They, indeed, sang to her hymns of praise and honour, but, nevertheless, could not, in that way, speak words befitting her exalted state. For the angels used to rejoice as if they alone possessed God, but the most holy Virgin was raised above them because she, on earth, conceived God, who dwells in heaven. In this way she was to bring the hosts of angels to mingle with men on earth. For she, the mediatrix between heaven and earth,

brought about the union of the two. She showered down on earth the dew of the Holy Spirit, so that the fruit of faith would be produced.

R. *as above.*

April

From St. Epiphanius, Bishop

On the Praises of the Holy Mother of God

Lesson iii

Through you, holy Virgin, Christ broke down the dividing wall of hostility. Through you, was heavenly peace given to the world. Through you, the ends of the earth were enlightened. Through you, men have become angels. Through you, they were called the friends and servants and the sons of God. Through you, they were made worthy to become fellow servants with the angels and to associate freely with them. Through you, came awareness of heaven, and through you praise is sent from earth to heaven. Through you, the cross shone out on the whole world; on which cross, indeed, hung your Son, Christ Our Lord. Through you, death is trampled underfoot and hell is robbed. Through you, idols were felled

and awareness of heaven aroused. Through you we have come to know the only-begotten Son of God, whom you brought forth from your bosom.

Ry. iii. Virgin mother of Christ, in childbirth you brought forth God. Bright star of the sea, guard us, protect us. * While you bring forth and rejoice, let the heavenly hosts sing in praise, alleluia. **V.** O loving Virgin Mary, intercede for us. - While you. - Glory. - Alleluia.

May

From St. John Chrysostom

Sermon on the Birth of the Lord

Lesson iii

Since Adam, without the aid of woman had produced woman, womankind was indebted to men. The Virgin, therefore, in order to repay, on behalf of Eve, this debt to men, gave birth without the concurrence of man. Lest Adam might glory that without the aid of woman he had given life to woman, the woman, without the aid of man, gave birth to man. Thus by the miracle common to each he would indicate the equality of her nature. And just as he

took a rib from Adam without impairing Adam, so he formed of the Virgin a living temple, without in the least harming her virginity. Even after the loss of a rib Adam remained sound and unharmed; so, after God came forth as an infant from her, the Virgin, too, remained inviolate.

Ry. iii. Virgin mother of Christ, in childbirth you brought forth God. Bright star of the sea, guard us, protect us. * While you bring forth and rejoice, let the heavenly hosts sing in praise. **P.T.** Alleluia.

V. O loving Virgin Mary, intercede for us. - While you. - Glory. **Outside P.T.** Let the. **P.T.** Alleluia.

June

From St. Peter Chrysologus

Third Sermon on the Annunciation

Lesson iii

We must not be amazed that the Virgin is greeted by an angel, for there has always been an affinity between angels and virginity. To live in the body while transcending the body is not an earthly life but a heavenly one. And you might as well know that it is a greater thing to acquire angelic

glory than merely to have it. To be an angel indicates happiness, but to be a virgin indicates virtue. For virginity acquires by its power what the angel possesses by nature. Both angel and virgin then fulfil a function that is not human but divine. Thus, the angel brought down grace: the virgin received it, and so would restore salvation for all time. "Hail," he said, "full of grace." Grace comes to one bit by bit, but the fullness of grace came to Mary, completely, all at once.

Ry. as above.

July

From St. Ambrose

Second Book "On Virgins" chapter 2

Lesson iii

Let the virginity and life of the blessed Mary be pictured for you, as in a portrait, from which is reflected, as in a mirror, the vision of chastity and the model of virtue. From this, where, as in a model, the teaching of righteousness is portrayed, you may take examples of how to live, which will show you what you must correct, what you must avoid, what you must uphold. The first interest in learning comes from the

excellence of the teacher. But what could be more excellent than the Mother of God? What more brilliant than she whom Brilliance himself selected? What more chaste than she who without bodily contact bore a body? And what shall I say of her other virtues? She was virgin not only in body but also in mind, and would not, by any trace of guile, weaken chaste love. Humble in heart, serious in word, understanding in mind, reserved in speech, most attentive to reading; placing her trust not in the fickleness of riches but in the prayer of the poor.

Ry. iii. Virgin mother of Christ, in childbirth you brought forth God. Bright star of the sea, guard us, protect us. * While you bring forth and rejoice, let the heavenly hosts sing in praise. **V.** O loving Virgin Mary, intercede for us. - While you. - Glory. - Let the.

August

From St. John Damascene

Third Sermon on the Death of the Blessed Virgin

Lesson iii

How is it that the fountain of life is drawn through death to life? How is it that she, who

in childbirth surpassed the laws of nature, finally submits to those same laws, and the body that is immaculate is subjected to death? For this perishable nature must put on the imperishable, especially since the very Lord of nature himself has not refused to undergo the trial of death. Truly he dies in the flesh, and by his death he abolishes death. He bestows that which is imperishable and makes of death a fount of resurrection. O how did not he, the father and maker of all things, receive into his own hands that holy soul as it left the body that had encompassed God! Rightly does he honour her whom by nature he had made handmaiden, but whom in the plan of grace he had made his mother. For he was truly incarnate and was not, as it were, disguised, and pretending to be man.

Ry. as above.

September

From St. Bernard

Sermon on the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lesson iii

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. We should then honour this Mary from the utmost recesses of our hearts, with all the longings of our breasts, and in our every desire. For such is his desire who willed that everything should come to us through Mary.

Ry. iii. Virgin mother of Christ, in childbirth you brought forth God. Bright star of the sea, guard us, protect us. * While you bring forth and rejoice, let the heavenly hosts sing in praise. *V.* O loving Virgin Mary, intercede for us. — While you. — Glory. — Let us.

October

From St. Ambrose

Book 2 "On Virginity" Chapter 2

The life of the virgin Mary should be a headline for everyone. If then it is not displeasing to the Author, let us test her work,

so that whoever would wish for herself Mary's reward may imitate Mary's example. How many examples of virtue shine forth in this one Virgin! The reserve of modesty, the banner of faith, the obedience of devotedness: a virgin in the home, a companion in the ministry, a mother in the temple. How many virgins will she help and how many will she inspire and so bring to Christ, saying, "This virgin by her unstained purity preserved unsullied my Son's couch and marriage-bed"! So, too, the Lord himself will praise them to his Father, undoubtedly repeating his words, "Righteous Father, the world has not known me, but these have known me and have refused to know the world." How great, then, is the joy of the applauding angels that a virgin, who on earth led a heavenly life, should be worthy to dwell in heaven.

Ry. as above.

November

From St. Bernard

First homily on the Gospel

"The angel Gabriel was sent."

Who is the virgin so exalted as to be greeted by an angel, yet so humble as to be a carpenter's wife?

A beautiful combination of virginity and humility! God is greatly pleased with that soul in which humility does credit to virginity and virginity adorns humility. When you listen to a virgin, you listen to one who is humble. Though you may not be able to practise the virginity of the humble one, imitate the humility of the virgin. Virginity, indeed, is an excellent virtue, but humility is more necessary. The former is recommended, the latter is of obligation. You are invited to the one, but obliged to the other. The former is specially rewarded, the latter is demanded. You can, indeed, be saved without virginity but you cannot be saved without humility. The humility that mourns a lost virginity can be pleasing; but I would venture to say that even the virginity of Mary would not have been pleasing without humility.

Ry. iii. as above.

December

From St. Bernard

Third homily on the Gospel

"The angel Gabriel was sent."

Lesson iii

When Mary heard the angel she was greatly

troubled at the saying and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. The truly virginal are timorous and never self-complacent. They are fearful even in things that are harmless, in order that they may avoid those things that should be feared. For they know that they bear a precious treasure in fragile vessels; and that it is very difficult to live like angels among men, and to behave on earth in a heavenly way. And so they look upon any-
 thing unusual, or anything happening unexpectedly, as attacks directed wholly against themselves. For that reason Mary was troubled at the saying of the angel. She was troubled, but she was not upset, and she considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. That she was troubled arose from her virginal modesty: that she was not upset was prompted by her courage; that she remained silent came from her unique prudence.
Ry. as above.

The Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MATINS

V. Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with you.
Ry. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

¶ **This versicle** Hail Mary with the response Blessed is said at the beginning and end of each Hour, except at the end of Matins and Compline and at the beginning of Lauds. When one Hour immediately follows another, this versicle is said only once between the Hours.

V. O Lord, open my lips. **Ry.** And my mouth shall declare your praise.

V. O God, make haste to my rescue. **Ry.** Lord, come to my aid. - Glory. - As it was - Alleluia or Praise.

Invit. The King, the Virgin's Son, * come, let us adore.

Psalm Come ring out our joy, p. 1.

Hymn Whom earth
 [182]

Ant. to psalms Blessed you are among women and

blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Psalms as in the I Nocturn of a Virgin [22].

V. Graciousness is poured upon you lips. **Ry.** Because God has blessed you for ever more.

Our Father . . . And lead us not into temptation. **Ry.** But deliver us from evil.

V. Sir, ask for a blessing.

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

Lesson i

Holy Mary, Virgin of virgins, mother and daughter of the King of kings, give us consolation; so that through you we may deserve to have the reward of the heavenly kingdom, and to reign for ever with the chosen ones of God. Indeed, Lord.

Ry. Thanks be to God.

Ry. i. O holy and immaculate Virginity! I know not with what praises to extol you, * because in your bosom you have carried him whom the heavens cannot contain. **V.** Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. - Because.

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

Lesson ii

Holy Mary, kindest of the kind, and holiest of the holy, intercede for us. May he who reigns above the heavens and who for us was born of you, O Virgin, receive our prayers through you, that in his love our faults may be wiped out. Indeed, Lord.

Ry. ii. You are blessed, Virgin Mary, who bore the Lord, the creator of the world. * You gave birth to him who made you, yet you remain a virgin for ever. **V.** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. - You gave birth.

Blessing May the Virgin Mary, with her loving child, bless us. **Ry.** Amen.

Lesson iii

Holy Mother of God, who worthily deserved to conceive him whom the whole world cannot contain, cleanse our sins by your loving intercession; so that we who have been redeemed may through you be able to ascend to the seat of everlasting glory, where with that same Son, you reign for ever. Indeed, Lord.

Ry. iii. You are truly happy, holy Virgin Mary, and most worthy of all praise, * for, from you has risen the Sun of righteousness, Christ, our God. **V.**

Pray for the people, plead for the clergy, intercede for the consecrated women: may all who celebrate your commemoration experience your assistance. — For. — Glory. — Christ, our God.

The Te Deum is said when said in the other Matins; or the last response is repeated, up to the versicle exclusive, when such is the case in the other Matins.

Before Lauds. V. Pray for us, holy Mother of God. R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LAUDS

V. O God, make haste, etc.

Ant. to psalms. After childbirth, O Virgin, you remained inviolate. Mother of God, intercede for us.

The psalm The Lord is king etc. p. 29.

Little Chapter *Ecclus. 24*

Like a vine I caused loveliness to bud, and my blossoms became glorious and abundant fruit.

Hymn O Lady crowned [183]

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

Bened. ant. O glorious Mother of God, Mary ever virgin, who was worthy to bear the Lord of all things, and, alone, a virgin, to suckle the King of angels; be lovingly mindful of us, we beg you, and pray to Christ for us, so that, sustained by your patronage, we may be worthy to come to the heavenly kingdom.

The Lord be with you or O Lord, listen to my prayer.

Prayer

Grant, we beseech you, Lord God, that we of your household may enjoy unfailling 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.

In Advent

Bened. ant. The Holy Spirit will come upon you, Mary; do not be afraid, you will hold in your womb the Son of God, alleluia.

Prayer

O God, who willed that, at the message of an angel, your Word should take flesh in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary, grant to us who beseech you, that as we truly believe her to be the mother of

God, we may be helped by her prayers to you. Through the same.

From Christmas to the feast of the Purification inclusive.

Bened. ant. A woman in childbirth brought forth the King whose name is eternal. Hers is both the joy of motherhood and the honour of virginity; the like has not been seen before or since.

Prayer

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of the blessed Mary offered to all men the rewards of eternal salvation, grant, we beseech you, that we may experience her intercession, through whom we were found worthy to receive among us the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives.

Paschal time

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, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer

Grant, we beseech you, Lord God, that we of your household may enjoy unfailling 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.

The Lord be with you or O Lord, listen to my prayer.

V. Let us bless the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

When no other Hour follows immediately, the following is added:

V. Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with you. R. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. R. Amen.

All the Hours except Compline end in this manner.

TERCE

V. Hail Mary, full of grace.

V. O God make haste to my rescue, etc.

Hymn

Salvation's Source, recall
to mind
That, born on earth to save
mankind,
You from unsullied virgin
came,
Made like unto our mortal
frame.

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.

Ant. to psalms Rejoice,
O Virgin Mary, you alone
have destroyed all heresies
throughout all the world.

The psalms To you have
I lifted up my eyes—If the
Lord had not been on our
side—Those who put their
trust in the Lord, p.105-106

Little Chapter Ecclus. 24

And so I was established
in Sion. In the be-
loved city likewise he gave
me a resting place, and
in Jerusalem was my
dominion.

Ry. Holy Mary, Mother
of Christ, * hear your
suppliant servants. — Holy.
V. And from heaven bring
us the favour procured. —
Hear.— Glory.— Holy Mary.
V. Pray for us, holy
Mother of God. **Ry.** That
we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.

Prayer Grant we beseech
you, as above [195].

In Advent

Prayer

O God, who willed that,
at the message of an
angel, your Word should
take flesh in the womb of
the blessed virgin Mary,
grant to us who beseech
you, that as we truly believe
her to be the mother of
God, we may be helped by
her prayers to you.
Through the same.

**From Christmas to the
feast of the Purification
inclusive.**

Prayer

O God, who, through the
fruitful virginity of the
blessed Mary, offered to all
men the rewards of eternal
salvation, grant us, we be-
seech you, that we may
experience her intercession,
through whom we were
found worthy to receive
among us the author of life:
our Lord.

SEXT

V. Hail Mary, full of
grace.

V. O God, make haste
to my rescue, etc.

Hymn Salvation's source
as above [196].

Ant. to psalms In off-
spring a mother, in child-
birth a virgin ; rejoice and
be glad, Virgin Mother of
the Lord.

The psalms When the
Lord delivered Sion, p.106;
If the Lord does not build,
p. 106; O blessed are those
who fear, p. 131.

Little Chapter Ecclus. 24

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. Pray for us, * holy
Mother of God. — Pray. **V.**
That we may be made
worthy of the promises of
Christ. — Holy. — Glory. —
Pray.

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

Prayer

Defend your servants,
Lord, by granting
them the gift of peace ;
and as they trust in the
patronage of blessed Mary,

ever virgin, make them
safe from all their enemies.
Through.

NONE

V. Hail Mary, full of
grace.

V. O God, make haste
to my rescue, etc.

Hymn Salvation's source
as above [196].

Ant. to psalms Blessed
mother and immaculate
virgin, glorious Queen of
the world, intercede for us
with the Lord.

The psalms They have
pressed me hard — Out of
the depths I cry — O Lord,
my heart is not proud,
p. 132.

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.

Ry. God has chosen
her * and has given her
preference. — God. **V.**
He has given her his
home to dwell in. And has
given. — Glory. — God.

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

Prayer

Forgive the sins of your
servants, we beseech
you, Lord ; so that we

who cannot be pleasing to you through any actions of our own, may be saved by the intercession of the mother of your Son, our Lord: Who lives and reigns with you.

VESPERS

V. Hail Mary, full of grace.

V. O God, make haste to my rescue, etc.

Ant. to psalms. Holy Mother of God, Mary ever virgin, intercede for us with the Lord our God.

The psalms The Lord's revelation to my Master, as in the feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary [35].

Little Chapter Ecclus. 24

Like cassia and camel's thorn I gave forth the aroma of spices, and like choice myrrh I spread a pleasant odour.

Hymn Hail, O Star of Ocean [37].

V. Pray for us, holy Mother of God. **Ry.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Magnif. ant. Holy Mary, support the wretched, help the faint-hearted, refresh the downcast, pray for the people, plead for the clergy, intercede for the consecrated women.

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.

In Advent

Magnif. ant. O Virgin of virgins, how can this be? For your like has not appeared before or since. Why do you wonder at me, daughters of Jerusalem? What you see is a divine mystery.

Prayer

O God, who willed that, at the message of an angel, your Word should take flesh in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary, grant to us, who beseech you, that as we truly believe her to be the mother of God, we may be helped by her prayers to you. Through the same.

From Christmas to the feast of the Purification inclusive.

Magnif. ant. What a wonderful exchange! The creator of the human race, taking to himself a living body, deigned to be born of a Virgin: and becoming

man, though without man for father, has bestowed his divinity upon us.

Prayer

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of the blessed Mary, offered to all men the rewards of eternal salvation, grant, we beseech you, that we may experience her intercession, through whom we were found worthy to receive among us the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you.

Paschal time

Magnif. ant. Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia; for he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia, has risen (Ascension time has now gone up) as he said, alleluia. Pray to God for us, alleluia.

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.

COMPLINE

V. Hail Mary, full of grace.

V. Revive us now, God our helper! **Ry.** Put an end to your grievance against us.

V. O God, make haste to my rescue. **Ry.** Lord, come to my aid. Glory be to the Father. Alleluia or Praise.

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.

The psalms O Lord, remember David, p. 132; How good and how pleasant it is, p. 157; O come, bless the Lord, p. 54.

Little Chapter Ecclus. 24

Iam the mother of noble love, of reverence, of knowledge, and of holy hope.

Ry. Intercede for us, holy Virgin of virgins, Mary, Mother of God. - Intercede. **V.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. - Mary. - Glory. - Intercede.

Hymn

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.

¶. After childbirth, O
Virgin, you remained in-
volute. *Ry.* Mother of
God, intercede for us.

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.

Prayer

Grant, O merciful God,
protection to our

frailty; that we who cele-
brate the memory of the
holy mother of God, may,
by the help of her inter-
cession, arise from our sins.
Through the same.

The Lord be with you
or O Lord, listen to my
prayer.

Let us bless the Lord.

Ry. Thanks be to God.

Blessing May the bless-
ing of almighty God, the
Father, the Son and the
Holy Spirit, come down
to us and remain for
ever. *Ry.* Amen.

The antiphons Hail O
Queen and O Light with
their respective versicle and
prayer as in the Ordinary
p. 13.

May the souls of the
faithful departed.

The Pilgrimage Psalms

The following five
psalms are said with only
one antiphon

Eternal rest:
Ps. To the Lord in the
hour of my distress, p. 81;

Ps. I lift up my eyes, p. 82;

Ps. I rejoiced when I
heard them say, p. 82;

Ps. To you have I lifted
up my eyes, p. 105;

Ps. If the Lord had not
been at our side, p. 105;

Then follows: Our
Father . . . And lead us not
into temptation. *Ry.* But
deliver us from evil.

¶. From the gate of hell.

Ry. Lord, deliver their
souls.

The Lord be with you.

Ry. And also with you.

Let us pray.

Prayer

Free, we beseech you,
Lord, the souls of your
servants and handmaids
from every bond of sin;
so that being raised up in
the glory of the resurrection
they may live again with

your saints and chosen ones.
Through Christ.

**Each of the following
five psalms is said with the
Glory be to the Father:**

Ps. Those who put their
trust, p. 106;

Ps. When the Lord deliv-
ered Sion, p. 106;

Ps. If the Lord does not
build, p. 106;

Ps. O blessed are those,
p. 131;

Ps. They have pressed
me hard from my youth,
p. 132.

Then follows: Lord have
mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Our
Father . . . And lead us not
into temptation. *Ry.* But
deliver us from evil.

¶. Remember your
people. *Ry.* Whom you
chose, long ago.

The Lord be with you.

Ry. And also with you.

Let us pray.

Prayer

O God, you alone are
always merciful and
forgiving; accept our
prayer that your merciful
kindness may graciously
release those who are

bound by the fetters of sin.
Through Christ.

**Each of these further five
psalms is said with the
Glory be to the Father.**

Ps. Out of the depths,
p. 132;

Ps. O Lord, my heart is
not proud, p. 132;

Ps. O Lord, remember
David, p. 133;

Ps. How good and how
pleasant it is, p. 157;

Ps. O come, bless the
Lord, p. 54;

Then follows: Lord have
mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Our
Father . . . And lead us not
into temptation. *Ry.* But
deliver us from evil.

¶. Save your servants
and your handmaidens. *Ry.*
Who trust in you, my God.

The Lord be with you.

Ry. And also with you.

Let us pray.

Prayer

Stretch out, Lord, the
right hand of heavenly
help to your servants and
handmaidens. May they
seek you with their whole
heart, and obtain whatever
they worthily ask of you.
Through Christ.

The Office of the Dead

It is usually said in choir on the day of burial. It is furthermore to be recited chorally on the four Anniversaries of the Order. Those absent from choir must still say it within the respective week, though they are permitted to say it in parts. It is to be noted that an Anniversary of the Order should be celebrated on the day laid down in the calendar unless it falls on a liturgical day of the I or II class: in which case the Anniversary is transferred to the nearest day not similarly impeded.

At the Our Father and at the prayer ending Lauds and Vespers, a genuflexion is made, depending on whether in the canonical Hour immediately preceding genuflexions were made or not.

MATINS

I Nocturn

Begin without preliminary
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, ⁊ 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 surround him with favour as with a shield.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord * and let perpetual light shine upon them.

This verse is said at the end of every psalm and canticle.

Ant. 1 Lord my God, make clear your way before me.

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. 2 Return, Lord, rescue my soul, for in death no one remembers you.

Psalm 7

Lord God, I take refuge in you. * From my pursuer save me and rescue me,

Lest he tear me to pieces like a lion * and drag me off with no one to rescue me.

Lord God, if my hands have done wrong, * if I have paid back evil for good, I who saved my unjust oppressor :

Then let my foe pursue me and seize me, ⁊ let him trample my life to the ground * and lay my soul in the dust.

Lord, rise up in your anger, * rise against the fury of my foes ;

My God, awake ! * You will give judgment.

Let the company of nations gather round you, * taking your seat above them on high.

(The Lord is judge of the peoples.) Give judgment for me, Lord; * I am just and innocent of heart.

Put an end to the evil of the wicked! Make the just stand firm, * you who test mind and heart, O just God!

God is the shield that protects me, * who saves the upright of heart.

God is a just judge slow to anger; * but he threatens the wicked every day, men who will not repent.

God will sharpen his sword; * he has braced his bow and taken aim.

For them he has prepared deadly weapons; * he bars his arrows with fire.

Here is one who is pregnant with malice, * conceives evil and brings forth lies.

He digs a pitfall, digs it deep; * and in the trap he has made he will fall.

His malice will recoil on himself; * on his own head his violence will fall.

I will thank the Lord for his justice: * I will sing to the Lord, the Most High.

Ant. 3 Lest he tear me to pieces like a lion and drag me off with no one to rescue me.

V. From the gate of hell. **Ry.** Lord, deliver their souls.

Our Father . . . And lead us not into temptation.

Ry. But deliver us from evil.

The lessons are read without blessing or title.

Lesson i Job 7

Let me alone, Lord, for my days are a breath. What is man that you make so much of him, and that you set your mind upon him, visit him every morning, and test his every moment? How long will you not look away from me, nor let me alone till I swallow my spittle? If I sin, what do I do to you, watcher of men? Why have you made me your mark? Why have I become a burden to you? Why do you not pardon my transgression and take away my iniquity? For now I shall lie in the earth; you will seek me, but I shall not be.

The lessons are ended without Indeed, Lord or any other conclusion.

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 saviour. **V.** Whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. – My saviour.

Lesson ii Job 10

Iloathe my life; I will give free utterance to

my complaint; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. I will say to God, Do not condemn me; let me know why you contend against me. Does it seem good to you to oppress, to despise the work of your hands and favour the designs of the wicked? Have you eyes of flesh? Do you see as man sees? Are your days as the days of man, or your years as man's years, that you seek out my iniquity and search for my sin, although you know that I am not guilty, and there is none to deliver out of your hand?

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 Job 10

Your hands fashioned and made me; and now you turn about and destroy me. Remember that you made me of clay; and will you turn me to dust again? Did you not pour me out like milk and curdle me like cheese? You clothed me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews. You granted me life and steadfast love;

and your care has preserved my spirit.

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

Psalm 22

The Lord is my shepherd; * there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures * where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me, * to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; * he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness * no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff; * with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me * in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; * my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me * all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell * for ever and ever.

Ant. 4 Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Psalm 24

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. I trust you, let me not be disappointed; * do not let my enemies triumph.

Those who hope in you shall not be disappointed, * but only those who wantonly break faith.

Lord, make me know your ways. * Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: * for you are God my saviour.

In you I hope all the day long * because of your goodness, O Lord.

Remember your mercy, Lord, * and the love you have shown from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth. * In your love remember me.

The Lord is good and upright. * He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path; * he teaches his way to the poor.

His ways are faithfulness and love * for those who keep his covenant and will.

Lord, for the sake of your name * forgive my guilt; for it is great.

If anyone fears the Lord * he will show him the path he should choose.

His soul shall live in happiness * and his children shall possess the land.

The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; * to them he reveals his covenant.

My eyes are always on the Lord; * for he rescues my feet from the snare.

Turn to me and have mercy * for I am lonely and poor.

Relieve the anguish of my heart * and set me free from my distress.

See my affliction and my toil * and take all my sins away.

See how many are my foes; * how violent their hatred for me.

Preserve my life and rescue me. * Do not disappoint me, you are my refuge.

May innocence and uprightness protect me: * for my hope is in you, O Lord.

Redeem Israel, O God, * from all its distress.

Ant. 5 Lord, do not remember the sins of my youth.

Psalm 26

The Lord is my light and my help; * whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; * before whom shall I shrink?

When evil-doers draw near to devour my flesh, * it is they, my enemies and foes, who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me * my heart would not fear.

Though war break out against me * even then would I trust.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, * to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life,

To savour the sweetness of the Lord, * to behold his temple.

For there he keeps me safe in his tent * in the day of evil.

He hides me in the shelter of his tent, * on a rock he sets me safe.

And now my head shall be raised * above my foes who surround me

And I shall offer within his tent * a sacrifice of joy.

I will sing * and make music for the Lord.

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; * have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken: * "Seek his face."

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; * hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger; * you have been my help.

Do not abandon or forsake me, * O God my help!

Though father and

mother forsake me, * the Lord will receive me.

Instruct me, Lord, in your way; * on an even path lead me.

When they lie in ambush protect me * from my enemy's greed.

False witnesses rise against me, * breathing out fury.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness * in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. * Hope in the Lord.

Ant. 6 I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

V. The just will be remembered for ever. **R.** They have no fear of evil news.

Our Father . . . And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

Lesson iv

Job 13

Reply to me. How many are my iniquities and my sins? Make me know my transgression and my sin. Why do you hide your face, and count me as your enemy? Will you frighten a driven leaf and pursue dry chaff? For you write bitter things against me, and make me inherit the iniquities of my youth. You put my feet in the stocks, and watch all my paths; you set a bound to

the soles of my feet. Man wastes away like a rotten thing, like a garment that is moth-eaten.

R. 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 Job 14

Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He comes forth like a flower, and withers; he flees like a shadow, and continues not. And do you open your eyes upon such a one and bring him into judgment with you? Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? There is not one. Since his days are determined, and the number of his months is with you, and you have appointed his bounds that he cannot pass, look away from him, and desist, that he may enjoy, like a hireling, his day.

R. 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 Job 14

O that you would hide me in Sheol, that you would conceal me until your wrath be past, that you would appoint me a set time, and remember me! If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my service I would wait, till my release should come. You would call, and I would answer you; you would long for the work of your hands. For then you would number my steps, you would not keep watch over my sin.

R. 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, I have sinned. - Wherefore I appeal.

III Nocturn

Psalm 39

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; * he heard my cry.

He drew me from the deadly pit, * from the miry clay.

He set my feet upon a rock * and made my footsteps firm.

He put a new song into my mouth, * praise of our God.

Many shall see and fear * and shall trust in the Lord.

Happy the man who has placed * his trust in the Lord

And has not gone over to the rebels * who follow false gods.

How many, O Lord my God, are the wonders and designs * that you have worked for us; you have no equal.

Should I proclaim and speak of them, * they are more than I can tell!

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, * but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim. * Instead, here am I.

In the scroll of the book it stands written * that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law * in the depth of my heart.

Your justice I have proclaimed * in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed; * you know it, O Lord.

I have not hidden your justice in my heart * but declared your faithful help.

I have not hidden your love and your truth * from the great assembly.

O Lord, you will not

withhold * your compassion from me.

Your merciful love and your truth * will always guard me.

For I am beset with evils too many to be counted. * My sins have fallen upon me and my sight fails me.

They are more than the hairs of my head * and my heart sinks.

O Lord, come to my rescue, * Lord, come to my aid.

O let there be shame and confusion * on those who seek my life.

O let them turn back in confusion, * who delight in my harm.

Let them be appalled, covered with shame, * who jeer at my lot.

O let there be rejoicing and gladness * for all who seek you.

Let them ever say: "The Lord is great," * who love your saving help.

As for me, wretched and poor, * the Lord thinks of me.

You are my rescuer, my help, * O God, do not delay.

Ant. 7 O Lord, come to my rescue; Lord, come to my aid.

Psalm 40

Happy the man who considers the poor and the weak. * The Lord will save him in the day of evil,

Will guard him, give him life, make him happy in the land * and will not give him up to the will of his foes.

The Lord will help him on his bed of pain, * he will bring him back from sickness to health.

As for me, I said: "Lord, have mercy on me, * heal my soul for I have sinned against you."

My foes are speaking evil against me. * "How long before he dies and his name be forgotten?"

They come to visit me and speak empty words, * their hearts full of malice, they spread it abroad.

My enemies whisper together against me. * They all weigh up the evil which is on me:

"Some deadly thing has fastened upon him, * he will not rise again from where he lies."

Thus even my friend, in whom I trusted, * who ate my bread, has turned against me.

But you, O Lord, have mercy on me. * Let me rise once more and I will repay them.

By this I shall know that you are my friend, * if my foes do not shout in triumph over me.

If you uphold me I shall be unharmed * and set in your presence for evermore.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from age to age. * Amen. Amen.

Ant. 8 Heal my soul for I have sinned against you.

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. 9 My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life, when can I enter and see the face of God?

V. Do not give Israel, your dove, to the hawk,

Ry. Nor forget the life of your poor servants for ever.

Our Father . . . And lead us not into temptation.

Ry. But deliver us from evil.

Lesson vii

Job 17

My spirit is broken, my days are extinct, the grave is ready for me. Surely there are mockers about me, and my eye dwells on their provocation. Lay down a pledge for me

with yourself; who is there that will give surety for me? My days are past, my plans are broken off, the desires of my heart. They make night into day; "The light," they say, "is near to the darkness." If I look for Sheol as my house, if I spread my couch in darkness, if I say to the pit, "You are my father," and to the worm, "My mother," or "My sister," where then is my hope? Who will see my hope?

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

Job 19

My bones cleave to my skin and to my flesh, and I have escaped by the skin of my teeth. Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends, for the hand of God has touched me! Why do you, like God, pursue me? Why are you not satisfied with my flesh? O that my words were written! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and lead they were graven in the rock for ever! For I

know that my Redeemer lives, and at last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then from my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

R. 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

Job 10

Why did you bring me forth from the womb? Would that I had died before any eye had seen me, and were as though I had not been, carried from the womb to the grave. Are not the days of my life few? Let me alone, that I may find a little comfort before I go whence I shall not return, to the land of gloom and deep darkness, the land of gloom and chaos, where light is as darkness.

R. 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. That day is a day of wrath, a day of ruin and devastation, the great day;

and a very bitter one. - When the heavens up to as you, **exclusive.**

V. 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. 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. **R.** 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 last responsory has been finished, the Our Father and prayer are said as at Lauds [216].

LAUDS

Begin without preliminary Psalm 50

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. * In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt * and cleanse me from my sin.

My offences truly I know them; * my sin is always before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned; * what is evil in your sight I have done.

That you may be justified when you give sentence * and be without reproach when you judge,

O see, in guilt I was born, * a sinner was I conceived.

Indeed you love truth in the heart; * then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.

O purify me, then I shall be clean; * O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me hear rejoicing and gladness, * that the bones you have crushed may thrill.

From my sins turn away your face * and blot out all my guilt.

A pure heart create for me, O God, * put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, * nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help; * with a spirit of fervour sustain me,

That I may teach transgressors your ways * and sinners may return to you.

O rescue me, God, my

helper, * and my tongue shall ring out your goodness.

O Lord, open my lips * and my mouth shall declare your praise.

For in sacrifice you take no delight, * burnt offering from me you would refuse,

My sacrifice, a contrite spirit. * A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

In your goodness, show favour to Sion: * rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice, (burnt offerings wholly consumed), * then you will be offered young bulls on your altar.

Ant. 1 The bones you have crushed will thrill to the Lord.

Psalm 64

To you our praise is due in Sion, O God. * To you we pay our vows, you who hear our prayer.

To you all flesh will come with its burden of sin. * Too heavy for us, our offences, but you wipe them away.

Blessed he whom you choose and call * to dwell in your courts.

We are filled with the blessings of your house, * of your holy temple.

You keep your pledge with wonders, O God our saviour, * the hope of all

the earth and of far distant isles.

You uphold the mountains with your strength, * you are girded with power.

You still the roaring of the seas, * (the roaring of their waves) and the tumult of the peoples.

The ends of the earth stand in awe * at the sight of your wonders.

The lands of sunrise and sunset * you fill with your joy.

You care for the earth, give it water, * you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over * to provide its grain.

And thus you provide for the earth; * you drench its furrows,

You level it, soften it with showers, * you bless its growth.

You crown the year with your goodness. * Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

The hills are girded with joy, * the meadows covered with flocks,

The valleys are decked with wheat. * They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

Ant. 2 Lord, hear my prayer: to you all flesh will come.

Psalm 62

O God, you are my God, for you I long; * for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you * like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary * to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life, * my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life, * in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, * my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you. * On you I muse through the night

For you have been my help; * in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you; * your right hand holds me fast.

Those who seek to destroy my life * shall go down to the depths of the earth.

They shall be put into the power of the sword * and left as the prey of the jackals.

But the king shall rejoice in God; * (all that swear by him shall be blessed) for the mouth of liars shall be silenced.

Ant. 3 Your right hand holds me fast, Lord.

Canticle of King Hezekiah Isaiah 38

I said, In the noontide of my days I must depart; * I am consigned to the gates of Sheol for the rest of my years.

I said, I shall not see the Lord * in the land of the living;

I shall look upon man no more * among the inhabitants of the world.

My dwelling is plucked up and removed from me * like a shepherd's tent;

Like a weaver I have rolled up my life; ζ he cuts me off from the loom; * from day to night you bring me to an end;

I cry for help until morning; * like a lion he breaks all my bones;

From day to night you bring me to an end. * Like a swallow or a crane I clamour, I moan like a dove.

My eyes are weary * with looking upward.

O Lord, I am oppressed; be my security! * But what can I say? For he has spoken to me, and he himself has done it.

All my sleep has fled * because of the bitterness of my soul.

O Lord, by these things men live, and in all these is the life of my spirit. * Oh, restore me to health and make me live!

Lo, it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness; ζ but you have held back my life from the pit of destruction, * for you have cast all my sins behind your back.

For Sheol cannot thank you, death cannot praise you; * those who go down to the pit cannot hope for your faithfulness.

The living, the living, he thanks you, as I do this day; * the father makes known to the children your faithfulness.

The Lord will save me, and we will sing to stringed instruments * all the days of our life, at the house of the Lord.

Ant. 4 From the gate of hell, Lord, deliver their souls.

Psalm 150

Praise God in his holy place, * praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his powerful deeds, * praise his surpassing greatness.

O praise him with sound of trumpet, * praise him with lute and harp.

Praise him with timbrel and dance, * praise him with strings and pipes.

O praise him with resounding cymbals, * praise him with clashing of cymbals.

Let everything that lives and that breathes * give praise to the Lord.

Ant. 5 Let everything that lives and breathes give praise to the Lord.

The Cantic Benedictus follows immediately.

Bened. ant. I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

The Our Father is said silently.

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. Let us pray.

The appropriate prayer is said, followed by **May** they rest in peace, as below.

On the Day of Death or Burial

For a Supreme Pontiff Prayer

O God, by your wonderful providence you were pleased to number your servant **N.** amongst the sovereign pontiffs; grant, we beseech you, that he who reigned as the vicar of your Son on earth, may be joined in fellowship with your holy pontiffs for evermore. Through the same.

For a bishop or priest

Prayer

O God, you made your servant **N.** to be honoured with the episcopal (or priestly) dignity among apostolic priests; grant, we beseech you, that he may be joined in fellowship with them for ever. Through.

For a dead man

Prayer

Lord, listen attentively to the prayers by which we humbly beg your mercy. May you establish in a place of peace and light the soul of your servant **N.** whom you have ordered to go out from this world; may you decree that he be numbered with your saints. Through.

For a dead woman

Prayer

We beseech you, Lord, in your loving kindness to have mercy on the soul of your servant **N.** Now that she has laid aside the defilements of mortal life, bring her to share in eternal salvation. Through.

For father or mother only

Prayer

O God, you commanded us to honour father

and mother: in your loving kindness have pity on the soul of my father (or mother); forgive him (or her) his (or her) sins, and grant that I may see him (or her) in the joy of eternal brightness. Through.

On every anniversary

For more than one person

Prayer

O God, Lord of mercies, give to the souls of your servants, whose anniversary we keep, the home of refreshment, the blessedness of peace and the brightness of light. Through our Lord.

For one person

Prayer

O God, Lord of mercies, give to the soul of your servant **N.**, whose anniversary we keep, the home of refreshment, the blessedness of peace, and the brightness of light. Through our Lord.

For a Supreme Pontiff, bishop or priest, the appropriate prayer is said, as above.

In the Ordinary Office

For deceased brethren, sisters, relatives and benefactors

Prayer

O God, giver of pardon, and author of human salvation, we beseech your loving kindness that through the intercession of blessed Mary ever-virgin, and of all your saints, you would grant that the brethren, sisters, kinsfolk and benefactors of our Order who have passed out of this life, may reach the fellowship of everlasting happiness. Through.

For the dead in general

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.

After the prayer is added

May they rest in peace. **Ry.** Amen.

VESPERS

Begin without preliminary

Psalm 114

I love the Lord for he has heard * the cry of my appeal; For he turned his ear to me * in the day when I called him.

They surrounded me, the snares of death, with the anguish of the tomb ; * they caught me, sorrow and distress.

I called on the Lord's name. * O Lord my God, deliver me !

How gracious is the Lord, and just ; * our God has compassion.

The Lord protects the simple hearts ; * I was helpless so he saved me.

Turn back, my soul, to your rest * for the Lord has been good ;

He has kept my soul from death, (my eyes from tears) * and my feet from stumbling.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord * in the land of the living.

Ant. 1 I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Psalm 119

To the Lord in the hour of my distress * I call and he answers me.

" O Lord, save my soul from lying lips, * from the tongue of the deceitful."

What shall he pay you in return, * O treacherous tongue ?

The warrior's arrows sharpened * and coals, red-hot, blazing.

Alas, that I abide a stranger in Meshech, * dwell among the tents of Kedar !

Long enough have I been dwelling * with those who hate peace.

I am for peace, but when I speak, * they are for fighting.

Ant. 2 Alas, that I abide a stranger in Meshech !

Psalm 120

I lift up my eyes to the mountains : * from where shall come my help ?

My help shall come from the Lord * who made heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble ! * Let him sleep not, your guard.

No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, * Israel's guard.

The Lord is your guard and your shade ; * at your right side he stands.

By day the sun shall not smite you * nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil, * he will guard your soul.

The Lord will guard your going and coming * both now and for ever.

Ant. 3 The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul.

Psalm 129

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, * Lord, hear my voice !

O let your ears be attentive * to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, * Lord, who would survive ?

But with you is found forgiveness: * for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord, * I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord * more than watchman for daybreak.

(Let the watchman count on daybreak * and Israel on the Lord.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy * and fullness of redemption.

Israel indeed he will redeem * from all its iniquity.

Ant. 4 If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive ?

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.

Ant. 5 Discard not, O Lord, the work of your hands.

The Canticle Magnificat follows immediately.

Magnif. ant. I heard a voice from heaven saying, " Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

The Our Father is said silently.

And lead us not into temptation. **Ry.** But deliver us from evil.

y. From the gate of hell. **Ry.** Lord, deliver their souls.

The Lord be with you.

Ry. And also with you. Let us pray.

The appropriate prayer as in Lauds [216].

Seven Penitential Psalms

A partial indulgence is granted to those who devoutly recite the seven penitential psalms (Sac. Penit. Ap., March 18, 1932).

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 ; 7 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.

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.

Psalm 37

O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger ; * do not punish me, Lord, in your rage.

Your arrows have sunk deep in me ; * your hand has come down upon me.

Through your anger all my body is sick: * through my sin, there is no health in my limbs.

My guilt towers higher than my head ; * it is a weight too heavy to bear.

My wounds are foul and festering, * the result of my own folly.

I am bowed and brought to my knees. * I go mourning all the day long.

All my frame burns with fever ; * all my body is sick.

Spent and utterly crushed, * I cry aloud in anguish of heart.

O Lord, you know all my longing : * my groans are not hidden from you.

My heart throbs, my strength is spent ; * the very light has gone from my eyes.

My friends avoid me like a leper ; * those closest to me stand afar off.

Those who plot against my life lay snares ; * those who seek my ruin speak of harm, planning treachery all the day long.

But I am like a deaf man who cannot hear, * like a dumb man who cannot open his mouth.

I am like a man who hears nothing * in whose mouth is no defence.

I count on you, O Lord: * it is you, Lord God, who will answer.

I pray: " Do not let them mock me, * those who triumph if my foot should slip."

For I am on the point of falling * and my pain is always before me.

I confess that I am guilty * and my sin fills me with dismay.

My wanton enemies are numberless * and my lying foes are many.

They repay me evil for good * and attack me for seeking what is right.

O Lord, do not forsake

me! * My God, do not stay afar off!

Make haste and come to my help, * O Lord, my God, my saviour !

Psalm 50

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. * In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt * and cleanse me from my sin.

My offences truly I know them ; * my sin is always before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned ; * what is evil in your sight I have done.

That you may be justified when you give sentence * and be without reproach when you judge,

O see, in guilt I was born, * a sinner was I conceived.

Indeed you love truth in the heart ; * then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.

O purify me, then I shall be clean ; * O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me hear rejoicing and gladness, * that the bones you have crushed may thrill.

From my sins turn away your face * and blot out all my guilt.

A pure heart create for me, O God, * put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, * nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help ; * with a spirit of fervour sustain me,

That I may teach transgressors your ways * and sinners may return to you.

O rescue me, God, my helper, * and my tongue shall ring out your goodness.

O Lord, open my lips * and my mouth shall declare your praise.

For in sacrifice you take no delight, * burnt offering from me you would refuse,

My sacrifice, a contrite spirit. * A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

In your goodness, show favour to Sion : * rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice, (burnt offerings wholly consumed), * then you will be offered young bulls on your altar.

Psalm 101

O Lord, listen to my prayer * and let my cry for help reach you.

Do not hide your face from me * in the day of my distress.

Turn your ear towards me * and answer me quickly when I call.

For my days are vanish-

ing like smoke, * my bones burn away like a fire.

My heart is withered like the grass. * I forget to eat my bread.

I cry with all my strength * and my skin clings to my bones.

I have become like a pelican in the wilderness, * like an owl in desolate places.

I lie awake and I moan * like some lonely bird on a roof.

All day long my foes revile me ; * those who hate me use my name as a curse.

The bread I eat is ashes ; * my drink is mingled with tears.

In your anger, Lord, and your fury * you have lifted me up and thrown me down.

My days are like a passing shadow * and I wither away like the grass.

But you, O Lord, will endure for ever * and your name from age to age.

You will arise and have mercy on Sion : ζ for this is the time to have mercy, * (yes, the time appointed has come)

For your servants love her very stones, * are moved with pity even for her dust.

The nations shall fear the name of the Lord * and all the earth's kings your glory,

When the Lord shall build up Sion again * and

appear in all his glory.

Then he will turn to the prayers of the helpless ; * he will not despise their prayers.

Let this be written for ages to come * that a people yet unborn may praise the Lord ;

For the Lord leaned down from his sanctuary on high. * He looked down from heaven to the earth

That he might hear the groans of the prisoners * and free those condemned to die.

The sons of your servants shall dwell untroubled * and their race shall endure before you.

That the name of the Lord may be proclaimed in Sion * and his praise in the heart of Jerusalem,

When peoples and kingdoms are gathered together * to pay their homage to the Lord.

He has broken my strength in mid-course ; * he has shortened the days of my life.

I say to God : " Do not take me away before my days are complete, * you, whose days last from age to age.

Long ago you founded the earth * and the heavens are the work of your hands.

They will perish but you will remain. * They will all wear out like a garment.

You will change them

like clothes that are changed. * But you neither change, nor have an end.”

Psalm 129

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, * Lord, hear my voice !

O let your ears be attentive * to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, * Lord, who would survive ?

But with you is found forgiveness: * for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord, * I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord * more than watchman for daybreak.

(Let the watchman count on daybreak * and Israel on the Lord.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy * and fullness of redemption,

Israel indeed he will redeem * from all its iniquity.

Psalm 142

Lord, listen to my prayer: * turn your ear to my appeal.

You are faithful, you are just ; * give answer.

Do not call your servant to judgment * for no one is just in your sight.

The enemy pursues my soul ; * he has crushed my life to the ground ;

He has made me dwell in darkness * like the dead,

long forgotten.

Therefore my spirit fails ; * my heart is numb within me.

I remember the days that are past: I ponder all your works. * I muse on what your hand has wrought

And to you I stretch out my hands. * Like a parched land my soul thirsts for you.

Lord, make haste and give me answer ; * for my spirit fails within me.

Do not hide your face * lest I become like those in the grave.

In the morning let me know your love * for I put my trust in you.

Make me know the way I should walk: * to you I lift up my soul.

Rescue me, Lord, from my enemies ; * I have fled to you for refuge.

Teach me to do your will, * for you, O Lord, are my God.

Let your good spirit guide me * in ways that are level and smooth.

For your name's sake, Lord, save my life ; * in your justice save my soul from distress.

In your love make an end of my foes ; destroy all those who oppress me * for I am your servant, O Lord.

Ant. Do not recall, Lord, our offences nor those of our parents, and do not take vengeance because of our sins.

Litany of the Saints

The Litany of the Saints, with its prayers, is to be said on the Major and Minor Litanies, according to their respective rubrics. They cannot be anticipated on the previous evening, neither are the invocations duplicated

Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, hear us.

R. Christ, graciously hear us.
God, the heavenly Father, have mercy on us.

The choir repeats:

God, the heavenly Father, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

R. God the Son, etc.
God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

R. God the Holy Spirit, etc.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

R. Holy Trinity, etc.
Holy Mary,

R. Pray for us.
Holy Mother of God, pray.

Holy Virgin of virgins,	pray.
St. Michael,	pray.
St. Gabriel,	pray.
St. Raphael,	pray.
All holy Angels and Archangels,	pray.
All holy ranks of blessed Spirits,	pray.
St. John the Baptist,	pray.
St. Joseph,	pray.
All holy Patriarchs and Prophets,	pray.
St. Peter,	pray.
St. Paul,	pray.
St. Andrew,	pray.
St. James,	pray.
St. John,	pray.
St. Thomas,	pray.
St. James,	pray.
St. Philip,	pray.
St. Bartholomew,	pray.
St. Matthew,	pray.
St. Simon,	pray.
St. Thaddeus,	pray.
St. Matthias,	pray.
St. Barnabas,	pray.
St. Mark,	pray.
St. Luke,	pray.
All holy Disciples of the Lord,	pray.
All holy Innocents,	pray.
St. Stephen,	pray.
St. Clement,	pray.
St. Cornelius,	pray.
St. Cyprian,	pray.
St. Lawrence,	pray.
St. Vincent,	pray.

St. Denis and your companions, pray.	St. Agatha, pray.	
St. Maurice and your companions, pray.	St. Lucy, pray.	
St. Januarius and your companions, pray.	St. Agnes, pray.	
SS. Fabian and Sebastian, pray.	St. Cecilia, pray.	
SS. Cosmas and Damian, pray.	St. Catherine, pray.	
St. Thomas, pray.	St. Margaret, pray.	
St. Peter, pray.	St. Ursula and your companions, pray.	
St. John and your companions, pray.	St. Catherine, pray.	
All holy Martyrs, pray.	St. Rose, pray.	
St. Sylvester, pray.	St. Agnes, pray.	
St. Gregory, pray.	St. Catherine, pray.	
St. Pius, pray.	St. Margaret, pray.	
St. Ambrose, pray.	All holy Virgins and Widows, pray.	
St. Augustine, pray.	All Saints, pray.	
St. Jerome, pray.	Be merciful.	
St. Hilary, pray.	R. Spare us, Lord.	
St. Martin, pray.	Be merciful.	
St. Nicholas, pray.	R. Graciously hear us, Lord.	
St. Antoninus, pray.	From everlasting damnation, Lord, deliver us.	
St. Albert, pray.	From a sudden and unprovided death, Lord, deliver us.	
Holy Father, Dominic, pray.	From the perils impending on our sins, Lord, deliver us.	
Holy Father, Dominic, pray.	From the attacks of the devil, Lord, deliver us.	
St. Thomas, pray.	From all uncleanness of mind and body, Lord, deliver us.	
St. Vincent, pray.	From anger, hatred and all ill-will, Lord, deliver us.	
St. Hyacinth, pray.	From unclean thoughts, Lord, deliver us.	
St. Raymond, pray.	From blindness of heart, Lord, deliver us.	
St. Louis, pray.	From lightning and storm, Lord, deliver us.	
St. Anthony, pray.	From plague, famine and war, Lord, deliver us.	
St. Benedict, pray.	From the scourge of earthquake, Lord, deliver us.	
St. Bernard, pray.		
St. Francis, pray.		
All holy Confessors, pray.		
St. Ann, pray.		
St. Mary Magdalen, pray.		
St. Martha, pray.		
St. Felicity, pray.		
St. Perpetua, pray.		

From all evil, Lord deliver us.	That you would be pleased to give peace, true concord and victory to our kings and leaders, we beseech.
Through the mystery of your holy incarnation, Lord, deliver us.	That you would be pleased to maintain the whole christian people who have been redeemed by your precious blood, we beseech.
Through your passion and cross, Lord, deliver us.	That you would be pleased to call back to the unity of the church all who have strayed, and to lead all unbelievers to the light of the gospel, we beseech.
Through your glorious resurrection, Lord, deliver us.	That you would repay all our benefactors with goods that are eternal, we beseech.
Through your wonderful ascension, Lord, deliver us.	That you would rescue our souls, and those of our parents, from eternal damnation, we beseech.
Through the grace of the Holy Spirit, the Counsellor, Lord, deliver us.	That you would be pleased to give and preserve the fruits of the earth, we beseech.
On the day of Judgment, Lord, deliver us.	That you would be pleased to turn your merciful eyes towards us, we beseech.
We who are sinners, we beseech you, hear us.	That you would make spiritual our lowly worship, we beseech.
That you would give us peace, we beseech.	That you would raise our minds to desire heavenly things, we beseech.
That your mercy and love may guard us, we beseech.	That you would be pleased to consider and to relieve the misery of the poor and imprisoned, we beseech.
That you would be pleased to direct and maintain your church, we beseech.	That you would be pleased
That you would be pleased to maintain in holy religion the Pope and all ranks of the church, we beseech.	
That you would be pleased to maintain in your holy service, our bishops and prelates and all the congregations committed to their care, we beseech.	
That you would be pleased to humble the enemies of the church we beseech.	

to visit our homes and to comfort all who dwell there, we beseech. That you would be pleased to protect and maintain this state and all its people, we beseech. That you would be pleased to lead to a safe port all the faithful travelling by land or sea, we beseech. That you would be pleased to train us by religious exercises, we beseech. That you would give eternal rest to all the faithful departed, we beseech. That you would be pleased to hear us, we beseech. Son of God, we beseech.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. *R.* Spare us, Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. *R.* Graciously hear us, Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. *R.* Have mercy on us.

Our Father *in secret* . . . And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

Psalm 69

O God, make haste to my rescue, * Lord, come to my aid !

Let there be shame and confusion * on those who seek my life.

O let them turn back in confusion, * who delight in my harm,

Let them retreat, covered with shame, * who jeer at my lot.

Let there be rejoicing and gladness * for all who seek you.

Let them say for ever: "God is great," * who love your saving help.

As for me, wretched and poor, * come to me, O God.

You are my rescuer, my help, * O Lord, do not delay.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

V. After childbirth, O Virgin, you remained inviolate.

R. Mother of God, intercede for us.

V. Pray for us, holy father, Dominic.

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

V. Peoples will declare the wisdom of the Saints.

R. And the congregation proclaims their praise.

V. Remember your people.

R. Whom you chose long ago.

V. Save your servants and your handmaids.

R. Who trust in you, my God.

V. Be to us, Lord, a strong tower.

R. Against the foe.

V. May peace reign in your walls.

R. In your palaces, peace.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

Let us pray

Defend your servants, Lord, by granting them the gift of peace, and as they trust in the patronage of blessed Mary ever-virgin, make them safe from all their enemies.

Grant, we beseech you, almighty God, that we who are weighed down by the burden of our sins, may be relieved through the patronage of the blessed Dominic, your confessor and our father.

Grant, we beseech you, almighty God, that

the example of the saints of our Order may inspire us to a better life ; as we venerate their memory, may we copy their behaviour.

In your loving kindness, Lord, show us your mercy, which surpasses description, and so, at one and the same time, free us from all sins, and save us from the penalties that we should suffer on account of these.

Stretch out, Lord, the right hand of heavenly help to your servants and handmaids. May they seek you with their whole heart and obtain whatever they worthily ask of you.

O God, from whom spring holy desires, good counsels and righteous works, give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give ; that with hearts dedicated to your commandments, and free from fear of the enemy, our days may be tranquil under your protection. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

PSALMS

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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 !

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, * disjointed 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."

Psalm 22

The Lord is my shepherd; * there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures * where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me, * to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; * he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness * no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff; * with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me * in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; * my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me * all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell * for ever and ever.

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.

Psalm 24

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. I trust you, let me not be disappointed; * do not let my enemies triumph.

Those who hope in you shall not be disappointed, * but only those who wantonly break faith.

Lord, make me know your ways. * Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: * for you are God my saviour.

In you I hope all the day long * because of your goodness, O Lord.

Remember your mercy, Lord, * and the love you have shown from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth. * In your love remember me.

The Lord is good and upright. * He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path; * he teaches his way to the poor.

His ways are faithfulness and love * for those who keep his covenant and will.

Lord, for the sake of your

name * forgive my guilt; for it is great.

If anyone fears the Lord * he will show him the path he should choose.

His soul shall live in happiness * and his children shall possess the land.

The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; * to them he reveals his covenant.

My eyes are always on the Lord; * for he rescues my feet from the snare.

Turn to me and have mercy * for I am lonely and poor.

Relieve the anguish of my heart * and set me free from my distress.

See my affliction and my toil * and take all my sins away.

See how many are my foes; * how violent their hatred for me.

Preserve my life and rescue me. * Do not disappoint me, you are my refuge.

May innocence and uprightness protect me: * for my hope is in you, O Lord.

Redeem Israel, O God, * from all its distress.

Psalm 25

Give judgment for me, O Lord: for I walk the path of perfection. * I trust in the Lord; I have not wavered.

Examine me, Lord, and

try me; * O test my heart
and my mind,

For your love is before
my eyes * and I walk
according to your truth.

I never take my place
with liars * and with
hypocrites I shall not go.

I hate the evil-doer's
company: * I will not take
my place with the wicked.

To prove my innocence I
wash my hands * and take
my place around your altar,

Singing a song of thanks-
giving, * proclaiming all
your wonders.

O Lord, I love the house
where you dwell, * the
place where your glory
abides.

Do not sweep me away
with sinners, * nor my life
with bloodthirsty men

In whose hands are evil
plots, * whose right hands
are filled with gold.

As for me, I walk the
path of perfection. * Re-
deem me and show me your
mercy.

My foot stands on level
ground: * I will bless the
Lord in the assembly.

Psalm 51

Why do you boast of
your wickedness, * you
champion of evil?

Why plan ruin all the day
long, * (your tongue like a
sharpened razor,) you
master of deceit.

You love evil more than

good; * lies more than
truth.

You love the destructive
word, * you tongue of
deceit.

For this God will destroy
you * and remove you for
ever.

He will snatch you from
your tent and uproot you *
from the land of the living.

The just shall see and
fear. * They shall laugh
and say:

"So this is the man who
refused * to take God as his
stronghold,

But trusted in the great-
ness of his wealth * and grew
powerful by his crimes."

But I am like a growing
olive tree * in the house of
God.

I trust in the goodness of
God * for ever and ever.

I will thank you for ever-
more; * for this is your
doing.

I will proclaim that your
name is good, * in the
presence of your friends.

Psalm 52

The fool has said in his
heart: * "There is no
God above."

Their deeds are corrupt,
depraved; * not a good
man is left.

God looks down from
heaven * on the sons of
men,

To see if any are wise, *
if any seek God.

All have left the right

path; * depraved, every
one.

There is not a good man
left, * no, not even one.

Will the evil-doers not
understand? * They eat up
my people

As though they ate
bread; * they never pray
to God.

See how they tremble
with fear * without cause
for fear:

For God scatters the
bones of the wicked. * They
are shamed, rejected by
God.

O that Israel's salvation
might come from Sion! *
When God delivers his
people from bondage, then
Jacob will be glad and
Israel rejoice.

Psalm 71

O God, give your judg-
ment 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 rain-
drops 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.



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Blessed be the Lord, God of Israel, who alone works wonders, * ever blessed his glorious name.

Let his glory fill the earth. * Amen ! Amen !

Psalm 93

O Lord, avenging God, * avenging God, appear!

Judge of the earth, arise, * give the proud what they deserve !

How long, O Lord, shall the wicked, * how long shall the wicked triumph ?

They bluster with arrogant speech ; * the evil-doers boast to each other.

They crush your people, Lord, * they afflict the ones you have chosen.

They kill the widow and the stranger * and murder the fatherless child.

And they say: " The Lord does not see ; * the God of Jacob pays no heed."

Mark this, most senseless of people ; * fools, when will you understand ?

Can he who made the ear, not hear ? * Can he who formed the eye, not see ?

Will he who trains nations, not punish ? * Will he who teaches men, not have knowledge ?

(The Lord knows the thoughts of men. * He knows they are no more than a breath.)

Happy the man whom

you teach, O Lord, * whom you train by means of your law:

To him you give peace in evil days * while the pit is being dug for the wicked.

The Lord will not abandon his people * nor forsake those who are his own:

For judgment shall again be just * and all true hearts shall uphold it.

Who will stand up for me against the wicked ? * Who will defend me against those who do evil ?

If the Lord were not to help me, * I would soon go down into the silence.

When I think: " I have lost my foothold " ; * your mercy, Lord, holds me up.

When cares increase in my heart * your consolation calms my soul.

Can judges who do evil be your friends ? * They do injustice under cover of law ;

They attack the life of the just * and condemn innocent blood.

As for me, the Lord will be a stronghold ; * my God will be the rock where I take refuge.

He will repay them for their wickedness, destroy them for their evil deeds. * The Lord, our God, will destroy them.

Psalm 94

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord ; * hail the

rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, * with songs let us hail the Lord.

A mighty God is the Lord, * a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth ; * the heights of the mountains are his.

To him belongs the sea, for he made it * and the dry land shaped by his hands.

Come in ; let us bow and bend low ; * let us kneel before the God who made us

For he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, * the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice ! * " Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, * as on that day at Massah in the desert

When your fathers put me to the test ; * when they tried me, though they saw my work.

For forty years I was wearied of these people * and I said: ' Their hearts are astray, * these people do not know my ways.'

Then I took an oath in my anger: * ' Never shall they enter my rest.' "

Psalm 107

My heart is ready, O God ; * I will sing, sing your praise.

Awake, my soul: awake, lyre and harp. * I will awake the dawn.

I will thank you, Lord, among the peoples, * praise you among the nations ;

For your love reaches to the heavens * and your truth to the skies.

O God, arise above the heavens ; * may your glory shine on earth !

O come and deliver your friends ; * help with your right hand and reply.

From his holy place God has made this promise: * " I will triumph and divide the land of Shechem ; * I will measure out the valley of Succoth.

Gilead is mine and Manasseh. Ephraim I take for my helmet, * Judah for my commander's staff.

Moab I will use for my washbowl, on Edom I will plant my shoe. * Over the Philistines I will shout in triumph."

But who will lead me to conquer the fortress ? * Who will bring me face to face with Edom ?

Will you utterly reject us, O God, * and no longer march with our armies ?

Give us help against the foe: * for the help of man is vain.

With God we shall do bravely * and he will trample down our foes.

Psalm 118

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They are happy whose life is blameless, * who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will, * seeking him with all their hearts,

Who never do anything evil * but walk in his ways.

You have laid down your precepts * to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm * to obey your statutes.

Then I shall not be put to shame * as I heed your commands.

I will thank you with an upright heart * as I learn your decrees.

I will obey your statutes; * do not forsake me.

How shall the young remain sinless? * By obeying your word.

I have sought you with all my heart: * let me not stray from your commands.

I treasure your promise in my heart * lest I sin against you.

Blessed are you. O Lord; * teach me your statutes.

With my tongue I have recounted * the decrees of your lips.

I rejoiced to do your will * as though all riches were mine.

I will ponder all your precepts * and consider your paths.

I take delight in your statutes; * I will not forget your word.

ii

Bless your servant and I shall live * and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider * the wonders of your law.

I am a pilgrim on the earth; * show me your commands.

My soul is ever consumed * in longing for your decrees.

You threaten the proud, the accursed, * who turn from your commands.

Relieve me from scorn and contempt * for I do your will.

Though princes sit plotting against me * I ponder on your statutes.

Your will is my delight; * your statutes are my counsellors.

My soul lies in the dust; * by your word revive me.

I declared my ways and you answered: * teach me your statutes.

Make me grasp the way of your precepts * and I will muse on your wonders.

My soul pines away with grief; * by your word raise me up.

Keep me from the way of error * and teach me your law.

I have chosen the way of

truth * with your decrees before me.

I bind myself to do your will; * Lord, do not disappoint me.

I will run the way of your commands; * you give freedom to my heart.

iii

Teach me the demands of your statutes * and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law, * to keep it with my heart.

Guide me in the path of your commands; * for there is my delight.

Bend my heart to your will * and not to love of gain.

Keep my eyes from what is false: * by your word, give me life.

Keep the promise you have made * to the servant who fears you.

Keep me from the scorn I dread, * for your decrees are good.

See, I long for your precepts: * then in your justice, give me life.

Lord, let your love come upon me, * the saving help of your promise.

And I shall answer those who taunt me * for I trust in your word.

Do not take the word of truth from my mouth * for I trust in your decrees.

I shall always keep your law * for ever and ever.

I shall walk in the path of freedom * for I seek your precepts.

I will speak of your will before kings * and not be abashed.

Your commands have been my delight; * these I have loved.

I will worship your commands and love them * and ponder your statutes.

iv

Remember your word to your servant * by which you gave me hope.

This is my comfort in sorrow * that your promise gives me life.

Though the proud may utterly deride me * I keep to your law.

I remember your decrees of old * and these, Lord, console me.

I am seized with indignation at the wicked * who forsake your law.

Your statutes have become my song * in the land of exile.

I think of your name in the night-time * and I keep your law.

This has been my blessing, * the keeping of your precepts.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, * is to obey your word.

With all my heart I implore your favour; * show the mercy of your promise.

I have pondered over my ways * and returned to your will.

I made haste and did not delay * to obey your commands.

Though the nets of the wicked ensnared me * I remembered your law.

At midnight I will rise and thank you * for your just decrees.

I am a friend of all who revere you, * who obey your precepts.

Lord, your love fills the earth. * Teach me your statutes.

v

Lord, you have been good to your servant * according to your word.

Teach me discernment and knowledge * for I trust in your commands.

Before I was afflicted I went astray * but now I keep your word.

You are good and your deeds are good; * teach me your statutes.

Though proud men smear me with lies * yet I keep your precepts.

Their minds are closed to good * but your law is my delight.

It was good for me to be afflicted, * to learn your statutes.

The law from your mouth means more to me * than silver and gold.

It was your hands that

made me and shaped me: * help me to learn your commands.

Your faithful will see me and rejoice * for I trust in your word.

Lord, I know that your decrees are right, * that you afflicted me justly.

Let your love be ready to console me * by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come to me and I shall live * for your law is my delight.

Shame the proud who harm me with lies * while I ponder your precepts.

Let your faithful turn to me, * those who know your will.

Let my heart be blameless in your statutes * lest I be ashamed.

vi

I yearn for your saving help; * I hope in your word.

My eyes yearn to see your promise. * When will you console me?

Though parched and exhausted with waiting * I remember your statutes.

How long must your servant suffer? * When will you sentence my oppressors?

For me the proud have dug pitfalls, * against your law.

Your commands are all true; * then help me when lies oppress me.

They almost made an end of me on earth * but I kept your precepts.

Because of your love give me life * and I will do your will.

Your word, O Lord, for ever * stands firm in the heavens:

Your truth lasts from age to age, * like the earth you created.

By your decree it endures to this day; * for all things serve you.

Had your law not been my delight * I would have died in my affliction.

I will never forget your precepts * for with them you give me life.

Save me, for I am yours * since I seek your precepts.

Though the wicked lie in wait to destroy me * yet I ponder on your will.

I have seen that all perfection has an end * but your command is boundless.

vii

Lord, how I love your law! * It is ever in my mind.

Your command makes me wiser than my foes; * for it is mine for ever.

I have more insight than all who teach me * for I ponder your will.

I have more understanding than the old * for I keep your precepts.

I turn my feet from evil paths * to obey your word.

I have not turned away from your decrees; * you yourself have taught me.

Your promise is sweeter to my taste * than honey in the mouth.

I gain understanding from your precepts * and so I hate false ways.

Your word is a lamp for my steps * and a light for my path.

I have sworn and have determined * to obey your decrees.

Lord, I am deeply afflicted: * by your word give me life.

Accept, Lord, the homage of my lips * and teach me your decrees.

Though I carry my life in my hands, * I remember your law.

Though the wicked try to ensnare me * I do not stray from your precepts.

Your will is my heritage for ever, * the joy of my heart.

I set myself to carry out your statutes * in fullness, for ever.

viii

I have no love for half-hearted men: * my love is for your law.

You are my shelter, my shield; * I hope in your word.

Leave me, you who do

evil; * I will keep God's command.

If you uphold me by your promise I shall live; * let my hopes not be in vain.

Sustain me and I shall be saved * and ever observe your statutes.

You spurn all who swerve from your statutes; * their cunning is in vain.

You throw away the wicked like dross: * so I love your will.

I tremble before you in terror; * I fear your decrees.

I have done what is right and just: * let me not be oppressed.

Vouch for the welfare of your servant * lest the proud oppress me.

My eyes yearn for your saving help * and the promise of your justice.

Treat your servant with love * and teach me your statutes.

I am your servant, make me understand; * then I shall know your will.

It is time for the Lord to act * for your law has been broken.

That is why I love your commands * more than finest gold.

That is why I rule my life by your precepts: * I hate false ways.

ix

Your will is wonderful

indeed; * therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light * and teaches the simple.

I open my mouth and I sigh * as I yearn for your commands.

Turn and show me your mercy; * show justice to your friends.

Let my steps be guided by your promise; * let no evil rule me.

Redeem me from man's oppression * and I will keep your precepts.

Let your face shine on your servant * and teach me your decrees.

Tears stream from my eyes * because your law is disobeyed.

Lord, you are just indeed; * your decrees are right.

You have imposed your will with justice * and with absolute truth.

I am carried away by anger * for my foes forget your word.

Your promise is tried in the fire, * the delight of your servant.

Although I am weak and despised * I remember your precepts.

Your justice is eternal justice * and your law is truth.

Though anguish and distress have seized me, * I delight in your commands.

The justice of your will

is eternal: * if you teach me, I shall live.

x

I call with all my heart; Lord, hear me, * I will keep your statutes.

I call upon you, save me * and I will do your will.

I rise before dawn and cry for help, * I hope in your word.

My eyes watch through the night * to ponder your promise.

In your love hear my voice, O Lord; * give me life by your decrees.

Those who harm me unjustly draw near: * they are far from your law.

But you, O Lord, are close: * your commands are truth.

Long have I known that your will * is established for ever.

See my affliction and save me * for I remember your law.

Uphold my cause and defend me; * by your promise, give me life.

Salvation is far from the wicked * who are heedless of your statutes.

Numberless, Lord, are your mercies; * with your decrees give me life.

Though my foes and oppressors are countless * I have not swerved from your will.

I look at the faithless with disgust; * they ignore your promise.

See how I love your precepts; * in your mercy give me life.

Your word is founded on truth: * your decrees are eternal.

xi

Though princes oppress me without cause * I stand in awe of your word.

I take delight in your promise * like one who finds a treasure.

Lies I hate and detest * but your law is my love.

Seven times a day I praise you * for your just decrees.

The lovers of your law have great peace; * they never stumble.

I await your saving help, O Lord, * I fulfil your commands.

My soul obeys your will * and loves it dearly.

I obey your precepts and your will; * all that I do is before you.

Lord, let my cry come before you: * teach me by your word.

Let my pleading come before you; * save me by your promise.

Let my lips proclaim your praise * because you teach me your statutes.

Let my tongue sing your promise * for your commands are just.

Let your hand be ready to help me, * since I have chosen your precepts.

Lord, I long for your saving help * and your law is my delight.

Give life to my soul that I may praise you. * Let your decrees give me help.

I am lost like a sheep ; seek your servant * for I remember your commands.

ATHANASIAN CREED

He who wishes to be saved * must, first of all, hold the Catholic faith.

Unless he maintains this faith whole and entire, * he will most certainly perish for ever.

Now, the Catholic faith is this, * that we worship one God in the Trinity and the Trinity in Oneness,

Neither merging the Persons * nor differentiating the substance.

The Father is one person, the Son is another, * the Holy Spirit is yet another.

But the divinity of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one ; * the glory equal, the majesty co-eternal.

As the Father is, so is the Son ; * so, also, is the Holy Spirit.

The Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, * the Holy Spirit is uncreated.

The Father is infinite, the Son is infinite, * the Holy Spirit is infinite.

The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, * the Holy Spirit is eternal.

And yet they are not three eternals * but one eternal.

Just as they are not three uncreateds, or three infinities, * but one uncreated, one infinite.

Likewise, the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, * the Holy Spirit is almighty.

And yet they are not three Almighty's, * but one Almighty.

So, too, the Father is God, the Son is God, * the Holy Spirit is God.

And yet they are not three Gods * but one God.

So, too, the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, * the Holy Spirit is Lord.

And yet they are not three Lords * but one Lord.

For as we are compelled by Christian truth to acknowledge that each Person, singly, is God and Lord, * so are we forbidden by the Catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or three Lords.

The Father is not made by anyone ; * he is neither created nor begotten.

The Son is from the Father alone ; * he is not made, not created, but begotten.

The Holy Spirit is from the Father and the Son ; * he is not made, not created,

not begotten, but proceeding.

Thus there is one Father, not three Fathers ; one Son, not three Sons ; * one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

In this Trinity, also, there is no "before" or "after," no "greater" or "less," * but all three Persons are co-eternal and co-equal.

So that in all things, as has already been said, * both the oneness in the Trinity and the Trinity in oneness is to be worshipped.

He, therefore, who wishes to be saved * should be of this mind upon the Trinity.

But it is also necessary for eternal salvation * that he should faithfully believe the Incarnation of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is, therefore, correct faith to believe and testify * that Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is both God and man.

Before all ages, begotten of the substance of the Father, he is God ; * born in the world, from the substance of his mother, he is man.

Perfect God, perfect man, * a being composed of rational soul and human body.

Equal to the Father with regard to his divinity, * less

than the Father with regard to his manhood.

And although he is God and man, * yet Christ is not two, but one.

One, not by changing the divinity into flesh, * but by assuming the manhood into God.

Totally one, not by a merging of substance * but by oneness of person.

For as man, a rational soul and body, is one, * so Christ, God and man, is one.

He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, * rose again the third day from the dead.

Ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty ; * thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

At his coming all men shall rise again in their bodies * and shall give an account each of his own deeds.

And those who have done good shall go into everlasting life, * while those who have done evil shall go into everlasting fire.

This is the Catholic faith * and unless a man believes it faithfully and firmly, he cannot be saved.

Glory.

Ant. Glory be to you, O Trinity, equally one God before all ages, now and for ever.

APPENDIX TO
THE BREVIARY OF
THE ORDER OF PREACHERS

I.—EXCERPTS FROM THE ROMAN MISSAL AND
FROM THE MISSAL OF THE ORDER OF
PREACHERS

Prayers before and after Mass

PREPARATION FOR MASS

to be said at the option of the priest

By grant of Pius XI, October 3, 1936, each priest may gain a partial indulgence if before celebrating Mass he recites psalms 83, 84, 85, 115 and 129 with corresponding antiphon, versicles and prayer as below ; a plenary indulgence may be granted if the said prayers be recited daily throughout an entire month, adding to this, confession and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.

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!

Glory.

Psalm 84

O Lord, you once favoured your land * and revived the fortunes of Jacob,

You forgave the guilt of your people * and covered all their sins.

You averted all your rage, * you calmed the heat of your anger.

Revive us now, God, our helper! * Put an end to your grievance against us.

Will you be angry with us for ever, * will your anger never cease?

Will you not restore again our life * that your people may rejoice in you?

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy * and give us your saving help.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, * a voice that speaks of peace,

Peace for his people and his friends * and those who turn to him in their hearts.

His help is near for those who fear him * and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met; * justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth * and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper * and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him * and peace shall follow his steps.

Glory.

Psalm 85

Turn your ear, O Lord, and give answer * for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my life, for I am faithful: * save the servant who trusts in you.

You are my God, have mercy on me, Lord, * for I cry to you all the day long.

Give joy to your servant, O Lord, * for to you I lift up my soul.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, * full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer * and attend to the sound of my voice.

In the day of distress I will call * and surely you will reply.

Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord; *

nor work to compare with yours.

All the nations shall come to adore you * and glorify your name, O Lord:

For you are great and do marvellous deeds, * you who alone are God.

Show me, Lord, your way so that I may walk in your truth. * Guide my heart to fear your name.

I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart * and glorify your name for ever;

For your love to me has been great: * you have saved me from the depths of the grave.

The proud have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life: * to you they pay no heed.

But you, God, of mercy and compassion, * slow to anger, O Lord,

Abounding in love and truth, * turn and take pity on me.

O give your strength to your servant * and save your handmaid's son.

Show me a sign of your favour that my foes may see to their shame * that you console me and give me your help.

Glory.

Psalm 115

I trusted, even when I said: * "I am sorely afflicted,"

And when I said in my alarm: * "No man can be trusted."

How can I repay the Lord * for his goodness to me?

The cup of salvation I will raise; * I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil * before all his people.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord * is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; * you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: * I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil * before all his people,

In the courts of the house of the Lord, * in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Glory.

Psalm 129

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, * Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive * to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, * Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness: * for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord, * I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord * more than watchman for daybreak.

(Let the watchman count on daybreak * and Israel on the Lord.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy * and fullness of redemption,

Israel indeed he will redeem * from all its iniquity.

Glory.

Ant. Do not recall, Lord, our offences, nor those of our fathers, and do not take vengeance because of our sins. **P.T.** Alleluia.

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Our Father . . .

And lead us not into temptation. **Ry.** But deliver us from evil.

V. As for me, I said: "Lord, have mercy on me. **Ry.** Heal my soul for I have sinned against you."

V. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? **Ry.** Show pity to your servants.

V. May your love be upon us, O Lord. **Ry.** As we place all our trust in you.

V. Your priests shall be clothed with holiness. **Ry.** Your faithful shall ring out their joy.

V. From hidden faults acquit me, Lord. **Ry.** From presumption restrain your servant.

V. O Lord, listen to my prayer. **Ry.** And let my cry for help reach you.

Let us pray

Bend down in loving kindness, most merciful God, and listen to our prayers, enlightening our hearts with the grace of the Holy Spirit so that we may worthily celebrate the holy mysteries and love you with an everlasting love.

O God, before whom all hearts lie open and every will speaks, before whom nothing is secret, purify the thoughts of our hearts by an outpouring of your Holy Spirit so that we may both love you perfectly and praise you worthily.

Burn away our concupiscence and inflame our hearts, Lord, by the fire of your Holy Spirit, that we may serve you with a chaste body and love you with a pure heart.

Lord, may the Counsellor who proceeds from you, enlighten our minds and lead us into all truth, as your Son has promised.

Lord, we pray that the power of the Holy Spirit may come to our aid. May it mercifully cleanse our hearts and defend us from all dangers.

O God, who has instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may relish what is right and ever rejoice in his consolation.

Lord, purify our hearts by your visit, so that when your Son our Lord Jesus Christ comes he may find a home prepared within us: Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Priest's Prayer before Mass

A partial Indulgence for each of the following prayers if recited on the appointed day. Pius XI, 3 October 1936.

Sunday

O greatest of priests and true pontiff, Jesus Christ, for the sake of us wretched sinners, you offered yourself, a pure and unblemished victim, to God the Father upon the altar of the cross. You gave us your flesh to eat, and your blood to drink, establishing this sacrament in the power of the Holy Spirit saying, "As often as you shall do these things, you shall do them in memory of me." I beseech

you, by your precious blood, the costly ransom paid for our salvation, by that wondrous and transcendent charity which moved you so to love us wretched and unworthy beings that you washed away our sins in your blood, teach me, your unworthy servant, whom you have been pleased, among your other gifts, to call to the priestly office, not through any merit of mine, but only because of your merciful kindness, teach me, I beseech you, by your Holy Spirit, to approach this great sacrifice with that reverence and worship, with that devotion and respect which is due and fitting. By your grace give me such constant faith and understanding, so firm a grasp of its meaning, that whatever I think or say concerning this great sacramental rite may please you and advance the welfare of my soul. Let the good Spirit enter my heart, there to utter its silent music, and, without the din of words, to proclaim the whole truth of these great mysteries. For they are deep indeed, and hidden under a sacred veil. In your loving kindness enable me to come with heart and mind unsoiled to the celebration of this Mass. Free my heart from those unclean, pro-

fane, idle, and hurtful thoughts which defile it. Let the power of your blessed angels give me tender and true protection, guarding me so strongly that the enemies of all good shall retire ashamed. By virtue of this great sacrament and by the hand of your holy angel, drive away from me and from all your servants the hard and stubborn spirit of pride, vain-glory, blasphemy, fornication, uncleanness, doubt, and mistrust. Let those who persecute us be confounded; let those bent on our ruin be themselves destroyed.

Monday

King of virgins, lover of chastity and virginity, quench with the heavenly dew of your blessing the fire of lust in my body, leaving all of me, body and soul, steadfast in purity. Deaden within me the stings of desire and all lustful excitements. Give me true, complete, and abiding chastity, with all your other gifts in which you truly delight, enabling me to offer daily sacrifice in your praise, with a chaste body and clean heart. With what heartfelt contrition, what flowing tears, what reverence and awe, what chastity of body and purity

of mind should this heavenly and divine sacrifice be celebrated, in which your body, Lord, is truly eaten, your blood is truly drunk; where that which is lowly is joined to what is highest, in which what is earthly is joined to what is divine, at which the holy angels are present, in which in a wonderful way, surpassing description, you are both victim and priest.

Tuesday

Almighty God, who shall be worthy to offer up this sacrifice unless you make him so? I know, Lord, I know too well, and confess in your merciful ear, that my many sins and countless omissions make me unfit to approach such a great sacrament. But I know and truly believe with my whole heart, and with my lips proclaim, that you can make me worthy, you who alone have power to make clean the offspring of uncleanness, to make from sinners those who are just and holy. By this almighty power I pray you grant that, sinner as I am, I may offer this sacrifice with reverence and awe, with purity of heart, and with flowing tears, with spiritual joy and with heavenly gladness. Let my soul feel the delight of your blessed

presence, and the watchfulness of your holy angels round about me.

Wednesday

Remembering then your worshipful passion, Lord, sinner that I am, I approach your altar to offer you the sacrifice you have instituted and have commanded us offer, in memory of you, for our salvation. Accept it, most high God, I beseech you, for your holy church, for your own people whom you purchased with your blood. And since you have willed that I, a sinner, should be a mediator between you and your people, although in me you find no repute for good works, do not reject the service of the ministry you have given me, nor suffer the ransom you paid for man's salvation with your own blood to be lost through my unworthiness. Would you but deign to look with compassion, Lord, at that which I place before you: the troubles of the lowly, the perils of nations, the groans of captives, the misery of orphans, the hardship of travellers, the helplessness of the feeble, the anguish of the sick, the failing strength of the aged, the longings of youths, the yearnings of maidens, the grief of widows.

Thursday

For you, Lord, are merciful to all and have loathing for nothing which you have made. Remember the clay of which we are formed: for you are our Father, you are our God. Do not be too angry with us nor close your merciful heart against us. We prostrate ourselves in prayer before you, relying not upon any merits of ours but upon your countless mercies. Blot out our misdeeds, and mercifully kindle in us the fire of the Holy Spirit. Take away from us the heart of stone, and give us a heart of flesh that it may love you, cherish you, delight in you, follow you and enjoy you to the full. We beg of your great mercy, Lord, that you will look with favour upon your household, as it prepares to do homage to your holy name. And that no one's hope may be in vain, no one's petition void, inspire in us prayers such as you hear with favour and delight to answer.

Friday

We entreat you also, Lord, holy Father, for the souls of the faithful departed: praying that this great sacrament of love may bring them salvation and well-being, joy and

refreshment. Lord, my God, grant them, this day, great and abundant feasting on you, the living bread that came down from heaven and gives life to the world. Grant them to feast on your holy and blessed flesh, that flesh of the Lamb without spot who takes away the sins of the world, that flesh which was taken from the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary and which was conceived of the Holy Spirit. Grant them to feast at that fountain of mercy which by the soldier's lance flowed from your most sacred side. Thus being fed and satisfied, refreshed and comforted, may they rejoice in your praise and in your glory. I pray your loving mercy, Lord, that on the bread to be offered to you may descend the fullness of your blessing and the consecrating power of your Godhead. May there descend also, Lord, the invisible and incomprehensible majesty of your Holy Spirit, as, of old, it descended upon the sacrifices of the fathers. May he make our offerings to be your body and blood and may he teach me, an unworthy priest, to celebrate so great a sacrament with purity of heart, with reverence and awe, so that you may graciously and with

pleasure receive this sacrifice from my hands for the well-being of all, both living and dead.

Saturday

Lord, by this same holy sacrament of your body and blood by which in your church we are daily fed and refreshed, cleansed and sanctified, and are made sharers of the one supreme Godhead, I ask you to grant me your holy virtues. Being filled with these, I shall approach your altar with a good conscience so that these heavenly mysteries may be to me both salvation and life. For you said with your own blessed and holy lips: "The bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh. I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If any one eats of this bread he will live for ever." O most delightful bread, heal the palate of my heart that I may taste the delightfulness of your love. Heal it of all weaknesses that I may consider nothing delightful but you alone. O most pure bread, having all delight and all savour, which ever refreshes us and never fails, let my heart feed on you, and may my inmost soul be filled with the delight of your savour. The angel feeds on you fully. Let

pilgrim man in his degree feed on you, so that refreshed by this viaticum he may not faint by the wayside. Holy bread, living bread, pure bread, who came down from heaven and gives life to the world, enter into my heart and cleanse me from all defilement of flesh and spirit. Come into my soul; heal and cleanse me within and without. Protect me and give me abiding health both of soul and body. Drive off the enemies that lie in wait for me; may they fly away at the presence of your might. Thus fortified by you, both within and without, may I come straight to your kingdom, where we shall see you, not as now in mysteries, but face to face, when you will have delivered up the kingdom to God, the Father, and you will be God, the all in all. Then will you satisfy me with yourself in a surpassing way, so that I shall never again hunger or thirst. For you live and reign, with the same God the Father and the Holy Spirit, for ever. Amen.

Prayer of St. Ambrose before Mass

Partial indulgence.
Pius XI, 3 October, 1936.

Loving Lord, Jesus Christ,
I a sinner, presuming

not on my own merits, but trusting in your mercy and goodness, tremble and dread to approach the table of your most delightful banquet. For I have defiled both my heart and body with many sins, and have not kept careful guard over my mind and my tongue. Wherefore, loving Godhead, awe-inspiring Majesty, I, a wretched creature, entangled in difficulties, have recourse to you, the fount of mercy. I hasten to you that I may be healed; I fly to your protection, and I ardently desire to have as Saviour him whom as Judge I cannot face. To you, Lord, I show my wounds, to you I lay bare my shame. I know that my sins are many and great, and I am afraid because of them. But I trust in your mercy, which is boundless. Look kindly upon me, therefore, with your merciful eyes, Lord Jesus Christ, eternal King, God and Man, crucified for man. Hear me, for I trust in you. Have mercy on me, full of misery and sin as I am, you who will never cease to pour forth the fountain of compassion. Hail, healing victim, offered for me and for all mankind on the gibbet of the cross. Hail, noble and precious blood, flowing from the wounds of my crucified

Lord Jesus Christ and washing away the sins of the whole world. Remember, Lord, your creature, whom you have redeemed with your blood. I repent that I have sinned; I desire to make amends for what I have done. Take away from me, therefore, most merciful Father, all my iniquities and sins, that, being purified both in soul and body, I may worthily partake of the holy of holies. Grant that this holy oblation of your body and blood, of which, though unworthy, I purpose to partake, may be to me the remission of my sins, the perfect cleansing of my offences, the expulsion of evil thoughts, the renewal of holy desires, the wholesome accomplishment of works pleasing to you, and the most firm defence of soul and body against the snares of my enemies. Amen.

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas

Partial indulgence; plenary if devoutly recited each day throughout an entire month and adding sacramental confession and a visit to a church or public oratory together with prayers for the Pope's intentions. Pius XI, 10 December, 1936.

Almighty, eternal God, behold, I come to the sacrament of your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I come sick to the physician of life; unclean, to the fountain of mercy; blind, to the light of eternal brightness; poor and needy, to the Lord of heaven and earth. Therefore I ask for the fullness of your infinite bounty, that you would graciously heal my sickness, wash away my uncleanness, enlighten my blindness, enrich my poverty, and clothe my nakedness; so that I may receive the bread of angels, the King of kings and Lord of lords, with such reverence and humility, such sorrow and love, such purity and faith, such purpose and intent as shall further my soul's salvation. Grant, I beseech you, that I may receive not only the sacrament of the body and blood of our Lord, but also its reality and power. Grant me, most merciful God, so to receive the body of your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, which he took of the virgin Mary, that I may be found worthy to be incorporated with his mystical body and counted among his members. Most loving Father, grant that I may one day contemplate for ever face to face your beloved Son,

whom now on my pilgrimage I am about to receive under a veil. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever. Amen.

Prayer of the blessed Dominic, our Father

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, I propose and intend to do that which, at the last supper, you commanded, and which our holy mother, the one united church, intends should be done. Therefore, do not turn your eyes away from me, but according to your infinite mercy blot out my iniquities and make me your worthy and faithful minister. Receive this sacrifice from my unworthy hands, to the praise and glory of the whole Trinity and of your holy church; to my benefit and that of all the faithful, both living and dead, for whom I intend to pray, or to whom I am in any way, in general or in particular, obliged in your holy name. Amen.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Partial indulgence. Pius XI, 3 October, 1936.

O Mother of goodness and mercy, Mary virgin most blessed, I, a miserable and unworthy

sinner, have recourse to you with all my heart and affection. I implore your kindly goodness, that as you stood by your most dear Son as he hung on the cross, you will graciously assist me, a miserable sinner, and all priests who today offer him here and in every part of the church, so that helped by your grace, we may be enabled to offer a worthy and acceptable victim in the sight of the supreme and undivided Trinity. Amen.

Prayer to St. Joseph

Partial indulgence. Pius XI, 3 October, 1936.

Truly happy man, blessed Joseph, to whom was given the privilege not only of seeing and hearing the God whom many kings desired to see yet did not see, to hear yet did not hear, but also of carrying, nourishing, embracing, clothing and guarding him!

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

Let us pray

O God, you have given us a royal priesthood. Grant, we pray, that as the blessed Joseph merited to handle and carry your only begotten Son, born of the

virgin Mary, so we also, with your help, may serve your holy altars with such cleanness of heart and holiness of life as may make us worthy to receive the body and blood of your Son this day, and may gain for us the reward of eternal life in the world to come. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to all the Angels and Saints

Partial indulgence.
Pius XI, 3 October, 1936.

Angels, Archangels, Thrones, Dominations, Principalities, Authorities, Powers of the heavens, Cherubim and Seraphim, all you men and women saints of God, especially my patrons, graciously intercede for me that I may worthily offer this sacrifice to almighty God, to the praise and glory of his name, for my benefit and for that of all his holy church. Amen.

Prayer to the Saint of the day

Partial indulgence.
Pius XI, 3 October, 1936.

Holy N., behold I, a miserable sinner, relying on your merits, now offer the most holy sacrament of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ to

your honour and glory. Humbly and devoutly I implore you to intercede for me this day, to enable me worthily and acceptably to offer so great a sacrifice; that, with you and all his chosen ones, I may be able unceasingly to praise him and to reign with him: who lives and reigns for ever. Amen.

Formulation of the Intention before Mass

Partial indulgence.
Pius XI, 12 July, 1935.

Iwish to celebrate Mass and to consecrate the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the rite of the holy Roman Church, to the praise of almighty God and of the whole court of heaven; for my own benefit and that of the whole church militant; for all who have commended themselves to my prayers in general or in particular, and for the well-being of the holy Roman Church. Amen.

May the almighty and merciful God grant us joy with peace, amendment of life, a time of true penitence, the grace of consolation of the Holy Spirit, and perseverance in all good works. Amen.

Prayers to be said while the Priest vests

As he washes his hands he says:

Give power, Lord, to my hands, to wipe away every stain, that I may be able to serve you without defilement of mind or body. Amen.

Before taking the amice, he makes the Sign of the Cross saying:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

As he places the amice over his head he says:

Place, Lord, the helmet of salvation upon my head, that I may overcome all the assaults of the devil. Amen.

When putting on the alb:

Purify me, Lord, and cleanse my heart, that being purified in the blood of the Lamb, I may delight in everlasting joys. Amen.

As he dons the cincture:

Gird me, Lord, with the girdle of purity and extinguish in my loins the impulse of lust: so that the virtue of continence and chastity may abide within me. Amen.

As he places the maniple on his left arm:

May I be worthy, O Lord, so to bear the maniple of tears and sorrow that I may with joy receive the reward of my labour. Amen.

As he places the stole round his neck:

Restore to me, Lord, the robe of immortality which I lost by the transgression of the first parent; and although I, unworthy, draw near to your sacred mystery, may I be found worthy of everlasting joy. Amen.

When putting on the chasuble:

Lord, you said, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light"; enable me so to bear it, that I may obtain your grace. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AFTER MASS

By decree of Pius XI, 3 October 1936, each priest may gain a partial indulgence if after celebrating Mass he recites the canticle of the Three Young Men with Ps. 150 and corresponding antiphon, versicle and Let us pray as below; a plenary indulgence may be gained if the said prayers are recited daily for an entire month, with, in addition, sacramental confession and prayer for the Pope's intentions.

**Canticle of the
Three Young Men**
Dan. 3, 57-88 and 56

Bless the Lord, all works of the Lord * sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, you angels of the Lord, * bless the Lord, you heavens.

Bless the Lord, all waters above the heaven, * bless the Lord, you powers.

Bless the Lord, sun and moon, * bless the Lord, stars of heaven.

Bless the Lord, all rain and dew, * bless the Lord, all winds.

Bless the Lord, fire and heat, * bless the Lord, winter cold and summer heat.

Bless the Lord, dews and snow, * bless the Lord, ice and cold.

Bless the Lord, frosts and snows, * bless the Lord, nights and days.

Bless the Lord, light and darkness, * bless the Lord, lightnings and clouds.

Let the earth bless the Lord; * let it sing praise

to him and highly exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, mountains and hills, * bless the Lord, all things that grow on the earth.

Bless the Lord, you springs, * bless the Lord, seas and rivers.

Bless the Lord, you whales and all creatures that move in the waters, * bless the Lord, all birds of the air.

Bless the Lord, all beasts and cattle, * bless the Lord, you sons of men.

Bless the Lord, O Israel, * sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, you priests of the Lord, * bless the Lord, you servants of the Lord.

Bless the Lord, spirits and souls of the righteous, * bless the Lord, you who are holy and humble in heart.

Bless the Lord, Hananiah, Azariah and Mishael, * sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

Let us bless the Father

and the Son and the Holy Spirit; * sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

Blessed are you, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven; * and to be sung and glorified for ever.

Neither Glory be **nor**
Amen **is said here.**

Psalm 150

Praise God in his holy place, * praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his powerful deeds, * praise his surpassing greatness.

O praise him with sound of trumpet, * praise him with lute and harp.

Praise him with timbrel and dance, * praise him with strings and pipes.

O praise him with resounding cymbals, * praise him with clashing of cymbals.

Let everything that lives and that breathes * give praise to the Lord.

Glory.

Ant. Let us sing the canticle of the three young men, which these blessed ones sang in the fiery furnace, praising the Lord.

P.T. Alleluia.

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Our Father . . .

And lead us not into temptation.

Ry. But deliver us from evil.

V. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord.

Ry. And your friends shall repeat their blessing.

V. Let the faithful rejoice in their glory. **Ry.** Let them shout for joy and take their rest.

V. Not to us, Lord, not to us. **Ry.** But to your name give the glory.

V. O Lord, listen to my prayer. **Ry.** And let my cry for help reach you.

Let us pray

O God, you allayed the flames of fire for the three young men, grant, in your mercy, that the flames of vice may not consume your servants.

Anticipate, we beseech you, Lord, our actions by your inspiration, and carry them on by your assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may begin always from you and through you likewise be ended.

Grant us, Lord, to extinguish the fires of our vices, as you enabled the blessed Lawrence to overcome the fires of his torments. Through Christ Our Lord. **Ry.** Amen.

PRAYERS

to be said at the option
of the priest

Prayer of
St. Thomas Aquinas

Partial indulgence; plenary indulgence if devoutly recited daily throughout an entire month, together with sacramental confession, a visit to a church, or public oratory, and prayers for the Pope's intentions. Pius XI, 22 November, 1934.

I give you thanks, holy Lord, almighty Father, eternal God. You have been pleased, not through any merits of mine, but out of the condescension of your great mercy, to satisfy me, a sinner, your unworthy servant, with the precious body and blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that this holy communion be not to me a condemnation to punishment, but an effective plea for forgiveness. May it be unto me the armour of faith and the shield of goodwill. May it be the emptying-out of my vices and the extinction of all concupiscent and lust; an increase of charity and patience, of humility and obedience and of all virtues, a strong defence against the snares

of all my enemies, visible and invisible; the perfect quieting of all my evil impulses, both of body and of soul; a firm cleaving to you, the one true God, and the happy achievement of my purpose in life. And I pray that you would bring me, a sinner, to that wonderful banquet, where you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, are to your saints true light, complete fulfilment, eternal joy, unshadowed gladness and perfect bliss. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Another Prayer

Partial indulgence. Pius XI, 3 October, 1936.

Most delightful Lord Jesus, pierce my inmost soul with that most pleasing and health-giving wound of your love, with that most holy charity which is truly joyous and apostolic, so that my soul may ever grow weak and melt with very love and longing for you; that it may yearn for you and grow faint in your courts, and long to be dissolved and to be with you. Grant that my soul may hunger after you, bread of the angels, refreshment of holy souls, our daily and supersubstantial bread, having all delight and savour and

everything that is pleasing. Let my heart ever hunger after you and feed upon you, upon whom the angels desire to look, and may my inmost soul be filled with the delight of your savour. May it ever thirst after you, the fountain of life, the fountain of wisdom and knowledge, the fountain of eternal light, the torrent of happiness, the richness of the house of God. May it ever compass you, seek you, find you, turn to you, reach you, think of you, speak of you, and do all things to the praise and glory of your name, with humility and discretion, with love and delight, with ease and affection, and with perseverance unto the end; may you alone be ever my hope, my entire confidence, my riches, my enjoyment, my pleasure, my joy, my rest and tranquillity, my peace, my harmony, my fragrance, my delight, my food, my refreshment, my refuge, my help, my wisdom, my portion, my possession and my treasure, in whom may my mind and my heart be ever fixed and firm and rooted immovably. Amen.

Hymn of
St. Thomas Aquinas

Partial indulgence each time; also if the whole hymn or the last verse alone is recited before

the Blessed Sacrament; plenary indulgence, on the usual conditions, if the hymn is recited each day for an entire month. Pius XI, 12 March 1936. Pius XII, 12 July 1941.

Earnestly I pray you, hidden Godhead true, And beneath these symbols, truly worship you; Now my heart is subject wholly to your will, As it thinks upon you it quite falters still.

Touch and taste and vision, you leave each deceived, And the hearing only, safely is believed; I believe whatever God's own Son has told; Than Truth's word we cannot ever truer hold.

On the Cross lay hidden but the Godhead true, Here unseen is, even, very manhood, too. Yet, them both professing, I express belief, And repeat the plea of the repentant thief.

Though the wounds that Thomas saw I do not see, Yet I still proclaim you Lord and God to be; May I in you ever find my faith increase, Hope in you and love you until life shall cease.

O supreme memento of the
Lord's own death!
Living bread bestowing
life's immortal breath!
Grant my soul may ever
only on you live,
All delight and savour may
you to it give.

Pelican all loving! Jesus,
Lord, I pray,
Soiled I am, but cleanse me
in your blood today;
Of which but one single
drop salvation wins,
And the whole world
cleanses from all stain
of sins.

Jesus, whom at present
veiled on earth I see,
What I now so long for,
may you grant to me.
That, at last, unveiled your
glory I behold
And in your blest vision
savour joys untold.
Amen.

Aspirations to the Most Holy Redeemer

Partial indulgence
if after Mass the priest
devoutly recites the follow-
ing invocations; **partial**
each time; **plenary indul-**
gence on the usual con-
ditions if devoutly recited
each day for an entire
month. Pius IX, 9 January,
1854.

Soul of Christ, sanctify
me. Body of Christ,

save me. Blood of Christ,
inebriate me. Water from
Christ's side, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strength-
en me. O good Jesus, hear
me. Hide me in your
wounds. Do not let me be
separated from you. From
the evil enemy defend me.
Call me at the hour of my
death. And bid me come
to you, that with your
saints I may praise you for
ever. Amen.

Offering of Oneself

Partial indulgence;
plenary on the usual con-
ditions if recited daily for a
month. Pius XI, 4 Decem-
ber 1932.

Receive, O Lord, my
entire freedom. Take
my memory, my intellect
and my whole will. What-
ever I have or possess, you
have given me. I give it all
back to you and offer myself
to be guided completely by
your will. Grant me only
your love and grace, and I
am rich enough. I ask for
nothing more.

Prayer to Our Lord Jesus Christ Crucified, before an image of the Crucified

Partial indulgence;
plenary indulgence if re-
cited after Mass, with
prayer for the Pope's in-
tentions. Pius XI, 2 Feb-
ruary 1934.

Behold, O good and most
gentle Jesus, I cast
myself upon my knees in
your sight, and with the
most fervent desire of my
soul, I pray and beseech
you to impress on my heart
a living faith, hope and
love, with true repentance
for my sins and a most firm
purpose of amendment.
While with deep affection
and grief of soul I think,
good Jesus, of your five
wounds and mentally gaze
upon them, I bear in mind
the words that the prophet
David placed on your lips;
"They tear holes in my
hands and feet, I can count
every one of my bones."
Ps. 21.

Another prayer

Partial indulgence.
Pius IX, 11 December 1846.
Furthermore, to those who
recite this prayer kneeling,
if possible, pardon of faults
contracted through human
weakness during the cele-
bration of Mass is granted.
Pius X, 29 August 1912.

I beseech of you, most
gentle Lord Jesus Christ,
that I may be strengthened,
protected and defended by
the power of your passion.
May your wounds be to me
food and drink by which I
may be nourished, stimu-
lated and satisfied. Let the
sprinkling of your blood

wash away all my sins and
your death be for me the
source of unfailing life.
May your cross be my
eternal glory. In all these
may I find refreshment,
joy, health and heartfelt
delight. For you live and
reign for ever. Amen.

Prayer to the B. V. Mary

Partial indulgence.
Pius XI, 3 October 1936.

O Mary, most holy Virgin
and Mother, I have
received your beloved Son,
whom you conceived in
your immaculate womb,
brought forth and suckled,
and held close with the
gentlest embraces. Look
upon him whose presence
brought you joy and filled
you with delight. He it is
whom I humbly and
lovingly draw to your atten-
tion and offer to your arms
to embrace, to your heart
to love; to the most holy
Trinity in that supreme
worship due to God alone,
for your honour and glory
and for my own needs and
those of the whole world.
And so I ask you, most
loving Mother, obtain for
me pardon of all my sins,
and abundance of grace to
serve him more faithfully,
and in the end the final
grace that I may be able to
praise him with you for
ever. Amen.

Prayer to St. Joseph

Partial indulgence as often as repeated; plenary indulgence on the usual conditions if the prayer is said daily for a month. Pius XI, 18 May 1936 and Pius XII, 10 March 1941.

Saint Joseph, guardian and father of virgins, to your safe keeping were entrusted Innocence itself, Christ Jesus, and Mary the Virgin of virgins. By these beloved pledges, Jesus and Mary, I pray and beseech you to keep me free from all uncleanness, and make me with spotless mind, pure heart and chaste body, ever to serve Jesus and Mary

most chastely all the days of my life. Amen.

Prayer to the Saint in whose honour the Mass was celebrated

Partial indulgence. Pius XI, 3 October 1936.

Saint N., in whose honour I have offered the unbloody sacrifice of the body and blood of Christ, obtain, by your powerful intercession with God, that through the celebration of this mystery, I may gain the merits of the passion and death of the same Christ our Saviour; and that with its repetition the fruits of my salvation may constantly increase. Amen.

**II.—EXCERPTS FROM
ROMAN RITUAL****Approved Litanies**

(From Roman Ritual tit. XI)

which may be recited publicly or privately in churches or public oratories.

**LITANY OF THE MOST HOLY
NAME OF JESUS**

Partial indulgence; plenary indulgence on the usual conditions if devoutly recited each day for an entire month with versicle and prayer. Pius XI, 2 January 1933.

L ord, have mercy.	Jesus, most amiable,
Christ, have mercy.	have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.	Jesus, most admirable,
Jesus, hear us.	have mercy.
Jesus, graciously hear us.	Jesus, mighty God,
God, the heavenly Father,	have mercy.
have mercy on us.	Jesus, Father of the world
God the Son, Redeemer of	to come, have mercy.
the world,	Jesus, Angel of the great
have mercy on us.	council, have mercy.
God, the Holy Spirit,	Jesus, most powerful,
have mercy on us.	have mercy.
Holy Trinity, one God,	Jesus, most patient,
have mercy on us.	have mercy.
Jesus, Son of the living	Jesus, most obedient,
God, have mercy on us.	have mercy.
Jesus, splendour of the	Jesus, gentle and lowly in
Father, have mercy.	heart, have mercy.
Jesus, brightness of eternal	Jesus, lover of chastity,
light, have mercy.	have mercy.
Jesus, King of Glory,	Jesus, lover of us,
have mercy.	have mercy.
Jesus, Sun of Justice,	Jesus, God of peace,
have mercy.	have mercy.
Jesus, Son of the Virgin	Jesus, author of life,
Mary, have mercy.	have mercy.

Jesus, example of virtues, have mercy.	From your wrath, Jesus, deliver us.
Jesus, zealous for souls, have mercy.	From the snares of the devil, Jesus, deliver us.
Jesus, our God, have mercy.	From the spirit of fornication, Jesus, deliver us.
Jesus, our refuge, have mercy.	From everlasting death, Jesus, deliver us.
Jesus, father of the poor, have mercy.	From neglect of your inspirations, Jesus, deliver us.
Jesus, treasure of the faithful, have mercy.	Through the mystery of your holy incarnation, Jesus, deliver us.
Jesus, good shepherd, have mercy.	Through your birth, Jesus, deliver us.
Jesus, true light, have mercy.	Through your infancy, Jesus, deliver us.
Jesus, eternal wisdom, have mercy.	Through your most divine life, Jesus, deliver us.
Jesus, infinite goodness, have mercy.	Through your labours, Jesus, deliver us.
Jesus, our way and our life, have mercy.	Through your agony and passion, Jesus, deliver us.
Jesus, joy of angels, have mercy.	Through your cross and dereliction, Jesus, deliver us.
Jesus, king of Patriarchs, have mercy.	Through your weariness, Jesus, deliver us.
Jesus, master of Apostles, have mercy.	Through your death and burial, Jesus, deliver us.
Jesus, teacher of Evangelists, have mercy.	Through your resurrection, Jesus, deliver us.
Jesus, strength of Martyrs, have mercy.	Through your ascension, Jesus, deliver us.
Jesus, light of Confessors, have mercy.	Through your institution of the most holy Eucharist, Jesus, deliver us.
Jesus, purity of Virgins, have mercy.	Through your joys, Jesus, deliver us.
Jesus, crown of all saints, have mercy.	Through your glory, Jesus, deliver us.
Be merciful, Jesus spare us.	Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, Jesus, spare us.
Be merciful, Jesus, graciously hear us.	
From all evil, Jesus, deliver us.	
From all sin, Jesus, deliver us.	

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, Jesus graciously hear us.

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, Jesus have mercy on us.

Jesus, hear us.

Jesus, graciously hear us.

Let us pray

Lord Jesus Christ, you said, "Ask and you will receive; seek, and you will

find; knock, and it will be opened to you." Grant, we beseech you, that we who ask the gift of your most divine love, may with every thought, word and deed, love you and never cease to praise you.

Grant us, Lord, a lasting fear and love of your holy name; for you never fail to guide those whom you firmly establish in your love. For you live and reign for ever. Amen.

LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Partial indulgence; plenary indulgence on the usual conditions if devoutly recited, with versicle and prayer, each day for an entire month. Pius XI, 10 March 1933.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the heavenly Father,
have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit,
have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God,
have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, Son of the eternal Father,
have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in the

womb of the Virgin Mother,
have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, united substantially to the Word of God,
have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, of infinite majesty,
have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, holy temple of God,
have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High,
have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven,
have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, glowing furnace of charity,
have mercy.

Heart of Jesus, vessel of justice and love, have mercy.	Heart of Jesus, bruised for our iniquities, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love, have mercy.	Heart of Jesus, made obedient unto death, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues, have mercy.	Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise, have mercy.	Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, king and centre of all hearts, have mercy.	Heart of Jesus, our life and our resurrection, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, have mercy.	Heart of Jesus, our peace and our reconciliation, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, in whom dwells all the fullness of the Godhead, have mercy.	Heart of Jesus, victim for sins, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father is well pleased, have mercy.	Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who hope in you, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, of whose fullness we all have received, have mercy.	Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in you, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills, have mercy.	Heart of Jesus, delight of all the saints, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, patient and full of mercy, have mercy.	Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, Lord.
Heart of Jesus, rich to all who call on you, have mercy.	Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, Lord.
Heart of Jesus, source of life and holiness, have mercy.	Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our sins, have mercy.	<i>V.</i> Jesus gentle and lowly in heart. <i>R.</i> Make our hearts become like yours.
Heart of Jesus, overwhelmed, with insults have mercy.	

Let us pray

Almighty, eternal God look on the heart of

your most beloved Son and on the praise and atonement he offers you on behalf of sinners; and, being appeased, grant pardon to those who implore your mercy in the name of the same Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. Amen.

LITANY OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

A partial indulgence may be gained each time this litany is recited contritely by the faithful. A plenary indulgence, on the usual conditions, may likewise be gained once a month if the litany be devoutly recited daily throughout the month. John XXIII, 3 March 1960.

L ord, have mercy.	Blood of Christ, shed upon the Cross, save us.
Christ, have mercy.	Blood of Christ, price of our salvation, save us.
Lord, have mercy.	Blood of Christ, without which there is no pardon, save us.
Christ, hear us.	Blood of Christ, in the Eucharist, refreshment and cleansing for souls, save us.
Christ, graciously hear us.	Blood of Christ, river of mercy, save us.
God, the heavenly Father, have mercy on us.	Blood of Christ, vanquisher of devils, save us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.	Blood of Christ, endurance of martyrs, save us.
God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.	Blood of Christ, strength of confessors, save us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.	Blood of Christ, engendering virgins, save us.
Blood of Christ, the only-begotten Son of the eternal Father, save us.	Blood of Christ, strength of those in peril, save us.
Blood of Christ, the Word of God, incarnate, save us.	Blood of Christ, help of those who labour, save us.
Blood of Christ, of the new and eternal covenant, save us.	Blood of Christ, solace in sorrow, save us.
Blood of Christ, streaming to the ground during the agony, save us.	Blood of Christ, hope of the repentant, save us.
Blood of Christ, flowing at the scourging, save us.	
Blood of Christ, gushing forth at the crowning with thorns, save us.	

Blood of Christ, consolation of the dying, save us.
 Blood of Christ, peace and delight of hearts, save us.
 Blood of Christ, pledge of eternal life, save us.
 Blood of Christ, releasing souls from Purgatory, save us.
 Blood of Christ, most worthy of all honour and glory, save us.
 Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, Lord.
 Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, Lord.
 Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

V. You ransomed us, Lord, by your blood. **Ry.**
 And made us a kingdom to our God.

Let us pray

Almighty, everlasting God, you appointed your only-begotten Son to be redeemer of the world, and willed to be appeased by his blood. Grant us, we pray, so to venerate the price of our salvation, and so to be defended against the evils of this life by its might, that we may enjoy its fruit for ever in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord.

Ry. Amen.

LITANY OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Partial indulgence; a plenary indulgence on the usual conditions if devoutly recited daily with versicle and prayer for an entire month. Pius XI, 28 March 1933.

Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, hear us.
 Christ, graciously hear us.
 God the heavenly Father, have mercy on us.
 God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
 God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.
 Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.
 Holy Mary, pray for us.
 Holy Mother of God, pray.

Holy Virgin of Virgins, pray.
 Mother of Christ, pray.
 Mother of divine grace, pray.
 Mother most pure, pray.
 Mother most chaste, pray.
 Mother inviolate, pray.
 Mother undefiled, pray.
 Mother most amiable, pray.
 Mother most admirable, pray.
 Mother of good counsel, pray.
 Mother of our Creator, pray.

Mother of our Saviour, pray.
 Virgin most prudent, pray.
 Virgin to be revered, pray.
 Virgin to be proclaimed, pray.
 Virgin most powerful, pray.
 Virgin most merciful, pray.
 Virgin most faithful, pray.
 Mirror of justice, pray.
 Seat of wisdom, pray.
 Cause of our joy, pray.
 Spiritual vessel, pray.
 Vessel of honour, pray.
 Singular vessel of devotion, pray.

Mystical rose, pray.
 Tower of David, pray.
 Tower of ivory, pray.
 House of gold, pray.
 Ark of the Covenant, pray.
 Gate of heaven, pray.
 Morning star, pray.
 Health of the sick, pray.
 Refuge of sinners, pray.
 Comforter of the afflicted, pray.

Help of Christians, pray.
 Queen of angels, pray.
 Queen of patriarchs, pray.
 Queen of prophets, pray.
 Queen of apostles, pray.
 Queen of martyrs, pray.
 Queen of confessors, pray.
 Queen of virgins, pray.
 Queen of all saints, pray.
 Queen conceived without original sin, pray.
 Queen assumed into heaven, pray.
 Queen of the most holy rosary, pray.
 Queen of peace, pray.
 Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the

world, spare us, Lord.
 Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, Lord.
 Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
V. Pray for us, holy mother of God. **Ry.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray
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.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

to be said on Saturdays after her litany

After Lamb of God has been said for the third time there follows:

Mary, Maid inviolate, chaste and undefiled, Mother well-beloved of Christ, your own true child.
 You are made the shining gate of heaven above,
 Accept from us these words of praise we offer you with love.

We now implore devoutly,
from the heart within,
That our souls be stainless,
our bodies free from sin.
May you bring us ever, is
our earnest prayer,
The pardon that is granted
through your moving
pleading rare.

O gracious one, who alone
has remained immaculate.
P.T. Alleluia.

**In Paschal time, in place
of the prayer** Mary Maid
inviolata, **one may recite
the following antiphon:**

Queen of heaven, rejoice,
alleluia; for he whom
you were worthy to bear,
alleluia, has risen as he
said, alleluia. Pray to God
for us, alleluia.

LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Partial indulgence; plenary indulgence on the
usual conditions if devoutly recited with versicle and
prayer daily for a month. Pius XI, 21 March 1935.**

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the heavenly Father,
have mercy on us.
God the Son, redeemer of
the world,
have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit,
have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God,
have mercy on us.

After the prayer Mary
Maid inviolate **or after the
ant.** Queen of heaven, **the
following is said:**

V. Pray for us, holy
mother of God. **P.T.**
Alleluia. **R.** That we may
be made worthy of the
promises of Christ. **P.T.**
Alleluia.

Let us pray **Prayer**
Pour forth, we beseech
you, Lord, your grace
into our hearts, that we to
whom the incarnation of
Christ your Son was made
known by the message of
an angel, may, by his
passion and cross, be
brought to the glory of his
resurrection. Through the
same Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Holy Mary, pray for us.
St. Joseph, pray.
Illustrious Son of David,
pray.
Light of patriarchs, pray.
Husband of the Mother of
God, pray.
Chaste guardian of the
Virgin, pray.
Foster-father of the Son of
God, pray.
Diligent protector of Christ,
pray.

Head of the Holy Family,
pray.
Joseph most just, pray.
Joseph most chaste, pray.
Joseph most prudent, pray.
Joseph most valiant, pray.
Joseph most obedient, pray.
Joseph most faithful, pray.
Mirror of patience, pray.
Lover of poverty, pray.
Model of workers, pray.
Glory of family life, pray.
Guardian of virgins, pray.
Mainstay of families, pray.
Solace of the afflicted,
pray.
Hope of the sick, pray.
Patron of the dying, pray.
Terror of demons, pray.
Protector of Holy Church,
pray.
Lamb of God, who takes
away the sins of the
world, spare us, Lord.
Lamb of God who takes

away the sins of the
world,
graciously hear us, Lord.
Lamb of God who takes
away the sins of the
world,
have mercy on us.
V. He made him master
of his house. **R.** And ruler
of all he possessed.

Let us pray **Prayer**
O God, in your providence,
which surpasses all words,
you saw fit to choose the
blessed Joseph to be the
husband of your most holy
mother. Grant, we beseech
you, that we may deserve to
have him as intercessor in
heaven, whom, on earth we
venerate as our protector.
For you live and reign for
ever. **R.** Amen.

APOSTOLIC BLESSING

at the end of Sermons.

From Roman Ritual tit. IX, cap. x, n. 2.

**Priests of the Order of
Preachers who have given a
Mission or Retreat can, at
the conclusion of the sermons,
give the blessing and plenary
indulgence by a single Sign of
the Cross with a Crucifix and
using the following formula:**

May the blessing of
almighty God, the
Father, ✠ the Son, and the
Holy Spirit come down to
you and remain for ever. **R.**
Amen.

(A faculty granted to our
Order by indult of 12
August 1908. Summary of
indulgences, privileges, and
indults O.P.).

III—EXTRACTS FROM THE COLLECTIONARY OF THE ORDER OF PREACHERS

Sacramental Absolution

I. Form commonly used

If you are held by any bond of excommunication (suspension) and interdict from which I can absolve you, I absolve you and I restore you to the holy sacraments of the church, to the communion and unity of the faithful. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

May almighty God have mercy on you and forgive you all your sins: may he free you from all evil, keep you safe and strengthen you in every good work, and bring you to eternal life. Amen.

May our Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, through his most loving mercy, absolve you. And by his authority, which I exercise, I absolve you from all your sins, so that you may be absolved from them both here and before the judgment seat of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and that you may possess eternal life and may live for ever. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the

Son, ✠ and of the Holy ✠ Spirit. Amen.

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, the merits of the blessed Mary, ever virgin, of blessed Dominic our Father, and of all the saints, and whatever good you may have done or intend to do, or hardship you endure and will endure, may these gain for you forgiveness of sins, increase of grace and the reward of eternal life. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

II. Shorter form to be used in reconciliation, or when there are many confessions, or in case of frequent confession.

The May almighty God may be omitted, and it will be sufficient to say:

If you are held by any bond of excommunication (or suspension) and interdict from which I can absolve you, I absolve you in the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Likewise, I absolve you from all your sins. In

the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

III. Very short form to be used in urgent need due to danger of death

I absolve you from all censures and sins. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

IV. Form to be used in time of Jubilee or of similar favours

If you are held by any bond of excommunication (suspension) and interdict from which I can absolve you, by the authority given to me and granted for you by His

Holiness, our lord the Pope, (or by N.) I absolve you and restore you to the holy sacraments of the church, to the communion and unity of the faithful. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

May almighty God, etc. May our Lord Jesus Christ, etc., as above.

Note

If the Confessor is certain of the excommunication and if he has obtained the faculty he should say after the above: I absolve you from the bond of excommunication which you incurred because of such a cause, etc. **Then he absolves from sins as above.**

Formula of General Absolution with Plenary Indulgence, for Regulars and for Tertiaries living in community

Brothers and Sisters may gain a plenary indulgence if after Confession and Holy Communion they receive this general absolution and pray for the Pope's intentions. This formula may be used by the superiors of the Order or by other religious deputed by them. Sisters may receive this general absolution from the confessor or from another

priest delegated by the Ordinary, even if not approved for their confessions.

Religious may receive this absolution, even privately, on the day before the feast to which it is attached, or within the octave, if for any reason it cannot be received on the appointed day.

Ant. Do not recall, Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents, and do not take vengeance because of our sins.

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Our Father . . .

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And give us your saving help.

V. O Lord, listen to my prayer.

R. And let my cry for help reach you.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

Let us pray

O God, you are offended by sin but appeased by penance. Look kindly upon the prayers of your suppliant people and turn aside the lashes of your anger which we deserve by our sins. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

I confess to almighty God, to blessed Mary ever virgin, to blessed Dominic our Father, to all the saints and to you Father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, deed, and

omission, through my fault: I beseech you to pray for me.

May almighty God have mercy on you and forgive you all your sins. May he free you from all evil, keep you safe and strengthen you in every good work, and bring you to eternal life. **R.** Amen.

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins. **R.** Amen.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, by the merits of his most sacred passion, absolve you from every bond of sin and may he pour forth his grace upon you. And, by his authority, and that of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul, and of the Supreme Pontiffs, which has been granted for our Order and for you, and here and now entrusted to me, I absolve you from transgressions of the Rule, of the Constitutions, and of the ordinations and admonitions of our superiors, from all forgotten or even neglected penances, granting to you a plenary indulgence of all your sins. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Formula of Blessing or of General Absolution

with Plenary Indulgence for Secular Tertiaries of the
Order of Preachers

Let my prayer come before you, Lord. Bend down and listen to our prayers. Spare, Lord, spare your people, whom you have ransomed with your precious blood. Do not be angry with us for ever.

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Our Father . . . **silently**
V. And lead us not into temptation. **R.** But deliver us from evil.

V. Save your servants (or your handmaids, or: Save your servants and your handmaids).

R. Who trust in you, my God.

V. O Lord, listen to my prayer. **R.** And let my cry for help reach you.

V. The Lord be with you. **R.** And also with you.

Let us pray

O God, you are offended by sin but appeased by penance. Look kindly upon the prayers of your suppliant people and turn aside the lashes of your anger which we deserve by

our sins. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the I confess being said the priest continues with the May almighty God etc., May the almighty, etc. At the end, he adds:

May our Lord Jesus Christ who gave to the blessed apostle Peter the power to bind and to loose, absolve you from every bond of sin that you may possess eternal life and may live for ever. **R.** Amen.

Through the most sacred passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, by the prayers and merits of the most blessed Mary ever virgin, of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul, of our blessed Father Dominic and of all the saints, by authority from the Supreme Pontiffs, which has been entrusted to me, I impart to you a plenary indulgence of all your sins. In the name of the Father ✠, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **R.** Amen.

Formula of Blessing

With Plenary Indulgence for Secular Tertiaries

To be imparted after sacramental absolution.

I. Formula normally to be used.

To impart this indulgence immediately after sacramental absolution (and it can be given by any confessor) the priest says:

May our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave to the blessed apostle Peter the power of binding and loosing, absolve you from every bond of fault so that you may have everlasting life and may live for ever.

Through the most sacred passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, by the prayers and merits of the most blessed Mary ever Virgin, of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul, of our holy Father **N.** and

of all the saints, by authority from the Supreme Pontiffs, which has been entrusted to me, I impart to you a plenary indulgence of all your sins. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

II. Shorter formula

If owing to circumstances the complete formula cannot be used, the priest, omitting everything else, can say:

By the authority from the Supreme Pontiffs committed to me, I impart to you a plenary indulgence of all your sins. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Grace at Meals

Immediately after Speak the blessing has been intoned, the following is said:

BEFORE DINNER

I. When there is not fast

∇. The eyes of all creatures look to you and

you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. Glory be to the Father . . . As it was . . .

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Our Father, **silently.** And lead us not into

temptation. **Ry.** But deliver us from evil.

Let us pray **Prayer**

Bless, ✠ Lord, your gifts which of your goodness we are about to receive. Through Christ our Lord.

Ry. Amen.

And Sir, ask, for a blessing, **having been said, the blessing is given:** May the King of eternal glory grant us to share in the table of heaven.

Ry. Amen.

II. When there is fast

Immediately after Speak the blessing has been intoned, the following is said:

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!

Glory be to the Father . . . As it was . . .

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Our Father, **silently.** And lead us not into temptation. **Ry.** But deliver us from evil.

Let us pray **Prayer**

Bless, ✠ Lord, your gifts which of your goodness we are about to receive. Through Christ our Lord.

Ry. Amen.

And Sir, ask, for a blessing, **having been said, the blessing is given:** May the King of eternal glory grant us to share in the table of heaven.

Ry. Amen.

On Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday the Glory be to the Father is not said.

AFTER DINNER

I. When there is not fast

∇. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord; and your friends shall repeat their blessing. Glory be to the Father . . . As it was . . .

We give you thanks for all your benefits, almighty God: for you live and reign for ever and ever. **Ry.** Amen.

Psalm 50 Have mercy [212] with Glory be to the Father at the end.

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Our Father, **silently.** And lead us not into temptation. **Ry.** But deliver us from evil.

∇. Open-handed, he gives to the poor. **Ry.** His justice stands firm for ever.

∇. I will bless the Lord at all times. **Ry.** His praise always on my lips.

∇. In the Lord my soul shall make its boast. **Ry.** The humble shall hear and be glad.

☩. Glorify the Lord with me. *R.* Together let us praise his name.

☩. May the name of the Lord be blessed. *R.* Both now and for ever more.

Then without The Lord be with you and without Let us pray the following prayer is said:

Be pleased, Lord, to repay with eternal life all those who do good to us, for the sake of your holy name.

R. Amen.

☩. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Then, if an Hour of the Office does not follow, is said:

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

R. Amen.

II. When there is fast

☩. He makes us remember his wonders. The Lord is compassion and love. He gives food to those who fear him. Glory be to the Father . . . As it was . . .

We give you thanks for all your benefits, almighty God: for you live and reign for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Psalm 50 Have mercy, [212] with Glory be to the Father **at the end.**

Lord have mercy. Christ

have mercy. Lord have mercy. Our Father, **silently.** And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil.

The ☩. Open-handed, and all the others which are usually said when there is not fast, are said, as noted above.

However, on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, neither the Glory be to the Father, nor the May the souls of the faithful is said.

BEFORE SUPPER

After Speak the blessing, there follows at once:

☩. 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 ! Glory be to the Father . . . As it was . . .

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Our Father, **silently.** And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil.

Let us pray **Prayer** Bless, ✠ Lord, your gifts which of your goodness we are about to receive. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

And Sir, ask for a blessing, **having been said, the blessing is given:** May the King of glory bring us to the supper of eternal life. *R.* Amen.

AFTER SUPPER

☩. He makes us remember his wonders. The Lord is compassion and love. He gives food to those who fear him. Glory be to the Father . . . As it was . . .

Blessed in his gifts and holy in all his deeds is the Lord ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *R.* Amen.

Psalm Have mercy [212]; **at the end** Glory be to the Father **is said.**

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Our Father, **silently.** And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil.

The ☩. Open-handed, and all the others which are usually said after dinner, are said, as noted above on page 37*.

Before the Collation

Speak the blessing, **having been said, the blessing is given:**

May the giver of all good things bless ✠ the food and drink of his servants.

R. Amen.

After the Collation

When the collation is ended the following is said:

☩. Our help is in the name of the Lord. *R.* Who made heaven and earth.

Blessing of Various Objects

The priest wears the seasonal stole unless otherwise indicated.

Blessing of Rosaries

Priest wears a white stole and says:

☩. Our help is in the name of the Lord. *R.* Who made heaven and earth.

The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

Let us pray

Prayer

Almighty and merciful God, on account of your very great love for us, you willed that your only-begotten Son, our

Lord Jesus Christ, should come down from heaven to earth, and at the angel's message take flesh in the most sacred womb of Our Lady, the most blessed Virgin Mary, submit to death on the cross, and then rise gloriously from the dead on the third day, in order to deliver us from Satan's tyranny. We humbly beg you, in your boundless goodness to bless ✠ and to sanctify ✠ these rosaries, which your faithful church has consecrated to the

honour and praise of the mother of your Son. Let them be endowed with such power of the Holy Spirit, that whoever carries one on his person, or reverently keeps one in his home, or devoutly prays to you while meditating on the divine mysteries, according to the rules of this holy society, may fully share in all the graces, privileges, and indulgences which the Holy See has granted to this society. May he always and everywhere in this life be shielded from all enemies, visible and invisible, and at his death deserve to be presented to you by the most blessed Virgin Mary herself, mother of God. Through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Ry.** Amen.

They are sprinkled with holy water.

Short formula

To the honour and glory of Mary, the virgin mother of God, in memory of the mysteries of the life, death and resurrection of our Lord, the same Jesus Christ, may this crown of the most holy Rosary be blessed ✠ and sanctified ✠ in the name of the Father,

✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessing of Roses of the Society of the most holy Rosary

Wearing a stole, the priest says:

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord. **Ry.** Who made heaven and earth.

The Lord be with you.

Ry. And also with you.

Let us pray **Prayer**

God, you are the creator and upholder of the human race, the author of grace and the generous giver of eternal salvation, with your holy blessing ✠ bless these roses which we beg you to bless, and which we offer this day in thanksgiving to you and in devotion and veneration towards the ever blessed virgin Mary of the rosary. By the power of the holy cross pour out a heavenly ✠ blessing on these roses, which you have given to man to enjoy their pleasing fragrance and to alleviate sickness. By the sign of the holy ✠ cross let them be endowed with such blessing that the sick to whom they are brought, or who bring them to their homes, may be healed of their infirmities. May the devils depart, may they flee panic-stricken with

their followers from these dwellings, nor may they any more dare to trouble those who serve you. Through Christ our Lord.

Ry. Amen.

They are sprinkled with holy water.

Blessing of Candles of the Society of the most holy Rosary

Wearing a stole, the priest says:

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord. **Ry.** Who made heaven and earth.

The Lord be with you.

Ry. And also with you.

Let us pray **Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, the true light that enlightens every man who comes into the world, by the prayers of the blessed Virgin Mary, your mother, and the fifteen mysteries of her rosary, pour out your blessing ✠ on these candles and tapers, and sanctify ✠ them by the light of your grace. Mercifully grant, that as these lights with their visible fire dispel the darkness of the night, so may the Holy Spirit with his invisible fire and splendour dispel the darkness of our vices. May he help us ever to discern, with the pure eye of the spirit, the things that are pleasing to you and of benefit to us, so that, in

spite of the darkness and pitfalls of this world, we may come at last to the light that never fails. For you live and reign for ever and ever. **Ry.** Amen.

They are sprinkled with holy water.

Blessing of Clothing of the Brothers and Sisters

Wearing a stole, the priest says:

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord. **Ry.** Who made heaven and earth.

The Lord be with you.

Ry. And also with you.

Let us pray **Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, you condescended to clothe yourself with the robe of mortality. We beg you from the abundance of your great mercy to bless ✠ this kind of garment which the holy Fathers have appointed to be worn in token of innocence and humility. Grant that he (or she) who is to wear it may be worthy to put on you, Christ our Lord. Amen.

The garments are sprinkled with holy water.

Blessing of Cinctures and Medals of St. Thomas Aquinas

Wearing white stole, the priest says:

V. Our help is in the

name of the Lord. *R.* Who made heaven and earth.

The Lord be with you.
R. And also with you.

Let us pray **Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, lover and guardian of purity, we beseech your boundless goodness and ask, that as you caused Saint Thomas Aquinas to be girded with the cincture of chastity through the ministry of angels, and preserved him from every stain of body and soul, so may you be pleased to bless *✠* and sanctify *✠* these cinctures (or medals) to his honour and glory. Let all who reverently keep them and wear them about their loins (or who reverently wear and keep them) be cleansed of every defilement of mind and body, and deserve to be presented to you at the hour of death by the hands of the holy angels. For you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, live and reign for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

They are sprinkled with holy water.

Blessing of Water with Relic of St. Peter the Martyr

Wearing a red stole the priest says:

V. Our help is in the

name of the Lord. *R.* Who made heaven and earth.

The Lord be with you.
R. And also with you.

Let us pray **Prayer**

God, who for man's salvation instituted very great mysteries in the element of water, listen to our prayer, and pour forth your blessing *✠* on this element, water, which we now seal with the power of the blessed Peter your martyr. By the intercession of this, your martyr, let it be a health-giving remedy for your faithful, driving out evil spirits and warding off illness and suffering of body and spirit. May all who drink of it or are sprinkled with it be delivered from every affliction of soul and body and receive health in all their being. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray **Prayer**

Almighty everlasting God, we humbly implore your mercy and goodness graciously to bless *✠* by your power, which surpasses description, these your faithful people who come to venerate the relic of St. Peter Martyr and to beg his intercession. Delivered by your martyr's prayers from every affliction of mind and body, protected

by your mercy here and everywhere, and saved by your grace, may they deserve, after this life has run its course, to attain the joys that are unending. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Blessing of Olive Oil on Feast of St. Peter Martyr

Wearing stole, the priest says:

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord. *R.* Who made heaven and earth.

The Lord be with you.
R. And also with you.

Let us pray **Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, bless *✠* these olives, we beseech you. Pour out on them a heavenly blessing, by the power of the holy *✠* cross and the intercession of St. Peter Martyr, for you gave them to man to dispel darkness. May they, by the sign of the holy *✠* cross, be endowed with such blessing that, wherever they may be placed, the powers of darkness may depart and tremble and, with their followers, flee panic-stricken from those dwellings. May no damage be done there by lightning and storm; may no inclement weather consume or destroy the fruits of the

earth, and may nothing trouble or molest those who serve you, almighty God: for you live and reign for ever and ever. *R.* Amen.

They are sprinkled with holy water.

Blessing of Palm or other Branches on the same Feast

Wearing a stole, the priest says:

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord. *R.* Who made heaven and earth.

The Lord be with you.
R. And also with you.

Let us pray **Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, bless *✠* these branches of trees, we beseech you. Pour out on them a heavenly blessing, by the power of the holy *✠* cross and the intercession of St. Peter Martyr. For, when you were about to triumph over the enemy of mankind, you willed that palms and branches of trees should be used by children to honour you. May these, by the sign of the holy *✠* cross, be endowed with such blessing that, wherever they may be placed, the powers of darkness may depart and tremble and, with their followers, flee

panic-stricken from those dwellings. May no damage be done there by lightning and storm; may no inclement weather consume or destroy the fruits of the earth, and may nothing trouble or molest those who serve you, almighty God: for you live and reign for ever and ever. *R.* Amen.

They are sprinkled with holy water.

Blessing of Prayers of St. Vincent Ferrer.

Wearing a stole, the priest says:

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord. *R.* Who made heaven and earth.

The Lord be with you. *R.* And also with you.

Let us pray *Prayer*

Almighty and everlasting God deign to ✠ bless, and ✠ sanctify these written prayers to the honour of your name, of the blessed Mary your mother, and of the blessed Vincent your confessor. May all who use them or carry them on their person, by the merits and prayers of blessed Vincent, obtain health of soul and body from you, who live and reign for ever and ever. *R.* Amen.

They are sprinkled with holy water.

Blessing of Water for the Sick in Honour of St. Vincent Ferrer

Priest wears stole and says:

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord. *R.* Who made heaven and earth.

V. May the name of the Lord be blessed. *R.* Both now and for evermore.

V. O Lord, listen to my prayer. *R.* And let my cry for help reach you.

The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

Let us pray *Prayer*

Lord, you once blessed the rock in the desert, letting a copious flow of water come forth when Moses had twice struck it with his rod, and by this double stroke typified the mystery of your passion and the two beams of the cross. We humbly implore your majesty, in your goodness and mercy, that by the mystery of the same holy cross, you would sanctify this water with a generous ✠ blessing. May every sick person who drinks of it or is sprinkled with it, straightway experience the health-giving effect of your blessing. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

I bless this water in the name of God ✠ the Father almighty, who

created this pleasing element for man's use, ennobling it by his wondrous power that it might wash away the stains of body and soul, that it might give drink to the thirsty, refreshment to those suffering from heat, and a way and path to seafarers. For, in water and by water in the universal deluge, when the sluices were opened and the heavens rained for forty days and forty nights, yet sparing the lives of the eight people in the ark which rode the water, he prefigured the sacrament of the new Law. So may he bless ✠ and sanctify ✠ this water, so that by the invocation of his holy name and that of St. Vincent, it may heal the sick, strengthen the infirm, cheer the downcast, purify the unclean, and mightily restore health to those who seek it. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. *R.* Amen.

The priest, touching the vessel of water with a relic or image of St. Vincent, says:

Let us pray *Prayer*

Listen, Lord, to our entreaties, and by the merits of St. Vincent, by whose relic (or image) this water is touched, pour out the might of your constant blessing on this element,

water, that whoever takes it may find it a health-giving drink. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The foregoing cross ought to be made with the relic or image.

Then the priest says:

Ant. In the evening of life may St. Vincent graciously be with us to lead us on the sure path to Christ.

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

Let us pray *Prayer*

O God, through the wonderful preaching of your confessor, the blessed Vincent, you granted that a multitude of peoples should come to acknowledge your name. Grant, we beseech you, that we may be worthy to be rewarded in heaven by him whom he announced on earth as the Judge who is to come, Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Blessing for all things

This formula can be used by any priest, for all things to which a special blessing is not assigned.

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord. *R.* Who made heaven and earth.

The Lord be with you.
Ry. And also with you.

Let us pray **Prayer**

God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth your blessing **✠** upon this creature (or these creatures), and grant that whoever uses it (or them) with gratitude and in ac-

cordance with your law and will, may by calling on your most holy name, receive from you, the Creator, protection of soul and body. Through Christ our Lord.
Ry. Amen.

It is sprinkled (or they are sprinkled) with holy water.

Prayers

for the Lord Pope and for Benefactors, to be said in Chapter

If faults are to be heard in Chapter the prayers for the Pope and for benefactors are said in this manner. The Prelate having said Speak the blessing and the response The Lord, having been made, any benefactions that are to be announced should be announced. Then having made those recommendations that he may be obliged to make or wishes to make, the Prelate rises, as do all the others, and without Let us pray says the following prayer, during which the brethren bow profoundly.

Be pleased, Lord, to repay with eternal life all those who do good to us, for the sake of your holy name. **Ry.** Amen.

Then is said, by each choir alternately, the psalm

To you have I lifted up my eyes, 47* and concluding it with the versicles Glory be to the Father . . . At it was; then the psalm Out of the depths, [224] concluding it with the versicle Eternal rest.

After this, all say in common: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. The Our Father is said silently, at the end of which the hebdomadarian says:

And lead us not into temptation. Ry. But deliver us from evil

V. Let us pray for the Lord Pope. **Ry.** The Lord preserve him and give him life and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

V. Save your servants and your handmaids. **Ry.** Who trust in you, my God.

V. May they rest in peace. **Ry.** Amen.

The Lord be with you.
Ry. And also with you.

Let us pray **Prayer**

Almighty, eternal God, who alone does great wonders, pour forth on your servant, **N.** our Pope, and on all congregations committed to his charge, the spirit of saving grace; and that they may truly please you, pour down on them the continual dew of your blessing.

Stretch out, Lord, the right hand of your heavenly help to your servants and handmaids. May they seek you with their whole heart and obtain whatsoever they worthily ask of you.

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 for ever and ever. **Ry.** Amen.

The previous three prayers are said with the one Let us pray and finish with the single For you live.

When the Apostolic See is vacant those prayers which refer to the Pope are omitted.

When the prayers are finished the Prelate hears the faults. When these are finished, all rise and the Prelate says:

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord. **Ry.** Who made heaven and earth.

Prayers for the General Chapter

and for those who go to it

Psalm 122

In a year in which a General Chapter is to be held, for a month before the day of the Chapter, there is said daily after None or after Office of the Dead when this follows None, except on feasts of the I and II class, the psalm To you have I lifted.

It is said alternately by each choir beginning from the hebdomadarian's side.

To you have I lifted up my eyes * you who dwell in the heavens:

My eyes, like the eyes of slaves * on the hand of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant * on the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes are on the Lord our God * till he show us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. * We are filled with contempt.

Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, * (with the proud man's disdain).

Glory be to the Father . . .
As it was . . .

Afterwards is said the antiphon: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love; you, who, through the diversity of many languages, gathered the nations together in the unity of faith.

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Our Father **silently** And lead us not into temptation. **Ry.** But deliver us from evil.

V. Send forth your Spirit and they will be created. **Ry.** And you will renew the face of the earth.

V. Save your servants. **Ry.** Who trust in you, my God.

The Lord be with you. **Ry.** And also with you.

Let us pray **Prayer**

O God, who has instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that, in the same Spirit, we may relish what is right and ever rejoice in his consolation.

Prayer

Listen, Lord, to our prayers and guide the steps of your servants along the path of your salvation; that in the journey through this fickle life they may always be protected by your help. Through Christ our Lord. **Ry.** Amen.

Brethren who are absent from choir should, nevertheless, say these prayers.

Prayers

to be said when visiting the Sick

When visiting those confined to bed through illness, the brethren on entering house or room of the sick person, should say:

V. Peace to this house. **Ry.** And to all who dwell here.

And going up to the bed of the sick person they should greet him pleasantly and

encourage him by holy and consoling words to have patience in his illness. Since it is often the case that bodily sickness is a result of spiritual sickness, they should exhort him, if he wishes to be cured quickly, even though the illness be not grave, to make a full and true confession of all

his sins. Should the brethren wish to recite prayers over the sick person then the senior priest among them can use this formula, which may be abbreviated at will.

Should there be several persons ill in the same room or place, then as often as mention is made of them in the following prayers, the priest should use the plural form.

Dearly beloved, if the Lord sees fit to restore you to health, will you not determine, to the best of your ability, to avoid sin and to keep his commandments?

Having received the promise, the priest says:

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord. **Ry.** Who made heaven and earth.

The Lord be with you. **Ry.** And also with you.

Let us pray

We beseech you, Lord Jesus Christ, that at our humble entry there may come into this house, eternal happiness, divine well-being, serene joy, fruitful charity and everlasting health. Let any inroads of devils vanish from this place, let the angels of peace be present therein, and let all discord depart from this house. Show in us, Lord, the

might of your holy name. Bless ✠ what we do, sanctify our humble visit. For you are holy and loving and you abide with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 6 Lord, do not reprove me [220].

The Lord be with you. **Ry.** And also with you.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Ry.** Glory to you, Lord.

When the priest says: Reading from the holy, etc. he makes the sign of the cross on his forehead, mouth and breast and likewise on the sick person if the patient be a man; if it be a woman, he signs himself alone as above. This procedure is observed in the following Gospel readings.

Chapter 8

As he entered Caper'natum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralysed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For

I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marvelled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

The Lord be with you.
R. And also with you.

Let us pray

God of heavenly power, by the power of your command, you drive away all weakness and sickness from the bodies of men; in your mercy, help your servant, so that his (her) infirmity being fled, his (her) full strength restored, in renewed health he (she) may bless your holy name. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Psalm 19

May the Lord answer in time of trial; * may the name of Jacob's God protect you.

May he send you help from his shrine * and give you support from Zion.

May he remember all your offerings * and receive your sacrifice with favour.

May he give you your heart's desire * and fulfil every one of your plans.

May we ring out our joy at your victory and rejoice in the name of our God. * May the Lord grant all your prayers.

I am sure now that the Lord * will give victory to his anointed,

Will reply from his holy heaven * with the mighty victory of his hand.

Some trust in chariots or horses, * but we in the name of the Lord.

They will collapse and fall, * but we shall hold and stand firm.

Give victory to the king, O Lord, * give answer on the day we call.

Ant. In the midst of life we are in death. To whom do we look for help but to you, Lord, whose anger, with good reason, is enkindled because of our sins? * Holy God, holy Mighty One, holy and merciful Saviour, give us not over to bitter death!

V. Do not reject us now that we are old; when our strength fails, do not forsake us, Lord. - Holy God.
R. And also with you.

Let us pray

Almighty everlasting God, look down in mercy on the infirmity of your servant, and stretch out your majestic right hand to protect him (or her).

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Our Father. . . And lead us not into temptation. R. But deliver us from evil.

V. Have mercy on me, Lord, I have no strength. R. Lord, heal me, my body is racked.

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

V. For you has he commanded his angels. R. To keep you in all your ways.

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

V. Lord, save your servant (or handmaid). R. Who trusts in you, my God.

V. Send him (or her) help, Lord, from your shrine. R. And give him (or her) support from Zion.

V. May the enemy never outwit him (or her). R. Nor the evil man oppress him (or her).

V. Be to him (or her) Lord, a strong tower. R. Against the foe.

V. O Lord listen to my prayer. R. And let my cry for help reach you.

V. The Lord be with

you. R. And also with you.

Almighty everlasting God, look down in mercy on the infirmity of your servant, and stretch out your majestic right hand to protect him (or her).

Grant, we beseech you, Lord God, that this your servant may enjoy un-failing 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.

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.

Grant, we beseech you, almighty God, that we who are weighed down by the burden of our sins may be relieved through the patronage of the blessed Dominic, your confessor and our father.

O God, you always rule with loving care over that which you have made;

listen to our prayers and look kindly on your servant who is suffering bodily illness. Come to him (or her) with your healing power and grant him (or her) the remedy of heavenly grace. Through our Lord. **Ry.** Amen.

Having said the final prayer the priest places both hands on the head of the sick person and says the prayer of St. Vincent used by St. Louis Bertrand.

They will lay hands on the sick and they will recover. May Jesus, Son of Mary, Lord and health of the world, who drew you to the catholic faith, preserve you in it and make you blessed. And by the merits of the blessed virgin Mary, of the blessed Dominic, our father, of the blessed Vincent and of all the saints, may he be pleased to free you from this infirmity.

Then he says:

The Lord be with you.
Ry. And also with you.

The beginning of the holy Gospel according to John. **Ry.** Glory to you, Lord.

Chapter 1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made

through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. **Here a genuflexion is made.** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. **Ry.** Thanks be to God.

In place of the preceding gospel, the following can be said.

The Lord be with you.
Ry. And also with you.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

Ry. Thanks be to God.

Chapter 16

At that time, Jesus appeared to the eleven disciples as they sat at table; and he upbraided them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who 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

After which he adds:

May the Lord Jesus Christ be with you to defend you, within you to preserve you, before you to lead you, behind you to guide you, and above you to bless ✠ you: for with the Father and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns in perfect unity for endless ages.

Ry. Amen.

May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, ✠ the Son and the Holy Spirit come down to you and remain with you for ever. **Ry.** Amen.

He then sprinkles the sick person with holy water.

Apostolic Blessing for moment of death

I—Formula normally to be followed

Priest, wearing a violet stole, on entering the room of the sick person, says:

V. Peace to this house!

Ry. And to all who dwell here.

He then sprinkles the sick person, the room, and all present with holy water, saying:

Ant. Purify me, Lord, then I shall be clean. O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.

If the sick person wishes to confess he should hear and absolve him. If confession is not requested the priest should encourage him to make an act of contrition. If time permits, he will briefly advise him of the power and efficacy of this blessing. He should both

instruct and exhort him to call on the most holy name of Jesus at least in his heart, and to offer up willingly the pains and hardships of his illness in atonement for his past life. He should exhort him to offer himself to God as ready to accept whatever might be the divine will, and, even to undergo death itself with resignation as a satisfaction for the penalties deserved by sin.

Then the priest should console him with loving words and raise up hope that out of the divine bounty he will receive remission of temporal punishment and gain eternal life.

When the Apostolic blessing is given, in this way, simultaneously to more than one sick person, all is said once only, as below, changing merely the singular to the plural.

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord. **R.** Who made heaven and earth.

Ant. Do not recall, Lord, the offences of your servant (handmaid) and do not take vengeance because of his (her) sins.

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Our Father, **silently.**

And lead us not into temptation. **R.** But deliver us from evil.

V. Save your servant.
R. Who trusts in you, my

God. **V.** O Lord, listen to my prayer. **R.** And let my cry for help reach you.

The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

Let us pray **Prayer**

Most merciful God, Father of mercies and God of all consolation, it is your will that no one who believes and hopes in you should perish. In your compassion, look favourably upon your servant **N.**, whom the true faith and christian hope commend to you. Come to him (her) with your saving power, and by the suffering and death of your only-begotten Son, mercifully grant him (her) remission and pardon of all his (her) sins. So, in the hour of death may his (her) soul find in you a merciful judge, and, cleansed from every stain in the blood of that same Son, may he (she) be found worthy to pass into everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. **R.** Amen.

Then after one of those present has said the Confiteor the priest says the May almighty God, and the May the almighty. Then he adds:

May our Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who gave to his blessed apostle, Peter, the

power of binding and of loosing, through his most loving mercy, receive your confession and restore to you that first garment which you received in Baptism; and I, by the power given to me by the Apostolic See, grant you a plenary indulgence, and remission of all sins: in the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **R.** Amen.

By the sacred mysteries of the restoration of mankind, may almighty God remit for you all punishment in this life and in the next, may he open to you the gates of paradise and lead you to everlasting happiness. **R.** Amen.

May almighty God bless you, the Father ✠ and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **R.** Amen.

II—Shorter Form

If the sick person is so close to death that there is

no time for the Confiteor or for saying the foregoing prayers, the priest straightway gives the blessing, saying:

I, by the power given to me by the Apostolic See, grant you a plenary indulgence and remission of all sins. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **R.** Amen.

By the sacred, etc., as above.

May almighty, etc., as above.

III—Shortest Form

In case of necessity it is sufficient to say:

I, by the power given to me by the Apostolic See, grant you a plenary indulgence and remission of all sins, and I bless you. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **R.** Amen.

The Commendation

of a departing Soul

When the sick person is near death the priest, with violet stole, should read the following lityany with versicles and prayers :

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the heavenly Father, have mercy on him (or her).

God, the Son, redeemer of the world, have mercy on him.

God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on him (her).	St. Denis and your companions, pray.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on him (her).	St. Maurice and your companions, pray.
Holy Mary, pray for him (or her).	St. Januarius and your companions, pray.
Holy Mother of God, pray.	SS. Fabian and Sebastian, pray.
Holy Virgin of virgins, pray.	SS. Cosmas and Damian, pray.
St. Michael, pray.	St. Thomas, pray.
St. Gabriel, pray.	St. Peter, pray.
St. Raphael, pray.	St. John and your companions, pray.
All holy Angels and Arch-angels, pray.	All holy Martyrs, pray.
All holy ranks of blessed spirits, pray.	St. Sylvester, pray.
St. John, the Baptist, pray.	St. Gregory, pray.
St. Joseph, pray.	St. Pius, pray.
All holy Patriarchs and Prophets, pray.	St. Ambrose, pray.
St. Peter, pray.	St. Augustine, pray.
St. Paul, pray.	St. Jerome, pray.
St. Andrew, pray.	St. Hilary, pray.
St. James, pray.	St. Martin, pray.
St. John, pray.	St. Nicholas, pray.
St. Thomas, pray.	St. Antoninus, pray.
St. James, pray.	St. Albert, pray.
St. Philip, pray.	Holy Father, Dominic, pray.
St. Bartholomew, pray.	Holy Father, Dominic, pray.
St. Matthew, pray.	St. Thomas, pray.
St. Simon, pray.	St. Vincent, pray.
St. Thaddeus, pray.	St. Hyacinth, pray.
St. Matthias, pray.	St. Raymund, pray.
St. Barnabas, pray.	St. Louis, pray.
St. Mark, pray.	St. Anthony, pray.
St. Luke, pray.	St. Benedict, pray.
All holy Disciples of the Lord, pray.	St. Bernard, pray.
All holy Innocents, pray.	St. Francis, pray.
St. Stephen, pray.	All holy Confessors, pray.
St. Clement, pray.	St. Ann, pray.
St. Cornelius, pray.	St. Mary Magdalen, pray.
St. Cyprian, pray.	St. Martha, pray.
St. Laurence, pray.	St. Felicitas, pray.
St. Vincent, pray.	St. Perpetua, pray.

St. Agatha, pray.	We, who are sinners, we beseech you hear us.
St. Lucy, pray.	That you would take away the scourge of your anger, we beseech you hear us.
St. Agnes, pray.	That you would deliver his (her) spirit from the place of confinement, we beseech you hear us.
St. Cecilia, pray.	That you would decree that he (she) be cheered by eternal joys in the land of the living, we beseech you hear us.
St. Catherine, pray.	That you would graciously hear us, we beseech you hear us.
St. Margaret, pray.	Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, Lord, spare him (her).
St. Ursula and your companions, pray.	Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, Lord, deliver him (her).
St. Catherine, pray.	From a sudden and unprovided death, Lord deliver.
St. Rose, pray.	From the perils impending on his (her) sins, Lord, deliver.
St. Agnes, pray.	From the attacks of the devil, Lord deliver.
St. Catherine, pray.	Through the mystery of your holy incarnation, Lord, deliver.
St. Margaret, pray.	Through your passion and cross, Lord, deliver.
All holy Virgins and Widows, pray.	Through your glorious resurrection, Lord, deliver.
All Saints, pray.	Through your wonderful ascension, Lord, deliver.
Be merciful, Lord, deliver him (her).	Through the grace of the Holy Spirit, the Counsellor, Lord, deliver.
Be merciful, Lord, deliver him (her).	On the day of judgment, Lord deliver.
From eternal damnation, Lord deliver.	

By all together is said:
 Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy: **then follows the Our Father, silently. After which, the priest says:**
 And lead us not into temptation. **R.** But deliver us from evil.
V. Save your servant (or handmaid). **R.** Who trusts in you, my God.
V. Send him (her) help, Lord, from your holy shrine. **R.** And give him

(her) support from Sion.

V. May the enemy never outwit him (her).

R. Nor the evil man oppress him (her).

V. Be to him (her), Lord, a strong tower. **R.** Against the foe.

V. O Lord, listen to my prayer. **R.** And let my cry for help reach you.

The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

Let us pray **Prayer**

Almighty, everlasting God, upholder of souls, you chastise those whom you love and those whom you receive, you lovingly correct unto amendment. We call upon you, Lord, graciously to give your grace to your servant who is suffering bodily weakness, that in the moment of departing from the body, his soul, free from the stain of mortal sin, may be worthy to be presented by the hands of your holy angels, to you, who gave it. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then, if the patient is still alive, the priest says the following commendation, which is according to the usage of the Roman Church:

Depart, Christian soul, out of this world, in

the name of God the Father almighty, who created you; in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who suffered for you; in the name of the Holy Spirit who sanctified you; in the name of the glorious and holy Virgin Mary, Mother of God; in the name of the blessed Joseph, illustrious husband of the same glorious Virgin; in the name of the angels and archangels; in the name of the thrones and dominations; in the name of the principalities and authorities; in the name of the powers, of the cherubim and seraphim; in the name of the patriarchs and prophets; in the name of the holy apostles and evangelists; in the name of the holy martyrs and confessors; in the name of the holy monks and hermits; in the name of the holy virgins, and of all the saints of God. May your resting place be this day in peace, and your abode in holy Sion; through Christ our Lord. **R.** Amen.

Prayer

God of mercy, God of pity, God, in your great compassion you blot out the sins of the penitent, and by pardon cancel the guilt of past offences. Mercifully look with favour on this your servant, **N.**, and

hear him (her) who pleads for pardon of all his sins, which he (she) wholeheartedly confesses. Renew in him (her), most loving Father, whatever has been marred by human frailty or defiled by the devil's treachery, and make him (her) firm, as a redeemed member, in the unity of that body which is the Church. Have pity, Lord, have pity, for his (her) only hope is in your mercy, and let him (her) partake of the mystery of reconciliation with you. Through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

I commend you, dear brother (dear sister), to almighty God, and entrust you to him whose creature you are; that having paid the debt common to mankind, you may return to your Maker, who formed you from the dust of the earth. May, therefore, the noble company of angels meet your soul as it leaves the body. May the judicial council of apostles come to meet you. May the victorious army of white-robed martyrs come to greet you. May the throng of glorious confessors, lily pure, surround you. May the choir of joyful virgins go before you. And may the embrace of a blessed peace surround you in the

company of the patriarchs. May St. Joseph, the gentle patron of the dying, raise high your hope. May the holy Mother of God, the Virgin Mary, look with kindness on you. May Jesus Christ show himself to you with a gentle and joyous countenance and may he appoint a place for you among those who stand always in his presence. May you never know the horror of darkness, the noise of flames, the anguish of torture. May accursed Satan and his followers yield before you. At your coming, accompanied by angels, may he tremble and flee into the vast chaos of unending night. Let God arise and let his foes be scattered. Let those who hate him flee before him. As smoke is blown away so will they be blown away, like wax that melts before the fire, so the wicked shall perish at the presence of God. But the just shall rejoice in the presence of God. Let all the legions of hell be put to confusion and shame and let no minister of Satan dare to bar your way. May Christ, who was crucified for you, set you free from torment. May Christ who deigned to die for you, deliver you from eternal death. May Christ, Son of the living God, place you amid the

ever verdant delights of his paradise; and may he, that true Shepherd, acknowledge you to be one of his flock. May he absolve you from all your sins and place you at his right hand in the company of his chosen ones. May you see your Redeemer face to face and standing ever in his presence look with blessed eyes at Truth itself. Placed thus among the ranks of the blessed, may you enjoy the delight of seeing God for ever and ever. *Ry. Amen.*

Prayer

Receive, Lord, your servant into the place of salvation for which he (she) hopes on account of your mercy. *Ry. Amen.*

Deliver, Lord, the soul of your servant from every danger of hell, from the bonds of punishment, and from all hardship. *Ry. Amen.*

Deliver, Lord, the soul of your servant, as you delivered Enoch and Eli'jah from the death common to all the world. *Ry. Amen.*

Deliver, Lord, the soul of your servant, as you delivered Noah from the flood. *Ry. Amen.*

Deliver, Lord, the soul of your servant, as you delivered Abraham out of Ur of the Chaldeans. *Ry. Amen.*

Deliver, Lord, the soul of your servant, as you delivered Job from his sufferings. *Ry. Amen.*

Deliver, Lord, the soul of your servant, as you delivered Isaac from being sacrificed at the hand of his father Abraham. *Ry. Amen.*

Deliver, Lord, the soul of your servant, as you delivered Lot from Sodom and from burning fire. *Ry. Amen.*

Deliver, Lord, the soul of your servant, as you delivered Moses from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. *Ry. Amen.*

Deliver, Lord, the soul of your servant, as you delivered Daniel from the lions' den. *Ry. Amen.*

Deliver, Lord, the soul of your servant, as you delivered the three young men from the fiery furnace and from the power of a wicked king. *Ry. Amen.*

Deliver, Lord, the soul of your servant, as you delivered Susanna from false accusation. *Ry. Amen.*

Deliver, Lord, the soul of your servant, as you delivered David from the power of king Saul and from the might of Goliath. *Ry. Amen.*

Deliver, Lord, the soul of your servant, as you delivered Peter and Paul from prison. *Ry. Amen.*

And as you delivered the most blessed virgin and

martyr Thecla from three most cruel torments, so be pleased to deliver the soul of your servant, and make him (her) to rejoice with you in the heavenly delights. *Ry. Amen.*

Prayer

We commend to you, Lord, the soul of your servant *N.*, and we beg you, Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, that since for him (her) you mercifully came on earth, you will not refuse to admit him (her) to the happiness of the patriarchs. Acknowledge your creature, Lord, made, not by strange gods, but by you, the only true and living God. For there is no other God but you, no work to compare with yours, Lord. Let his (her) soul find joy in your presence, and do not recall his (her) former sins or excesses which passion or heat of evil desire engendered. For although he (she) has sinned, yet he (she) did not deny the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, but has believed and has had zeal for God's honour, and faithfully worshipped God who created all things.

Prayer

We beg you, Lord, do not recall the sins of his (her) youth and the wrongs he (she) did when he (she)

knew no better, but in your great compassion be mindful of him (her) in the brightness of your glory. Let the heavens be opened to him (her), let the angels rejoice with him (her). Lord, receive your servant into your kingdom. May St. Michael the archangel of God, who won the leadership of the heavenly host, receive him (her). May the holy angels of God come to meet him (her), and lead him into the heavenly Jerusalem. May blessed Peter the apostle, to whom God gave the keys of the kingdom, receive him (her). May St. Paul the apostle, who was worthy to be a chosen vessel, come to his (her) assistance. May St. John, the beloved apostle of God, to whom the heavenly mysteries were revealed, intercede for him (her). May all the holy apostles, to whom the Lord gave the power of binding and loosing, pray for him (her). May all the saints and chosen ones of God who in this world endured torments for the name of Christ, intercede for him (her), that, freed from the bonds of the flesh, he (she) may be worthy to attain to the glory of the heavenly kingdom, through the graciousness of our Lord Jesus Christ who, with the Father

and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns for ever and ever. **R.** Amen.

Prayer

May the gentle Virgin Mary, mother of God, and most loving consoler of those in distress, commend to her Son the soul of his servant **N.**, that by this motherly intervention he (she) may not fear the terrors of death, but, in her company, may joyfully go forward to the longed-for home in heaven. **R.** Amen.

Prayer

St. Joseph, patron of the dying, to you I have recourse, at whose happy passing Jesus and Mary kept watch. Through this twofold beloved assurance, I earnestly commend to you the soul of this servant, **N.**,

Prayers to be said when the soul has departed

When the soul has departed the Brethren immediately end the psalms that they have been saying, with the Versicle Eternal rest. The commendation is then made by a priest, wearing a black stole, beginning, without chant, the **R.** Come to his (her) aid, with the subsequent versicle, which is continued by the

struggling in his (her) last agony, that under your protection he (she) may be freed from the wiles of the devil and from eternal death, and may be worthy to attain to everlasting joy. Through the same Christ our Lord. **R.** Amen.

If the soul is still in agony the following psalms are said: Psalm 117 Give thanks, p. 34, and all of Psalm 118, They are happy which is found on [238] etc.), without Glory be to the Father.

If, after these prayers, death has not occurred, all depart, leaving there the cross and holy water. The Prior will assign some of the Brethren to remain there. They will say psalter without Glory be to the Father.

other brethren. The whole office of the commendation is said distinctly in a reading tone, until the cantor intones the **R.** Deliver me, Lord.

R. Come to his (her) aid, saints of God; come to meet him (her), angels of God; * receiving his (her) soul, offer it before the Most High. **V.** May

Christ, who called you, receive you; and may angels lead you to Abraham's bosom. - Receiving. **V.** Eternal rest grant to him (her), O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him (her). - Offer it...

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Our Father, **silently.** And lead us not into temptation. **R.** But deliver us from evil.

V. Eternal rest grant to him (her), O Lord. **R.** And let perpetual light shine upon him (her).

V. From the gate of hell. **R.** Lord, deliver his (her) soul.

V. May he (she) rest in peace. **R.** Amen.

V. O Lord, listen to my prayer. **R.** And let my cry for help reach you.

Let us pray **Prayer**

We commend to you, Lord, the soul of your servant, that being dead to this world, he (she) may live to you; and in the forgiveness of your most merciful love, blot out his (her) sins, committed through human frailty. Through Christ our Lord. **R.** Amen.

Let us pray **Prayer**

Lord, holy Father, almighty eternal God, though we are unable to make enough supplication

for our own sins, impelled by love we ask on behalf of others. Nevertheless, with confidence in your generous love and unfailing kindness, we beseech you, in your mercy, lovingly to receive the soul of your servant who returns to you. May Michael angel of your covenant be with him (her). May you be pleased to place him (her), by the hands of the holy angels, in the company of your saints and chosen ones, with the holy patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Thus being delivered from the powers of darkness and the places of punishment, may he (she) not be thrown into confusion by the faults of our first parents nor by those of his (her) own ignorance, wickedness or weakness. Rather let him (her) be acknowledged by your friends and let him (her) rejoice in the peace of holy blessedness. And when the day of the great judgment comes, may he (she), being raised up with your saints and chosen ones, be ever filled with the glory of gazing on your unveiled countenance. Through Christ our Lord. **R.** Amen.

Then the priest begins the antiphon May Christ and psalm 113 When Israel, p. 47, which the others continue, ending it with the

versicle, Eternal rest.

Ant. May Christ, who called you, receive you, and may angels lead you to Abraham's bosom.

When the antiphon has been recited after the psalm, the priest says:

Let us pray **Prayer**

Almighty, everlasting God, you were pleased to breathe a soul, in your image, into the human body. While, at your command, dust returns to dust, may you command your image to be one with your saints and chosen ones in the eternal dwellings, and may you graciously and gently receive it as it returns to you from this land of Egypt. May you send your holy angels to meet it and show to it the way of justice; may you be pleased to open to it the gates to your glory. Drive off from this soul, we ask you, Lord, all the powers of darkness and acknowledge this being who belongs to you. Receive, Lord, your creature, made, not by strange gods, but by you, the only true and living God. For there is no other God but you, no work to compare with yours. Give joy, most merciful God, to the soul of your servant (handmaid) and, in your great compassion, glorify him (her). Do not recall

his (her) former sins or excesses which passion or heat of evil desire engendered. For although he (she) has sinned, yet he (she) did not deny you, but, sealed with the sign of faith, he (she) faithfully worshipped you who created all things, and him (her) among them. For you live and reign for ever and ever. **Ry.** Amen.

Then the priest begins the ant. May the choir of angels **and the psalm** I love the Lord. **The assembly continues this psalm and the others noted below.** **At the end of all the V.** Eternal rest is said. **The brethren may sit during this psalm.**

Ant. May the choir of angels.

Psalm, 114, I love, p. 81; **psalm 115,** I trusted, p. 81; **psalm 116** O praise [1]; **psalm 117,** Give thanks, p. 34; **psalm 118,** They are happy **which is found on [238] etc.**

When the psalms are finished the brethren rise and add:

Ant. May the choir of angels receive him (her), and with Lazarus, once a beggar, may he (she) have eternal rest.

Let us pray **Prayer**

Afflicted by this new sorrow and, as it were, pierced to the heart, we tearfully implore your mercy, Redeemer of the

world, that you would receive the soul of our brother (sister) kindly and graciously as he (she) returns to your mercy, who are the very fount of love. O Lord, in your accustomed goodness, mercifully wipe out, lovingly forgive, and cast into everlasting oblivion whatever stains he (she) may have contracted during his (her) bodily sojourn. Command that this soul, which with others will give praise to you, and which eventually will be rejoined to the body, may be numbered in the company of your saints. For you live and reign, God, for ever and ever. **Ry.** Amen.

Then the Our Father is said.

And lead us not into temptation. **Ry.** But deliver us from evil.

V. Do not call your servant to judgment, Lord. **Ry.** For no one is just in your sight.

V. From the gate of hell. **Ry.** Lord, deliver his (her) soul.

V. O Lord, listen to my prayer. **Ry.** And let my cry for help reach you.

The Lord be with you. **Ry.** And also with you.

Let us pray **Prayer**

May he (she) share in the blessed resurrection and merit to have eternal life in heaven through you, Jesus Christ, saviour of the world, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign for ever and ever. **Ry.** Amen.

Let us pray **Prayer**

O God, who alone can provide a remedy after death, grant, we beg you, that the soul of your servant (handmaid), made clean from earthly defilement, may be numbered among your saved. Through Christ our Lord. **Ry.** Amen.

Let us pray **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. **Ry.** Amen.

Then those who may yet have to say their Hours, say them.

IV—VARIOUS PRAYERS

Travellers' Prayers

To be said when the journey is about to start

Guide us, Lord, in the way of peace.

Canticle. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, p. 6.

Ant. May the almighty and merciful Lord guide us in the way of peace and prosperity. May the Angel Raphael accompany us on the journey that we may return home in peace, health, and happiness.

Ant. Lord, do not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.

Ant. Lord, do not hold the guilt of our fathers against us. Let your compassion hasten to meet us, for we are in the depths of distress.

Ant. O God, our saviour, come to our help, come, for the sake of the glory of your name. O Lord, our God, forgive us our sins; rescue us for the sake of your name.

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.

Ant. Angels, Archangels, Thrones, and Dominations, Principalities and Authorities, heavenly Powers, from heaven praise the Lord and pray for us.

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

Ant. The loving grace of Christ has raised up saints whom Father Dominic's Order has engendered. We ask to be aided by their merits, and through their prayers to be commended to God.

Ant. All you saints of God, be pleased to intercede for our welfare and for that of the whole world.

Ant. May eternal light shine upon them, Lord, forever with your saints; for you are loving kindness.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Our Father. . . And lead us not.

V. May the Lord be blessed day after day. **R.** He bears our burdens, God our saviour.

V. Lord, make us know your ways. **R.** Lord, teach us your paths.

V. May our footsteps be firm. **R.** To obey your statutes.

V. The crooked shall be made straight. **R.** And the rough ways shall be made smooth.

V. Revive us now, God our helper! **R.** Put an end to your grievance against us.

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

V. For you has he commanded his angels. **R.** To keep you in all your ways.

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

V. Let the faithful rejoice in their glory. **R.** Let them shout for joy and take their rest.

V. All saints of God, pray for us. **R.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

V. From the gate of hell. **R.** Lord, deliver their souls.

The Lord be with you or O Lord, listen to my prayer.

Let us pray

God, who led the children of Israel dry-shod through the sea and by the guidance of a star showed

the way to the three Magi, grant us, we pray, a happy journey and peaceful days, so that, with your holy angel as companion, we may safely arrive at our destination, and, finally, reach the haven of eternal salvation.

God, who led your servant Abraham out of Ur of the Chaldeans, and kept him safe in all his wanderings, we beg that you may be pleased to keep safe us your servants. Be to us, Lord, a help in our preparations, a comfort on the journey, a shade in the heat, a covering in rain and cold, a carriage in weariness, a shield in adversity, a staff in insecurity, a haven in shipwreck. Thus, under your guidance, may we finally return home safely.

Listen, Lord, to our prayers, and guide the steps of your servants along the path of your salvation, that in the journey through this fickle life they may always be protected by your help.

O God, you know that through human weakness we cannot survive amidst such great dangers; grant us health of mind and body, so that, by your help, we may triumph over those things which we suffer as a consequence of our sins.

Defend your servants, Lord, by granting them the gift of peace; and as they trust in the patronage of blessed Mary, ever virgin, make them safe from all their enemies.

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.

Grant, we beseech you, almighty God, that we who are weighed down by the burden of our sins, may be relieved through the patronage of the blessed Dominic, your confessor and our father.

Grant, we beseech you, almighty God, that the example of the saints of our Order may inspire us to a better life; as we venerate their memory may we copy their behaviour.

Grant, we beseech you, Lord, that all your saints may continually pray for us; and mercifully be pleased to hear them.

Free, we beseech you, Lord, the souls of your servants and handmaids from every bond of sin: so that being raised up in the glory of the resurrection, they may live again with your saints and chosen ones. Through our Lord.

Let us go in peace. *R.*
In the name of the Lord.
Amen.

A Greeting for the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Angelus

To be said in the morning, at noon and in the evening.

Outside Paschal time:

V. The angel of the Lord brought word to Mary. *R.* And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

V. Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you, blessed are you among

women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. *R.* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. *R.* Let it be to me according to your word.

V. Hail, Mary... *R.*
Holy Mary...

V. And the Word became flesh. *R.* And dwelt among us.

V. Hail, Mary... *R.*
Holy Mary...

V. Pray for us, holy Mother of God. *R.* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray *Prayer*

Pour forth, we beseech you, Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Paschal time:

V. Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia. *R.* For he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen as he said, alleluia. *R.* Pray to God for us, alleluia.

V. Virgin Mary, rejoice and be glad, alleluia. *R.* For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray *Prayer*

O God, through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, you were pleased to give joy to the world; grant, we beseech you, that through his mother, the virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Prayers for Deceased Masters General

If a Master General's obit was read, psalm 129 Out of the depths p. 133, with the versicle Eternal rest, is said for him. After this, follows:

V. From the gate of hell. *R.* Lord, deliver their souls.

The Lord be with you. *R.* And also with you.

Let us pray *Prayer*

O God, you made your servant *N.* to be

honoured with the episcopal (or priestly) dignity among apostolic priests; grant, we beseech you, that he may be joined in fellowship with them for ever. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

For many Masters General the prayer is as follows:

O God, you made your servants to be honoured with the priestly dignity among apostolic priests; grant, we beseech

you, that they may be joined in fellowship with them for ever. Through Christ our Lord. *Ry.* Amen.

After the prayer is said: May they rest in peace. *Ry.* Amen.

If an anniversary was read, when the psalm Out of the depths, with the *V.* From the gate of hell, The Lord be with you, Let us pray, as above, has been said, there follows the prayer:

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEAD to be observed in the whole Order and OBITS OF THE MASTERS GENERAL

If an obit or anniversary is to be read, then before Commemoration of the Brothers, is said, the following is read: Obit of the venerable Brother *N.* Master of the Order, or The Anniversary . . . as below. Then the reader continues: Also a commemoration of the deceased Brothers, Sisters, Associates and Benefactors of our Order.

If an obit and anniversary fall on the same day, the following is added: Also a Commemoration . . .

JANUARY

8. Obit of the Venerable Brother Joseph Mary Larroca, of Spain, seventy-fourth Master of the Order. Also a commemoration . . . And so always in the other obits.

(¹) The letter *P* opposite the obit of a Master of the Order indicates pontifical dignity.

O God, Lord of mercies, give to the souls of your servants, whose anniversary we keep, the home of refreshment, the blessedness of peace and the brightness of light. Through Christ our Lord. *Ry.* Amen. May they rest in peace. *Ry.* Amen.

If an anniversary and an obit occur on the same day, the two prayers are said under the one conclusion. Then follows: May they rest in peace. *Ry.* Amen.

18. Ob. V. B. Barnabas of Vercelli, fifteenth Master of the Order.

FEBRUARY

4. Ob. V. B. Vincent Aiello of Lucano, of Naples, seventy-second Master of the Order.

6. Anniversary of Fathers and Mothers.

9. Ob. V. B. Andrew Frühwirth of Austria, seventy-fifth Master of the Order who was a Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church. *P.* (¹)

19. Ob. V. B. Munio of Spain, seventh Master of the Order. *P.*

21. Ob. V. B. Augustine Pipia, sixty-first Master of the Order, who was a Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church. *P.*

23. Ob. V. B. John of Molendino, twentieth Master of the Order: who was a Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church.

26. Ob. V. B. Antoninus Cloche of France, sixtieth Master of the Order.

MARCH

1. Ob. V. B. Peter of Palma, eighteenth Master of the Order.

3. Ob. V. B. Stephen Ususmare, forty-sixth Master of the Order.

9. Ob. V. B. Francis Ferdinand Jabalot of Parma, sixty-eighth Master of the Order.

16. Ob. V. B. Leonard Statius of Florence, twenty-fifth Master of the Order.

APRIL

8. Ob. V. B. Garin of Gy-l'Evêque in France, nineteenth Master of the Order.

12. Ob. V. B. Aimeric Placentinus, twelfth Master of the Order.

21. Ob. V. B. Garcia de Loaisa of Spain, thirty-ninth Master of the Order, who was a Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church. *P.*

MAY

2. Ob. V. B. Louis Theissling of Alkmaar, seventy-seventh Master of the Order.

6. Ob. V. B. John Baptist de Marini of Rome, fifty-seventh Master of the Order.

16. Ob. V. B. Peter Rochim, twenty-seventh Master of the Order.

25. Ob. V. B. Nicholas Rodulfus of Florence, fifty-fifth Master of the Order.

JUNE

7. Ob. V. B. Simon Lingon, twenty-first Master of the Order. *P.*

11. Ob. V. B. Antoninus Bremond of Marseilles, sixty-third Master of the Order.

13. Ob. V. B. John Thomas de Rocaberti of Spain, fifty-eighth Master of the Order. *P.*

16. Ob. V. B. Sixtus Fabrius of Lucques, fiftieth Master of the Order.

20. Ob. VV. BB. Elias of Periqueux of Toulouse, twenty-second Master of the Order; and Balthasar de Quifiones of Toledo, sixty-fifth Master of the Order.

25. Ob. V. B. Leonard Mansuetus of Perouse, thirty-first Master of the Order.

30. Ob. V. B. Emmanuel Suarez of Spain, eightieth Master of the Order.

JULY

6. Anniversary of all those buried in our Cemeteries. Also Ob. V. B. John de Feynier, forty-second Master of the Order.

9. Ob. V. B. Thomas Hyacinth Cipollettus of Ascoli seventieth Master of the Order.

14. Ob. V. B. Humbert of Romans, fifth Master of the Order.

20. Ob. V. B. Francis Romeo, forty-fifth Master of the Order.

27. Ob. V. B. Gerard de Daumar, seventeenth Master of the Order, who was a Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church.

29. Ob. V. B. Barnabas Sassoné of Naples, thirty-fourth Master of the Order.

AUGUST

1. Ob. V. B. Joachim Torriani of Venice, thirty-fifth Master of the Order.

3. Ob. V. B. Hippolytus Maria Beccaria of Monte Regali, fifty-first Master of the Order.

4. Ob. V. B. Bartholomew Comazio of Bologna, thirty-third Master of the Order.

7. Ob. V. B. Thomas of Fermo, twenty-fourth Master of the Order.

8. Ob. V. B. Hugh de Vaucemain of France, sixteenth Master of the Order.

9. Ob. VV. BB. Hervé de Nedellec of Brittany, fourteenth Master of the Order; and John Clérée of France, thirty-seventh Master of the Order.

12. Ob. V. B. Bonaventure Garcia de Parédes of Spain, seventy-eighth Master of the Order.

27. Ob. V. B. Vincent Bandelli of Lombardy, thirty-sixth Master of the Order.

28. Ob. V. B. Albert Clávar of Genoa, tenth Master of the Order.

29. Ob. V. B. Angelo Dominic Ancarini of Faenza, seventy-first Master of the Order.

30. Ob. V. B. Augustine Galamini, fifty-third Master of the Order, who was a Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church. **P.**

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4. Ob. V. B. Martin Stanislaus Gillet of France,

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5. Anniversary of the Associates and Benefactors of our Order.

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15. Ob. V. B. Salvo Casseta of Sicily, thirty-second Master of the Order.

17. Ob. VV. BB. Bernard de Jusix of Bordeaux, eleventh Master of the Order, and Paul Constable of Ferrara, forty-ninth Master of the Order.

21. Ob. V. B. Martial Áuribelli of Avignon, twenty-ninth Master of the Order.

22. Ob. V. B. Thomas Ripoll of Aragon, sixty-second Master of the Order.

24. Ob. VV. BB. Francis Silvester of Ferrara, fortieth Master of the Order; and Seraphin Secchi of Pavia, fifty-fourth Master of the Order.

27. Ob. V. B. Maurice Benedict Olivier of Salluzo, sixty-ninth Master of the Order.

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