

INTROIT Psalm 21: 1, 5; 68: 10

Factum est cor meum tamquam cera liquescens in médio ventris mei: quóniam zelus domus tuæ comédit me. (Ps. 72: 1) Quam bonus Israél Deus: his, qui recto sunt corde. V. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Factum est cor meum tamquam cera liquescens in médio ventris mei: quóniam zelus domus tuæ comédit me.

COLLECT

Deus, qui beátum Francíscum, novi órdis institutórem, orándi stúdio et pœniténtiæ amóre decorásti: da fámulis tuis in ejus imitatóne ita proficere; ut, ejus orántes et corpus in servitútem redigéntes, ad cælestem glóriam pervenire mereántur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

LESSON Wisdom 4: 7-14

Justus, si morte præoccupátus fúerit, in refrigerío erit. Senéctus enim venerábilis est non diutúrna; neque annórum número computáta: cani autem sunt sensus hómínis, et ætas senectútis vita immaculáta. Placens Deo factus est diléctus, et vivens inter peccatóres translátus est. Raptus est ne malítia mutáret intelléctum ejus, aut ne fictio decíperet ánimam illius. Fascinátio enim nugacitátis obscurat bona, et inconstántia concupiscéntiæ transvértit sensum sine malítia. Consummátus in brevi explévit témpora multa, plácita enim propter Deo ánima illius: propter hoc operávit educere illum de médio iniquitátum.

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GRADUAL Ps 41: 2

Quemádmódum desíderat cervus ad fontes aquárum: ita desíderat ánima mea ad te, Deus. V. (Ps 41: 3) Sitívit ánima mea ad Deum fortem vivum.

LESSER ALLELUIA Ps 72: 26

Allelúja, allelúja. Defécit caro mea et cor meum: Deus cordis mei, et pars mea Deus in ætérnum. Allelúja.

GREATER ALLELUIA

Allelúja, allelúja. V. Beatus quem elegisti, et assumpsisti: inhabitabit in atríis tuis. Alleluja. V. Dispersit, dedit pauperibus: justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Luke 12: 35-40

In illo tempore: Dixit Jesus discipulis suis: Sint lumbi vestri præcincti, et lucernæ ardéntes in mánibus vestris, et vos símiles homínibus expectántibus dóminum suum, quando revertátur a núptiis: ut, cum vénerit et pulsáverit, conféstim apérianť ei. Beáti servi illi, quos, cum vénerit dóminus, invénerit vigilántes: amen, dico vobis, quod præcinget se, et fáciť illos discumbere, et tránsiens ministrábit illis. Et si vénerit in secúnda vigília, et si in tértia vigília vénerit, et ita invénerit, beáti sunt servi illi. Hoc autem scitóte, quóniam, si scireť paterfamílias, qua hora fur veníret, vigiláret útique, et non sineret pérfodi domum suam. Et vos estóte parati: quia, qua hora non putátis, Fílius hómínis veníet

OFFERTORY Ps 91: 13

Justus ut palma florébit; sicut cedrus Líbaní multiplicábitur.

SECRET

Da nobis, clementíssime Jesu: ut præclára beáti Francísci mérita recoléntes, eódem nos, ac ille, caritátis igne succénsi, digne in circúitu sacræ hujus mensæ tuæ esse valeámus: Qui vivis et regnas, cum Deo Patre in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

COMMUNION Psalm 30: 20

Quam magna multitúdo dulcédinis tuæ, Dómine, quam abscondísti tíméntibus te!

POSTCOMMUNION

Sacrosáncti sacrificií, quæsumus, Dómine, quod hódie in solemnitate beáti Francísci tuæ obtúlimus majestáti, grata semper in méntibus nostris memória perseveret, et fructus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

My heart is become like wax melting in the midst of my bowels: for the zeal of Thy house hath eaten me up. (Ps. 72: 1) How good is God to Israél: to them are of a right heart. V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. My heart is become like wax melting in the midst of my bowels: for the zeal of Thy house hath eaten me up.

O God, Who didst adorn blessed Francis, as the founder of a new order, with the spirit of prayer and the love of penance, grant Thy servants to make such progress in imitating him that, by prayer without ceasing, and by bringing the body into subjection, they may deserve to attain heavenly glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

The just man, if he be prevented with death, shall be in rest. For venerable age is not that of long time, nor counted by the number of years; but the understanding of a man is gray hairs. And a spotless life is old age. He pleased God and was beloved, and living among sinners he was translated. He was taken away lest wickedness should alter his understanding, or deceit beguile his soul. For the bewitching of vanity obscureth good things, and the wandering of concupiscence overturneth the innocent mind. Being made perfect in a short space, he fulfilled a long time. For his soul pleased God: therefore He hastened to bring him out of the midst of iniquities.

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As the deer longs for the running waters, so my soul longs for Thee, O God. (Ps 41: 3) V. My soul thirsts for the strong living God.

Alleluia, alleluia. My flesh and my heart waste away; God is the God of my heart and my portion forever. Alleluia.

Alleluia. Alleluia. V. Blessed is he whom Thou hast chosen and taken to Thee; he shall dwell in Thy courts. Alleluia. V. He hath distributed; He hath given to the poor. His justice remaineth forever and ever. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples, Let your loins be girt, and lamps burning in your hands. And you yourselves like to men who wait for their lord, when he shall return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open to him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh, shall find watching. Amen I say to you, that he will gird himself, and make them sit down to meat, and passing will minister unto them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. But this know ye, that if the householder did know at what hour the thief would come, he would surely watch, and would not suffer his house to be broken open. Be you then also ready: for at what hour you think not, the Son of man will come.

The just man shall flourish like the palm tree, he shall grow up like the cedar of Libanus.

Grant us, O most merciful Jesus, that, while celebrating the noble virtues of blessed Francis, we, being enkindled with the same fire of charity that burned within him, may be able to stand worthily about Thy sacred table. Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

O how great is the multitude of Thy sweetness, O Lord, which Thou hast hidden from them that fear Thee!

Let the happy memory of the most holy sacrifice, which we have this day offered to Thy majesty on the solemn feast of blessed Francis, ever endure in our minds together with its fruits. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.