

JUNE 6, ST. NORBERT, CONFESSOR - BISHOP

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St. Norbert, archbishop of Magdeburg, in North Germany, was the founder of the Canons Regular or Premonstratensians, as they were called. The doctrine of the Real Presence having been questioned by Tanchelin of Antwerp, Norbert, who was distinguished for his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, reclaimed many who had fallen away, and rekindled the love of Our Lord in the Blessed Eucharist. His order takes its name from Premontre where it was founded. The chief characteristic of the mission of St. Norbert was his eloquent preaching of the word of God. This is an entirely apostolic mission which is not always appreciated as much as it should be. The preaching of the Gospel is indeed a most necessary thing, for no man can believe the Word of God and be saved except there be an apostle to preach it to him. He died in 1134, worn out with toil.

INTROIT Ecclesiasticus 45: 30

Státuit ei Dóminus testaméntum pacis, et princípem fecit eum: ut sit illi sacerdotii dignitas in aetérnum. (T. P. Alleluja, alleluja.) (Ps 131: 1) Meménto, Dómine, David: et omnis mansuetúdinis ejus. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculórum. Amen. Státuit ei Dóminus testaméntum pacis, et princípem fecit eum: ut sit illi sacerdotii dignitas in aetérnum. (T. P. Alleluja, alleluja.)

COLLECT

Deus, qui beátum Norbértum Confessórem tuum atque Pontíficem verbi tui praecónem exímium effecísti, et per eum Ecclésiám tuam nova prole foecundásti: praesta, quaesumus; ut, ejúsdem suffragántibus méritis, quod ore simul et ópere dócuit, te adjuvánte, exercére valeámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia saecula saeculórum.

LESSON Ecclesiasticus 44: 16-27; 45: 3-20

Ecce sacérdos magnus, qui in diébus suis plácuít Deo, et invéntus est justus: et in témpore iracúndiæ factus est reconciliátio. Non est invéntus símilis illi, qui conservávit legem Excélsi. Ideo jurejurándo fecit illum Dóminus créscere in plebem suam. Benedicétióem ómnium géntium dedit illi, et testaméntum suum confirmávit super caput ejus. Agnóvit eum in benedicétióibus suis: conservávit illi misericórdiam suam: et invenit grátiam coram óculis Dómini. Magnificávit eum in conspéctu regum: et dedit illi corónam glóriæ. Státuit illi testaméntum aetérnum, et dedit illi sacerdotium magnum: et beatificávit illum in glória. Fungi sacerdotio, et habére laudem in nómine ipsíus, et offérre illi incénsium dignum in odórem suavítatis.

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GRADUAL Ecclesiasticus 44: 16

Ecce sacérdos magnus, qui in diébus suis plácuít Deo. (Ecclus 44: 20)

Non est invéntus símilis illi, qui conserváret legem Excélsi.

LESSER ALLELUIA Psalms 109: 4

Allelúja, allelúja. Tu es sacérdos in aetérnum, secúndum órđinem Melchisedech. Allelúja.

GREATER ALLELUIA

Allelúja, allelúja. (Ps 109: 4) Tu es sacérdos in aetérnum, secúndum órđinem Melchisedech. Allelúja. Hic est sacérdos, quem coronávit Dóminus. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Matthew 25: 14-23

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discipulis suis parábolam hanc: Homo péregre proficiscens vocávit servos suos, et trádidit illis bona sua. Et uni dedit quinque talénta, álíi autem duo, álíi vero unum, unicuque secúndum própíam virtútem, et profécitu est statim. Abiit autem, qui quinque talénta accéperat, et operátus est in eis, et lucrátus est ália quinque. Simíliter et, qui duo accéperat, lucrátus est ália duo. Qui autem unum accéperat, ábiens fodit in terram, et abscóndit pecúniam dómini sui. Post multum vero témporis venit dóminus servórum illórum, et pósuit ratiónem cum eis. Et accédens qui quinque talénta accéperat, obtulit ália quinque talénta, dicens: Dómine, quinque talénta tradidísti mihi, ecce, ália quinque superlucrátus sum. Ait illi dóminus ejus: Euge, serve bone et fidélis, quia super pauca fuísti fidélis, super multa te constítuam: intra in gáudium dómini tui. Accéssit autem et qui duo talénta accéperat, et ait: Dómine, duo talénta tradidísti mihi, ecce, ália duo lucrátus sum. Ait illi dóminus ejus: Euge, serve bone et fidélis, quia super pauca fuísti fidélis, super multa te constítuam: intra in gáudium dómini tui.

OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 21-22

Invéni David servum meum, óleo sancto meo unxi eum: manus enim mea auxiliábitur ei, et bráchium meum confortábit eum. (T. P. Allelúja.)

SECRET

Sancti tui, quaesumus, Dómine, nos úbique lætificent: ut, dum eórum mérita recólimus, nostrucínia sentiámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia saecula saeculórum.

COMMUNION Luke 12: 42

Fidélis servus et prudens, quem constítuit dóminus super familiam suam: ut det illis in témpore trítici mensúram. (T. P. Allelúja)

POSTCOMMUNION

Præsta, quaesumus, omnipotens Deus: ut, de percéptis munéribus grátias exhibéntes, intercedénte beáto Norbérto Confessóre tuo atque Pontífice, benefícia potióra sumámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia saecula saeculórum.

The Lord made to him a covenant of peace, and made him a prince; that the dignity of priesthood should be to him forever. (P. T. Alleluia, alleluia.) (Ps 131: 1) O Lord, remember David: and all his meekness. 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. The Lord made to him a covenant of peace, and made him a prince; that the dignity of priesthood should be to him forever. (P. T. Alleluia, alleluia.)

O God, Who didst make blessed Norbert, Thy confessor and bishop, an excelling preacher of Thy word, and through him didst cause Thy Church to bring forth a new progeny, grant, we beseech Thee, that, by the intercession of his merits, we may have the strength, with Thine assistance, to practice what he, both by word and work, hath taught us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Behold a great priest, who in his days pleased God, and was found just; and in the time of wrath was made a reconciliation. There was not any found like to him, who kept the law of the Most High. Therefore by an oath the Lord made him increase among his people. He gave him the blessing of all nations, and confirmed His covenant upon his head. He acknowledged him in His blessings: He preserved for him His mercy: and he found grace before the eyes of the Lord. He glorified him in the sight of kings, and gave him a crown of glory. He made an everlasting covenant with him; and gave him a great priesthood; and made him blessed in glory. To execute the office of the priesthood and to have praise in his name, and to offer to him worthy incense for an odor of sweetness.

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Behold a great priest, who in his days pleased God. (Ecclus 44: 20) There was not any found like to him, who kept the law of the Most High.

Alleluia, alleluia. Thou art a priest according to the order of Melchisedech. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. (Ps 109: 4) Thou art a priest according to the order of Melchisedech. Alleluia. This is the priest whom the Lord hath crowned. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus spoke this parable to His disciples: A man going into a far country called his servants, and delivered to them his goods. And to one he gave five talents, and to another two, and to another one, to every one according to his proper ability: and immediately he took his journey. And he that had received the five talents, went his way, and traded with the same, and gained other five. And in like manner he that had received the two, gained other two. But he that had received the one, going his way dug into the earth, and hid his lord's money. But after a long time the lord of those servants came, and reckoned with them. And he that had received the five talents, coming, brought other five talents, saying: Lord, thou didst deliver to me five talents, behold I have gained other five over and above. His lord said to him: Well done, good and faithful servant, because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will place thee over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. And he also that had received the two talents came and said: Lord, thou deliveredst two talents to me: behold I have gained other two. His lord said to him: Well done, good and faithful servant: because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will place thee over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

I have found David My servant, with My holy oil I have anointed him: for My hand shall help him, and My arm shall strengthen him. (P.T. Alleluia.)

May Thy saints, we beseech Thee, O Lord, everywhere make us joyful, that, while we venerate their merits, we may experience their patronage. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

This is the faithful and wise steward, whom his lord setteth over his family: to give them their measure of wheat in due season. (P. T. Alleluia)

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that as we thank You for the favors we have received, we may, by the intercession of blessed Norbert, Thy Confessor and Bishop, obtain still greater blessings. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.