

09/02 ST. STEPHEN KING OF HUNGARY, CONFESSOR

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St. Stephen, King of Hungary, introduced Christianity into his native land. Pope Sylvester II gave him the privilege of having a cross carried before him like an archbishop. He did all that an apostle could do for his country. By his example and his influence he induced the nobles and the people to embrace the Catholic Faith; he gave Christian legislation to the kingdom; he founded and endowed episcopal sees, built monasteries and established charitable institutions, not only in Hungary but even in Constantinople, Jerusalem, Ravenna, and Rome.

St. Stephen, seven years before his death, saw his young and most innocent son Emerich, an angel of purity and holiness, whom God glorified by many miracles, precede him on the way to heaven. He followed him to the tomb on August 15, 1034, but Innocent XI appointed his feast to be kept on September 2, in memory of the victory which the Christian army won over the Turks at Budapest on this day.

INTROIT Psalms 36: 30, 31

Os justi meditabitur sapiéntiam, et lingua ejus loquétur judícium: lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius. (Ps. 36: 1) Noli æmulári in malignántibus: neque zeláveris faciéntes iniquitátem. Glória Patri et Filio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Os justi meditabitur sapiéntiam, et lingua ejus loquétur judícium: lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius,

COLLECT

Concéde, quæsumus, Ecclésiæ tuæ, omnipotens Deus: ut beátum Stéphánum Conféssórem tuum, quem regnántem in terris propagatórem hábuit, propugnatórem habére mereátur gloriósum in coelis. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spirítus Sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

LESSON Ecclesiasticus 31: 8-11

Beátus vir, qui invéntus est sine mácula, et qui post aurum non ábiit, nec sperávit in pecúnia et thesáuris. Quis est hic, et laudábimus eum? fecit enim mirabília in víta sua. Qui probátus est in illo, et perféctus est, erit illi glória ætérna: qui pótuit tránsgridi, et non est tránsgréssus: fácere mala, et non fecit: ideo stabilíta sunt bona illius in Dómino, et eleemósynas illius enarrábit omnis ecclésia sanctórum.

GRADUAL Psalms 91: 13, 14

Justus ut palma florébit: sicut cedrus Líbani multiplicátur in domo Dómini. Ad annuntiándum mane misericórdiam tuam, et veritátem tuam per noctem.

LESSER ALLELUIA James 1: 12

Allelúja, allelúja. Beátus vir, qui suffert tentatiónem. quóniam cum probátus fúerit, accípiet corónam vitæ. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Luke 19: 12-26

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discíplulis Suis parábolum hanc: Homo quidam nóbilis ábiit in regiónem longínquam accíperé sibi regnum et revérti. Vocátis autem decem servis suis, dedit eis decem mnas et ait ad illot: Negotiámini eum vénio. Cives autem ejus óderant eum: et misérunt legatiónem illum, dicéntes: Nólumus hunc regnáre super nos. Et factum est, ut redíret, accépto regno; et jussit vocári servos, quibus dedit pecúniám, ut sciret quantum quisque negotiátus esset. Venit autem primus, dicens: Dómine mna tua decem mnas acquisívit. Et sit illi: Euge bone serve, quia in módico fuísti fidélis, eris potestátem habens super decem civitátes. Et alter venit, dicens: Dómine, mna tua fecit quinque mnas. Et huic ait: Et tu esto super quinque civitátes. Et alter venit, dicens: Dómine, habet decem mnas. Dico autem vobis: Quia omni habénti dábitur, et abundábit: ab eo autem qui non habet, et quod habet, auferétur ab eo.

OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 25

Véritas mea et misericórdia mea cum ipso: et in nómine meo exaltábitur cornu eius.

SECRET

Réspice, quas offérimus hóstias, omnipotens Deus: et præsta; ut, qui passiónis Dominicæ mystéria celebrámus, imitémur quod ágimus. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spirítus Sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

COMMUNION Matthew 24: 46-47

Beátus ille servus quem quæ vénerit dóminus eius invénerit sic faciéntem. Amen dico vobis quóniam super ómnia bona sua constitúet eum.

POSTCOMMUNION

Præsta, quæsumus, omnipotens Deus: ut beáti Stéphani Confessóris tui fidem cóngrua devotióne sectémur; qui pro ejúsdem fidei dilatatióne, de terréno regno ad cæléstis regni glóriam méruit perveníre. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spirítus Sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

The mouth of the just shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak judgment: the law of his God is in his heart. (Ps. 36: 1) Be not emulous of evildoers: nor envy them that work iniquity. 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 mouth of the just shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak judgment: the law of his God is in his heart.

Grant unto Thy Church, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that it may be worthy to have for its glorious defender in heaven blessed Stephen, Thy confessor, whom it had for its champion while he reigned on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Happy the man found without fault, who turns not aside after gain, nor puts his trust in money nor in treasures! Who is he, that we may praise him? For he has done wonders in his life. He has been tested by gold and come off safe, and this remains his glory forever; he could have sinned but did not, could have done evil but would not, so that his possessions are secure in the Lord, and the assembly of the Saints shall recount his alms.

The just shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow up like the cedar of Lebanon in the house of the Lord. To show forth Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth in the night.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he hath been proved, he shall receive the crown of life. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus spoke this parable to His disciples: A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And calling his ten servants, he gave them ten pounds; and said to them, Trade till I come. But his citizens hated him; and they sent an embassy after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. And it came to pass that he returned, having received the kingdom; and he commanded his servants to be called, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. And the first came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds: and he said to him, Well done, thou good servant, because thou hast been faithful in a little, thou shalt have power over ten cities. And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds: and he said to him, Be thou also over five cities. And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin; for I feared thee, because thou art an austere man; thou takest up what thou didst not lay down, and thou reapest that which thou didst not sow. He saith to him, Out of thy own mouth I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knowest that I was an austere man, taking up what I laid not down, and reaping that which I did not sow: and why then didst thou not give my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have exacted it with usury? And he said to them that stood by, Take the pound away from him, and give it to him that hath the ten pounds. And they said to Him, Lord, he hath ten pounds. But I say to you, that to every one that hath shall be given, and he shall abound; and from him that hath not, even that which he hath shall be taken from him.

My truth and My mercy shall be with him: and in My name shall his horn be exalted.

Do Thou regard, O almighty God, the sacrifices which we offer, and grant that we, who celebrate the mysteries of the Lord's passion, may imitate what we commemorate. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Blessed is that servant, whom when his lord shall come he shall find so doing. Amen I say to you, he shall place him over all his goods.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God that we may follow with due devotion the faith of blessed Stephen, Thy confessor, who, by spreading abroad the same faith, merited to go from an earthly kingdom into the glory of Thy heavenly kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.