

INTROIT Isaias 7: 14

Ecce Virgo concipiet, et pariet filium, et vocabitur nomen ejus Emmmanuel. (Ps. 97: 1) Cantate Dómino cánticum novum; quia mirabilia fecit. V. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Ecce Virgo concipiet, et pariet filium, et vocabitur nomen ejus Emmmanuel.

COLLECT

Deus qui de beatæ Mariæ Virginis utero Verbum tuum, Ángelo nuntiante, carnem suscipere voluisti: præsta supplicibus tuis; ut, qui vere cam Genitricem Dei, credimus, ejus apud te intercessionibus adjuvemur. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

LESSON Eccles. 24: 23-31

Ego quasti vitis fructificávi suavitatem odóris: et flores mei fructus honóris et honestátis. Ego mater pulchræ dilectiónis, et ílmóris, et agnitiónis, et sanctæ spei. In me grátia omnis viæ et veritátis, in me omnes spes vitæ et virtútis. Transite ad me omnes qui concupisoitis me, et a generatióibus meis implémini: Spíritus enim meus super mel dulcis, et heréditas mea super mel et favum. Memória mei in generatiónes sæculórum. Qui edunt me, adhuc esúrient: et qui bibunt me, adhuc sítient. Qui audit me, non confundétur: et qui operántur in me, non peccábunt. Qui elúcidant me, vitam ætérnam habébunt.

GRADUAL Isaias 11: 1,2

Egrediétur virga de radíce Jesse, et flos e de radíce ejus ascéndet. V. Et requiescet super eum Spíritus Dómini.

LESSER ALLELUIA

Allelúja, allelúja. V. Virgo Dei Génitrix, quem totus non capit orbis, in tua se cláusit víscera factus homo. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Luke 2: 43-51

In illo témpore: Cum redirent, remánsit puer Jesus in Jerúsalem, et non cognóverunt paréntes ejus existimántes autem illum esse in comitátu, venérunt iter diéi, et requirébant eum inter cognátos et notos. Et non inveniéntes, regréssi sunt in Jerúsalem, requiréntes eum. Et factum est, post triduum invenérunt illum in templo sedéntem in médio doctórum, audiéntem illos, et interrogántem eos. Stupébant autem omnes, qui eum audiébant, super prudéntia et respónsis ejus. Et vidéntes admiráti sunt. Et dixit mater ejus ad ilium: Fili, quid fecisti nobis sic? ecce pater tuus, et ego doléntes quærebámus te. Et ait ad illos: "Quid est quod me quærebatis? Nesciebátis quia in his, quæ Patris mei sunt, opórtet me esse?" Et ipsi non intellexérunt verbum, quod locútus est ad eos. Et descendit cum eis, et venit Nazareth: et erat súbdítus illis.

OFFERTORY Matthew 1: 18

Cum esset desponsáta mater ejus María Joseph, invénta est in útero habens de Spíritu Sancto.

SECRET

Tua Dómine propitiatióne, et beatæ Mariæ semper Virginis Unigéniti tui Matris intercessióne, ad perpétuam atque præséntem hæc oblátio nobis proficiat prosperitatem et pacem. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

PREFACE OF THE BVM

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et grátias, nos tibi semper et ubique grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnípotens, ætérne Deus: Et te in Festivitate beatæ Mariæ semper Virginis collaudáre, benedicere et prædicáre. Quæ et Unigénitum tuum Sancti Spíritus quumbratióne concépit: et, virginitátis glória permanénste, lumen ætérnum mundo effúdit, Jesum Christum, Dóminum nostrum. Per quem maíestátem tuam laudant Ángeli, adórant Dominatiónes, tremunt Potestátes. Cæli cælórúmque Virtútes ac beáta Seraphim sócia exultatióne concélebrant. Cum íbibus et nostras voces ut admitti júbeas, deprecámur, súplici confessióne dicéntes:

COMMUNION Hebrews 9: 28

Beáta víscera Mariæ Virginis, quæ portáverunt ætérni Patris Fílium.

POSTCOMMUNION

Hæc nos commúnicio Dómine purget a crímine: et intercedere beáta virgine Dei Genitricis María, coeléstis remédii fáciat esse consórtes. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and His name shall be called Emmanuel. (Ps. 97: 1) Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle: because He hath done wonderful things. 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. Behold, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and His name shall be called Emmanuel.

God, Who wast pleased that at the angel's message Thy Word should take flesh in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary, grant to Thy suppliants that, believing her to be truly the mother of God, we may be assisted by her intercessions with Thee. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

As the vine I have brought forth a pleasant odor, and my flowers are the fruit of honor and riches. I am the mother of fair love, and of fear, and of knowledge, and of holy hope. In me is all grace of the way of the truth, in me is all hope of life and of virtue. Come over to me, all ye that desire me, and be filled with my fruits; for my spirit is sweet above honey, and my inheritance above honey and the honeycomb. My memory is unto everlasting generations. They that eat me, shall yet hunger; and they that drink me, shall yet thirst. He that harkeneth to me shall not be confounded, and they that work by me shall not sin. They that explain me shall have life everlasting.

There shall come forth a rod out of the root of Jesse, and a flower shall rise up out of his root. V. And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.

Alleluia, alleluia. V. O Virgin Mother of God, He whom the whole world cannot contain, being made man, imprisons Himself in thy womb. Alleluia.

At that time, when they returned, the child Jesus remained in Jerusalem; and His parents knew it not. And thinking that He was in the company, they came a day's journey, and sought Him amongst their kinsfolks and acquaintance. And not finding Him, they returned into Jerusalem, seeking Him. And it came to pass that after three days they found, Him in the temple sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard Him were astonished at His wisdom and His answers. And seeing Him, they wondered. And His mother said to Him: Son, why hast Thou done so to us? Behold Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing. And He said to them: "How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" And they understood not the word that He spoke unto them. And He went down with them, and came to Nazareth: and was subject to them.

When His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Through Thy mercy, O Lord, and the intercession of blessed Mary, ever a virgin, the Mother of Thine only-begotten Son, may our oblation profit us for eternal and for present prosperity and peace. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation that we always and everywhere give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God: and that we should praise and bless, and proclaim Thee, in this feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, ever Virgin: Who also conceived Thine only-begotten Son by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, and the glory of her virginity still abiding, gave forth to the world the everlasting Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through whom the Angels praise Thy majesty, the Dominations adore, the Powers tremble: the heavens and the hosts of heaven, and the blessed Seraphim, together celebrate in exultation. With whom, we pray Thee, command that our voices of supplication also be admitted in confessing Thee saying:

Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the Son of the Eternal Father.

May this communion, O Lord, purge away our guilt and, by the intercession of blessed Mary the Mother of God, make us companions of Him, Who is our Heavenly healing. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.