

**INTROIT Ps. 118. 46, 47.**

Loquēbar de testimoniis tuis in conspectu regum, et non confundēbar: et meditābar in mandātis tuis, quæ dilēxi nimis. (Ps 118:1) Beāti immaculāti in viā: qui āmbulant in lege Dómini. V. Glória Patri et Filio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Loquēbar de testimoniis tuis in conspectu regum, et non confundēbar: et meditābar in mandātis tuis, quæ dilēxi nimis.

**COLLECT**

Deus, qui nos ánnua beátæ Cæciliæ Vírginis et Mártiris tuæ solemnitate lætíficas: da, ut, quam venerámur officio, étiam piæ conversatiónis sequámur exémplo. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

**EPISTLE Eccli. 51, 18-17**

Dómine, Deus meus, exaltásti super terram habitatiónem meam, et pro morte defluente deprecáta sum. Invocávi Dóminum, Patrem Dómini mei, ut non derelinquat me in die tribulatiónis meæ, et in tempore superbórum sine adjutório. Laudábo nomen tuum assidue, et collaudábo illud in confessiõe, et exaudita est oratiõ mea. Et liberásti me de periçione, et eripústi me de tempore iniquo. Propterea confitēbor et laudem dicam tibi, Dómine, Deus noster.

**GRADUAL Ps. 44: 11-12**

Audi, filia, et vide, et inclina aurem tuam: quia concupívit Rex spéciem tuam. V. Ps. 44: 5. Spécie tua et pulchritudine tua intēde, prospere procéde et regna.

**LESSER ALLELUIA MatT 25: 4, 6**

Quinque prudētes vírgines accepērunt óleum in vasis suis cum lampádibus: média autem nocte clamor factus est: Ecce, sponsus venit: exíte óbviam Christo Dómino. Allelúja.

**GOSPEL Matthew 25. 1-13.**

In illo tempore: Dixit Jesus discipulis suis parabolam hanc: Simile erit regnum cælórum decem virgínibus: quæ, accipiētes lámpades suas, exiērunt óbviam sponso et sponsæ. Quinque autem ex eis erant fátuæ, et quinque prudētes: sed quinque fátuæ, accéptis lampádibus, non sumpsērunt óleum secum: prudētes vero accepērunt óleum in vasis suis cum lampádibus. Horam autem faciēte sponso, dormitavērunt omnes et dormiērunt. Média autem nocte clamor factus est: Ecce, sponsus venit, exíte óbviam ei. Tunc surrexērunt omnes vírgines illæ, et ornáverunt lámpades suas. Fátuæ autem sapiéntibus dixerunt: Date nobis de óleo vestro: quia lámpades nostræ exstinguúntur. Respondērunt prudētes, dicētes: Ne forte non sufficiat nobis et vobis, ite pótius ad vendētes, et émite vobis. Dum autem irent émere, venit sponso: et quæ parátæ erant, intravērunt cum eo ad núptias, et clausa est iánua. Novíssime vero véniunt et réliquæ vírgines, dicētes: Dómine, Dómine, áperi nobis. At ille respóndens, ait: Amen, dico vobis, nescio vos. Vigiláte itaque, quia nescitis diem neque horam.

**OFFERTORY Ps. 44. 15, 16**

Afferéntur Regi Vírgines post eam: próximæ eius afferéntur tibi in lætítia et exultatiõe: adducántur in templum Regi Dómino.

**SECRET**

Hæc hóstia, Dómine, placatiónis et laudis, quæsumus: ut, intercedēte beáta Cæcília Vírgine et Mártire tua, nos propitiatiõe tua dignos semper efficiat. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

**COMMUNION Ps. 118. 78, 80.**

Confundántur supérbi, quia injúste iniquitatem fecērunt in me: ego autem in mandātis tuis exercēbor, in tuis justificatióibus, ut non confúndar.

**POSTCOMMUNION**

Satiásti, Dómine, famíliam tuam munéribus sacrís: ejus, quæsumus, cujus solémnia celebrámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

I spoke of Thy testimonies before kings, and I was not ashamed: I meditated also on Thy commandments, which I loved. -- (Ps. 118. 1). Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the law of the Lord. 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. I spoke of Thy testimonies before kings, and I was not ashamed: I meditated also on Thy commandments, which I loved.

O God, Who dost gladden us with the annual feast of blessed Cecilia, Thy virgin and martyr, grant that, as we venerate her in our liturgy, we may also follow her example in godly living.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

O Lord my God, Thou hast exalted my dwelling place upon the earth, and I have prayed for death to pass away. I called upon the Lord, the Father of my Lord, that He would not leave me in the day of my trouble, and in the time of the proud without help. I will praise Thy Name continually, and will praise it with thanksgiving, and my prayer was heard. And Thou hast saved me from destruction, and hast delivered me from the evil time. Therefore I will give thanks and praise to Thee, O Lord our God.

Harken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear; for the King hath greatly desired thy beauty. Ps. 44: 5. With thy comeliness and thy beauty, set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

Alleluia, alleluia. Matt. 25: 4, 6. The five wise Virgins took oil in their vessels with the lamps: and at midnight there was a cry made: Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye forth to meet Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus spoke to His disciples this parable: The Kingdom of Heaven shall be like to ten virgins, who taking their lamps went out to meet the bridegroom and the bride. And five of them were foolish, and five wise. But the five foolish, having taken their lamps, did not take oil with them: but the wise took oil in their vessels with the lamps. And the bridegroom tarrying, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made: Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye forth to meet him. Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise: Give us of your oil, for our lamps are gone out. The wise answered, saying: Lest perhaps there be not enough for us and for you, go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. Now whilst they went to buy, the bridegroom came: and they that were ready, went in with him to the marriage, and the door was shut. But at last come also the other virgins, saying: Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answering said: Amen I say to you, I know you not. Watch ye therefore, because you know not the day nor the hour.

After her shall virgins be brought to the King: her neighbors shall be brought to Thee with gladness and rejoicing: they shall be brought into the temple of the King, the Lord.

May this sacrifice of atonement and praise, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the intercession of blessed Cecilia, Thy virgin and martyr, ever make us worthy of Thy forgiveness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Let the proud be ashamed, because they have done unjustly towards me: but I will be employed in Thy commandments, in Thy justifications, that I may not be confounded.

O Lord, Thou hast regaled Thy household with sacred gifts; ever comfort us, we pray, with her intercession whose festival we celebrate. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.