This group of Persian martyrs, consisted of a husband, wife, and two sons. The men were beheaded and their bodies burnt. Martha was killed and her body thrown into a well. They came to Rome under the Emperor Claudius II and visited Christians cast into prison, and buried the slain. The Mass for their feast is very ancient and in excellent liturgical form. (Commemoration) St. Canute (died 1086), King of Denmark, by his zeal for

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JANUARY 19, STS. MARIUS, MARTHA, AUDIFAX, & ABACHUM: MARTYRS

ST. CANUTE

Let the just feast and rejoice before

be scattered: and let them that hate

to the Father, and to the Son, and to

beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

feast and rejoice before God, and be

Give ear, O Lord, to Thy people when

humbly pray: that Thou wouldst grant

Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and

O God, Who, for the greater glory of

blessed Canute the king with the palm

miracles: mercifully grant that walking

in the footsteps of him who followed our

Lord in His sufferings, we may deserve

same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord,

Who lives and reigns with Thee in the

Brethren, call to mind the former days,

endured a great fight of afflictions. And

on the one hand indeed, by reproaches

gazingstock; and on the other, became

companions of them that were used in

wherein, being illuminated, you

and tribulations, were made a

such sort. For you both had

compassion on them that were in

bands, and took with joy the being

stripped of your own goods, knowing

substance. Do not therefore lose your

confidence, which hath a great reward.

For patience is necessary for you; that,

doing the will of God, you may receive

the promise. For yet a little and a very

little while, and he that is to come, will

come, and will not delay. But my just

man liveth by faith; but if he withdraw

himself, he shall not please my soul.

The souls of the just are in the hands of

God, and the torment of death shall not

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

Going they went and wept casting their

with joyfulness carrying their sheaves.

At that time: As Jesus was sitting on

privately, saying: Tell us when shall

pestilences, and famines, and

earthquakes in places: Now all these

are the beginnings of sorrows. Then

and shall put you to death: and you

shall be hated by all nations for my

scandalized: and shall betray one

shall seduce many. And because

many shall grow cold. But he that

Our soul hath been delivered as a

the snare is broken, and we are

iniquity hath abounded, the charity of

shall persevere to the end, he shall be

sparrow out of the snare of the fowlers:

O Lord, having regard to the prayers

they may be pleasing to Thee on the

us Thine indulgent aid. Through the

feast day of Thy Saints, and obtain for

same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord,

Who lives and reigns with Thee in the

May our offering be acceptable in Thy

sight, O Lord, and may it benefit us by

intercession of Thy Saints and grant,

we beseech Thee, that we may retain

the fruits of this present Sacrifice unto

eternal salvation. Through the same

Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who

lives and reigns with Thee in the unity

Refreshed by partaking of Thy sacred

God, that through the intercession of

blessed Canute, Thy Martyr, we may

perceive the fruit of the rite which we

Gift, we beseech thee, O Lord, our

of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and

unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever

and offerings of Thy faithful people: that

another: and shall hate one another.

And many false prophets shall rise, and

shall they deliver you up to be afflicted,

name's sake. And then shall many be

mount Olivet, the disciples came to him

seeds. But coming they shall come

touch them. In the sight of the unwise

they seemed to die: but they are in

that you have a better and a lasting

unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever

to attain eternal joys. Through the

Thy Church, wast pleased to adorn

of martyrdom and with glorious

us in our present life joy and peace and

growth of life eternal. Through our Lord

reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy

with Thy Saints as advocates we

Spirit, God, forever and ever.

For St. Canute

and ever.

world without end. Amen. Let the just

the Holy Spirit, as it was in the

delighted with gladness.

God, and be delighted with gladness.

(Ps) Let God arise, and let HIs enemies

Him flee from before His face. Glory be

the Faith made enemies who put him to death in the Church of St. Alban. Pope

Benedict XV adorned his altar in the Church of St. Mary in Trastevere (Rome) with artistic candelabra.

**INTROIT Ecclesiasticus. 44: 15,14; Psalms 32: 1** Justi epuléntur, et exúltent in conspéctu Dei, et delecténtur in lætítia. (Ps) Exsúrgat Deus, et dissipéntur inimíci ejus: et fúgiant qui odérunt eum, fácie ejus. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui

Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc,

et semper, et in sécula seculórum. Amen. Justi epuléntur, et exúltent in conspéctu Dei, et delecténtur in lætítia. **COLLECTS** Exáudi, Dómine, pópulum tuum cum Sanctórum tuórum patrocínio

tríbuas pace gaudére; et ætérnæ reperíre subsídium. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum. For St. Canute Deus, quid ad illustrándam Ecclésiam tuam, beátum Canútum regem mártyrii

ipse Domíncæ passiónis imitátor fuit,

mereámur. Per eúndem Dóminum

gáudia sempitérna perceníre

ita nos per ejus vestígia gradiéntes, ad

nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum,

supplicántem: ut et temporális vitæ nos

palma et gloriósis miráculis decoráre dignátur es: concéde propítius; ut, sicut

qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sécula seculórum. **EPISTLE Hebrews 10: 32-38** Fratres: Rememorámini pristínos deis, in quibus illumináti, magnum certámen sustinuístis passiónum: et in altéro quidem oppróbriis, et tribulatiónibus spectáculum facti: in altéro autem sócii talíter conversántium effécti. Nam et vinctis compássi estis, et rapínam

meliórem, et manéntem substántiam. Nolite itaque amittere confidéntiam vestram, quæ magnam habet remunerationem. Patientes enim vobis necessária est: ut voluntátem Dei faciéntes reportétis promissiónem. Adhuc enim módicum aliquántulum, qui ventúrus est, véniet, et non tardábit. Justus autem meus ex fide vivit.

bonórum vestrórum cum gáudio

suscenpístis, cognoscénte vos habére

**GRADUAL Wisdom 3: 1,2,3** Justórum autem ánimæ in manu Dei sunt et non tanget illos torméntum mortis. Visi sunt in óculis insipiéntium mori et æstimáta est adflíctio exítus illórum. et quod a nobis est iter

extérminii: illi autem sunt in pace (After Septuagesima the Alleluia is omitted and the Tract is said instead.)

**LESSER ALLELUIA Psalms 67: 36** Allelúja, allelúja. Mirábilis Deus noster in sanctis suis. Allelúja.

Qui séminant in lácrimis, in gáudio

metent. Eúntes ibant et flébant,

mitténtes semina sua. Veniéntes

autem vénient cum exsultatione, portántes manípulos suos. **GOSPEL Matthew 24: 3-13** In illo témpore: Sedénte Jesu super montem Olivéti accessérunt ad eum discípuli secréto, dicéntes: Dic nobis quando hæc erunt et quod signum

advéntus tui et consummatiónis

sæculi? et respóndens Jesus dixit eis:

Vidéte ne quis vos sedúcat. Multi enim

vénient in nómine meo, dicéntes: Ego

turbémini. Opórtet enim hæc fíeri sed

gens in gentem, et regnum in regnum,

ómnia inítia sunt dolórum. Tunc tradent

sum Christus: et multos sedúcent.

Auditúri autem estis prœ'lia et

opiniónes prœliórum. Vidéte ne

nondum est finis. Consúrget enim

et erunt pestiléntiæ, et fames, et

terræmótus per loca. Hæc autem

**TRACT Psalms 125: 5-6.** 

vos in tribulatiónem, et occídent vos: et éritis ódio ómnibus géntibus propter nomen meum. Et tunc scandalizabúntur multi, et ínvicem tradent, et ódio habébunt ínvicem. Et multi pseudoprophétæ surgent, et sedúcent multos. Et quóniam abundábit iníquitas refrigéscet cáritas multórum. Qui autem permanserit usque in finem hic salvus erit. **OFFERTORY Psalms 123: 7** Ánima nostra sicut passererépta est de láqueo venántium: láqueus contritus est et nos liberáti sumus. **SECRETS** Preces, Dómine, tuórum réspice,

oblationésque fidélium: ut et tibi grata

nobis conférant tuæ propitiationis

auxilium. Per Dóminum nostrum

Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui

Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula

nostra devótio et ejus nobis fiat

supplicatione salutaris, pro cujus

solemnitáte defértur. Per Dóminum

qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte

Dico autem vobis ámicis meis: ne

terrémini ab his qui vos persequúntur.

salvatióne capiámus. Per Dóminum

qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte

Refécti participatione munéris sacri,

quésumus, Domine, Deus noster: ut,

beáto Canúto, Mártyre tuo sentiámus

efféctum. Per Dóminum nostrum

cugus exsequimur cultum, intercedénte

Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia

nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum,

Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia

**COMMUNION Mark 10: 27** 

nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum,

sæculórum.

For St. Canute

sint protuórum festivitáte Sanctórum, et

tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus

Accépta sit in conspéctu tuo, Dómine,

**POSTCOMMUNIONS** Sanctórum tuórum, Dómine, intercessióne placátus: præsta, quésumus; ut, que temporáli celebrámus actióne, perpétua

sécula seculórum.

For St. Canute

sécula seculórum.

Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula

sæculórum.

Alleluia, alleluia. God is wonderful in His Saints, Alleluia.

peace.

these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the consummation of the world? And Jesus answering, said to them: Take heed that no man seduce you: For many will come in my name saying, I am Christ: and they will seduce many. And you shall hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that ye be not troubled. For these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be

saved.

delivered.

and ever.

For St. Canute

the prayer of him on whose feast it is offered. 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. But I say to you, my friends: be not afraid of those who persecute you. Be appeased, O Lord, by the

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.

For St. Canute

ever.