

reconciliation of the penitents, whom she had subjected to public penance on Ash-Wednesday. The future birth, therefore, of those who were judged worthy of the grace of baptism; and the resurrection to a new life of several of her children, who, after having gone astray, return to God by a sincere conversion, is this day, the subject of her joy.

INTROIT. *Is. lxxvi. Ps. cxxi.*

REjoice, with Jerusalem, and meet together all you who love her. Rejoice exceedingly, you who have been in sorrow, that you may leap for joy, and be satiated with comfort from her breasts. *Ps.* I rejoiced at what has been told me: we shall go to the house of the Lord. *V.* Glory.

*L*ætare, Jerusalem, et conventum facite omnes qui diligitis eam: gaudete cum lætitia, qui in tristitia fuistis, ut exultetis, et satiæmini ab uberibus consolationis vestræ.

Ps. cxxi. Lætatus sum in his, quæ dicta sunt mihi: in domum Domini ibimus.

V. Gloria.

COLLECT. *Concede.*—Grant, we beseech thee, O Almighty God, that we, who are justly afflicted according to our demerits, may be relieved by thy comforting grace. 'Thro'.

EPISTLE. *Gal. iv. 23. 31.*—Brethren: It is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bond-woman, and the other by a free-woman. But he who was by the bond-woman, was born according to the flesh: but he by the free-woman, was by promise. Which things are said by an allegory. For these are the two testaments. The one from Mount Sinai, engendering to bondage, which is Agar: for Sinai is a mountain in Arabia, which hath affinity to that Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But that Jerusalem, which is above, is free; which is our mother. For it is written: "Rejoice, thou barren, that bearest not: break forth and cry, thou that travailest not:

for many are the children of the desolate, more than of her that hath a husband. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he, that was born according to the flesh, persecuted him that was after the spirit: even so it is now. But what saith the scripture? "Cast out the bond-woman and her son: for the son of the bond-woman shall not be heir with the son of the free-woman." So then, brethren, we are not children of the bond-woman, but of the free; by the freedom wherewith Christ hath made us free.

GRAD. *Ps. cxxi.*---I rejoiced at what had been told me; we are to go up to the house of the Lord.
V. May peace be on thy ramparts, and plenty within thy walls.

TRACT. *Ps. cxxiv.*---*Qui confidunt in Domino, sicut mons Sion; non commovebitur in æternum, qui habitat in Jerusalem.* They who trust in the Lord, are as mount Sion: he who dwelleth in Jerusalem, shall never be moved. There are mountains on every side of it, and the Lord encompasseth his people both now and for evermore.

GOSPEL. *John vi. 1. 15.*---*At that time: Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is that of Tiberias: and a great multitude followed him, because they saw the miracles which he did on them that were diseased. Jesus therefore went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples. Now the pasch, the festival day of the Jews, was near at hand. When Jesus therefore had lifted up his eyes, and seen that a very great multitude cometh to him, he said to Philip: Whence shall we buy bread that these may eat? And this he said to try him: for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him: Two hundred penny-worth of bread is no sufficient for them, that every one may take a little. One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon*

Peter, saith to him: There is a boy here that hath five barley loaves and two small fishes; but what are they among so many? Then Jesus said: Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves: and when he had given thanks, he said to his disciples: Gather up the fragments that remain, lest they be lost. They gathered up therefore, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above to them that had eaten. Now these men, when they had seen what a miracle Jesus had done, said: This is of a truth the prophet that is to come into the world. Jesus, therefore, when he knew that they would come to take him by force and make him king, fled again into the mountain himself alone. **CREDO.**

OFFERT. *Ps. cxxiv.*—Praise the Lord, for he is good: sing to his name, for he is sweet: he hath done whatever he pleased, both in heaven and on earth.

SECRET. We beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully regard this present sacrifice, that it may both increase our devotion, and advance our salvation. **Thro'.**

COMMUNION. *Ps. cxxi.*—Jerusalem, which is built like a city, all whose parts are joined together: for it was thither the tribes went up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise thy name, O Lord.

P. COMM. *Da nobis.*—Grant, we beseech thee, O merciful God, that we may sincerely respect, and receive with faith thy holy mysteries, with which thou daily feedest us.
