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Ry. ii. The Lord, who delivered me from the mouth of the lion and freed me from the paw of the wild beast, * he it is who will deliver me from the hands of my enemies. 

May God send his truth and his love. He delivered my soul from among lions. - He it is.

Lesson iii

And the cows went straight in the direction of Beth-she'mesh along one highway, lowing as they went; they turned neither to the right nor to the left, and the lords of the Philistines went after them as far as the border of Beth-she'mesh. Now the people of Beth-she'mesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley; and when they lifted up their eyes and saw the ark, they rejoiced to see it. The cart came into the field of Joshua of Beth-she'mesh, and stopped there. A great stone was there; and they split up the wood of the cart and offered the cows as a burnt offering to the Lord. And the Levites took down the ark of the Lord.

Ry. iii. "I took you out of your father's house," says the Lord, "and appointed you to feed the flock of my people. I have been with you wherever you went, * establishing your kingdom for ever. 

Ry. As the Father has loved me so have I loved you. * Abide in my love.

Ry. If you keep my commandments you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. - Abide. - Glory. - Abide.

Prayer

Grant us, Lord, a lasting fear and love of your holy name; for you never fail to guide those whom you firmly establish in your love. Through.

Hymn

See how the army of our sins, A cruel army, proud and fierce, The heart of God, most innocent, Ungratefully and basely pierce!

Our sins direct the cruel stroke Made by the thrust of soldier's lance; The dreaded sharpness of its point Our crimes with mortal guilt enhance.

From out that opened heart is born The holy Church, of Christ the bride; Behold, the ark to save our race, The door, this wound made in his side.

Hence comes an everlasting stream Of grace in wondrous sevenfold flood,

That we may there our robes defiled, Cleanse in the Lamb's most precious blood.

It were a shame, again by sin That blessed Heart to lacerate; Instead, the flames which tell his love Let us in spirit emulate.

All glory be to you, O Lord, Who from your heart all grace outpour; With Father and with Spirit blest In every age, for evermore. Amen.

Ry. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me. Ry. For I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Magnif. ant. I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already enkindled!

Little Chapter Ephes. 3

To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all men see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God.

Prayer

O God, from the heart of your Son, wounded by our sins, you mercifully shower upon us the infinite treasures of love; grant, we beg you, that as we offer him our devoted and dutiful service, we may also fittingly perform our work of reparation. Through the same.
COMPLINE
Psalms from Sunday
Nunc dimitis ant.
Alleluia. With joy you will draw, alleluia, from the wells of salvation, alleluia, alleluia.

MATINS
Invit. The heart of Jesus wounded with love for us, * come, let us adore.

Hymn
O great Creator of the world,
Mankind's Redeemer, Christ the blest;
True God from God, in whom we see
The Father's image clear expressed!

By love alone you were impelled
To take our mortal flesh to you,
And what the former Adam lost,
As second Adam to renew.

That selfsame all creative love,
Which made the sea and stars and earth,
Took pity on our ancient woes
And broke the bondage of our birth.

Never in your heart permit
The strength of that high love to wane!
For from this well the nations draw
The grace that cleanses every stain.

For this the pain of wounds was borne,
For this the lance was driven in;
And forth the blood and water ran
To cleanse us from the guilt of sin.

All glory be to you, O Lord,
Who from your heart all grace outpours;
With Father and with Spirit blest
In every age, for evermore. Amen.

I Nocturn
Psalm 32
Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; * for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, * with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.
O sing him a song that is new, * play loudly, with all your skill.

For the word of the Lord is faithful * and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right * and fills the earth with his love.
By his word the heavens were made, * by the breath of his mouth all the stars.

He collects the waves of the ocean; * he stores up the depths of the sea.
Let all the earth fear the Lord, * all who live in the world revere him.
He spoke; and it came to be. * He commanded, it sprang into being.
He frustrates the designs of the nations, * he defeats the plans of the peoples.

His own designs shall stand for ever, * the plans of his heart from age to age.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord, * the people he has chosen as his own.

From the heavens the Lord looks forth, * he sees all the children of men.
From the place where he dwells he gazes * on all the dwellers on the earth,
He who shapes the hearts of them all * and considers all their deeds.

A king is not saved by his army, * nor a warrior preserved by his strength.
A vain hope for safety is the horse; * despite its power it cannot save.
The Lord looks on those who revere him, * on those who hope in his love,
To rescue their souls from death, * to keep them alive in famine.
Our soul is waiting for the Lord. * The Lord is our help and our shield.
In him do our hearts find joy. * We trust in his holy name.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, * as we place all our hope in you.

Ant. 1 'The plans of his heart are from age to age.

Psalm 35
Sin speaks to the sinner * in the depths of his heart.
There is no fear of God * before his eyes.
He so flatters himself in his mind * that he knows not his guilt.

In his mouth are mischief and deceit. * All wisdom is gone.

He plots the defeat of goodness * as he lies on his bed.

He has set his foot on evil ways, * he clings to what is evil.
Your love, Lord, reaches to heaven; * your truth to the ends of the earth.
Your justice is like God's mountain, * your judgments like the deep.
To both man and beast you give protection. * O Lord, how precious is your love.

My God, the sons of men * find refuge in the shelter of your wings.
They feast on the riches of your house; * they drink from the stream of your delight.
In you is the source of life * and in your light we see light.
Keep on loving those who know you, * doing
justice for upright hearts.

Let the foot of the proud not crush me * nor the hand of the wicked cast me out.

See how the evil-doers have fallen! * Flung down, they shall never arise.

Ant. 2 In you is the source of light. We drink from the stream of your delight, Lord.

Psalm 40

Happy the man who considers the poor and the weak. * The Lord will save him in the day of evil, Will guard him, give him life, make him happy in the land * and will not give him up to the will of his foes. The Lord will help him on his bed of pain, * he will bring him back from sickness to health.

As for me, I said: “Lord, have mercy on me, * heal my soul for I have sinned against you.”

My foes are speaking evil against me. * “How long before he dies and his name be forgotten?”

They come to visit me and speak empty words, * their hearts full of malice, they spread it abroad.

My enemies whisper together against me. * They all weigh up the evil which is in me: “Some deadly thing has fastened upon him, * he will not rise again from where he lies.”

Thus even my friend, in whom I trusted, * who ate my bread, has turned against me.

But you, O Lord, have mercy on me. * Let me rise once more and I will repay them.

By this I shall know that you are my friend, if my foes do not shout in triumph over me.

If you uphold me I shall be unharmed * and set in your presence for evermore.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel from age to age. * Amen. Amen.

Ant. 3 My friend who ate my bread has turned against me. O. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me. L. For I am gentle and lowly in heart.

From the Prophet Jeremiah

Lesson i Chapter 24

Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: “Like these good figs, so I will regard as good the exiles from Judah, whom I have sent away from this place to the land of the Chaldeans. I will set my eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them back to this land. I will build them up, and not tear them down; I will plant them, and not uproot them. I will give them a heart to know that I am the Lord; and they shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart.” Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Lesson ii Chapter 30

Thus says the Lord: “Behold, I will restore the fortunes of the tents of Jacob, and have compassion on his dwellings; the city shall be rebuilt upon its mound, and the palace shall stand where it used to be. Out of them shall come songs of thanksgiving, and the voices of those who make merry. Their prince shall be one of themselves, their ruler shall come forth from their midst; I will make him draw near, and he shall approach me, for who would dare of himself to approach me?—says the Lord. And you shall be my people, and I will be your God.” Behold the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. The fierce anger of the Lord will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his mind. In the latter days you will understand this.” Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Lesson iii Chapter 31

At that time,” says the Lord, “I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.” Thus says the Lord: “The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from afar. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land.
of Egypt, my covenant which they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

I 7, iii. When we were dead through our trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ, * out of the great love with which he loved us. * Y. That in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace. – Out of.

Glory. – Out of.

II Nocturn

Psalm 46

All peoples clap your hands, * cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, * great king over all the earth.

He subdues people under us * and nations under our feet.

Our inheritance, our glory, is from him, * given to Jacob out of love.

God goes up with shouts of joy; * the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise, * sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth. * Sing praise with all your skill.

God is king over the nations; * God reigns on his holy throne.

The princes of the people are assembled * with the people of Abraham’s God.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, * to God who reigns over all.

Psalm 60

O God, hear my cry! * Listen to my prayer.

From the end of the earth I call: * my heart is faint.

On the rock too high for me to reach * set me on high.

O you who have been my refuge, * my tower against the foe.

Let me dwell in your tent for ever * and hide in the shelter of your wings.

For you, O God, hear my prayer * and grant me the heritage of those who fear you.

May you lengthen the life of the king: * may his years cover many generations.

May he ever sit enthroned before God: * bid love and truth be his protection.

Psalm 93

O Lord, avenging God, * avenging God, appear!

Judge the earth, arise, * give the proud what they deserve!

How long, O Lord, shall the wicked, * how long shall the wicked triumph?

They bluster with arrogant speech; * the evildoers boast to each other.

They crush your people, Lord, * they afflict the ones you have chosen.

They kill the widow and the stranger * and murder the fatherless child.

And they say: “The Lord does not see; * the God of Jacob pays no heed.”

Mark this, most senseless of people; * fools, when will you understand?

Can he who made the car, not hear? * Can he who formed the eye, not see?

Will he who trains nations, not punish? * Will he who teaches men, not have knowledge?

(The Lord knows the thoughts of men. * He knows they are no more than a breath.)

Happy the man whom you teach, O Lord, * whom you train by means of your law:

To him you give peace in evil days * while the pit is being dug for the wicked.

The Lord will not abandon his people * nor forsake those who are his own:

For judgment shall again be just * and all true hearts shall uphold it.

Who will stand up for me against the wicked? * Who will defend me against those who do evil?

If the Lord were not to help me, * I would soon go down into the silence.

When I think: “I have lost my foothold”; * your mercy, Lord, holds me up.

When cares increase in my heart * your consolation calms my soul.

Can judges who do evil be your friends? * They do injustice under cover of law:

They attack the life of the just * and condemn innocent blood.

As for me, the Lord will be a stronghold; * my God will be the rock where I take refuge.

He will repay them for their wickedness, destroy them for their evil deeds. * The Lord, our God, will destroy them.

Psalm 46

Ant. 6 When cares increase in my heart, your consolation calms my soul.
V. As for me, I said, “Lord, have mercy on me.
R. Heal my soul for I have sinned against you.”

Lesson iv

Among the wonderful developments in sacred doctrine and devotion by which the plan of divine wisdom is ever more sharply defined in the church, scarcely any stands out more clearly than the increase in devotion to the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Often in the past, the Fathers, the Doctors and the Saints paid tribute to our Saviour’s love for us, saying that the wound opened in the side of Christ was the hidden source of all graces. Since the Middle Ages, when popular piety began to be characterised by a more delicate devotion to the sacred humanity of our Saviour, contemplative souls made it a habit of penetrating beyond that wound to the heart itself wounded with love for men. From that time on, such contemplation became so usual for certain dedicated souls that there was scarcely a country or a religious order which did not bear abundant witness to this practice. In more recent times, especially when heretics were trying, by claims of false piety, to wean the Christian peoples away from the most holy Eucharist, devotion to the Sacred Heart began to be practised publicly. This was achieved principally through the efforts of Saint John Eudes, who is rightly regarded as being the promoter of public devotion to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

R. iv The Lord is close to all who call on him, to all who call on him from their hearts. V. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. — To all.

Lesson v

God chose his own instrument by which he might fully and perfectly establish world-wide devotion to the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This instrument was a humble virgin of the order of the Visitation, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, who from an early age was filled with love for the sacrament of the Eucharist. Christ the Lord, appearing to her many times, made her aware of the riches of his divine heart and of its desires. Of these apparitions, the most celebrated was that in which Jesus appeared to her as she was praying before the Blessed Sacrament. Showing her his most Sacred Heart, he complained that in return for its great love he received nothing but insults from ungrateful men. He asked her to try to have a new feast established on the Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi, so that through this feast his heart would be honoured as is fitting, and due reparation made for sins against him in the Sacrament of his love. Everyone is aware of the many great obstacles encountered by the handmaid of God in her efforts to carry out his command. But strengthened by the Lord himself and vigorously supported by her spiritual directors, who strove with extraordinary zeal to promote this devotion, she faithfully endeavoured, until death, to fulfil the task entrusted to her from heaven.

R. v I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding, but revealed them to babes. V. Yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. — And revealed.

Lesson vi

At length, in the year 1765, Pope Clement XIII approved a Mass and Office in honour of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The feast was extended to the whole church by Pius IX. After that, devotion to the most Sacred Heart of Jesus, like a river at the flood, spread throughout the whole world, sweeping away all obstacles. At the dawn of the new century a jubilee year having been proclaimed, Leo XIII desired that the entire human race should be consecrated to the most Sacred Heart. This consecration took place in all the churches of the Catholic world with solemn ceremony and was the occasion of a great increase in this devotion. Whole nations as well as individual families were drawn to it and many of these devoted themselves to the Divine Heart and placed themselves at his disposal. Finally Pope Pius XI raised the feast of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus to the rank of first class with an octave, that the rank of the feast might more fully correspond to the devotion of Christian people, now so clearly widespread. Moreover, in atonement for the rights denied to Christ, the greatest of kings and most loving Lord, and to show contrition for the sins of all men, he ordered that an act of reparation be recited on this day each year in all Christian churches throughout the world.

R. vi. All the nations
The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

shall come * to adore you,  
Lord. ¥. They shall  
glorify your name: for you  
are great and do marvellous  
deeds. — To adore. — Glory. —  
To adore.

III Nocturn

Psalm 96

The Lord is king, let  
earth rejoice,* the  
many coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are  
his raiment; * his throne,  
justice and right.  
A fire prepares his path;*  
it burns up his foes on every  
side.  
His lightnings light up  
the world, * the earth  
trembles at the sight.  
The mountains melt like  
wax * before the Lord of all  
the earth.  
The skies proclaim his  
justice; * all peoples see  
his glory.  
Let those who serve idols  
be ashamed, those who  
boast of their worthless  
gods. * All you spirits  
worship him.  
Sion hears and is glad;  
the people of Judah rejoice*  
because of your judgments,  
O Lord.  
For you indeed are the  
Lord most high above all  
the earth, * exalted far  
above all spirits.  
The Lord loves those  
who hate evil; he guards  
the souls of his saints; *

he sets them free from the  
wicked.  
Light shines forth for the  
just * and joy for the up-  
right of heart.  
Rejoice, you just, in the  
Lord; * give glory to his  
holy name.  
Ant. 7 You who love  
the Lord, give glory to his  
holy name.

Psalm 97

Sing a new song to the  
Lord * for he has  
worked wonders.  
His right hand and his  
holy arm * have brought  
salvation.  
The Lord has made  
known his salvation; * has  
shown his justice to the  
nations.  
He has remembered his  
truth and love * for the  
house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth  
have seen * the salvation  
of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the  
earth, * ring out your joy.  
Sing psalms to the Lord  
with the harp * with the  
sound of music.  
With trumpets and the  
sound of the horn * acclaim  
the King, the Lord.  
Let the sea and all within  
it, thunder; * the world,  
and all its peoples.  
Let the rivers clap their  
hands * and the hills ring  
out their joy,  
At the presence of the  

Lord: for he comes, * he  
comes to rule the earth.  
He will rule the world  
with justice * and the  
peoples with fairness.  
Ant. 8 All the ends of  
the earth have seen the  
salvation of our God.

Psalm 107

My heart is ready, O  
God; * I will sing,  
sing your praise.  
Awake, my soul; awake,  
lyre and harp. * I will  
awake the dawn.  
I will thank you, Lord,  
among the peoples, * praise  
you among the nations;  
For your love reaches to  
the heavens * and your  
truth to the skies.  
O God, arise above the  
heavens; * may your glory  
shine on earth!  
O come and deliver your  
friends; * help with your  
right hand and reply.  
From his holy place God  
has made this promise: 2  
“I will triumph and divide  
the land of Shechem; * I  
will measure out the valley  
of Succoth.  
Gilead is mine and  
Manasseh. Ephraim I take  
for my helmet, * Judah for  
my commander’s staff.  
Moab I will use for my  
washbowl, on Edom I will  
plant my shoe. * Over the  
Philistines I will shout in  
triumph.”  
But who will lead me to  
conquer the fortress? *  
Who will bring me face to  
face with Edom?  
Will you utterly reject  
us, O God, * and no longer  
march with our armies?  
Give us help against the  
foe; * for the help of man is  
vain.

With God we shall do  
bravely * and he will  
trample down our foes.  
Ant. 9 I will praise you  
among the nations, for your  
love reaches to the heavens.  
¥. He makes us remember  
his wonders. The Lord  
is compassion. ¥. He  
gives food to those who  
fear him.

Reading from the holy  
Gospel according to John

Lesson vii  Chapter 19

At that time, since it was  
the day of Preparation,  
in order to prevent the  
bothers from remaining on  
the cross on the sabbath  
(for that sabbath was a  
high day), the Jews asked  
Pilate that their legs might  
be broken, and that they  
might be taken away. Etc.

Homily of St. Bonaventure,  
Bishop

Book concerning the Tree  
of Life, number 30

Divine Providence per-  
mitted that one of the  
soldiers should open the
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sacred side of Christ, piercing it with a lance. This was allowed that the church might be formed from Christ's side as he slept upon the cross and to fulfill the Scripture which says: "They shall look on him whom they have pierced." As blood and water flowed forth the price of our salvation was paid. Issuing from the hidden spring of his heart, it gave the sacraments of the church the power to confer the life of grace. To those already alive in Christ it was a draught from the living spring, welling up to eternal life. Arise then, Soul, friend of Christ! Do not cease to keep vigil. Place there your mouth whence you may draw water from the wells of salvation. 

Ivy, vii. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, * I will draw all men to myself. V. He said this to show by what death he was to die. — I will draw.

Lesson viii
Concerning the Mystical Life, Chap. 3

Having once drawn near to the heart of the most adorable Lord Jesus, and since it is good for us to be here, let us not easily be torn away from it. How good and how pleasant it is to dwell in this heart! Your heart is a great treasure, a precious pearl which we have found in the dug-up field that is your body. Who would cast away this pearl? Rather will I give all other pearls, exchange all my thoughts and affections and purchase it for myself. I will entrust all my anxieties to the heart of the good Jesus, and he will support me without fail. And so, adorable Jesus, having found this heart of yours, which is mine also, I will pray to you, my God. Let my prayers enter into that sacred Shrine where they will be heard; indeed draw me entirely into your heart.

Ivy, viii. Let us therefore be imitators of God * and let us walk in love. V. As Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. — And let us walk.

Lesson ix

For this, was your side pierced, that an entrance might lie open to us. For this, was your heart wounded, that freed from outside disturbances, we might dwell there. Still more, it was wounded that through the visible wound we might perceive the invisible wound of love. How better could this ardour be shown, than that he allowed not only the body but also the heart itself to be wounded with a lance? Thus, the wound in the flesh shows forth the wound in the spirit. Who would not love this heart, so deeply wounded? Who would not return love to one so loving? Who would not embrace one so chaste? Let us, who are still in the flesh, return, in so far as we can, love to him who loves us, embrace him who was wounded for us, whose hands and feet, side and heart were dug by the undutiful tenant-vinedressers. Let us pray, too, that with the dart of his love he may touch our hearts, still hard and unrepentant, and that he may graciously keep us enclosed in the bonds of his love.

Ivy, ix. As the Father has loved me so have I loved you. * Abide in my love. V. If you keep my commandments you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. — Abide in my love. — Glory. — Abide in my love.

Before Lauds.

V. The Lord is compassion and love. Ivy. Slow to anger and rich in mercy.

LAUDS
Antiphons (and at the Hours)

1. One of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear and at once there came out blood and water. Psalm The Lord is king, etc. p. 29.

2. Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If anyone thirst, let him come to me and drink."

3. God loved us with an everlasting love, therefore, being lifted up from the earth and taking pity on us, he drew us to his heart.

4. Come to me all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

5. My son, give me your heart and let your eyes observe my ways.

Little Chapter Ephes. 3

To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all men see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God.

Hymn

O Heart, the Ark that holds the law, Not that whence bondage came of old; But law of pardon and of grace And law of mercy manifold.
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O Heart, for this new covenant
The spotless shrine unto us given;
The Temple, holier than of old,
Its veil more helpful than that riven.

For, love decreed that you should bear,
From wounding thrust, the open sore;
That, of the love invisible,
The hidden wounds we might adore.

Beneath this sign of love, behold,
A victim, bloodied, mystic lies;
And Christ as Priest has offered up
In both these ways his sacrifice.

What loved one will not love requite?
What soul redeemed refuses love,
Nor chooses in this heart to find
His everlasting home above?

All glory be to you, O Lord,
Who from your heart all grace outpour;
With Father and with Spirit blest
In every age, for evermore.

At the Hours, Psalms from the Sunday.

TERCE
Ant. Jesus stood up and proclaimed, “If anyone thirst let him come to me and drink.”

Little Chapter as in Lauds.

R. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, alleluia, alleluia. - Take my yoke. V. For I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia. - Glory. - Take my yoke.

V. As for me, I said, “Lord, have mercy on me.

NONE
Ant. My son, give me your heart and let your eyes observe my ways.

Little Chapter Ephes. 3

That you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breath and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fulness of God.

R. He makes us remember his wonders. The Lord is compassion, alleluia, alleluia. - He makes.
He gives food to those who fear him. - Alleluia, - Glory. - He makes.
V. With joy you will draw water. - From the wells of salvation.

II VESPERS

Psalm 109

The Lord’s revelation to my Master: * “Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet.”

The Lord will send from Sion your sceptre of power: * rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; * from the womb before the daybreak I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. * “You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.”

The Master standing at your right hand * will shatter kings in the day of his great wrath.

He, the Judge of the nations, will heap high the
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Psalm 115
I trusted, even when I said, * "I am sorely afflicted,"
And when I said in my alarm: * "No man can be trusted."
How can I repay the Lord * for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise; * I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfill * before all his people.
O precious in the eyes of the Lord * is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; * you have loosed my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: * I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfill * before all his people,
In the courts of the house of the Lord, * in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Psalm 127
O blessed are those who fear the Lord * and walk in his ways.
By the labour of your hands you shall eat. * You will be happy and prosper;
Your wife like a fruitful vine * in the heart of your house;
Your children like shoots of the olive, * around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed * the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Sion * all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children in a happy Jerusalem! * On Israel, peace!

Little Chapter Ephes. 3
To me, though I am the least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ and to make all men see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God.

Hymn
See how the army of our sins,
A cruel army, proud and fierce,
The heart of God, most innocent,
Ungratefully and basely pierce!

Our sins direct the cruel stroke
Made by the thrust of soldier's lance;
The dreaded sharpness of its point
Our crimes with mortal guilt enhance.

From out that opened heart is born
The holy Church, of Christ the bride;
Behold, the ark to save our race,
The door, this wound made in his side.

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Hence comes an everlasting
stream
Of grace in wondrous
sevenfold flood,
That we may there our
robes defiled,
Cleanse in the Lamb’s most
precious blood.

It were a shame again by
sin
That blessed Heart to
lacerate;
Instead, the flames which
tell his love
Let us in spirit emulate.

All glory be to you, O
Lord,
Who from your heart all
grace outpour;
With Father and with
Spirit blest
In every age, for evermore.
Amen.

℣. Take my yoke upon
you and learn from me.
℟. For I am gentle and
lowly in heart.

Magnificat. When they
came to Jesus and saw that
he was already dead, they
did not break his legs. But
one of the soldiers pierced
his side with a spear, and
at once there came out
blood and water.

Prayer

O God, from the heart of
your Son, wounded
for our sins, you mercifully
shower upon us the infinite
treasures of love; grant, we
beg you, that as we offer
him our devoted and dutiful
service, we may also fittingly
perform our work of repara-
tion. – Through the same.

COMPLINE

Psalms from Sunday.

Nunc dimittis ant.
Alleluia. With joy you will
draw, alleluia, from the
wells of salvation, alleluia,
alleluia.

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Saturday
MATINS
From the first book of
Kings

Lesson i
Chapter 7

And the men of Kir’ath-
je’arim came and took
up the ark of the Lord, and
brought it to the house of
Abin’adab on the hill; and
they consecrated his son,
Elea’zar, to have charge of
the ark of the Lord. From
the day that the ark was
lodged at Kir’ath-je’arim,
a long time passed, some
twenty years, and all the
house of Israel lamented
after the Lord.

℟. i. Listen, Lord, to
the cry and to the prayer
which your servant makes
before you this day; that
your ears be attentive and
your eyes may be open
*toward this house day and
day, and said there, “We
have sinned against the
Lord.” And Samuel judged
the people of Israel at
Mizpah. Now when the
Philistines heard that the
people of Israel had gather-
ed at Mizpah, the lords of
the Philistines went up
against Israel.

℣. ii. (iii.) And it came
to pass that as the Lord was
taking Eli’jah up to heaven
by a whirlwind, Eli’sha
cried: * “My father, my
father, the chariots of Israel
and his horsemen. ℣. I pray
you, Master, let me inherit
a double share of your
spirit.” Then he said, “If
you see me as I am being
taken from you, it shall be
so.” — My father. (Glory.–
My father.)

Prayer

Grant us, Lord a lasting
fear and love of your
holy name; for you never
fail to guide those whom
you firmly establish in your
love. Through.

III SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

II class

I VESPERS

℣. May evening prayer
rise up to you, Lord.
℟. And may your mercy come
down to us.
III Sunday after Pentecost

Magnif. ant. All from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the Lord.

Prayer

O God, guardian of those who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing holy, increase your mercy towards us. With you as our ruler and guide, may we so pass through the good things of this world as not to lose those of the world to come. Through.

MATINS

From the first book of Kings

Lesson i Chapter 8

When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. The name of his first-born son was Jo'el, and the name of his second, Abi'jah; they were judges in Beer-sheba. Yet his sons did not walk in his ways, but turned aside after gain; they took bribes and perverted justice. Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, “Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways; now appoint for us a king to govern us like all the nations.”

Lesson ii

But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” And Samuel prayed to the Lord. And the Lord said to Samuel, “Hearken to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. According to all the deeds which they have done to me, from the day I brought them out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you. Now then, hearken to their voice; only, you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.” So Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking a king from him.

Ry. ii. “I took you out of your father's house,” says the Lord, “and appointed you to feed the flock of my people. I have been with you wherever you went, *establishing your kingdom for ever. *And I made for you a great name like the name of the great ones of the earth, and I gave you rest from all your enemies.” — Establishing.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lesson iii Chapter 15

At that time, the tax collectors and sinners were drawing near to hear Jesus. Etc.

Homily of Saint Gregory, Pope

Homily 34 on the Gospels

You have heard, my brothers, in the reading from the Gospel, how sinners and tax collectors came to our Redeemer, and how he received them, not only talking with them, but also eating with them. The Pharisees seeing this were scornful. From which, understand that true justice has compassion, but false justice has scorn. And, indeed, the just are rightly in the habit of looking down on sinners. But that which is done in the haughtiness of pride is one thing, that which is done out of zeal for discipline is quite another thing.

Ry. iii. Honour, power, might and dominion be to the Trinity in One, to the One in Trinity, *for endless ages. *Light unending to the Trinity, everlasting splendour to the One. — For endless ages. — Glory. — For endless ages.

LAUDS

Ry. The Lord is king.

Ry. He is robed in majesty.

Bened. ant. What man of you having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it? Alleluia.

Prayer

O God, guardian of those who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing holy, increase your mercy towards us. With you as our ruler and guide, may we so pass through the good things of this world as not to lose those of the world to come. Through.

II VESPERS


Magnif. ant. What woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin,
Within Third Week after Octave of Pentecost
does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it?

Monday
MATINS
From the first book of Kings

Lesson i  Chapter 8

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; and they said, “No! but we will have a king over us, that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may govern us and go before us and fight our battles.” And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord.

Ry. i. God listens to everyone. He sent his angel and took me from my father’s sheep, and anointed me with the oil of his mercy. Y. The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion and freed me from the paw of the wild beast. — And he anointed me.

Lesson ii  Chapters 8 and 9

And the Lord said to Samuel, “Hearken to their voice, and make them a king.” Samuel then said to the men of Israel, “Go every man to his city.”

There was a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish, the son of Abi’el, son of Zeror, son of Becor’ath, son of Aphi’ah, a Benjaminite, a man of wealth; and he had a son whose name was Saul, a handsome young man. There was not a man among the people of Israel more handsome than he; from his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people.

Ry. ii. The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion, and freed me from the paw of the wild beast, he is he who will deliver me from the hands of my enemies. Y. May God send his truth and his love. He delivered my soul from among lions. — He is it.

Tuesday
MATINS
From the first book of Kings

Lesson i  Chapter 9

When they came to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant who was with him, “Come, let us go back, lest my father cease to care about the asses and become anxious about us.” But he said to him, “Behold, there is a man of God in this city, and he is a man that is held in honour; all that he says comes true. Let us go there; perhaps he can tell us about the journey on which we have set out.”

Then Saul said to his servant, “But if we go, what can we bring the man? For the bread in our sacks is gone, and there is no present to bring the man of God. What have we?” The servant answered Saul again, “Here, I have with me the fourth part of a shekel of silver, and I will give it to the man of God, to tell us our way.”

Ry. i. Direct your heart to the Lord and serve him only, and he will deliver you from the hands of your enemies. Y. Put away the foreign gods from among you. — And he will.
you will meet him immediately."

Ry. ii. Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands, for the hand of the Lord was with him; he struck the Philistine; and took away the reproach from Israel. Y. Is not this David, of whom they sang in the dance, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands"? – And took away.

Lesson iii

So they went up to the city. As they were entering the city, they saw Samuel coming out toward them on his way up to the high place. Now the day before Saul came, the Lord had revealed to Samuel: "Tomorrow about this time I will send to you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be prince over my people Israel. He shall save my people from the hand of the Philistines; for I have seen the affliction of my people, because their cry has come to me." When Samuel saw Saul, the Lord told him, "Here is the man of whom I spoke to you! He it is who shall rule over my people."

Ry. iii. Mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, where fell the mighty ones of Israel. Y. All you mountains round about, may the Lord visit you; but let him pass by Gilbo'a. – Where fell. – Glory. – The mighty ones of Israel.

Prayer

O God, guardian of those who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing holy, increase your mercy towards us. With you as our ruler and guide, may we so pass through the good things of this world as not to lose those of the world to come. Through.

Wednesday

MATINS

From the first book of Kings

Lesson i  Chapter 9

Then Saul approached Samuel in the gate, and said, "Tell me where is the house of the seer?" Samuel answered Saul, "I am the seer; go up before me to the high place, for today you shall eat with me, and in the morning I will let you go and will tell you all that is on your mind. As for your asses that were lost three days ago, do not set your mind on them, for they have been found. And for whom is all that desirable in Israel? Is it not for you and all your father's house?"

Ry. iv. Listen, Lord, to the cry and to the prayer which your servant makes before you this day; that your ears be attentive and your eyes may be open toward this house day and night. Y. Look down, Lord, from your holy habitation, from heaven. – Toward this house.

Lesson ii

Saul answered, "Am I not a Benjaminites, from the least of the tribes of Israel? And is not my family the humblest of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then have you spoken to me in this way?" Then Samuel took Saul and his servant and brought them into the hall and gave them a place at the head of those who had been invited, who were about thirty persons.

Ry. ii. My sins outnumber the sands of the seashore, so many have I committed; and I am not worthy to see the height of heaven because of the enormity of my offences, for I have provoked your wrath and what is evil in your sight, I have done. Y. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned. – And what is evil.

Lesson iii

And Samuel said to the cook, "Bring the portion I gave you, of which I said to you 'Put it aside.'" So the cook took up the leg and the upper portion and set them before Saul; and Samuel said, "See, what was kept is set before you. Eat; because it was kept for you until the hour appointed, that you might eat with the guests." So Saul ate with Samuel that day.

Ry. iii. And it came to pass that as the Lord was taking Eli'jah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Eli'sha cried: "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen." Y. I pray you, let me inherit a double share of your spirit." Then he said, "If you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so." – My father. – Glory. – My father.

Prayer

O God, guardian of those who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing holy, increase your mercy towards us. With you as our ruler and guide, may we so pass through the good things of
this world as not to lose those of the world to come. Through.

Thursday
MATINS
From the first book of Kings
Lesson i  Chapter 10
Then Samuel took a vial of oil and poured it on his head, and kissed him and said, “Has not the Lord anointed you to be prince over his people Israel? And you shall reign over the people of the Lord and you will save them from the hand of their enemies round about. And this shall be the sign to you that the Lord has anointed you to be prince over his heritage. When you depart from me today you will meet two men by Rachel’s tomb in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzak, and they will say to you, ‘The asses which you went to seek are found, and now your father has ceased to care about the asses and is anxious about you saying, ‘What shall I do about my son?’’"

Lesson ii

Then you shall go on from there further and come to the oak of Tabor; three men going up to God at Bethel will meet you there, one carrying three kids, another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a skin of wine. And they will greet you and give you two loaves of bread, which you shall accept from their hand.”

Lesson iii

After that you shall come to Gib’eath-elokim, where there is a garrison of the Philistines; and there, as you come to the city, you will meet a band of prophets coming down from the high place with harp, tambourine,

flute, and lyre before them, prophesying. Then the spirit of the Lord will come mightily upon you, and you shall prophesy with them and be turned into another man.”

Lesson i

“A. T. i. “I took you out of your father’s house,” says the Lord, “and appointed you to feed the flock of my people, and I have been with you wherever you went, * establishing your kingdom for ever. "And I made for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth, and I gave you rest from all your enemies.” - Establishing. - Glory. - For ever.

Friday
MATINS
From the first book of Kings
Lesson i  Chapter 10
Now Samuel called the people together to the Lord at Mizpah; and he said to the people of Israel, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of all the kingdoms that were oppressing you.’ But you have this day rejected your God, who saves you from all your calamities and your distresses; and you have said, ‘No! but set a king over us.’ Now therefore present yourselves before the Lord by your tribes and by your thousands.”

Lesson i

“T. Then Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near, and the tribe of Benjamin was taken by lot. He brought the tribe of Benjamin near by its families, and the family of the Matrites was taken by lot; finally he brought the family of the Matrites near man by man, and Saul the son of Kish was taken by lot. But when they sought him, he could not be found. So they inquired again of the Lord, “Did the man come hither?” and the Lord said, “Behold, he has hidden himself among the baggage.” Then they ran and fetched him from there; and when he stood among the people, he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward. And Samuel said to all the
people, "Do you see him whom the Lord has chosen? There is none like him among all the people." And all the people shouted, "Long live the king!"

R. ii. Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands, for the hand of the Lord was with him; he struck the Philistine and took away the reproach from Israel. Y. Is not this David of whom they sang in the dance, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands"? - And took away.

Lesson iii

Then Samuel told the people of the rights and duties of kingship; and he wrote them in a book and laid it up before the Lord. Then Samuel sent all the people away, each one to his home. Saul also went to his home at Gib'e-ah, and with him went men of valour whose hearts God had touched. But some worthless fellows said, "How can this man save us?" And they despised him, and brought him no present. But he held his peace.

R. iii. Mountains of Gilbo'a, let there be no dew or rain upon you, * where fell the mighty ones of Israel. Y. All you mountains round about, may the Lord visit you; but let him pass by Gilbo'a. - Where fell. - Glory. - The mighty ones of Israel.

Prayer

O God, guardian of those who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing holy, increase your mercy towards us. With you as our ruler and guide, may we so pass through the good things of this world so as not to lose those of the world to come. Through.

Saturday
MATINS

From the first book of Kings

Lesson i  Chapter 11

Then Nahash the Ammonite went up and besieged Ja'besh-gil'ead; and all the men of Ja'besh said to Nahash, "Make a treaty with us, and we will serve you.

But Nahash the Ammonite said to them, "On this condition I will make a treaty with you, that I gouge out all your right eyes, and thus put disgrace upon all Israel."

R. i. Listen, Lord, to the cry and to the prayer which your servant makes before you this day; that your ears be attentive and your eyes may be open toward this house day and night. Y. Look down, Lord, from your holy habitation, from heaven. - Toward this house.

Second responsory to be said on vigils:

R. (ii.) My sins outnumber the sands of the seashore, so many have I committed; and I am not worthy to see the height of heaven because of the enormity of my offences, for I have provoked your wrath and what is evil in your sight I have done. Y. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned. - And what is evil.

Lesson ii

The elders of Ja'besh said to him, "Give us seven days respite that we may send messengers through all the territory of Israel. Then, if there is no one to save us, we will give ourselves up to you." When the messengers came to Gib'e-ah of Saul, they reported the matter in the ears of the people; and all the people wept aloud. Now Saul was coming from the field behind the oxen; and Saul said, "What ails the people, that they are weeping?" So they told him the tidings of the men of Ja'besh. And the spirit of God came mightily upon Saul when he heard these words, and his anger was greatly kindled. He took a yoke of oxen, and cut them in pieces and sent them throughout all the territory of Israel by the hand of messengers, saying, "Whoever does not come after Saul and Samuel, so shall it be done to his oxen!"

R. (iii.) And it came to pass that as the Lord was taking Eli'jah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Eli'sha cried, * "My father, my father, the chariots of Is-rael and its horsemen. Y. I pray you, let me inherit a double share of your spirit." Then he said, "If you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so." - My father. - (Glory. - My father.)

IV SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

II class
I VESPERS

Y. May evening prayer rise up to you, Lord. R. And may your mercy come down to us.

Magnif. ant. So David prevailed over the Philis-
tine with a sling and with a stone, in the name of the Lord.

Prayer

Lord, grant us, we pray, that the course of this world may, by your arrangement, be guided for us in peace, and that your church may serve you joyfully and undisturbed. Through.

MATINS

From the first book of Kings

Lesson I Chapter 12

And Samuel said to all Israel, “Behold, I have hearkened to your voice in all that you have said to me, and have made a king over you. And now, behold, the king walks before you; and I am old and grey, and behold, my sons are with you; and I have walked before you from my youth until this day. Here I am; testify against me before the Lord and before his anointed. Whose ox have I taken? Or whose ass have I taken? Or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed? Or from whose hand have I taken a bribe to blind my eyes with it? Testify against me and I will restore it to you.” They said, “You have not defrauded us or oppressed us or taken anything from any man’s hand.”

R. i. God listens to everyone. He sent his angel and took me from the mouth of the lion and freed me from the paw of the wild beast. – And anointed me.

Lesson ii

And he said to them, “The Lord is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand.” And they said, “He is witness.” And Samuel said to the people, “The Lord is witness, who appointed Moses and Aaron and brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt. Now therefore stand still, that I may plead with you before the Lord concerning all the saving deeds of the Lord which he performed for your fathers. When Jacob went into Egypt and the Egyptians oppressed them, then your fathers cried to the Lord and the Lord sent Moses and Aaron, who brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place. But they forgot the Lord their God; and he sold them into the hand of Sis’era, commander of the army of Jabin king of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab; and they fought against them. And they cried to the Lord and said, ‘We have sinned, because we have forsaken the Lord, and have served the Ba’als and the Ash’taroth; but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve you.’ And the Lord sent Jerubba’al and Barak, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side; and you dwelt in safety.”

R. ii. “I took you out of your father’s house,” says the Lord, “and appointed you to feed the flock of my people. I have been with you wherever you went, establishing your kingdom for ever. And I made for you a great name like the name of the great ones of the earth, and I gave you rest from all your enemies.” – Establishing.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lesson iii Chapter 5

At that time, while the people pressed upon Jesus to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. Etc.

Homily of Saint Ambrose, Bishop

Book 4 on Luke chap. 5 near the end

Since the Lord bestowed health on so many, no matter what their disease, neither time nor place could keep back the people who wished to be healed. Evening fell and still they followed him; he came to the borders of the lake, still they pressed on. And so the Lord went up into Peter’s boat. This is the boat which, according to Matthew, was recently toasting about on the sea, and, according to Luke, is filled with fishes. So you may recognize that in the beginning, the church is tossed about, but afterwards is filled to overflowing. For the fish are they who steer their way through this life. There (in the account of Matthew) Christ is sleeping in the midst of his disciples, here he is teaching; he sleeps with the lukewarm but watches with the perfect.

R. iii. Honour, power, might and dominion be to the Trinity in One, to the One in Trinity, for endless ages. – Light unfolding to the Trinity,
everlasting splendour to the One. – For endless ages. – Glory. – For endless ages.

LAUDS

V. The Lord is king.
R. He is robed in majesty.

Bened. ant. Jesus got into a boat, and sitting down he taught the crowds, alleluia.

Prayer

Lord, grant us, we pray, that the course of this world may, by your arrangement, be guided for us in peace, and that your church may serve you joyfully and undisturbed. Through.

II VESPERS

V. Let my prayer, O Lord. R. Come before you like incense.

Magnif. ant. Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.

Monday
MATINS

From the first book of Kings

Lesson i Chapter 13

And the Philistines mustered to the fight with thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and troops like the sand on the seashore in multitude: they came up and encamped in Michmash, to the east of Beth-aven. When the men of Israel saw that they were in straits (for the people were hard pressed), the people hid themselves in caves and in holes and in rocks and in tombs and in cisterns, or crossed the fords of the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. Saul was still at Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

Rc. i. God listens to everyone. He sent his angel and took me from my father’s sheep, and anointed me with the oil of his mercy.

V. The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion, and freed me from the paw of the wild beast. – And anointed me.

Lesson ii

He waited seven days, the time appointed by Samuel; but Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and the people were scattering from him. So Saul said, “Bring the burnt offering here to me, and the peace offerings.” And he offered the burnt offering. As soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him and salute him. Samuel said, “What have you done?” And Saul said, “When I saw that the people were scattering from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines had mustered at Michmash, I said, ‘Now the Philistines will come down upon me at Gilgal, and I have not entreated the favour of the Lord’; so I forced myself and offered the burnt offering.”

Rc. ii. The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion, and freed me from the paw of the wild beast, he it is who will deliver me from the hands of my enemies. V. May God send his truth and his love. He delivered my soul from among lions. – He it is.

Lesson iii

And Samuel said to Saul, “You have done foolishly; you have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God, which he commanded you; for now the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel for ever. But now your kingdom shall not continue; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart; and the Lord has appointed him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you.”

Rc. iii. “I took you out of your father’s house,” says the Lord,” and appointed you to feed the flock of my people. I have been with you wherever you went, establishing your kingdom for ever. V. And I made for you a great name like the name of the great ones of the earth, and I gave you rest from all your enemies.” – Establishing your kingdom. – Glory. – For ever.

Tuesday
MATINS

From the first book of Kings

Lesson i Chapter 14

And Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armour, “Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the Lord will work for us; for nothing can hinder the Lord from saving by many or by few.” And his armour-bearer said to him, “Do all that your mind inclines you to; behold, I am with you, as is your mind so is mine.” Then said Jonathan, “Behold, we will cross over to the men, and we will show ourselves to them. If they say to us, ‘Wait
until we come to you, then we will stand still in our place, and we will not go up to them. But if they say, ‘Come up to us,’ then we will go up; for the Lord has given them into our hand. And this shall be the sign to us.”

**Ry. i.** Direct your heart to the Lord and serve him only, and he will deliver you from the hands of your enemies. **V.** Put away the foreign gods from among you. – And he will.

**Lesson iii**

So both of them showed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines; and the Philistines said, “Look, Hebrews are coming out of the holes where they have hid themselves.” And the men of the garrison hailed Jonathan and his armour-bearer, and said, “Come up to us, and we will show you a thing.” And Jonathan said to his armour-bearer, “Come up after me; for the Lord has given them into the hand of Israel.” Then Jonathan climbed up on his hands and feet, and his armour-bearer after him. And they fell before Jonathan, and his armour-bearer killed them after him; and that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armour-bearer made, was of about twenty men within as it were half a furrow’s length in an acre of land.

**Ry. ii.** Saul has slain his thousands and David his ten thousands, for the hand of the Lord was with him; he struck the Philistine *and took away the reproach from Israel. **V.** Is not this David of whom they sang in the dance: “Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands”? – And took away.

**Lesson ii**

And there was a panic in the camp, in the field, and among all the people; the garrison and even the raiders trembled; the earth quaked; and it became a very great panic. And the watchmen of Saul in Gib'e-ah of Benjamin looked; and behold, the multitude was surging hither and thither. Then Saul said to the people who were with him, “Number and see who has gone from us.” And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armour-bearer were not there.

**Ry. iii.** Mountains of Gilbo’a, let there be no dew or rain upon you, where fell the mighty ones of Israel. **V.** All you mountains round about, may the Lord visit you; but let him pass by Gilbo’a. – Where fell. **– Glory.** – The mighty ones of Israel.

**Prayer**

**Lord,** grant us, we pray, that the course of this world may, by your arrangement, be guided for us in peace, and that your church may serve you joyfully and undisturbed. Through.

**Wednesday**

**MATINS**

_from the first book of Kings_

**Lesson ii**

So Saul summoned the people, and numbered them in Tel’a'im, two hundred thousand men of Judah. And Saul came to the city of Am’alek, and lay in wait in the valley. And Saul said to the Ken’ites, “Go, depart, go down from among the Amal’ekites, lest I destroy you with them; for you showed kindness to all the people of Israel when they came out of Egypt.” So the Ken’ites departed from among the Amal’ekites. And Saul defeated the Amal’ekites, from Hav’lalah as far as Shur, which is east of Egypt. And he took Agag the king of the Amal’ekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

**Ry. ii.** My sins outnumber the sands of the seashore, so many have I committed; and I am not worthy to see the height of heaven because of the enormity of my offences, for I have provoked your wrath and what is evil in your sight I have done. **V.** My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone,
But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them; all that was despised and worthless they utterly destroyed. The word of the Lord came to Samuel: “I repent that I have made Saul king; for he has turned back from following me, and has not performed my commandments.” And Samuel was angry; and he cried to the Lord all night.

And it came to pass that as the Lord was taking Elījah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elīsha cried: “My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen. Y. I pray you, let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” Then he said, “If you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so.” — My father. — Glory. — My father.

Prayer

Lord, grant us, we pray, that the course of this world may, by your arrangement, be guided for us in peace, and that your church may serve you joyfully and undisturbed. Through.

Thursday

MATINS

From the first book of Kings

Lesson i  Chapter 15

Then Samuel said to Saul, “Stop! I will tell you what the Lord said to me this night.” And he said to him, “Say on.” And Samuel said, “Though you are little in your own eyes, are you not the head of the tribes of Israel? The Lord anointed you king over Israel. And the Lord sent you on a mission, and said, ‘Go, utterly destroy the sinners, the Amal’ekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.’”

Y. i. God listens to everyone. He sent his angel and took me from my father’s sheep, and anointed me with the oil of his mercy. Y. The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion and freed me from the paw of the wild beast. — And anointed me.

Lesson ii

Why then did you not obey the voice of the Lord? Why did you swoop on the spoil, and do what was evil in the sight of the Lord?” And Saul said to Samuel, “I have obeyed the voice of the Lord, I have gone on the mission which the Lord sent me, I have brought Agag the king of Am'alek, and I have utterly destroyed the Amal’ekites. But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the Lord your God in Gilgal.”

Y. ii. The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion, and freed me from the paw of the wild beast, he it is who will deliver me from the hands of my enemies. Y. May God send his truth and his love. He delivered my soul from among lions. — He it is.

Lesson iii

And Samuel said, “Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.”

Y. iii. “I took you out of your father’s house,” says the Lord, “and appointed you to feed the flock of my people, and I have been with you wherever you went, establishing your kingdom for ever. Y. And I made for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth, and I gave you rest from all your enemies.” — Establishing your kingdom. — Glory. — For ever.

Friday

MATINS

From the first book of Kings

Lesson i  Chapter 16

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, seeing I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint him whom I name to you.”

Y. i. Direct your heart to the Lord and serve him only, and he will deliver...
you out of the hands of your enemies. Put away the foreign gods from among you. — And he will.

Lesson ii

Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eli'ab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is before him.”

Ry. ii. Saul has slain his thousands and David his ten thousands, for the hand of the Lord was with him; he struck the Philistine and took away the reproach from Israel. — Is not this David of whom they sang in the dance: “Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands”? — And took away.

Lesson iii

But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abin’adab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen these.”

Ry. iii. Mountains of Gilbo’a, let there be no dew or rain upon you, where fell the mighty ones of Israel. — All you mountains round about, may the Lord visit you; but let him pass by Gilbo’a. — Where fell. — Glory. — The mighty ones of Israel.

Prayer

Lord, grant us, we pray, that the course of this world may, by your arrangement, be guided for us in peace, and that your church may serve you joyfully and undisturbed. Through.

Saturday

MATINS

From the first book of Kings

Lesson I

Chapter 16

Now the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him. And Saul’s servants said to him, “Behold now, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you. Let our lord now command your servants, who are before you, to seek out a man who is skilful in playing the lyre; and when the evil spirit from God is upon you, he will play it, and you will be well.”

Ry. i. Listen, Lord, to the cry and to the prayer which your servant makes before you this day: that your ears be attentive and your eyes may be open toward this house day and night. — Look down, Lord, from your holy habitation, from heaven. — Toward this house.

Second responsory to be said on vigils:

Ry. (ii.) My sins outnumber the sands of the seashore, so many have I committed; and I am not worthy to see the height of heaven because of the enormity of my offences, for I have provoked your wrath and what is evil in your sight, I have done. — My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned. — And what is evil.

Lesson ii

So Saul said to his servants, “Provide for me a man who can play well, and bring him to me.” One of the young men answered, “Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehmite, who is skilful in playing, a man of valour, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a man of good presence; and the Lord is with him.” Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, “Send me David your son, who is with the sheep.” And Jesse took an ass laden with bread, and a skin of wine and a kid, and sent them by David his son to Saul. And David came to Saul, and entered his service. And Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armour-bearer. And Saul sent to Jesse saying, “Let David remain in my service, for he has found favour in my sight.”

Ry. ii. (iii.) And it came to pass that as the Lord was taking Eli’jah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Eli’sha cried: “My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen. — I pray you, let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” Then he said, “If you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so.” — My father. — (Glory. — My father.)
V SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

II class

I VESPERS

V. May evening prayer
   rise up to you, Lord.
   R. And may your mercy come
down to us.

Magnif. ant. Is not this
David of whom they sang
in the dance: “Saul has
slain his thousands, and
David his ten thousands”? ?

Prayer

O God, you have pre-
pared good things as yet unseen for those who
love you. Pour into our
hearts a desire for your
love; so that loving you in
all things and above all
things, we may attain that
fulfilment of your promises
which surpasses all longing.

Through.

MATINS

From the first book of
Kings

Lesson i  Chapter 17

And there came out from
the camp of the Philis-
tines a champion named
Goliath, of Gath, whose
height was six cubits and
a span. He had a helmet
of bronze on his head, and
he was armed with a coat of
mail, and the weight of the
cloth was five thousand
shekels of bronze. And he
had greaves of bronze on
his legs, and a javelin of
bronze slung between his
shoulders. And the shaft
of his spear was like a
weaver’s beam, and his
spear’s head weighed six
hundred shekels of iron;
and his shield-bearer went
before him.

R. i. God listens
to everyone. He sent his
angel and took me from
my father’s sheep and
anointed me with the oil
of his mercy. R. The Lord
who delivered me from
the mouth of the lion and
freed me from the paw of the
wild beast. And anointed me.

Lesson ii

He stood and shouted to
the ranks of Israel,
“Why have you come out
to draw up for battle? Am
I not a Philistine, and are
you not servants of Saul?
Choose a man for your-
selves, and let him come
down to me. If he is able
to fight with me and kill me,
then we will be your serv-
ants; but if I prevail
against him and kill him,
then you shall be our
servants and serve us.” And
the Philistine said, “I defy
the ranks of Israel this day;
give me a man that we may
fight together.” When Saul
and all Israel heard these
words of the Philistine,
they were dismayed and
greatly afraid. Now David
was the son of an Eph’ra-
thite of Bethlehem in Judah,
named Jesse, who had eight
sons. In the days of Saul
the man was already old
and advanced in years. The
three eldest sons of Jesse
had followed Saul to the
battle; and the names of
his three sons who went to
the battle were Eli’ab the
first born, and next to him
Abin’adab, and the third
Shammah. David was the
youngest; the three eldest
followed Saul. But David
went back and forth from
Saul to feed his father’s
sheep at Bethlehem.

R. ii. “I took you out
of your father’s house,”
says the Lord, “and ap-
pointed you to feed the
flock of my people. I have
been with you wherever
you went, establishing
your kingdom for ever.” And
I made for you a great
name like the name of the
great ones of the earth, and
I gave you rest from all
your enemies.” — Establish-
ishing your kingdom.

Reading from the holy
Gospel according to
Matthew

Lesson iii  Chapter 5

At that time, Jesus said
to his disciples: “Un-
less your righteousness
exceeds that of the scribes
and Pharisees you will
never enter the kingdom
of heaven.” Etc.

Homily of St. Augustine,
Bishop

Bk. 1 on the Lord’s
Sermon on the Mount,
chapter 9.

The righteousness of the
Pharisees is that they
shall not kill: the righteous-
ness of those who are to
enter the kingdom of
heaven is that they should
not be angry without cause.
Not to kill, is therefore but
the minimum commanded,
and whoever breaks that
shall be called least in the
kingdom of heaven. But
whoever fulfils this com-
mand, not to kill, will not
immediately be great, and
fit for the kingdom of
heaven. Still he has attained
to a certain degree.
He will be made perfect,
however, if he does not
become angry without
cause. If he succeeds in
this, he will be all the more
removed from murder.

R. iii. Honour, power,
might and dominion be to
the Trinity in One, to
the One in Trinity,* for
endless ages. R. Light
unending to the Trinity,
everlasting splendour to
the One. — For endless

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Monday
MATINS
From the first book of Kings
Lesson i  Chapter 17
A nd Jesse said to David his son, “Take for your brothers an ephah of this parched grain, and these ten loaves, and carry them quickly to the camp to your brothers; also take these ten cheeses to the commander of their thousand. See how your brothers fare, and bring some token from them.” Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.

Ry. i. God listens to everyone. He sent his angel and took me from my father’s sheep, and he anointed me with the oil of his mercy. Ry. The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion and freed me from the paw of the wild beast. – And anointed me.

Lesson ii
A nd David rose early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took the provisions, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the encampment as the host was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry. And Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army.

Ry. ii. The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion, and freed me from the paw of the wild beast; he it is who will deliver me from the hands of my enemies. Ry. May God send his truth and his love. He delivered my soul from among lions. – He it is.

Lesson iii
A nd David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, and ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers. As he talked with them, behold, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.

Ry. iii. “I took you out of your father’s house,” says the Lord, “and appointed you to feed the flock of my people. I have been with you wherever you went, establishing your kingdom for ever. Ry. And I made for you a great name like the name of the great ones of the earth, and I gave you rest from all your enemies.” – Establishing your kingdom. – Glory. – For ever.
Lesson ii

But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after him and smote him and delivered it out of his mouth; and if he arose against me, I sought him by the beard, and smote him and killed him. Your servant has killed both lions and bears.”

Rv. ii. Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands, for the hand of the Lord was with him; he struck the Philistine * and took away the reproach from Israel. Rv. Is not this David of whom they sang in the dance, “Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands”? — And took away.

Lesson iii

And this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God.” And David said, “The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.”

Rv. iii. Mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, * where fell the mighty ones of Israel. Rv. All you mountains round about, may the Lord visit you; but let him pass by Gilboa’. — Where fell. — Glory. — The mighty ones of Israel.

Prayer

O God, you have prepared good things as yet unseen for those who love you. Pour into our hearts a desire for your love; so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain that fulfillment of your promises, which surpasses all longing. Through.

Wednesday

MATINS

From the first book of Kings

Lesson i Chapter 17

Then he (David) took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in his shepherd’s bag or wallet; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine. And the Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him.

Rv. i. Listen, Lord, to the cry and to the prayer which your servant makes before you this day; that your ears be attentive and your eyes may be open * toward this house day and night. Rv. Look down, Lord, from your holy habitation, from heaven. — Toward this house.

Lesson ii

And when the Philistine looked, and saw David he disdained him; for he was but a youth, ruddy and comely in appearance. And the Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine said to David “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field.”

Rv. ii. My sins out-number the sands of the seashore, so many have I committed; and I am not worthy to see the height of heaven because of the enormity of my offences, for I have provoked your wrath * and what is evil in your sight I have done. Rv. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned. — And what is evil.

Lesson iii

Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down, and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

Rv. iii. And it came to pass that as the Lord was taking Eli’jah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Eli’sha cried, * “My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and his horsemen.” Rv. I pray you, let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” Then he said, “If you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so.” — My father. — Glory. — My father.

Thursday

MATINS

From the first book of Kings

Lesson i Chapter 18

As they were coming home, when David returned from slaying the Philistine, the women came
out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with timbrels, with songs of joy, and with instruments of music. And the women sang to one another as they made merry, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands." And Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him; he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands; and what more can he have but the kingdom?"

Rv. i. God listens to everyone. He sent his angel and took me from my father's sheep, and anointed me with the oil of his mercy. Y. The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion and freed me from the paw of the wild beast. - And anointed me.

Lesson ii

And Saul eyed David from that day on. And on the morrow an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand; and Saul cast the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David evaded him twice.

Rv. ii. The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion, and freed me from the paw of the wild beast, he it is who will deliver me from the hands of my enemies. Y. May God send his truth and his love. He delivered my soul from among lions. - He it is.

 Lesson iii

Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul. So Saul removed him from his presence, and made him a commander of a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people. And David had success in all his undertakings; for the Lord was with him. And when Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in awe of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David; for he went out and came in before them.

Rv. iii. "I took you out of your father's house," says the Lord, "and appointed you to feed the flock of my people. I have been with you wherever you went, establishing your kingdom for ever. Y. And I made for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth, and I gave you rest from all your enemies." - Establishing. - Glory. - For ever.

Lesson i

And Saul spoke to Jonathan his son and to all his servants, that they should kill David. But Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted much in David. And Jonathan told David, "Saul my father seeks to kill you; therefore take heed to yourself in the morning, stay in a secret place and hide yourself; and I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will speak to my father about you; and if I learn anything I will tell you."

Rv. i. Direct your heart to the Lord and serve him only. * And he will deliver you from the hands of your enemies. Y. Put away the foreign gods from among you. - And he will.

Lesson ii

And Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father, and said to him, "Let not the king sin against his servant David; because he has not sinned against you, and because his deeds have been of good service to you; for he took his life in his hand and he slew the Philistine, and the Lord wrought a great victory for all Israel. You saw it, and rejoiced; why then will you sin against innocent blood by killing David without cause?" And Saul hearkened to the voice of Jonathan; Saul swore, "As the Lord lives, he shall not be put to death."

Rv. ii. Saul has slain his thousands and David his ten thousands, for the hand of the Lord was with him; he struck the Philistine * and took away the reproach from Israel. Y. Is not this David of whom they sang in the dance, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands"? - And took away.

Lesson iii

And there was war again; and David went out and fought with the Philistines, and made a great
slaughter among them, so that they fled before him. Then an evil spirit from the Lord came upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand; and David was playing the lyre. And Saul sought to pin David to the wall with the spear; but he eluded Saul, so that he struck the spear into the wall. And David fled, and escaped. 

R. iii. Mountains of Gilbo’a, let there be no dew or rain upon you, where fell the mighty ones of Israel. R. All you mountains round about, may the Lord visit you; but let him pass by Gilbo’a. Where fell. — Glory. — The mighty ones of Israel.

Saturday
MATINS
From the first book of Kings

Lesson i Chapter 20

So Jonathan knew that his father was determined to put David to death. And Jonathan rose from the table in fierce anger and ate no food the second day of the month, for he was grieved for David, because his father had disgraced him. In the morning Jonathan went out into the field to the appointment with David, and with him a little lad.

R. i. Listen, Lord, to the cry and to the prayer which your servant makes before you this day; that your ears be attentive and your eyes may be open toward this house day and night. R. Look down, Lord, from your holy habitation, from heaven. — Toward this house.

Second responsory to be said on Vigils:

R. ii. (i) My sins outnumber the sands of the seashore, so many have I committed; and I am not worthy to see the height of heaven because of the enormity of my offences, for I have provoked your wrath and what is evil in your sight I have done. R. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned. — And what is evil.

Lesson ii

And he said to his lad, “Run and find the arrows which I shot.” As the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him. And when the lad came to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan called after the lad and said, “Is not the arrow beyond you?”

And Jonathan called after the lad, “Hurry, make haste, stay not.” So Jonathan’s lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master. But the lad knew nothing; only Jonathan and David knew the matter. And Jonathan gave his weapons to his lad, and said to him, “Go and carry them to the city.” And as soon as the lad had gone, David rose from beside the stone heap and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed three times; and they kissed one another, and wept with one another.

R. ii. (iii) And it came to pass that as the Lord was taking Eli’jah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Eli’sha cried, “My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen.” R. I pray you, let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” Then he said, “If you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so.” — My father. — (Glory. — My father.)

Prayer

O God, you have prepared good things as yet unseen for those who love you. Pour into our hearts a desire for your love; so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain that fulfilment of your promises which surpasses all longing. Through.

VI SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

II class
I VESPERS

R. May evening prayer rise up to you, Lord. R. And may your mercy come down to us.

Magnif. ant. King Saul was angry and said: “To me they have ascribed a thousand, and to the son of Jesse ten thousand.”

Prayer

From you alone, God of strength, comes all that is good! Implant in our hearts love for your name, and increase in us true religion; thus will you foster what there is of good in us, and, with fatherly care, guard what you have fostered. Through.

MATINS
Here begins the second book of Kings

Lesson i Chapter 1

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from the slaughter of the Amal’ekites, David remained two days in Ziklag; and on the third day, behold, a man came from Saul’s camp, with his
clothes rent and earth upon his head. And when he came to David, he fell to
the ground and did obeisance. David said to him, “Where do you come from?” And he said to him, “I have escaped from the camp of Israel.”

Ry. i. God listens to everyone. He sent his angel, and took me from my father’s sheep, * and anointed me with the oil of his mercy. V. The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion and freed me from the paw of the wild beast. – And anointed.

Lesson ii

And David said to him, “How did it go? Tell me.” And he answered, “The people have fled from the battle, and many of the people also have fallen and are dead; and Saul and his son Jonathan are also dead.” Then David said to the young man who told him, “How do you know that Saul and his son Jonathan are dead?” And the young man who told him said, “By chance I happened to be on Mount Gilboa; and there was Saul leaning upon his spear; and lo, the chariots and the horsemen were close upon him. And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called to me. And I answered ‘Here I am.’ And he said to me, ‘Who are you?’ I answered him, ‘I am an Amal’kite.’ And he said to me, ‘Stand beside me and slay me, for anguish has seized me, and yet my life still lingers.’ So I stood beside him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after he had fallen; and I took the crown which was on his head and the armlet which was on his arm, and I have brought them here to my lord.”

Ry. ii. “I took you out of your father’s house,” says the Lord, “and appointed you to feed the flock of my people. I have been with you wherever you went, * establishing your kingdom for ever. V. And I made for you a great name like the name of the great ones of the earth; and I gave you rest from all your enemies.” – Establishing.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Lesson iii

In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, he called his disciples to him, and said to them, “I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days, and have nothing to eat.” Etc.

Homily of St. Ambrose, Bishop

Book 6, Chapter 9 of St. Luke near the beginning

The food of heavenly grace was distributed. But note to whom distribution was made. Not to the idle, not to those in the city, that is, to Jewish officialdom or those attached to earthly prestige; but to such as sought Christ in the desert. It is those who are not disdainful that Christ receives; and he, the Word of God, speaks to them not about worldly things but about the Kingdom of God. It is to those who carry the open sores of physical suffering that he willingly applies his healing medicine.

Ry. iii. Honour, power, might and dominion be to the Trinity in one, to the One in Trinity * for endless ages. V. Light unending to the Trinity, everlasting splendour to the One. – For endless ages. – Glory. – For endless ages.

LAUDS

V. The Lord is king.
Ry. He is robed in majesty

Bened. ant. I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days, and have nothing to eat; and if I send them away hungry, they will faint on the way, alleluia.

Prayer

From you alone, God of strength, comes all that is good! Implant in our hearts love for your name, and increase in us true religion; thus will you foster what there is of good in us, and, with fatherly care, guard what you have fostered. Through.

II VESPERS


Magnif. ant. And Jesus, took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he blessed them and broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd, alleluia.

Monday

MATINS

From the second book of Kings

Lesson i

A. fter this David inquired of the Lord, “Shall I go up into any of the cities
of Judah?" And the Lord said to him, "Go up." David said, "To which shall I go up?" And he said, "To Hebron." So David went up there, and his two wives also, Ahinoam of Jezreel, and Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel. And David brought up his men who were with him, every one with his household; and they dwelt in the towns of Hebron.

Lesson iii

Lesson ii

A nd the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. When they told David, "It was the men of Ja'beth-gil'e-ead who buried Saul," David sent messengers to the men of Ja'beth-gil'e-ead, and said to them, "May you be blessed by the Lord, because you showed this loyalty to Saul your lord, and buried him!"

Lesson iii

Lesson ii

F rom you alone, God of strength, comes all that is good! Implant in our hearts love for your name, and increase in us true religion; thus will you foster what there is of good in us, and, with fatherly care, guard what you have fostered. Through.

Tuesday
MATINS

From the second book of Kings

Lesson i

Chapter 5

T hen all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Behold, we are your bone and flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you that led out and brought in Israel; and the Lord said to you, 'You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord.

Lesson ii

A nd they said to David, "You will not come in here, but the blind and the lame will ward you off" — thinking, "David cannot come in here." Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Sion, that is, the city of David. And David said on that day, "Whoever would smite the Jebusites, let him get up the water shaft to attack the lame and the blind, who are hated by David's soul." Therefore it is said, "The blind and the lame shall not come into the house."
Wednesday
MATINS
From the second book of Kings

Lesson i  Chapter 6

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Ba’alejudah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who sits enthroned on the cherubim. And they carried the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abin’adab which was on the hill.

Rv. i. Listen, Lord, to the cry and to the prayer which your servant makes before you this day; that your ears be attentive and your eyes may be open toward this house day and night. V. Look down, Lord, from your holy habitation, from heaven. – Toward this house.

Lesson ii

Uzzah and Ahi’o, the sons of Abin’adab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahi’o went before the ark. And David and all the house of Israel were making merry before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

Rv. ii. My sins outnumber the sands of the seashore, so many have I committed; and I am not worthy to see the height of heaven because of the enormity of my offences, for I have provoked your wrath and what is evil in your sight I have done. V. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned. – And what is evil.

Lesson iii

And when they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there because he put forth his hand to the ark; and he died there beside the ark of God. And David was angry because the Lord had broken forth upon Uzzah.

Rv. iii. And it came to pass that as the Lord was taking Eli’jah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Eli’sha cried, “My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen. V. I pray you, let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” Then he said, “If you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so.”

My father. – Glory. – My father.

Prayer

From you alone, God of strength, comes all that is good! Implant in our hearts love for your name, and increase in us true religion; thus will you foster what there is of good in us, and, with fatherly care, guard what you have fostered. Through.

Thursday
MATINS
From the second book of Kings

Lesson i  Chapter 6

And it was told King David, “The Lord has blessed the household of O’bed-e’dom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.” So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of O’bed-e’dom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling.

Rv. i. God listens to everyone. He sent his angel, and took me from my father’s sheep, and anointed me with the oil of his mercy. V. The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion and freed me from the paw of the wild beast. – And anointed me.

Lesson ii

And David danced before the Lord with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the horn. As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.
Friday
MATINS
From the second book of Kings

Lesson i
Chapter 7

Now when the king dwelt in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies round about, the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart; for the Lord is with you.”

R. i. Direct your heart to the Lord and serve him only, and he will deliver you from the hands of your enemies. R. Put away the foreign gods from among you. And he will.

Lesson ii

But that same night the word of the Lord came Nathan, “Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in? I have not dwelt in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling, in all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel.’”

R. ii. Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands, for the hand of the Lord was with him; he struck the Philistine and took away the reproach from Israel. R. Is not this David of whom they sang in the dance, “Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands”? — And took away.

Lesson iii

Did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went.’

R. iii. Mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, where fell the mighty ones of Israel. R. All you mountains round about, may the Lord visit you; but let him pass by Gilboa.—Where fell. — Glory. — The mighty ones of Israel.

Saturday
MATINS
From the second book of Kings

Lesson i
Chapter 8

After this David defeated the Philistines and subdued them, and David took Meth'eg-am'mah out of the hand of the Philistines. And he defeated Moab, and measured them with a line, making them lie down on the ground; two lines he measured to be put to death, and one full line to be spared. And the Moabites became servants to David and brought tribute.

R. i. Listen, Lord, to the cry and to the prayer which your servant makes before you this day; that your ears be attentive and your eyes may be open toward this house day and night. R. Look down,
Lord, from your holy habitation, from heaven. – Toward this house.

A second responsory to be said on Vigils:

Rv. (ii.) My sins outnumber the sands of the seashore, so many have I committed; and I am not worthy to see the height of heaven because of the enormity of my offences, for I have provoked your wrath* and what is evil in your sight I have done. V. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned. – And what is evil.

Lesson ii

David also defeated Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to restore his power at the river Euphrazes. And David took from him a thousand and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand foot soldiers; and David hamstrung all the chariot horses, but left enough for a hundred chariots. And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer, king of Zobah, David slew twenty-two thousand men of the Syrians. Then David put garrisons in Aram of Damascus; and the Syrians became servants to David and brought tribute. And the Lord gave victory to David wherever he went. And David took the shields of gold which were carried by the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

Rv. (iii.) And it came to pass that as the Lord was taking Eliajah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Eliajah cried, “My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen. V. I pray you, let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” Then he said, “If you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so.” – My father – (Glory. – My father.)

VII SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

II class

If this Sunday occurs between the 1st and 7th of August, the Magnificat antiphon and the lessons for Sunday and the week are taken from the 1st week in August, page 362, the remainder of the books of Kings being omitted.

I VESPERS

V. May evening prayer rise up to you, Lord. Rv. And may your mercy come down to us.

Magnificat

Among all in your kingdom was found so faithful as David, going out, coming back and going forth at the king’s command?

Prayer

O God, whose providence arranges all things without any error, we earnestly beg you to take away all that is harmful and to bestow everything that will be for our good. Through.

MATINS

From the second book of Kings

Lesson i

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go forth to battle, David sent Jo‘ab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking upon the roof of the king’s house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful.

Rv. i. God listens to everyone. He sent his angel, and took me from my father’s sheep, and anointed me with the oil of his mercy. V. The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion and freed me from the paw of the wild beast. – And anointed.

Lesson ii

And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, “Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eli‘an, the wife of Uri‘ah the Hittite?” So David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house. And the woman conceived; and she sent and told David, “I am with child.” So David sent word to Jo‘ab, “Send me Uri‘ah the Hittite.” And Jo‘ab sent Uri‘ah to David. When Uri‘ah came to him, David asked how Jo‘ab was doing, and how the people fared, and how the war prospered. Then David said to Uri‘ah, “Go down to your house, and wash your feet.” And Uri‘ah went out of the king’s house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uri‘ah slept at the door of the king’s house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house.

Rv. ii. “I took you out of your father’s house,” says
the Lord, "and appointed you to feed the flock of my people. I have been with you wherever you went, * establishing your kingdom for ever. Y. And I made for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth; and I gave you rest from all your enemies." — Establishing.

Lesson iii is taken from the homily on the gospel of this Sunday p. 509.

R. iii. Honour, power, might and dominion be to the Trinity in One, to the One in Trinity * for endless ages. Y. Light un-ending to the Trinity, everlasting splendour to the One. — For endless ages. — Glory. — For endless ages.

† Antiphons to the Benedictus and Magnificat, as also the prayers, that are to be said on this and on the other Sundays after Pentecost, are to be found on p. 509.

Monday
MATINS
From the second book of Kings

Lesson i  Chapter 11

Uri'ah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah dwell in booths; and my lord Jo'ab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing." Then David said to Uri'ah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will let you depart."

R. i. God listens to everyone. He sent his angel, and took me from my father's sheep, * and anointed me with the oil of his mercy. Y. The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion and freed me from the paw of the wild beast. — And anointed me.

Lesson ii

So Uri'ah remained in Jerusalem that day, and the next. And David invited him, and he ate in his presence and drank, so that he made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Jo'ab, and sent it by the hand of Uri'ah. In the letter he wrote: "Set Uri'ah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, that he may be struck down and die."

Lesson iii

The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion, and freed me from the paw of the wild beast, * he it is who will deliver me from the hands of my enemies. Y. May God send his truth and his love. He delivered my soul from among lions. — He it is.

Lesson iii

And as Jo'ab was besieging the city, he assigned Uri'ah to the place where he knew there were valiant men. And the men of the city came out and fought with Jo'ab; and some of the servants of David among the people fell. Uri'ah the Hittite was slain also. Then Jo'ab sent and told David all the news about the fighting.

R. iii. "I took you out of your father's house," says the Lord, "and appointed you to feed the flock of my people. I have been with you wherever you went, * establishing your kingdom for ever. Y. And I made for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth, and I gave you rest from all your enemies." — Establishing. — Glory. — For ever.

Tuesday
MATINS
From the second book of Kings

Lesson i  Chapter 12

And the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his morsel, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him.

R. ii. Direct your heart to the Lord and serve him only, * and he will deliver you from the hands of your enemies. Y. Put away the foreign gods from among you. — And he will.

Lesson ii

Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared it for the man who had come to him." Then David's anger
Lesson ii

Ab'salom would say to him, “See, your claims are good and right; but there is no man deboned by the king to hear you.” Ab'salom said moreover, “Oh that I were judge in the land! Then every man with a suit or cause might come to me, and I would give him justice.” And whenever a man came near to do obeisance to him, he would put out his hand, and take hold of him, and kiss him.

Lesson iii

Nathan said to David, “You are the man. Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul; and I gave you your master’s house, and your master’s wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have smitten Uri’ah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife and have slain him with the sword of the Ammonites.’”

Wednesday

MATINS

From the second book of Kings

Lesson i

After this Ab'salom got himself a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run before him. And Ab'salom used to rise early and stand beside the way of the gate; and when any man had a suit to come before the king for judgment, Ab'salom would call to him, and say, “From what city are you?” And he would say, “Your servant is of such and such a tribe in Israel.”

Lesson iii

Thus Ab'salom did to all of Israel who came to the king for judgment; so Ab'salom stole the hearts of the men of Israel. And at the end of four years Ab'salom said to the king, “Pray let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed to the Lord, in Hebron. For your servant vowed a vow, while I dwelt at Geshur in Aram, saying, ‘If the Lord will indeed bring me back to Jerusalem, then I will offer worship to the Lord.’”

Lesson i

And it came to pass that as the Lord was taking Eli’jah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Eli’sha cried, “‘My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen.’ I pray you, let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” Then he said, “If you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so.” — My father. — Glory. — My father.

Lesson iii

And while Ab'salom was offering the sacrifices, he sent for Ahith’ophel the GI'lonite, David’s counsellor, from his city Giloh. And the conspiracy grew strong, and the people with Ab'salom kept increasing. And a messenger came to David, saying, “The hearts of the men of Israel have gone after Ab'salom.” Then David said to all his servants who were with him at
Jerusalem, "Arise, and let us flee; or else there will be no escape for us from Ab'salom."

R. i. God listens to everyone. He sent his angel, and took me from my father's sheep, * and anointed me with the oil of his mercy. Ṣ. The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion and freed me from the paw of the wild beast. -- And anointed.

Lesson ii

Go in haste, lest he overtake us quickly, and bring down evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword. Ṣ. And the king's servants said to the king, "Behold, your servants are ready to do whatever my lord the king decides." So the king went forth, and all his household after him. And the king left ten concubines to keep the house.

R. ii. The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion, and freed me from the paw of the wild beast, * he is he who will deliver me from the hands of my enemies. Ṣ. May God send his truth and his love. He delivered my soul from among lions. -- He it is.

Lesson iii

Then David mustered the men who were with him, and set over them commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds. And David sent forth the army, one third under the command of Jo'ab, one third under the command of Abi'shai the son of Zeru'iah, Jo'ab's brother, and one third under the command of It'tai the Gittite. And the king said to the men, "I myself will also go out with you."

R. i. Direct your heart to the Lord and serve him only, * and he will deliver you from the hands of your enemies. Ṣ. Put away the foreign gods from among you. -- And he will.

Lesson ii

But the men said, "You shall not go out. For if we flee, they will not care about us. If half of us die, they will not care about us. But you are worth ten thousand of us; therefore it is better that you send us help from the city." The king said to them, "Whatever seems best to you, I will do." So the king stood at the side of the gate.

R. ii. Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands, for the hand of the Lord was with him; he struck the Philistine * and took away the reproach from Israel. Ṣ. Is not this David, of whom they sang in the dance, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands"? -- And took away.

Lesson iii

And all the army marched out by hundreds and by thousands. And the king ordered Jo'ab and Abi'shai and It'tai, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Ab'salom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders about Ab'salom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of E'phraim.

R. iii. Mountains of Gilbo'ā, let there be no dew or rain upon you * where fell the mighty ones of Israel. Ṣ. All you mountains round about, may the Lord visit you; but let him pass by Gil'boa. -- Where fell. -- Glory. -- The mighty ones of Israel.

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Friday

MATINS

From the second book of Kings

Lesson i

Chapter 18

Then David mustered the men who were with him, and set over them commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds. And David sent forth the army, one third under the command of Jo'ab, one third under the command of Abi'shai the son of Zeru'iah, Jo'ab's brother, and one third under the command of It'tai the Gittite. And the king said to the men, "I myself will also go out with you."

R. i. Direct your heart to the Lord and serve him only, * and he will deliver you from the hands of your enemies. Ṣ. Put away the foreign gods from among you. -- And he will.

Lesson ii

But the men said, "You shall not go out. For if we flee, they will not care about us. If half of us die, they will not care about us. But you are worth ten thousand of us; therefore it is better that you send us help from the city." The king said to them, "Whatever seems best to you, I will do." So the king stood at the side of the gate.

R. ii. Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands, for the hand of the Lord was with him; he struck the Philistine * and took away the reproach from Israel. Ṣ. Is not this David, of whom they sang in the dance, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands"? -- And took away.

Lesson iii

And all the army marched out by hundreds and

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Saturday

MATINS

From the second book of Kings

Lesson i

Chapter 18

And Ab'salom chanced to meet the servants of David. Ab'salom was riding upon his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak, and his head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.
And a certain man saw it, and told Jo'ab, "Behold, I saw Ab'salom hanging in an oak."

Ly. i. Listen, Lord, to the cry and to the prayer which your servant makes before you this day; that your ears be attentive and your eyes may be open toward this house day and night. Y. Look down, Lord, from your holy habitation, from heaven. - Toward this house.

Lesson ii

Jo'ab said to the man who told him, "What, you saw him! Why then did you not strike him there to the ground? I would have been glad to give you ten pieces of silver and a girdle." But the man said to Jo'ab, "Even if I felt in my hand the weight of a thousand pieces of silver, I would not put forth my hand against the king's son; for in our hearing the king commanded you and Abi'shai and It'tai, 'For my sake protect the young man Ab'salom.' On the other hand, if I had dealt treacherously against his life (and there is nothing hidden from the king), then you yourself would have stood aloof." Jo'ab said, "I will not waste time like this with you." And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them into the heart of Ab'salom, while he was still alive in the oak. And ten young men, Jo'ab's armour-bearers, surrounded Ab'salom and struck him, and killed him. Ly. ii. And it came to pass that as the Lord was taking Eli'jah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Eli'sha cried, "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen." Y. I pray you, let me inherit a double share of your spirit." Then he said, "If you see me as I am taken from you, it shall be so." - My father.

VIII SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

II class

If this Sunday occurs between the 1st and 7th of August, the Magnificat antiphon and the lessons for Sunday and the week are taken from the 1st week in August, p. 362, the remainder of the books of Kings being omitted.

I VESPRERS

Y. May evening prayer rise up to you, Lord. Ly. And may your mercy come down to us.

Magnif. ant. I am distressed for you, my brother.

Jonathan; very wonderful was your love to me, passing the love of women. As a mother loves her only son, so did I love you. The bow of Jonathan turned not back, his shield in battle never turned aside, and his spear was never turned away.

Prayer

We ask you, Lord, to grant us the spirit always to think and do what is right. May we, who cannot exist without you, be able to live according to your will. Through.

MATINS

Here begins the third book of Kings

Lesson i

Now King David was old and advanced in years; and although they covered him with clothes, he could not get warm. Therefore his servants said to him, "Let a young maiden be sought for my lord the king, and let her wait upon the king, and be his nurse; let her lie in your bosom, that my lord the king may be warm." So they sought for a beautiful maiden throughout all the territory of Israel, and found Abi'shag the Shu'nammite, and brought her to the king.

Ly. i. God listens to everyone. He sent his angel and took me from my father's sheep; * and anointed me with the oil of his mercy. Y. The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion and freed me from the paw of the wild beast. - And anointed.
invited all his brothers, the
king's sons, and all the
royal officials of Judah, but
he did not invite Nathan
the prophet or Benai'ah or
the mighty men or Solo-
mon his brother.

R. ii. I took you out
of your father's house," says
the Lord, "and ap-
pointed you to feed the
flock of my people. I have
been with you wherever
you went, establishing
your kingdom for ever. 

And I made for you a great
name, like the name of the
great ones of the earth;
and I gave you rest from all
your enemies." —Estab-
lishing.

Lesson iii is taken from
the homily on the gospel of
this Sunday, p. 510.

R. iii. Honour, power,
might and dominion be to
the Trinity in One, to the
One in Trinity for
everlasting splendour to
the One. —For ever.

Lesson ii

Has this thing been
brought about by
my lord the king and you
have not told your servants
who should sit on the
throne of my lord the king
after him?" Then King
David answered, "Call
Bathshe'ba to me." So
she came into the king's
presence, and stood before
the king. And the king
spoke saying, "As the Lord
lives, who has redeemed

my soul out of every ad-
versity, as I swore to you by
the Lord, the God of
Israel, saying, 'Solomon
shall reign over me, and
he shall sit upon
my throne in my stead';
even so will I do this day."

R. i. The Lord who
delivered me from the
mouth of the lion, and
fled me from the paw of
the wild beast, he is it
who will deliver me from
the hands of my enemies.

R. May God send his
truth and his love. He
delivered my soul from
among lions. —He it is.

Lesson iii

So Zadok the priest, Nath-
an the prophet, and
Benai'ah the son of Je-
hoi'ada, and the Cher'eth-
ite and the Pel' ethite,
went down and caused
Solomon to ride on King
David's mule, and brought
him to Gihon. There
Zadok the priest took the
horn of oil from the tent,
and anointed Solomon.
Then they blew the
trumpet and all the people
said, "Long live King
Solomon!" And all the
people went up after him,
playing on pipes, and re-
joicing with great joy, so
that the earth was split by
their noise.

R. i. Direct your heart
to the Lord and serve him
only, and he will deliver
you from the hands of your

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Wednesday

MATINS
From the third book of Kings

Lesson i  Chapter 2

When David's time to die drew near, he charged Solomon his son, saying, "I am about to go the way of all the earth. Be strong, and show yourself a man, and keep the charge of the Lord your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes, his commandments, his ordinances, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn; that the Lord may establish his word which he spoke concerning me, saying, 'If your sons take heed to their way, to walk before me in faithfulness with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail you a man on the throne of Israel.'"

Lesson ii

A doni'jah and all the guests who were with him heard it as they finished feasting. And when Jo'ab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, "What does this uproar in the city mean?" While he was speaking, behold, Jonathan the son of Abi'athar the priest came; and Adoni'jah said, "Come in, for you are a worthy man and bring good news."

Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands, for the hand of the Lord was with him: he struck the Philistine and took away the reproach from Israel. Y. Is not this David of whom they sang in the dance, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands"? And took away.

Lesson iii

J onathan answered Adoni'jah, "No, for our lord King David has made Solomon king; and the king has sent him with Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benai'ah, the son of Jehoi'ada, and the Cher'ethites and the Pel'ethites; and they have caused him to ride on the king's mule; and Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king at Gihon; and they have gone up from there rejoicing, so that the city is in an uproar. This is the noise that you have heard."

Y. iii. Mountains of Gilbo'a, let there be no dew or rain upon you, where fell the mighty ones of Israel. Y. All you mountains round about, may the Lord visit you; but let him pass by Gilbo'a. Where fell. Glory. The mighty ones of Israel.

Lesson iii

"Moreover you know also what Jo'ab the son of Zeru'iah did to me, how he dealt with the two commanders of the armies of Israel, Abner the son of Ner, and Ama'sa the son of Jether, whom he murdered, avenging in time of peace blood which had been shed in war, and putting innocent blood upon the girdle about my loins, and upon the sandals of my feet."

Y. ii. My sins outnumber the sands of the seashore, so many have I committed; and I am not worthy to see the height of heaven because of the enormity of my offences, for I have provoked your wrath and what is evil in your sight I have done. Y. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned. And what is evil.
father; and his kingdom was firmly established. Then Adoni’jah the son of Haggith came to Bathshe’ba the mother of Solomon. And she said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably.” Then he said, “I have something to say to you.” She said, “Say on.” He said, “You know that the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel fully expected me to reign; however, the kingdom has turned about and become my brother’s, for it was his from the Lord.”

Lesson iii

So Bathshe’ba went to King Solomon, to speak to him on behalf of Adoni’jah. And the king arose to meet her, and bowed down to her; then he sat on his throne, and had a seat brought for the king’s mother; and she sat on his right. Then she said, “I have one small request to make of you; do not refuse me.” And the king said to her, “Make your request, my mother; for I will not refuse you.” She said, “Let Ab’ishag the Shu’nammit he be given to Adoni’jah your brother as his wife.”

Lesson ii

And now I have one request to make of you; do not refuse me,” she said to him, “Say on.” And he said, “Pray ask King Solomon—he will not refuse you—to give me Ab’ishag the Shu’nammit as my wife.” Bathshe’ba said, “Very well; I will speak for you to the king.”

Lesson iii

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o the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon. Solomon made a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt; he took Pharaoh’s daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had finished building his own house and the house of the Lord and the wall around Jerusalem. The people were sacrificing at the high places, however, because no house had yet been built for the name of the Lord.

Lesson ii

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day.”

Lesson iii

Mountains of Gilbo’a, let there be no dew or rain upon you, where fell the mighty ones of Israel. All you mountains round about, may the Lord visit you; but let him pass by Gilbo’a. Where fell. — Glory. — The mighty ones of Israel.
Within Eighth Week after Pentecost

Saturday

MATINS

From the third book of Kings

Lesson i Chapter 9

When Solomon had finished building the house of the Lord and the king's house and all that Solomon desired to build, the Lord appeared to Solomon a second time, as he had appeared to him at Gibeon. And the Lord said to him, "I have heard your prayer and your supplication, which you have made before me; I have consecrated this house which you have built, and put my name there for ever; my eyes and my heart will be there for all time."

R. i. Listen, Lord, to the cry and to the prayer which your servant makes before you this day; that your ears be attentive and your eyes may be open* toward this house day and night. R. Look down, Lord, from your holy habitation, from heaven. Toward this house.

Lesson ii

"And as for you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked,

with integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according to all that I have commanded you, and keeping my statutes and my ordinances, then I will establish your royal throne over Israel for ever, as I promised David your father, saying, 'There shall not fail you a man upon the throne of Israel.' But if you turn aside from following me, you or your children, and do not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them, then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them; and the house which I have consecrated for my name I will cast out of my sight; and Israel will become a proverb and a byword among all peoples."

R. ii. And it came to pass that as the Lord was taking Eli'jah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Eli'jah cried, "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and his horsemen. R. I pray you, let me inherit a double share of your spirit." Then he said, "If you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so." My father.

IX Sunday after Pentecost

II class

If this Sunday occurs between the 1st and the 7th of August, the Magnificat antiphon and the lessons for Sunday and the week are taken from the 1st week in August, p. 362, the remainder of the books of Kings being omitted.

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v. May evening prayer rise up to you, Lord. R. And may your mercy come down to us.

Magnifi. ant. Then David spoke to the Lord, when he saw the angel who was smiting the people, and said, "True, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done?"

Prayer

Open, Lord, the ears of your mercy to our prayers; and, that you may grant the petitions of those who ask, make them seek only that which is pleasing to you. Through.

MATINS

From the third book of Kings

Lesson i Chapter 10

Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, she came to test him with hard questions. She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels bearing spices, and very much gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she told him all that was on her mind. And Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing hidden from the king which he could not explain to her.

R. i. God listens to everyone. He sent his angel and took me from my father's sheep, * and anointed me with the oil of his mercy. v. The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion and freed me from the paw of the wild beast. And anointed.

Lesson ii

And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, the food of his table, the seating of his officials, and the attendance of his servants, their clothing, his cup-bearers, and his burnt offerings which he offered at the house of the Lord, there was no more spirit in her. And she said to the king, "The report was true which I heard in my own land of your affairs and of
your wisdom, but I did not believe the reports until I came and my own eyes had seen it; and, behold, the half was not told me; your wisdom and prosperity surpass the report which I heard. Happy are your wives! Happy are these your servants, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom! Blessed be the Lord your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the Lord loved Israel for ever, he has made you king, that you may execute justice and righteousness.” Then she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and a very great quantity of spices, and precious stones.

 Rc. ii. “I took you out of your father’s house,” says the Lord, “and appointed you to feed the flock of my people. I have been with you wherever you went, establishing your kingdom for ever. And I made for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth; and I gave you rest from all your enemies.” — Establishing.

 Lesson iii is taken from the homily on the gospel of this Sunday p. 511.

 Rc. iii. Honour, power, might and dominion be to the Trinity in One, to the One in Trinity * for endless ages. V. Light unending to the Trinity, everlasting splendour to the One. — For endless ages. — Glory. — For endless ages.

 Monday MATINS

 From the third Book of Kings

 Lesson i Chapter 10

 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold, besides that which came from the traders and from the traffic of the merchants, and from all the kings of Arabia and from the governors of the land.

 Rc. i. God listens to everyone. He sent his angel and took me from my father’s sheep, * and anointed me with the oil of his mercy. V. The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion and freed me from the paw of the wild beast. — And anointed.

 Lesson ii

 King Solomon made two hundred large shields of beaten gold; six hundred shekels of gold went into one shield. And he made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three minas of gold went into each shield; and the king put them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon. The king also made a great ivory throne, and overlaid it with the finest gold. The throne had six steps.

 Rc. ii. The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion, and freed me from the paw of the wild beast, * he it is who will deliver me from the hands of my enemies. V. May God send his truth and his love. He delivered my soul from among lions. — He it is.

 Lesson iii

 And at the back of the throne was a calf’s head, and on each side of the seat were arm rests and two lions standing beside the arm rests, while twelve lions stood there, one on each end of a step on the six steps. The like of it was never made in any kingdom.

 Rc. iii. “I took you out of your father’s house,” says the Lord, “and appointed you to feed the flock of my people. I have been with you wherever you went, * establishing your kingdom for ever. V. And I made for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth; and I gave you rest from all your enemies.” — Establishing. — Glory. — For ever.

 Tuesday MATINS

 From the third book of Kings

 Lesson i Chapter 10

 Thus King Solomon excelled all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom. And the whole earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put into his mind. Every one of them brought him present, articles of silver and gold, garments, myrrh, spices, horses and mules, so much year by year.

 Rc. i. Direct your heart to the Lord and serve him only, * and he will deliver you from the hands of your enemies. V. Put away the foreign gods from among you. — And he.

 Lesson ii

 And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen; he had fourteen hundred chariots and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem. And the king made silver as com-
mon in Jerusalem as stone, and he made cedar as plentiful as the sycamore of the Shephe'lah.

Ry. ii. Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands, for the hand of the Lord was with him; he struck the Philistine * and took away the reproach from Israel. V. Is not this David of whom they sang in the dance, “Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands”? – And took away.

Lesson iii

And Solomon’s import of horses was from Egypt and Ku’e, and the king’s traders received them from Ku’e at a price. A chariot could be imported from Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse for a hundred and fifty; and so through the king’s traders they were exported to all the kings of the Hitites and the kings of Syria.

R. iii. Mountains of Gilbo’a, let there be no dew or rain upon you, * where fell the mighty ones of Israel. V. All you mountains round about, may the Lord visit you; but let him pass by Gilbo’a. – Where fell. – Glory. – The mighty ones of Israel.

**Wednesday**

MATINS

From the third book of Kings

Lesson i Chapter 11

Now King Solomon loved many foreign women; the daughter of Pharaoh, and Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sido’nian, and Hitite women, from the nations concerning which the Lord had said to the people of Israel, “You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they enter into marriage with you, for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods.”

Ry. i. Listen, Lord, to the cry and to the prayer which your servant makes before you this day, that your ears be attentive and your eyes may be open * toward this house day and night. V. Look down, Lord, from your holy habitation, from heaven. – Toward this house.

Lesson ii

Solomon clung to these in love. He had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart. For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods; and his heart was not wholly true to the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father.

Ry. ii. My sins outnumber the sands of the seashore, so many have I committed; and I am not worthy to see the height of heaven because of the enormity of my offences; for I have provoked your wrath * and what is evil in your sight I have done. V. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned. – And what is evil.

Lesson iii

For Solomon went after Ash’toreth the goddess of the Sido’ni’ans, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and did not wholly follow the Lord, as David his father had done. Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Molech the abomination of the Ammonites, on the mountain east of Jerusalem.

Ry. iii. And it came to pass that as the Lord was taking Eli’jah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Eli’sha cried, * “My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen.” Then he said, “If you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so.” – My father. – Glory. – My father.

**Thursday**

MATINS

From the third book of Kings

Lesson i Chapter 11

And at that time, when Jerobo’am went out of Jerusalem, the prophet Ah’i’jah the Shil’onite found him on the road. Now Ah’i’jah had clad himself with a new garment; and the two of them were alone in the open country. Then Ah’i’jah laid hold of the new garment that was on him, and tore it into twelve pieces. And he said to Jerobo’am, “Take for yourself ten pieces; for thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘Behold, I am about to tear the kingdom from the hand of Solomon, and will give you ten tribes.’”

Ry. i. God listens to everyone. He sent his angel and took me from my father’s sheep * and anointed me with the oil of his mercy. V. The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion and freed me from the paw of the wild beast. – And anointed.
Lesson ii

"But he shall have one tribe, for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, because he has forsaken me, and worshipped Ash'toreth the goddess of the Sido'ni'ans, Chemosh the god of Moab, and Milcool the god of the Ammonites, and has not walked in my ways, doing what is right in my sight and keeping my statutes and my ordinances, as David his father did."

Iy. ii. The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion and freed me from the paw of the wild beast, he it is who will deliver me from the hands of my enemies. י. May God send his truth and his love. He delivered my soul from among lions. — He it is.

Lesson iii

"Nevertheless I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand; but I will make him ruler all the days of his life, for the sake of David my servant whom I chose, who kept my commandments and my statutes; but I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it to you, ten tribes. Yet to his son I will give one tribe."

Iy. iii. "I took you out of your father's house," says the Lord, "and appointed you to feed the flock of my people. I have been with you wherever you went, establishing your kingdom for ever. י. And I made for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth; and I gave you rest from all your enemies." — Establishing. — Glory. — For ever.

Friday

MATINS

From the third book of Kings

Lesson i Chapters 11 & 12

A and Solomon slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David, his father; and Reho'bo'am his son reigned in his stead. Reho'bo'am went to Shech'hem, for all Israel had come to Shech'hem to make him king. And when Jerobo'am the son of Nebat heard of it (for he was still in Egypt whither he had fled from King Solomon), then Jero'bo'am returned from Egypt, and they sent and called him.

Iy. i. Direct your heart to the Lord and serve him only, * and he will deliver you from the hands of your enemies. י. Put away the foreign gods from among you. — And he will.

Lesson ii

A and Jerobo'am and all the assembly of Israel came and said to Reho'bo'am, "Your father made our yoke heavy. Now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke upon us, and we will serve you." He said to them, "Depart for three days, then come again to me."

Iy. ii. Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands, for the hand of the Lord was with him; he struck the Philistines * and took away the reproach from Israel. י. Is not this David of whom they sang in the dance, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands"? — And took away.

Lesson iii

S o the people went away. Then King Reho'bo'am took counsel with the old men, who had stood before Solomon his father while he was yet alive, saying, "How do you advise me to answer these people?" And they said to him, "If you will be a servant to this people today and serve them, and speak good words to them when you answer them, then they will be your servants for ever."

Iy. i. Listen, Lord, to the cry and to the prayer.
which your servant makes before you this day: that your ears be attentive and your eyes may be open toward this house day and night. Y. Look down, Lord, from your holy habitation, from heaven—toward this house.

Lesson ii

So the king did not hearken to the people; for it was a turn of affairs brought about by the Lord that he might fulfill his word, which the Lord spoke by Ahijah the Shilohite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat. And when all Israel saw that the king did not hearken to them, the people answered the king, “What portion have we in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel! Look now to your own house, David.” So Israel departed to their tents. But Rehobo’am reigned over the people of Israel who dwelt in the cities of Judah. Then King Rehobo’am sent Adoram, who was taskmaster over the forced labour, and all Israel stoned him to death with stones. And King Rehobo’am made haste to mount his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

I VESPERS

Y. May evening prayer rise up to you, Lord. 17. And may your mercy come down to us.

Magnif. ant. Mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul not anointed with oil. How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places. Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided!

Prayer

O God, you show your almighty power chiefly by being forgiving and merciful. Increase your mercy towards us so that as we hasten towards those things that you have promised, you may make us share in the heavenly treasures. Through.

MATINS

Here begins the fourth book of Kings

Lesson i  Chapter i

After the death of Ahab, Moab rebelled against Israel. Now Ahazi‘ah fell through the lattice in his upper chamber in Samaria, and lay sick; so he sent messengers, telling them, “Go, inquire of Ba‘al-ze‘bub, the god of Ekron. Therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone, but shall surely die.” He said to them, “What kind of man was he who came to meet you and told you these things?” They answered him, “He wore a garment of haircloth, with a girdle of leather about his loins.” And he said, “It is Eli‘jah the Tishbite.” Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty men with his fifty. He went up to Eli‘jah, who was sitting on the top of a hill, and said to him, “O man of God, the
Lesson i  Chapter 1

Again the king sent the captain of a third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up and came and fell on his knees before El’i-jah, and entreated him, ‘O man of God, I pray you, let my life, and the life of these fifty servants of yours, be precious in your sight. Lo, fire came down from heaven, and consumed the two former captains of fifty men with their fifties; but now let my life be precious in your sight.’

R. i. God listens to everyone. He sent his angel and took me from my father’s sheep and anointed me with the oil of his mercy. Y. The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion and freed me from the paw of the wild beast. — And anointed.

Lesson ii  Chapter 1

Then the angel of the Lord said to El’i-jah, ‘Go down with him; do not be afraid of him.’ So he arose and went down with him to the king, and said to him, ‘Thus says the Lord, “Because you have sent messengers to inquire of Ba’al-ze’bub, the god of Ekron, is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of his word? — therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone, but you shall surely die.”’

R. ii. The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion, and freed me from the paw of the wild beast, *he it is who will deliver me from the hands of my enemies. Y. May God send his truth and his love. He delivered my soul from among lions. — He it is.

Lesson iii  Chapter 1

So he died according to the word of the Lord which El’i-jah had spoken. Jeho’ra’am, his brother, became king in his stead in the second year of Jeho’ra’am the son of Jehosh’a-phat, king of Judah, because Ahazi’ah had no son. Now the rest of the acts of Ahazi’ah which he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

R. iii. Honour, power, might and dominion be to the Trinity in one, to the One in Trinity for endless ages. Y. Light unending to the Trinity, everlasting splendour to the One. — For endless ages. — Glory. — For endless ages.

Lesson iv  Chapter 2

Tuesday MATINS

From the fourth book of Kings

Lesson i  Chapter 2

Now when the Lord was about to take El’i-jah up to heaven by a whirlwind, El’i-jah and Eli’sha were on their way from Gilgal. And El’i-jah said to Eli’sha, “Tarry here, I pray you; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Eli’sha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Eli’sha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?” And he said, “Yes, I know it; hold your peace.”

R. i. Direct your heart to the Lord and serve him only, *and he will deliver you from the hands of your enemies. Y. Put away the foreign gods from among you. — And he.

Lesson ii  Chapter 2

El’i-jah said to him, “Eli’sha, tarry here, I pray you; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I
will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Eli’sha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; hold your peace.”

Then Elijah took his mantle, and rolled it up, and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elijah, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elijah said, “I pray you, let me inherit a double share of your spirit.”

Lesson iii

Then Elijah said to him, “Tarry here, I pray you; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

Mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, where fell the mighty ones of Israel! All you mountains round about, may the Lord visit you; but let him pass by Gilboa. — Where fell. — Glory. — The mighty ones of Israel.

Wednesday
MATINS
From the fourth book of Kings
Lesson i  Chapter 2

Then Eli’jah took his mantle, and rolled it up, and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elijah, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elijah said, “I pray you, let me inherit a double share of your spirit.”

Lesson iii

And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” And as they still went on and talked, behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elijah said to him and he cried, “My father, my father! the chariots of Israel and its horsemen.”

Lesson iii

And it came to pass that as the Lord was taking Eli’jah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Eli’sha cried, * “My father, my father, my father! the chariots of Israel and its horsemen.” Then he said, “If you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so.” — My father. — Glory. — My father.

Thursday
MATINS
From the fourth book of Kings
Lesson i  Chapter 6

Now the sons of the prophets said to Elijah, “See, the place where we dwell under your charge is too small for us. Let us go to the Jordan and each of us get there a log, and let us make a place for us to dwell there.” And he answered, “Go.” Then one of them said, “Be pleased to go with your servants.” And he answered, “I will go.” So he went with them.

Lesson ii

And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” And as they still went on and talked, behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elijah said to him and he cried, “My father, my father! the chariots of Israel and its horsemen.” Then he said, “If you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so.” — My father. — Glory. — My father.
Lesson ii

And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees. But as one was felling a log, his axe head fell into the water; and he cried out, “Alas, my master! It was borrowed.” Then the man of God said, “Where did it fall?” When he showed him the place, he cut off a stick, and threw it in there, and made the iron float. And he said, “Take it up.” So he reached out his hand and took it.

Lesson iii

The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion, and freed me from the paw of the wild beast, he it is who will deliver me from the hands of my enemies. May God send his truth and his love. He delivered my soul from among lions. – He it is.

Lesson iii

Once when the king of Syria was warring against Israel, he took counsel with his servants, saying, “At such and such a place shall I be my camp.” But the man of God sent word to the king of Israel, “Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are going down there.” And the king of Israel sent to the place of which the man of God told him. Thus he used to warn him, so that he saved himself there more than once or twice.

Lesson ii

So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw; and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elì’sha. And when the Syrïans came down against him, Elì’sha prayed to the Lord, and said, “Strike this people, I pray thee, with blindness.” So he struck them with blindness in accordance with the prayer of Elì’sha. And Elì’sha said to them, “This is not the way, and this is not the city; follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek.”

Lesson i

When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was round about the city. And the servant said, “Alas, my master! What shall we do?” He said, “Fear not, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” Then Elì’sha prayed, and said, “O Lord, I pray you, open his eyes that he may see.”

Lesson iii

And he led them to Samâ’îa. As soon as they entered Samâ’îa, Elì’sha said, “O Lord, open the eyes of these men, that they may see.” So the Lord opened their eyes, and they saw; and lo, they were in the midst of Samâ’îa. When the king of Israel saw them he said to Elì’sha, “My father, shall I slay them? Shall I slay them?” He answered, “You shall not slay them. Would you slay those whom you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow?”

Friday

MATINS

From the fourth book of Kings

Lesson i

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arose, and did according to the word of the man of God; she went with her household and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.

Lesson ii

And at the end of the seven years, when the woman returned from the land of the Philistines, she went forth to appeal to the king for her house and her land. Now the king was talking with Gehazi, the servant of the man of God, saying, “Tell me all the great things that Eli’sha has done.” And while he was telling the king how Eli’sha had restored the dead to life, behold, the woman whose son he had restored to life appealed to the king for her house and her land. And Gehazi said, “My lord, O King, here is the woman, and here is her son whom Eli’sha restored to life.” And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed an official for her, saying, “Restore all that was hers, together with all the produce of the fields from the day that she left the land until now.”

Lesson i

If this Sunday occurs between the 1st and the 7th of August, the Magnificat antiphon and the lessons for Sunday and the week are taken from the 1st week in August, p. 362, the remainder of the books of Kings being omitted.

I VESPERS

May evening prayer rise up to you, Lord. And may your mercy come down to us.


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would certainly recover." But on the morrow he took the coverlet and dipped it in water and spread it over his face, till he died. And Haz'a'el became king in his stead.

47. ii. "I took you out of your father's house," says the Lord, "and appointed you to feed the flock of my people. I have been with you wherever you went, establishing your kingdom for ever. And I made for you a great name like the name of the great ones of the earth, and I gave you rest from all your enemies." — Establishing.

Lesson iii is taken from the homily on the gospel of this Sunday, p. 513.

47. iii. Honour, power, might and dominion be to the Trinity in One, to the One in Trinity * for endless ages. — Light unending to the Trinity, everlasting splendour to the One. — For endless ages. — For endless ages.

Monday
MATINS
From the fourth book of Kings
Lesson i  Chapter 18

Now when Eli'sha had fallen sick with the illness of which he was to die, Jo'ash king of Israel went down to him, and wept before him, crying, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And Eli'sha said to him, "Take a bow and arrows;" so he took a bow and arrows. Then he said to the king of Israel, "Draw the bow;" and he drew it. And Eli'sha laid his hands upon the king's hands. And he said, "Open the window eastward.

47. i. God listens to everyone. He sent his angel and took me from my father's sheep: * and anointed me with the oil of his mercy. — The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion and freed me from the paw of the wild beast. — Anointed.

Lesson ii

And he opened it. Then Eli'sha said, "Shoot!"; and he shot. And he said, "The Lord's arrow of victory, the arrow of victory over Syria! For you shall fight the Syrians in Aphek until you have made an end of them." And he said, "Take the arrows;" and he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, "Strike the ground with them;" and he struck three times, and stopped. Then the man of God was angry with him, and said, "You should have struck five or six times; then you would have struck down Syria until you had made an end of it, but now you will strike down Syria only three times."

47. ii. The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion, and freed me from the paw of the wild beast, * he it is who will deliver me from the hands of my enemies. — May God send his truth and his love. He delivered my soul from among lions. — He it is.

Lesson iii

So Eli'sha died, and they buried him. Now bands of Moabites used to invade the land in the spring of the year. And as a man was being buried, lo, a marauding band was seen and the man was cast into the grave of Eli'sha; and as soon as the man touched the bones of Eli'sha, he revived, and stood on his feet.

47. iii. "I took you out of your father's house," says the Lord, "and appointed you to feed the flock of my people, and I have been with you wherever you went, establishing your kingdom for ever. — And I made for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth; and I gave you rest from all your enemies." — Establishing. — Glory. — For ever.

Tuesday
MATINS
From the fourth book of Kings
Lesson i  Chapter 18

In the third year of Hoshea's son Elah, king of Israel, Heze'ki'ah the son of Ahaz, king of Judah, began to reign. He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zech'ar'iah. And he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, according to all that David his father had done. He removed the high places, and broke the pillars and cut down the Ash'rah.

47. i. Direct your heart to the Lord and serve him only, * and he will deliver you from the hands of your enemies. — Put away the foreign gods from among you. — And he will.

Lesson ii

And he broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the people of Israel had burned incense to it; it was called Ne'husht'an. He trusted in the Lord the God of Israel;
so that there was none like
him among all the kings of
Judah after him, nor among
those who were before him.
For he held fast to the
Lord; he did not depart
from following him, but
kept the commandments
which the Lord com-
manded Moses.

*L. ii. Saul has slain his
thousands and David his
ten thousands, for the hand
of the Lord was with him;
he struck the Philistines *and
took away the reproach
from Israel. *Is not this
David of whom they sang
in the dance, “Saul has
slain his thousands, and
David his ten thousands”?
- And took away.

Lesson iii

And the Lord was with
him; wherever he went
forth, he prospered. He
rebelled against the king of
Assyria, and would not
serve him. He smote the
Philistines as far as Gaza
and its territory, from
watchtower to fortified city.
In the fourth year of King
Hezeki'ah, which was the
seventh year of Hoshe'a
son of Elah, king of Israel,
Shalman'e-ser king of As-
syria came up against Sam-
ar'ia, and besieged it and
took it.

*L. iii. Mountains of
Gilbo'a, let there be no
dew or rain upon you, *where
fell the mighty ones

of Israel ! *Y. All you
mountains round about,
may the Lord visit you ;
but let him pass by Gilbo'a.
- Where fell. - Glory. -
The mighty ones of Israel.

Wednesday
MATINS

From the fourth book of
Kings

Lesson i Chapter 20

The rest of the deeds of
Hezeki'ah, and all his
might, and how he made
the pool and the conduit
and brought water into the
city, are they not written
in the Book of the Chron-
icles of the Kings of Judah?
And Hezeki'ah slept with
his father ; and Manas'seh
his son reigned in his
stead.

*L. i. Listen, Lord, to
the cry and to the prayer
which your servant makes
before you this day; that
your ears be attentive and
your eyes may be open *
toward this house day and
night. *Y. Look down,
Lord, from your holy habi-
tation, from heaven. -
Toward this house.

Lesson ii Chapter 21

Manas'seh was twelve
years old when he
began to reign, and he
reigned fifty-five years in
Jerusalem. His mother's
name was Heph'zibah. And
he did what was evil in the

sight of the Lord, accord-
ing to the abominable prac-
tices of the nations whom
the Lord drove out before
the people of Israel. For
he built the high places
which Hezeki'ah his father
had destroyed.

*L. ii. My sins out-
number the sands of the
seashore, so many have I
committed; and I am not
worthy to see the height of
heaven because of the enor-
mity of my offences, for I
have provoked your wrath *
and what is evil in your
sight I have done. *Y. My
offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone have
I sinned. - And what is
evil.

Lesson iii

And he erected altars for
Ba'al, and made an
Ashe'rah, as Ahab king of
Israel had done, and wor-
shipped all the host of
heaven, and served them.
And he built altars in the
house of the Lord, of which
the Lord had said, “In
Jerusalem will I put my
name." And he built
altars for all the host of
heaven in the two courts
of the house of the Lord.
And he burned his son as an
offering and practised
soothsaying and augury.

*L. iii. And it came to
pass that as the Lord was
taking Eli'jah up to heaven

by a whirlwind, Eli'sha
cried, * "My father, my
father, the chariots of Israel
and its horsemen. *Y. I
pray you let me inherit a
double share of your
spirit." Then he said, "If
you see me as I am being
taken from you, it shall be
so." - My father. - Glory. -
My father.

Thursday
MATINS

From the fourth book of
Kings

Lesson i Chapter 23

And the king (Josiah)
went up to the house
of the Lord, and with him
all the men of Judah and all
the inhabitants of Jeru-
salem, and the priests
and the prophets, all the
people, both small and great;
and he read in their hearing
all the words of the book
of the covenant which had
been found in the house
of the Lord. And the king
stood by the pillar and made
a covenant before the Lord,
to walk after the Lord and
to keep his commandments
and his testimonies and his
statutes, with all his heart
and all his soul, to perform
the words of this covenant
that were written in this
book; and all the people
joined in the covenant.

*L. i. God listens to
everyone. He sent his
angel, and took me from my father's sheep and anointed me with the oil of his mercy. The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion and Freed me from the paw of the wild beast. — And anointed.

Lesson ii

And the king commanded Hilkia'h, the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the threshold, to bring out of the temple of the Lord all the vessels made for Ba'âl, for Ashe'rah, and for all the host of heaven; he burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron, and carried their ashes to Bethel.

Lesson iii

The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion, and Freed me from the paw of the wild beast, he it is who will deliver me from the hands of my enemies. May God send his truth and his love. He delivered my soul from among lions. — He it is.

Lesson iii

And he deposed the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places at the cities of Judah and round about Jerusalem; those also who burned incense to Ba'âl, to the sun, and the moon, and the constellations, and all the host of heaven. And he brought out the Ashe'rah from the house of the Lord, outside Jerusalem, to the brook Kidron, and burned it to the brook Kidron, and beat it to dust and cast the dust of it upon the graves of the common people.

Lesson iii

Moreover, Josia'h turned, he saw the tombs there on the mount; he sent and took the bones out of the tombs, and burned them upon the altar, and defiled it, according to the word of the Lord which the man of God proclaimed, who had predicted these things.

Lesson iii

Moreover, Josia'h put away the mediums and the teraphim and the idols and all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might establish the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkia'h the priest found in the house of the Lord. Before him there was no king like him, who turned to the Lord with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might.

Lesson iii

Then he said, "What is yonder monument that I see?" And the men of the city told him, "It is the tomb of the man of God who came from Judah and predicted these things which you have done against the altar at Bethel." And he said, "Let him be; let no man move his bones." So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet who came out of Sa-mar'âa.

Lesson i

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I Sunday of August

Then a breach was made in the city; the king with all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, by the king's garden, though the Chalde'ans were around the city. And they went in the direction of the Arhab. But the army of the Chalde'ans pursued the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him. Then they captured the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah, who passed sentence upon him. They slew the sons of Zedeki'ah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedeki'ah, and bound him in fetters and took him to Babylon.

I VESPERS

Little Chapter 2 Cor. 1

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction.

V. Alone I have made the circuit of the vault of heaven, and have walked in the waves of the sea; in every people and nation I have got a possession; by my own power I trod on the neck of the proud and haughty. V. I dwell in high places and my throne is in a pillar of cloud. - By my own. - Glory. - By my own.

Hymn

Trinity of blessed light, O Unity of princely might,
As fiery sun now goes its way,
O spread within our hearts your ray.

To you our morning song of praise,
To you our evening prayer we raise;
O may our suppliant glory be
To sing your praise eternally.

To God the Father glory true,
The same, eternal Son, to you,
To Counsellor Spirit glory be
Both now and for eternity.

Amen.

V. May evening prayer rise up to you, Lord. V. And may your mercy come down to us.

MATINS

Here begin the Proverbs of Solomon

Lesson i

Chapter 1

The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel: That men may know wisdom and instruction, understand words of insight, receive instruction in wise dealing, righteousness, justice, and equity; that prudence may be given to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth—the wise man also may hear and increase in learning, and the man of understanding acquire skill, to understand a proverb and a figure, the words of the wise and their riddles.

I V. In the beginning, before God made the earth, before he established the depths, before he brought forth the springs of water, before the mountains were set in place, before all the hills, he, the Lord, begot me. V. When he established the heavens I was there beside him like a
master workman. — Before all the hills.

This series, In the beginning, is read until first Sunday of September.

Lesson ii

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. Hear, my son, your father’s instruction, and reject not your mother’s teaching; for they are a fair garland for your head, and pendants for your neck. My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. If they say, “Come with us; let us lie in wait for blood, let us wantonly ambush the innocent; like Sheol let us swallow them alive and whole, like those who go down to the Pit; we shall find all precious goods, we shall fill our houses with spoil; throw in your lot among us, we will all have one purse”—my son, do not walk in the way with them, hold back your foot from their paths; for their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed blood. For in vain is a net spread in the sight of any bird; but these men lie in wait for their own blood, they set an ambush for their own lives.

Ry. ii. Send forth wisdom, Lord, from the throne of your glory that she may be with me and toil, * that I may learn what is pleasing to you at all times. ¶ Give me, Lord, the wisdom that sits by your throne. — That I may learn.

Lesson iii is from the homily on the Gospel of the current Sunday after Pentecost.

Ry. iii. Remove far from me, Lord, falsehood and lying; * give me neither poverty nor riches, but feed me with the food that is needful for me. ¶ Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die. — Give me. — Glory. — But feed me.

Monday MATINS

From the Proverbs of Solomon

Lesson i Chapter 6

There are six things which the Lord hates, seven which are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and a man who sows discord among brothers. My son, keep your father’s commandment, and forsake not your mother’s teaching.

Ry. i. In the beginning, before God made the earth, before he established the depths, before he brought forth the springs of water,

before the mountains were set in place, * before all the hills, he, the Lord, begot me. ¶ When he established the heavens I was there beside him like a master workman. — Before all the hills.

Lesson ii

Bind them upon your heart always; tie them about your neck. When you walk, they will lead you; when you lie down, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk with you. For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life, to preserve you from the evil woman, from the smooth tongue of the adventuress. Do not desire her beauty in your heart, and do not let her capture you with her eyes.

Ry. ii. Alone I have made the circuit of the vault of heaven, and have walked in the waves of the sea; in every people and nation I have got a possession; * by my own power I trod on the neck of the proud and haughty. ¶ I dwell in high places and my throne is in a pillar of cloud. — By my own.

Lesson iii

Do not men despise a thief if he steals to satisfy his appetite when he is hungry? And if he is caught, he will pay sevenfold; he will give all the goods of his house. He who commits adultery has no sense; he who does it destroys himself. Wounds and dishonour will he get, and his disgrace will not be wiped away.

Ry. iii. Send forth wisdom, Lord, from the throne of your glory that she may be with me and toil, * that I may learn what is pleasing to you at all times. ¶ Give me, Lord, the wisdom that sits by your throne. — That I may learn. — Glory. — At all times.

Tuesday MATINS

From the Proverbs of Solomon

Lesson i Chapter 9

Wisdom has built her house, she has set up her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her beasts, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her maidens to call from the highest places in the town. ¶ Whoever is simple, let him turn in here! To him who is without sense she says, “Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.”

Ry. i. Give me, Lord,
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the wisdom that sits by your throne, and do not reject me from among your servants. * For I am your servant and the son of your maidservant. ¶ Send her from the throne of your glory that she may be with me and toil. - For I.

Lesson ii

Leave simplicity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.” He who corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser.

¶. ii. Lord, Father and God of my life, abandon me not to evil designs, do not give me haughty eyes, and remove from me evil desire; take away lust from me, * and do not surrender me to a shameless soul. ¶. Do not abandon me, Lord, lest my mistakes should be multiplied and my sins abound. - And do not surrender.

Lesson iii

Teach a righteous man and he will increase in learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight. For by me your days will be multiplied, and years will be added to your life. If you are wise, you are wise for yourself; if you scoff, you alone will bear it. ¶. i. I loved wisdom more than health or beauty, and I chose to have her rather than light; * all good things came to me along with her. ¶. I said to wisdom, “You are my sister”; I called insight my intimate friend. - All good. - Glory. - All good.

Wednesday
MATINS
From the Proverbs of Solomon

Lesson i  Chapter 16

The plans of the mind belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirit. Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. The Lord has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble. Everyone who is arrogant is an abomination to the Lord; be assured, he will not go unpunished.

¶. i. To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who do so prove themselves wise. * His praise shall last for ever. ¶. Love of wisdom is the keeping of her laws, for all wisdom is the fear of the Lord. - His praise.

Lesson ii

The beginning of a good life is to act righteously; it is more acceptable to God than the offering of sacrifices. By loyalty and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the Lord a man avoids evil. When a man’s ways please the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues with injustice.

¶. ii. Great are your judgments, Lord, and hard to describe. * You have exalted and glorified your people. ¶. You guided your people like a flock, by the hand of Moses and Aaron. - You have exalted.

Lesson iii

A man’s mind plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps. Inspired decisions are on the lips of a king; his mouth does not sin in judgment. A just balance and scales are the Lord’s; all the weights in the bag are his work. It is an abomination to kings to do evil, for the throne is established by righteousness.

¶. i. In the beginning, before God made the earth, before he established the depths, before he brought forth the springs of water, before the mountains were set in place, * before all the hills, he, the Lord, begot

Thursday
MATINS
From the Proverbs of Solomon

Lesson i  Chapter 18

He who is estranged seeks pretext to break out against all sound judgment. A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion. When wickedness comes, contempt comes also; and with dishonour comes disgrace. The words of a man’s mouth are deep waters; the fountain of wisdom is a gushing stream.

¶. i. In the beginning, before God made the earth, before he established the depths, before he brought forth the springs of water, before the mountains were set in place, * before all the hills, he, the Lord, begot
Within First Week of August

Lesson ii

It is not good to be partial to a wicked man, or to deprive a righteous man of justice. A fool's lips bring strife and his mouth invites a flogging. A fool's mouth is his ruin, and his lips are a snare to himself. The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels; they go down into the inner parts of the body. Fear casts down the slothful, and the effeminate shall go hungry.

Lesson iii

He who is slack in his work is a brother to him who destroys. The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe. A rich man's wealth is his strong city, and like a high wall protecting him. Before destruction a man's heart is haughty, but humility goes before honour. If one gives answer before he hears, it is his folly and shame.

Lesson iv

Send forth wisdom, Lord, from the throne of your glory that she may be with me and toil, that I may learn what is pleasing to you at all times. Give me, Lord, the wisdom that sits by your throne. That I may learn. - Glory. - At all times.

Friday

MATINS

From the Proverbs of Solomon

Lesson i  Chapter 22

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all. A prudent man sees danger and hides himself; but the simple go on, and suffer for it. The reward for humility and fear of the Lord is riches and honour and life.

Lesson ii

Give me, Lord, the wisdom that sits by your throne, and do not reject me from among your servants, for I am your servant and the son of your maidservant. Send her from the throne of your glory that she may be with me and toil. - For I.

Lesson iii

Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse; he who guards himself will keep far from them. Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender. He who sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of his fury will fail.

Lesson iv

Lord, Father and God of my life, abandon me not to evil designs, do not give me haughty eyes, and remove from me evil desire; take away lust from me, and do not surrender me to a shameless soul. Do not abandon me, Lord, lest my mistakes should be multiplied and my sins abound. - And do not surrender.

Lesson iii

He who has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor. Drive out a scoffer, and strife will go out, and quarrelling and abuse will cease. He who loves purity of heart, and whose speech is gracious, will have the king as his friend.

Lesson iv

I loved wisdom more than health or beauty, and I chose to have her rather than light; all good things came to me along with her. I said to wisdom, "You are my sister"; I called insight my intimate friend. - All good. - Glory. - All good.

Saturday

MATINS

From the Proverbs of Solomon

Lesson i

Hear, my son, and be wise, and direct your mind in the way. Be not among winebibbers, or among gluttonous eaters of meat; for the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, and drowsiness will clothe a man with rags. Hearken to your father who begot you, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

Lesson i

To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who do so prove themselves wise. His praise shall last for ever. Love of wisdom is the keeping of her laws, for all wisdom is the fear of the Lord. - His praise.

The second responsory to be said on vigils:
Lesson ii

Buy truth, and do not sell it; buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding. The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who begets a wise son will be glad in him. Let your father and mother be glad, let her who bore you rejoice. My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes observe my ways. For a harlot is a deep pit; an adventuress is a narrow well. She lies in wait like a robber and increases the faithless among men. Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has strife? Who has complaining? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? Those who tarry long over wine, those who go to try mixed wine, Do not look at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup and goes down smoothly. At the last it bites like a serpent, and stings like an adder.

Lesson i

Chapter 1

The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. Vainy of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun? A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains for ever. The sun rises and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises. The wind blows to the south, and goes round to the north; round and round goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns.

Lesson ii

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All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full; to the place where the streams flow, there they flow again. All things are full of weariness; a man cannot utter it; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; and there is nothing new under the sun. Is there a thing of which it is said, “See, this is new”? It has been already, in the ages before us. There is no remembrance of former things, nor will there be any remembrance of later things yet to happen among those who come after. I the Preacher have been looking over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to the sons of men to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun; and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

Lesson iii is from the homily on the Gospel of the current Sunday after Pentecost.

Lesson i

Chapter 3

I have seen the business that God has given to the sons of men to be busy with. He has made every-
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like a shadow? For who can tell man what will be after him under the sun? A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death, than the day of birth.

Ry. i. To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who do so prove themselves wise. * His praise shall last for ever. ¥. Love of wisdom is the keeping of her laws, for all wisdom is the fear of the Lord. – His praise.

Lesson ii.

It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting; for this is the end of all men, and the living will lay it to heart. Sorrow is better than laughter, for by sadness of countenance the heart is made glad. The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

Ry. ii. Great are your judgments, Lord, and hard to describe. * You have exalted and glorified your people. ¥. You guided your people like a flock, by the hand of Moses and Aaron. – You have exalted.

Lesson iii.

It is better for a man to hear the rebuke of the wise than to hear the song of fools. For as the cracking

Before he established the depths, before he brought forth the springs of water, before the mountains were set in place, * before all the hills, he, the Lord, begot me. ¥. When he established the heavens I was there beside him like a master workman. – Before all the hills.

Lesson ii.

As is the good man, so is the sinner; and he who swears is as he who shuns an oath. This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that one fate comes to all; also the hearts of men are full of evil, and madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead. But he who is joined with all the living has hope.

Ry. ii. Alone I have made the circuit of the vault of heaven, and have walked in the waves of the sea; in every people and nation I have got a possession; * by my own power I trod on the neck of the proud and haughty. ¥. I dwell in high places and my throne is in a pillar of cloud. – By my own.

Lesson iii.

A living dog is better than a dead lion. For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward; but the memory of them is lost. Their love and their hate and their envy have already perished, and they have no more for ever any share in all that is done under the sun.

Ry. iii. Send forth wisdom, Lord, from the throne of your glory that she may be with me and toil, * that I may learn what is pleasing to you at all times. ¥. Give me, Lord, the wisdom that sits by your throne. – That I may learn. – Glory. – At all times.

Friday MATINS
From the book of Ecclesiastes

Lesson i Chapter 9

There are righteous men and wise men, and their deeds are in the hand of God; whether it is love or hate man does not know. Everything before them is vanity since one fate comes to all, to the righteous and the wicked, to the good and the evil, to the clean and the unclean, to him who sacrifices and him who does not sacrifice.

Ry. i. In the beginning, before God made the earth,

Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child, and your princes feast in the morning! Happy are you, O land, when your king is the son of free men, and your princes feast at the proper time, for strength, and not for drunkenness! Through sloth the roof sinks in and through indolence the house leaks. Bread is made for laughter, and wine gladdens life, and money answers everything.
Lesson ii

E
ven in your thought, do not curse the king, nor in your chamber curse the rich; for a bird of the air will carry your voice, or some winged creature tell the matter. Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days. Give a portion to seven, or even to eight, for you know not what evil may happen on earth.

R. Lord, Father and God of my life, abandon me not to evil designs, do not give me haughty eyes, and remove from me evil desire; take away lust from me, and do not surrender me to a shameless soul. 

R. Do not abandon me, Lord, lest my mistakes should be multiplied and my sins abound. And do not surrender.

Lesson iii

If the clouds are full of rain, they empty themselves on the earth; and if a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie. He who observes the wind will not sow; and he who regards the clouds will not reap. As you do not know how the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything.

R. I loved wisdom more than health or beauty, and I chose to have her rather than light; all good things came to me along with her. 

R. I said to wisdom, "You are my sister"; I called insight my intimate friend. 

The second responsory to be said on vigils:

R. Great are your judgments, Lord, and hard to describe. You have exalted and glorified your people. 

R. You guided your people like a flock, by the hand of Moses and Aaron. You have exalted.

Lesson ii

And the doors on the street are shut; when the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the voice of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low; they are afraid also of what is high, and terrors are in the way; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drops itself along and desire fails; because man goes to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets; before the silver cord is snapped, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, all is vanity. Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging proverbs with great care.

R. Remove far from me, Lord, falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches, but feed me with the food that is needful for me. 

R. Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die. Give me neither.

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III Sunday of August

I VESPERS

V. May evening prayer rise up to you, Lord. 

R. And may your mercy come down to us.

Magnif. ant. Wisdom cries aloud in the streets: "If anyone loves wisdom let him come to me and he will find it. And when he has found it he will be blessed if he holds it fast."
Here begins the book of Wisdom

Lesson i  Chapter 1

Love righteousness, you rulers of the earth, think of the Lord with uprightness, and seek him with sincerity of heart; because he is found by those who do not put him to the test, and manifests himself to those who do not distrust him. For perverse thoughts separate men from God, and when his power is tested, it convicts the foolish; because wisdom will not enter a deceitful soul, nor dwell in a body enslaved to sin.

N. i. In the beginning, before God made the earth, before he established the depths, before he brought forth the springs of water, before the mountains were set in place, before all the hills, he, the Lord, begot me. V. When he established the heavens I was there beside him like a master workman. — Before all the hills.

Lesson ii

For a holy and disciplined spirit will flee from deceit, and will rise and depart from foolish thoughts, and will be ashamed at the approach of unrighteousness. For wisdom is a kindly spirit and will not free a blasphemer from the guilt of his words; because God is witness of his inmost feelings, and a true observer of his heart, and a hearer of his tongue. Because the Spirit of the Lord has filled the world, and that which holds all things together knows what is said; therefore no one who utters unrighteous things will escape notice, and justice, when it punishes, will not pass him by. For inquiry will be made into the counsels of an ungodly man, and a report of his words will come to the Lord, to convict him of his lawless deeds; because a jealous ear hears all things, and the sound of murmurings does not go unheard. Beware then of useless murmurings, and keep your tongue from slander.

N. ii. Send forth wisdom, Lord, from the throne of your glory that she may be with me and toil, that I may learn what is pleasing to you at all times. V. Give me, Lord, the wisdom that sits by your throne. — That I may learn.

The third lesson is from the homily on the Gospel of the current Sunday after Pentecost:

R. iii. Honour, power, might and dominion be to the Trinity in One, to the One in Trinity for endless ages. ¥. Light unending to the Trinity, everlasting splendour to the One. — For endless ages. — Glory. — For endless ages.

Monday

MATINS

From the book of Wisdom

Lesson i  Chapter 2

For the wicked reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, “Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a man comes to his end, and no one has been known to return from Hades. Because we were born by mere chance, and hereafter we shall be as though we had never been; because the breath in our nostrils is smoke, and reason is a spark kindled by the beating of our hearts. When it is extinguished, the body will turn to ashes, and the spirit will dissolve like empty air.

R. i. In the beginning, before God made the earth, before he established the depths, before he brought forth the springs of water, before the mountains were set in place, before all the hills, he, the Lord, begot me. V. When he established the heavens I was there beside him like a master workman. — Before all the hills.

Lesson iii

Come, therefore, let us enjoy the good things that exist, and make use of the creation to the full as in youth. Let us take our fill of costly wine and perfumes, and let no flower of spring pass by us. Let us crown ourselves with rosebuds before they wither. Let none of us fail to share in our revelry, everywhere let us leave signs of enjoyment, because this is our portion, and this our lot.
Within Third Week of August

Lesson ii

For what man can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail, for a perishable body weighs down the soul, and this earthly tent burdens the thoughtful mind.

R. ii. Lord, Father and God of my life, abandon me not to evil designs, do not give me haughty eyes, and remove from me evil desire; take away lust from me, and do not surrender me to a shameless soul. V. Do not abandon me, Lord, lest my mistakes should be multiplied and my sins abound. And do not surrender.

Lesson iii

We can hardly guess at what is on earth, and what is at hand we find with labour; but who has traced out what is in the heavens? Who has learned your counsel, unless you have given wisdom and sent your holy Spirit from on high? And thus the paths of those on earth were set right, and men were taught what pleases you.

R. iii. I loved wisdom more than health or beauty, and I chose to have her rather than light; all good things came to me along with her. V. I said to wisdom, “You are my sister”; I called insight my intimate friend. All good. Glory. All good.

Wednesday

MATINS

From the book of Wisdom

Lesson i Chapters 9 & 10

It was wisdom that saved all those who pleased you, Lord, from the beginning of time. Wisdom protected the first-formed father of the world, when he alone had been created; she delivered him from his transgression, and gave him strength to rule all things, but when an unrighteous man departed from her in his anger, he perished because in rage he slew his brother. When the earth was flooded because of him, wisdom again saved it, steering the righteous man by a paltry piece of wood.

R. i. To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who do so prove themselves wise. V. His praise shall last for ever. V. Love of wisdom is the keeping of her laws, for all wisdom is the fear of the Lord. His praise.

Lesson ii

Wisdom also, when the nations in wicked agreement had been confounded, recognised the righteous man and preserved him blameless before God, and kept him strong in the face of his compassion for his child. Wisdom rescued a righteous man when the ungodly were perishing; he escaped the fire that descended on the Five Cities. Evidence of their wickedness still remains: a continually smoking wasteland, plants bearing fruit that does not ripen, and a pillar of salt standing as a monument to an unbelieving soul.

R. ii. Great are your judgments, Lord, and hard to describe. V. You have exalted and glorified your people. V. You guided your people like a flock, by the hand of Moses and Aaron. You have exalted.
me, Lord, falsehood and lying; * give me neither poverty nor riches, but feed me with the food that is needful for me. " Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die. - Give me neither. - Glory. - But feed me.

Thursday
MATINS
From the book of Wisdom

Lesson i  Chapter 10
A holy people and blameless race wisdom delivered from a nation of oppressors. She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord, and withstood dread kings with wonders and signs. She gave to holy men the reward of their labours; she guided them along a marvellous way, and became a shelter to them by day, and a starry flame through the night.

R. i. In the beginning, before God made the earth, before he established the depths, before he brought forth the springs of water, before the mountains were set in place, * before all the hills, he, the Lord, begot me. " When he established the heavens I was there beside him like a master workman. - Before all the hills.

Lesson ii
She brought them over the Red Sea, and led them through deep waters; but she drowned their enemies, and cast them up from the depth of the sea. Therefore the righteous plundered the ungodly; they sang hymns, O Lord, to your holy name, and praised with one accord your defending hand—

R. ii. Alone I have made the circuit of the vault of heaven, and have walked in the waves of the sea; in every people and nation I have got a possession; * by my own power I trod on the neck of the proud and haughty. I dwell in high places and my throne is in a pillar of cloud. - By my own.

Lesson iii  Chapters 10, 11
Because wisdom opened the mouth of the dumb, and made the tongues of babes speak clearly. Wisdom prospered their works by the hand of a holy prophet. They journeyed through an uninhabited wilderness, and pitched their tents in untrodden places. They withstood their enemies and fought off their foes. When they thirsted they called upon you, and water was given them out of flinty rock, and slaking of thirst from hard stone.

R. iii. Send forth wisdom, Lord, from the throne of your glory that she may be with me and toil, * that I may learn what is pleasing to you at all times. Give me, Lord, the wisdom that sits by your throne. - That I may learn. - Glory. - At all times.

Friday
MATINS
From the book of Wisdom

Lesson i  Chapter 11
You have arranged all things by measure and number and weight. For it is always in your power to show great strength, and who can withstand the might of your arm? Because the whole world before you is like a speck that tips the scales, and like a drop of morning dew that falls upon the ground. But you are merciful to all, for you can do all things, and you overlook men's sins, that they may repent.

R. i. Give me, Lord, the wisdom that sits by your throne, and do not reject me from among your servants, * for I am your servant and the son of your maidservant. Send her from the throne of your glory that she may be with me and toil. - For I.

Lesson iii  Chapter 12
For your immortal spirit is in all things. Therefore you correct little by little those who trespass, and remind and warn them of the things wherein they sin, that they may be freed from wickedness and put
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their trust in you, O Lord. You are righteous and rule all things righteously, deeming it alien to your power to condemn him who does not deserve to be punished.

iv, iii. I loved wisdom more than health or beauty, and I chose to have her rather than light; all good things came to me along with her. ἄν. I said to wisdom, “You are my sister”; I called insight my intimate friend. — All good. — Glory. — All good.

Saturday
MATINS
From the book of Wisdom

Lesson i Chapter 16

F or you have power over life and death; you lead men down to the gates of Hades and back again. A man in his wickedness kills another, but he cannot bring back the departed spirit, nor set free the imprisoned soul. To escape from your hand is impossible; for the ungodly, refusing to know you, were scourged by the strength of your arm. pursued by unusual rains and hail and relentless storms, and utterly consumed by fire.

Rv, ii. Remove far from me, Lord, falsehood and lying; * give me neither poverty nor riches, but feed me with the food that is needful for me. ἄν. Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die. — Give me neither.

Lesson ii

For—most incredible of all—in the water, which quenches all things, the fire had still greater effect, for the universe defends the righteous. At one time the flame was restrained, so that it might not consume the creatures sent against the ungodly, but that seeing this they might know that they were being pursued by the judgment of God; and at another time even in the midst of water it burned more intensely than fire, to destroy the crops of the unrighteous land. Instead of these things you gave your people the food of angels, and without their toil you supplied them from heaven with bread ready to eat, providing every pleasure and suited to every taste.

Lesson i Chapter 1

All wisdom comes from the Lord and is with him for ever. The sand of the sea, the drops of rain, and the days of eternity—who can count them? The height of heaven, the breadth of the earth, the abyss, and wisdom—who cansearch them out? Wisdom was created before all things, and prudent understanding from eternity. The root of wisdom—to whom has it been revealed? Her clever devices—who knows them? The source of wisdom is God’s word in the highest heaven, and her ways are the eternal commandments.

IV SUNDAY
OF AUGUST
II class

I VESPERS

V. May evening prayer rise up to you, Lord. ἄν. And may your mercy come down to us.

Magnif. ant. The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old; when there were no depths I was brought forth; when he established the heavens I was there beside him, like a master workman.

MATINS
Here begins the book of Ecclesiastics

Lesson i

The root of wisdom—to whom has it been revealed? Her clever devices—who knows them? The knowledge of wisdom—to whom was it manifested? And her abundant experience—who has understood it? There is One who is wise, greatly to be feared, sitting upon his throne. The Lord himself created wisdom; he saw her and apportioned her, he poured her out upon all his works. She dwells with all flesh according to his gift, and he supplied her to those who love him. The fear of the Lord is glory and exultation, and gladness and a crown of rejoicing. The fear of the Lord delights the heart, and gives gladness and joy and long life. With him who fears the Lord it will go well at the end; on the day of his death he will be blessed.
The love of God is worthy wisdom.

I. ii. Send forth wisdom, Lord, from the throne of your glory that she may be with me and toil, * that I may learn what is pleasing to you at all times. 

IV. i. In the beginning, before God made the earth, he established the depths, before he brought forth the springs of water, before the mountains were set in place, * before all the hills, he, the Lord, begot me. 

V. When he established the heavens I was there beside him like a master workman. — Before all the hills.

Lesson ii

A patient man will endure until the right moment, and then joy will burst forth for him. He will hide his words until the right moment, and the lips of many will tell of his good sense. In the treasuries of wisdom are wise sayings, but godliness is an abomination to a sinner. If you desire wisdom, keep the commandments, and the Lord will supply it for you.

IV. ii. Alone I have made the circuit of the vault of heaven, and have walked in the waves of the sea; in every people and nation I have got a possession; * by my own power I trod on the neck of the proud and haughty. 

V. I dwell in high places and my throne is in a pillar of cloud. — By my own.

Lesson iii

For the fear of the Lord is wisdom and instruction, and he delights in fidelity and meekness. Do not disobey the fear of the Lord; do not approach him with a divided mind. Be not a hypocrite in men's sight, and keep watch over your lips. Do not exalt yourself lest you fall, and thus bring dishonour upon yourself.

IV. iii. Send forth wisdom, Lord, from the throne of your glory that she may be with me and toil, * that I may learn what is pleasing to you at all times. 

V. Give me, Lord, the wisdom that sits by your throne. — That I may learn. — Glory. — At all times.

Tuesday

MATINS

From the book of Ecclesiastics

Lesson i

Chapter 2

You who fear the Lord, wait for his mercy; and turn not aside, lest you fall. You who fear the Lord, trust in him, and your reward will not fail; you who fear the Lord, hope for good things, for everlasting joy and mercy. You who fear the Lord, love him and your hearts will be enlightened.

Lesson ii

Consider the ancient generations and see: who ever trusted in the Lord and was put to shame? Or who ever persevered in the fear of the Lord and was forsaken? Or who ever called upon him and was overlooked? For the Lord is compassionate and merciful; he forgives sins and saves in time of affliction. He protects all who seek him sincerely.

IV. ii. Lord, Father and God of my life, abandon me not to evil designs, do not give me haughty eyes, and remove from me evil desire; take away lust from me, * and do not surrender me to a shameless soul. 

V. Do not abandon me, Lord, lest my mistakes should be multiplied and my sins abound. — And do not surrender.

Lesson iii

Woe to timid hearts and to slack hands, and to the sinner who walks along
two ways! Woe to the faint heart, for it has no trust! Therefore it will not be sheltered. Woe to you who have lost your endurance! You who have left the right road for the wrong.

IV. i. I loved wisdom more than health or beauty, and I chose to have her rather than light; * all good things came to me along with her. V. I said to wisdom, “You are my sister”; I called insight my intimate friend. — All good. — Glory. — All good.

### Wednesday

**MATINS**

From the book of Ecclesiasticus

**Lesson i**  Chapter 3

The children of wisdom form the assembly of the righteous. Listen to me, your father, O children; and act accordingly, that you may be kept in safety. For the Lord honoured the father above the children, and he confirmed the right of the mother over her sons. He who loves God atones for his sins, and keeps himself from them, and when he prays he will be heard.

**Lesson ii**  Chapter 3

Honour your father by word and deed, that a blessing from him may come upon you. For a father’s blessing strengthens the houses of the children, but a mother’s curse uproots their foundations. Do not glorify yourself by dishonouring your father, for your father’s dishonour is not glory to you.

**Thursday**

**MATINS**

From the book of Ecclesiasticus

**Lesson i**  Chapter 4

My son, deprive not the poor of his living, and do not keep needy eyes waiting. Do not grieve the one who is hungry, nor anger a man in want. Do not add to the troubles of an angry mind, nor delay your gift to a beggar. Do not reject an afflicted suppliant, nor turn your face away from the poor.

**Lesson ii**  Chapter 4

The mind of an intelligent man will ponder a parable, and an attentive ear is the wise man’s desire. The wise and understanding man will keep himself from sin, and in the works of righteousness he will have success. Water extinguishes a blazing fire; so almsgiving atones for sin. Whoever requites favours gives thought to the future; at the moment of his falling he will find support.

**Lesson iii**  Chapter 4

R. iii. Remove far from me, Lord, falsehood and lying; * give me neither poverty nor riches, but feed me with the food that is needful for me. V. Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die. — Give me neither. — Glory. — But feed me.

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of your glory that she may be with me and toil, * that I may learn what is pleasing to you at all times. V. Give me, Lord, the wisdom that sits by your throne. – That I may learn. – Glory. – All times.

Friday
MATINS
From the book of Ecclesiasticus

Lesson i  Chapter 4
Wisdom exalts her sons and gives help to those who seek her. Whoever loves her lives life, and those who seek her early will be filled with joy. Whoever holds her fast will obtain glory, and the Lord will bless the place she enters. Those who serve her will minister to the Holy One; the Lord loves those who love her.

V. Give me, Lord, the wisdom that sits by your throne, and do not reject me from among your servants, * for I am your servant and the son of your maidservant. V. Send her from the throne of your glory that she may be with me and toil. – For I.

Lesson ii
He who obeys her will judge the nations, and whoever gives heed to her will dwell secure. If he has faith in her he will obtain her; and his descendants will remain in possession of her. For at first she will walk with him on tortuous paths, she will bring fear and cowardice upon him, and will torment him by her discipline until she trusts him, and she will test him with her ordinances.

V. Lord, Father and God of my life, abandon me not to evil designs, do not give me haughty eyes, and remove from me evil desire; take away lust from me, * and do not surrender me to a shameless soul. V. Do not abandon me, Lord, lest my mistakes should be multiplied and my sins abound. – And do not surrender.

Lesson iii
Then she will come straight back to him and gladden him, and will reveal her secrets to him. She will make him rich with store of true knowledge, and will enable him to discern the right. If he goes astray she will forsake him, and hand him over to his ruin.

V. I loved wisdom more than health or beauty, and I chose to have her rather than light; * all good things came to me along with her. V. I said to wisdom, “You are my sister”; I called insight my intimate friend. – All good. – Glory. – All good.

Saturday
MATINS
From the book of Ecclesiasticus

Lesson i  Chapter 4
My son, observe the right time, and beware of evil; and do not bring shame on yourself. For there is a shame which brings sin, and there is a shame which is glory and favour. Do not show partiality, to your own harm, or deference, to your downfall. Do not refrain from speaking at the crucial time, and do not hide your wisdom.

V. Remove far from me, Lord, falsehood and lying; * give me neither poverty nor riches, but feed me with the food that is needful for me. V. Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die. – Give me neither.

V SUNDAY OF AUGUST
II class
If there is not room for this Sunday in the month of August it is omitted, along with the accompanying weekdays.

I VESPERS
V. May evening prayer rise up to you, Lord. V.
And may your mercy come down to us.

Magnif. ant. I dwell in high places and my throne is in a pillar of cloud.

MATINS
From the book of Ecclesiasticus

Lesson i  Chapter 5
Do not set your heart on your wealth, nor say "I have enough." Do not follow your inclination and strength, walking according to the desires of your heart. Do not say, "Who will have power over me?" for the Lord will surely punish you. Do not say, "I sinned, and what happened to me?" for the Lord is slow to anger. Do not be so confident of atonement that you add sin to sin.

R.  In the beginning, before God made the earth, before he established the depths, before he brought forth the springs of water, before the mountains were set in place, * before all the hills, he, the Lord, begot me. V. When he established the heavens I was there beside him like a master workman. – Before all the hills.

Lesson ii
Do not say, "His mercy is great, he will forgive the multitude of my sins,"

for both mercy and wrath are with him, and his anger rests on sinners. Do not delay to turn to the Lord, nor postpone it from day to day; for suddenly the wrath of the Lord will go forth, and at the time of punishment you will perish. Do not depend on dishonest wealth, for it will not benefit you in the day of calamity. Do not winnow with every wind, nor follow every path: the double-tongued sinner does that. Be steadfast in your understanding, and let your speech be consistent. Be quick to hear, and be deliberate in answering. If you have understanding, answer your neighbour; but if not, put your hand on your mouth. Glory and dishonour come from speaking, and a man's tongue is his downfall. Do not be called a slanderer, and do not lie in ambush with your tongue.

R.  Send forth wisdom, Lord, from the throne of your glory that she may be with me and toil, * that I may learn what is pleasing to you at all times. V. Give me, Lord, the wisdom that sits by your throne. – That I may learn.

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nor do the like to a friend. Refuse to utter any lie, for the habit of lying serves no good. Do not prattle in the assembly of the elders, nor repeat yourself in your prayer.

R. i. Send forth wisdom, Lord, from the throne of your glory that she may be with me and toil, * that I may learn what is pleasing to you at all times. V. Give me, Lord, the wisdom that sits by your throne. — That I may learn. — Glory. — At all times.

Tuesday
MATINS
From the book of Ecclesiasticus

Lesson i  Chapter 10
A wise magistrate will educate his people, and the rule of an understanding man will be well ordered. Like the magistrate of the people, so are his officials; and like the ruler of the city, so are all its inhabitants. An undisciplined king will ruin his people, but a city will grow through the understanding of its rulers. The government of the earth is in the hands of the Lord, and over it he will raise up the right man for the time. The success of a man is in the hands of the Lord, and he confers his honour upon the person of the scribe.

R. ii. Lord, Father and God of my life, abandon me not to evil designs, do not give me haughty eyes, and remove from me evil desire; take away lust from me, * and do not surrender me to a shameless soul. V. Do not abandon me, Lord, lest my mistakes should be multiplied and my sins abound. — And do not surrender.

Lesson ii
Do not be angry with your neighbour for any injury, and do not attempt anything by acts of insolence. Arrogance is hateful before the Lord and before men, and injustice is outrageous to both. Sovereignty passes from nation to nation on account of injustice and insolence and wealth. How can he who is dust and ashes be proud? For even in life his bowels decay.

R. iii. I loved wisdom more than health or beauty, and I chose to have her rather than light; * all good things came to me along with her. V. I said to wisdom, “You are my sister”; I called insight my intimate friend. — All good. — Glory. — All good.

Wednesday
MATINS
From the book of Ecclesiasticus

Lesson i  Chapter 13
Whoever touches pitch will be defiled, and whoever associates with a proud man will become like him. Do not lift a weight beyond your strength, nor associate with a man mightier and richer than you. How can the clay pot associate with the iron kettle? The pot will strike against it, and will itself be broken. A rich man does wrong, and he even adds reproaches; a poor man suffers wrong, and he must add apologies. A rich man will exploit you if you can be of use to him, but if you are in need he will forsake you. If you own something, he will live with you; he will drain your resources and he will not care.

R. i. To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who do so prove themselves wise. * His praise shall last for ever. V. Love of wisdom is the keeping of her laws, for all wisdom is the fear of the Lord. — His praise.

Lesson ii
Take care not to be led astray, and not to be humiliated in your feasting. When a powerful man invites you, be reserved; and he will invite you the more often. Do not push forward, lest you be repulsed; and do not remain at a distance, lest you be forgotten. Do not try to treat him as an equal, nor trust his abundance of words; for he will test you through much talk, and while he
Lesson i  Chapter 14

Blessed is the man who does not blunder with his lips and need not suffer grief for sin. Blessed is he whose heart does not condemn him, and who has not given up his hope. Riches are not seemly for a stingy man; and of what use is property to an envious man? Whoever accumulates by depriving himself, accumulates for others; and others will live in luxury on his goods. If a man is mean to himself, to whom will he be generous? He will not enjoy his own riches.

Ry. i. In the beginning, before God made the earth, before he established the depths, before he brought forth the springs of water, before the mountains were set in place, before all the hills, he, the Lord, begot me. ¥. Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die. – Give me neither. – Glory. – But feed me.

Lesson ii

No one is meaner than the man who is grudging to himself; and this is the retribution for his baseness; even if he does good, he does it unintentionally, and betrays his baseness in the end. Evil is the man with a grudging eye; he averts his face and disregards people. A greedy man's eye is not satisfied with a portion, and mean injustice withers the soul. A stingy man's eye begrudges bread, and it is lacking at his table.

Ry. ii. Alone I have made the circuit of the vault of heaven, and have walked in the waves of the sea; in every people and nation I have got a possession; ¥ by my own power I trod on the neck of the proud and haughty. ¥. I dwell in high places and my throne is in a pillar of cloud. – By my own.

Lesson iii

My son, treat yourself well, according to your means, and present worthy offerings to the Lord. Remember that death will not delay, and the decree of Hades has not been shown to you. Do good to a friend before you die, and reach out and give to him as much as you can. Do not deprive yourself of a happy day; let not your share of desired good pass by you. Will you not leave the fruit of your labours to another, and what you acquired by toil to be divided by lot? Give, and take, and beguile yourself, because in Hades one cannot look for luxury.

Ry. iii. Send forth wisdom, Lord, from the throne of your glory that she may be with me and toil, ¥ that I may learn what is pleasing to you at all times. ¥. Give me, Lord, the wisdom that sits by your throne. – That I may learn. – Glory. – At all times.
Lesson ii

The prayer of a poor man goes from his lips to the ears of God, and his judgment comes speedily. Whoever hates reproof walks in the steps of the sinner, but he that fears the Lord will repent in his heart. He who is mighty in speech is known from afar; but the sensible man, when he slips, is aware of it. A man who builds his house with other people's money is like one who gathers stones for his burial mound. An assembly of the wicked is like tow gathered together, and their end is a flame of fire.

Ry. ii. Lord, Father and God of my life, abandon me not to evil designs, do not give me haughty eyes, and remove from me evil desire; take away lust from me, * and do not surrender me to a shameless soul. * Do not abandon me, Lord, lest my mistakes should be multiplied and my sins abound. * And do not surrender.

Lesson i

Chapter 32

If they make you master of the feast, do not exalt yourself; be among them as one of them; take good care of them and then be seated; when you have fulfilled your duties, take your place, that you may be merry on their account and receive a wreath for your excellent leadership. Speak, you who are older, for it is fitting that you should, but with accurate knowledge, and do not interrupt the music.

Ry. i. To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who do so prove themselves wise. * His praise shall last for ever. * Love of wisdom is the keeping of her laws, for all wisdom is the fear of the Lord. * His praise.

Lesson ii

Where there is entertainment, do not pour out talk; do not display your cleverness out of season. A ruby seal in a setting of gold is a concert of music at a banquet of wine. A seal of emerald in a rich setting of gold is the melody of music with good wine. Speak, young man, if there is need of you, but no more than twice, and only if asked. Speak concisely, say much in few words; be as one who knows and yet holds his tongue. Among the great do not act as their equal; and when another is speaking, do not babble. Lightning speeds before the thunder, and approval precedes a modest man. Leave in good time and do not be the last; go home quickly and do not linger. Amuse your-
my bread, and my groanings are poured out like water. For the thing that I fear comes upon me, and what I dread befalls me. I am not at ease, nor am I quiet, I have no rest, but your indignation comes upon me, Lord. In truth I have no help in me, and any resource is driven from me. - But your indignation. - Glory. - But your.

Hymn
O Trinity of blessed light,
O Unity of princely might,
As fiery sun now goes its way,
O spread within our hearts your ray.

To you our morning song of praise,
To you our evening prayer we raise;
O may our suppliant glory be
To sing your praise eternally.

To God the Father glory true,
The same, eternal Son, to you,
To Counsellor Spirit, glory be:
Both now and for eternity.

Amen.

May evening prayer rise up to you, Lord.
And may your mercy come down to us.

Magnif. ant. When Job had heard what the messengers had to say he bore it patiently and said, "Shall we receive good at the hand of the Lord, and shall we not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin, or charge God with wrong.

MATINS
Here begins the book of Job
Lesson i  Chapter 1
There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job: and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God, and turned away from evil. There were born to him seven sons and three daughters. He had seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she-asses, and very many servants; so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the east.

Lesson ii
His sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each on his day: and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. And when the days of the feast had run their course, Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did continually. Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. The Lord said to Satan, "Whence have you come?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." And the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?" Then Satan answered the Lord, "Does Job fear God for naught? Have you not put a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side?"

Lesson iii
O that my vexation were weighed, and all my calamity laid in the balances. For then it would be heavier than the sand of the sea. - In the balances.

The third lesson is from the homily on the Gospel of the current Sunday after Pentecost.

Lesson iv
The night racks my bones, and the pain that gnaws me, takes no rest; with violence it seizes my garment. God has cast me into the mire, and I have become like dust and ashes. - O watchet of men, why have you made me your mark, why have I become a burden to you? Let me alone, Lord, for my days are a breath. - God has cast. - Glory. - And I have become.

MATINS
Lesson ii  Chapter 2
Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. And the Lord said to Satan, "Whence have you come?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." And
the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still holds fast his integrity although you moved me against him, to destroy him without cause."

Lesson iii

"So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord, and afflicted Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. And he took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?"

Lesson ii

Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life. But put forth your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your power; only spare his life."

Lesson i

"That night—let thick darkness seize it! let it not rejoice among the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months. Yes, let that night be barren; let no joyful cry be heard in it. Let those curse it who curse the day, who are to rise up Leviathan. Let the stars of its dawn be dark; let it hope for light, but have none, nor see the eyelids of the morning; because it did not shut the doors of my mother's womb, nor hide trouble from my eyes."

Lesson ii

"My flesh is clothed with worms and dust; my skin hardens, then breaks out afresh. Remember me, Lord, that my life is a breath."

Lesson iii

"Why did I not die at birth, come forth from the womb and expire? Why did the knees receive me? Or why the breasts, that I should suck? For then I should have lain down and been quiet; I should have slept; then I should have been at rest, with kings and counsellors of the earth who rebuilt ruins for themselves, or with princes who had gold, who filled their houses with silver."

Lesson i

"Then Eliaphaz the Temanite answered: "If one ventures a word with you, will you be offended? Yet who can keep from speaking? Behold, you..."
Lesson ii

Is not your fear of God your confidence, and the integrity of your ways your hope? Think now, who that was innocent ever perished? Or where were the upright cut off? As I have seen, those who plough iniquity and sow trouble reap the same. By the breath of God they perish, and by the blast of his anger they are consumed.

R. ii. Hide me not, Lord, from your face; withdraw your hand from me, * and let not dread of you terrify me. V. Correct me, Lord, in just measure, not in your anger, lest you bring me to nothing. – And let not dread.

Lesson iii

The roar of the lion, the voice of the fierce lion, the teeth of the young lions, are broken. The strong lion perishes for lack of prey, and the whelps of the lions are scattered. Now a word was brought to me stealthily, my ear received the whisper of it.

R. i. Shall we receive good at the hand of the Lord and shall we not receive evil? The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; * blessed be the name of the Lord. V. Naked I came from my mother's womb and naked shall I return. – Blessed.

Lesson ii

Does the wild ass bray when he has grass, or the ox low over his fodder? Can that which is tasteless be eaten without salt, or is there any taste in the slime of the purslane? My appetite refuses to touch them; they are as food that is loathsome to me.

R. iii. O that my vexation were weighed, and all my calamity laid * in the balances. V. For then it would be heavier than the sand of the sea. – In the balances. – Glory. – In the balances.

Thursday MATINS

From the book of Job

Lesson i

Then Job answered: “O that my vexation were weighed, and all my calamity laid in the balances! For then it would be heavier than the sand of the sea; therefore my words have been rash. For the arrows of the Almighty are in me; my spirit drinks their poison; the terrors of God are arrayed against me.”

R. i. Shall we receive good at the hand of the Lord and shall we not receive evil? The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; * blessed be the name of the Lord. V. Naked I came from my mother's womb and naked shall I return. – Blessed.

Lesson ii

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R. iii. O that my vexation were weighed, and all my calamity laid * in the balances. V. For then it would be heavier than the sand of the sea. – In the balances. – Glory. – In the balances.

Friday MATINS

From the book of Job

Lesson i

Chapter 7

Has not man a hard service upon earth, and are not his days like the days of a hireling? Like a slave who longs for the shadow, and like a hireling who looks for his wages, so I am allotted months of emptiness, and nights of misery are apportioned to me. When I lie down I say, “When shall I arise?” But the night is long, and I am full of tossing till the dawn.

R. i. How forceful are honest words! Do you think that you can reprove words and bargain over your friend? * But now be pleased to look at me. V. My vindication is at hand, Is there any wrong on my tongue? – But now.

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Lesson ii

My flesh is clothed with worms and dust; my skin hardens, then breaks out afresh. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and come to their end without hope. Remember that my life is a breath; my eye will never again see good. The eye of him who sees me will behold me no more; while your eyes are upon me, I shall be gone.

R. ii. My flesh is clothed with worms and dust; my skin hardens, then breaks out afresh. * Remember me, Lord, that my life is a breath. V. My days are like a passing shadow, and I wither away like the grass. – Remember me, Lord.

Lesson iii

As the cloud fades and vanishes, so he who goes down to Sheol does not come up; he returns no more to his house, nor does his place know him any more. Therefore I will not restrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

R. iii. The days of my life are few; let me alone, Lord, that I may find a little comfort before I go * to the land of gloom and deep darkness. V. Look away that I may breathe again before I depart. – To the land. – Glory. – To the land.

Saturday

MATINS

From the book of Job

Lesson i Chapter 9

Then Job answered: “Truly I know that it is so: But how can a man be just before God? If one wished to contend with him, one could not answer him once in a thousand times. He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength – who has hardened himself against him, and succeeded? – he who removes mountains, and they know it not, when he overturns them in his anger.”

R. i. Remember me, God, that my life is a breath, * the eye of him who sees me will behold me no more. V. My eyes will never again see good. – The eye.

Lesson ii

He who shakes the earth out of its place, and its pillars tremble; who commands the sun, and it does not rise; who seals up the stars; who alone stretched out the heavens, and trampled the waves of the sea; who made the Bear and Orion, the Pleiades and the chambers of the south; who does great things beyond understanding, and marvellous things without number. Lo, he passes by me, and I see him not; he moves on, but I do not perceive him. Behold, he snatches away; who can hinder him? * Who will say to him, “What do you?” God will not turn back his anger; beneath him bowed the helpers of Rahab. How then can I answer him, choosing my words with him? Though I am innocent, I cannot answer him; I must appeal for mercy to my accuser.”

R. ii. The night racks my bones, and the pain that gnaws me takes no rest; with violence it seizes my garment. * God has cast me into the mire, and I have become like dust and ashes. V. O watcher of men, why have you made me your mark, why have I become a burden to you? Let me alone, Lord, for my days are a breath. – God has cast.

II SUNDAY OF SEPTEMBER

II class

I VESPERS

V. Let evening prayer rise up to you, Lord. R. And let your mercy come down to us.

Magnif. ant. In all this Job did not sin, or charge God with wrong.

MATINS

From the book of Job

Lesson i Chapter 27

And Job again took up his discourse, and said: “As God lives, who has taken away my right, and the Almighty, who has made my soul bitter; as long as my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils; my lips will not speak falsehood, and my tongue will not utter deceit. Far be it from me to say that you are right; till I die I will not put away my integrity from me.”

R. i. Shall we receive good at the hand of the Lord and shall we not receive evil? The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away: * blessed be the name of the Lord. V. Naked I came from my mother’s womb and naked shall I return. – Blessed.

Lesson ii

I hold fast my righteousness, and will not let it go; my heart does not reproach me for any of my days. Let my enemy be as the wicked, and let him that rises up against me be as the unrighteous. For what is the hope of the godless
when God cuts him off, when God takes away his life? Will God hear his cry, when trouble comes upon him? Will he take delight in the Almighty? Will he call upon God at all times? I will teach you concerning the hand of God; what is with the Almighty I will not conceal. Behold, all of you have seen it yourselves; why then have you become altogether vain? This is the portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage which oppressors receive from the Almighty: If his children are multiplied, it is for the sword; and his offspring have not enough to eat. Those who survive him, the pestilence buries, and their widows make no lamentation.

Ry. ii. O that my vexation were weighed, and all my calamity laid * in the balances. V. For then it would be heavier than the sand of the sea. – In the balances.

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Ry. iii. Honour, power, might and dominion be to the Trinity in One, to the One in Trinity * for endless ages. V. Light unending to the Trinity, everlasting splendour to the One. – For endless ages. – Glory. – For endless ages.

**Monday**

**MATINS**

From the book of Job

Lesson i  Chapter 38

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?"

Ry. i. Shall we receive good at the hand of the Lord, and shall we not receive evil? The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away: * blessed be the name of the Lord. V. Naked I came from my mother's womb and naked shall I return. – Blessed.

Lesson ii

On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Or who shut in the sea with doors, when it burst forth from the womb; when I made clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band?"

Ry. ii. My sighing comes as my bread, and my groanings are poured out like water. For the thing that I fear comes upon me, and what I dread befalls me. I am not at ease, nor am I quiet, I have no rest, * but your indignation comes upon me, Lord. V. In truth I have no help in me, and any resource is driven from me. – But your indignation.

Lesson iii

"I prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed.' Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it?"

Ry. i. How forceful are honest words! Do you think that you can reprove words and bargain over your friend? * But now be pleased to look at me. V. My vindication is at hand. Is there any wrong on my tongue? – But now.

Lesson ii

"Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to whom I have given the steppe for his home, and the salt land for his dwelling place? He scorns the tumult of the city, he hears not the shouts of the driver. He ranges the mountains as his pasture, and he searches after every green thing."

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Lesson ii

"With fierceness and rage he swallows up the ground; he cannot stand still at the sound of the trumpet. When the trumpet sounds, he says, "Aha!" He smells the battle from afar, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting. Is it by your wisdom that the hawk soars, and spreads his wings toward the south? Is it by your command that the eagle mounts up and makes his nest on high?"

Lesson iii

"On the rock he dwells and makes his home in the fastness of the rocky crag. Thence he spies out the prey; his eyes behold it afar off. His young ones suck up blood; and where the slain are, there is he." And the Lord said to Job: "Shall a fault-finder contend with the Almighty? He who argues with God, let him answer it."

Lesson iv

"I am the wild ox willing to serve you? Will he spend the night at your crib? Can you bind him in the furrow with ropes, or will he harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on him because his strength is great, and will you leave to him your labour? Do you have faith in him that he will return, and bring your grain to your threshing floor?"

Lesson vi

"Pour forth the overflowingings of your anger, and look on everyone that is proud, and abase him. Look on everyone that is proud, and bring him low; and tread down the wicked where they stand. Hide them all in the dust together; bind their faces in the world below. Then will I also acknowledge to you, that your own right hand can give you victory. Be hold, Be'hemoth, which I made as I made you; he eats grass like an ox."

Wednesday

**MATINS**

From the book of Job

Lesson i

"Do you give the horse his might? Do you clothe his neck with strength?"

Lesson ii

"Yield not your strength to the last, nor your voice in the strife; for they shall consume you with fire, and devoured in the day of instruction."

Lesson iii

"The night racks my bones, and the pain that gnaws me takes no rest; with violence it siezes my garment. * God has cast me into the mire, and I have become like dust and ashes. Y. O watcher of men, why have you made me your mark, why have I become a burden to you? Let me alone, Lord, for my days are a breath. — God has cast. — Glory. — And I have become."

Lesson iv

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Thursday

**MATINS**

From the book of Job

Lesson i

"Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Gird up your loins like a man; I will question you, and you shall declare to me. Will you even put me in the wrong? Will you condemn me that you may be justified? Have you an arm like God, and can you thunder with a voice like his? Deck yourself with majesty and dignity; clothe yourself with glory and splendour."

Lesson ii

"Ivy. i. Shall we receive good at the hand of the Lord and shall we not receive evil? The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away: * blessed be the name of the Lord. Y. Naked I came from my mother's womb and naked shall I return. — Blessed."

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Lesson iii

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nd my servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept his prayer not to deal with you according to your folly; for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has." So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad Shuhite and Zophar the Na’amathite went and did what the Lord had told them; and the Lord accepted Job’s prayer.

Rv. iii. The days of my life are few; let me alone, Lord, that I may find a little comfort before I go to the land of gloom and deep darkness. Y. Look away that I may breathe again before I depart. - To the land. - Glory. - To the land.

Lesson ii

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nd each of them gave him a piece of money and a ring of gold. And the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she-asses. He had also seven sons and three daughters. And he called the name of the first Jemimah; and the name of the second Keziah; and the name of the third Kerenpruch. And in all the land there were no women so fair as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them inheritance among their brothers. And after this Job lived a hundred and forty years, and saw his sons and his sons’ sons, four generations. And Job died, an old man, and full of days.

Rv. iv. The night racks my bones, and the pain that gnaws me takes no rest; with violence it seizes my garment. Y. God has cast me into the mire, and I
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Little Chapter 2 Cor. 1

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction.

V. Bless God on every occasion; ask him that your ways may be made straight, and that your paths and plans may always prosper. V. Strive to do the things that please him, sincerely and with all your strength—And that.—Glory. —And that.

Hymn

O Trinity of blessed light,
O Unity of princely might,
As fiery sun now goes its way,
O spread within our hearts your ray.

To you our morning song of praise,
To you our evening prayer we raise;

O may our suppliant glory be,
To sing your praise eternally.
To God the Father glory true,
The same, eternal Son, to you
To Counsellor Spirit, glory be
Both now and for eternity.

Amen.

V. May evening prayer rise up to you, Lord. V. And may your mercy come down to us.

Magnif. ant. Raphael, the angel, went in and saluted Tobias thus: "May happiness be always with you." Tobias answered him, "What happiness is there for me who lives in darkness and never sees the light of day?" The angel said to him, "Have courage; you will soon be cured by God."

MATINS

Here begins the book of Tobias

Lesson 1 Chapter 1

Tobias of the tribe and city of Nephtali (which is in the upper parts of Galilee above Naasson, beyond the way that leads to the west, having on the right hand the city of Sephet), when he was made captive in the days of Salmansar, king of the Assyrians, even in his captivity forsook not the way of truth, but every day gave all he could get to his brethren, his fellow-captives, that were of his kindred. And when he was younger than any of the tribe of Nephhtali, yet did he no childish thing in his work.

V. I beg, Lord, that you loose me from the bond of this reproach, or else take me away from the earth. Do not recall my offences nor those of my parents, and do not take vengeance because of my sins; for you deliver those who wait for you, Lord.

V. All your judgments are just and all your ways mercy and truth; and now, Lord, think of me.—For you deliver.

This series I beg, Lord, is read until the first Sunday of October.

Lesson ii

Moreover, when all went to the golden calves which Jerobo’am, king of Israel had made, he alone fled the company of all, and went to Jerusalem to the temple of the Lord, and there adored the Lord God of Israel, offering faithfully all his first fruits and tithes, so that in the third year he gave all his tithes to the proselytes, and strangers. These and such like things did he observe when but a boy according to the law of God. But when he was a man, he took to wife Anna of his own tribe, and had a son by her, whom he called after his own name, and from his infancy he taught him to fear God, and to abstain from all sin. And when by the captivity, he with his wife and his son and all his tribe was come to the city of Ninive, when all afe of the meats of the Gentiles, he kept his soul and never was defiled with their meats.

V. It is time for me to return to him who sent me; but you, bless God and proclaim all his wonderful works. V. Praise him in the sight of all living things, for he has treated you with mercy.—And proclaim.

Lesson iii is from the homily on the Gospel of the current Sunday after Pentecost.

V. iii. Lord, almighty King, who rules over all things, the universe is in your power and there is no one who can oppose your will; deliver us* for the sake of your name. V. Hear our prayer, Lord, and turn our mourning into feasting.—For the sake.—Glory.—For the sake.

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Monday

MATINS

From the book of Tobias
Lesson i Chapter 2

But after this, when there was a festival of the Lord, and a good dinner was prepared in Tobias’s house, he said to his son, “Go, and bring some of our tribe that fear God, to feast with us.” And when he had gone, returning he told him that one of the children of Israel lay slain in the street. And he forthwith leaped up from his place at the table, and left his dinner and came fasting to the body. And taking it up he carried it privately to his house, that after the sun was down, he might bury him cautiously.

R. i. I beg, Lord, that you loose me from the bond of this reproach, or else take me away from the earth. Do not recall my offences nor those of my parents, and do not take vengeance because of my sins; for you deliver those who wait for you, Lord. You are my strength and my song. - For you deliver.

Lesson ii

And when he had hidden the body, he ate bread with mourning and fear, remembering the word which the Lord spoke by Amos the prophet: “Your festival days shall be turned into lamentation and mourning.” So when the sun was down, he went and buried him. Now all his neighbours blamed him, saying, “Once already commandment was given for you to be slain because of this matter, and you did scarce escape the sentence of death, and do you again bury the dead?”

R. ii. Bless God on every occasion; ask him that your ways may be made straight, and that your paths and plans may always prosper. Strive to do the things that please him, sincerely and with all your strength. - And that.

Tuesday

MATINS

From the book of Tobias
Lesson i Chapter 4

Therefore, when Tobias thought that his prayer was heard that he might die, he called to him Tobias his son, and said to him, “Hear, my son, the words of my mouth, and lay them as a foundation in your heart. When God shall take my soul, you shall bury my body: and you shall honour your mother all the days of her life: for you must be mindful what and how great perils she suffered for you in her womb.”

R. i. Adonai, Lord, great and wonderful God, who saved us by the hand of a woman; hear the prayers of your servants. Blessed are you, Lord. You do not abandon those who rely on you; and you bring low those who glory in their own strength - Hear.

Lesson ii

And when she also shall have ended the time of her life, bury her by me. And all the days of your life have God in your mind: and take heed you never consent to sin, nor transgress the commandments of the Lord our God. Give alms out of your substance, and turn not away your face from any poor person: for so it shall come to pass that the face of the Lord shall not be turned from you.”

R. ii. Master, Lord of heaven and earth, creator of the waters, king of all your creation, hear the prayers of your servants. The prayer of the meek and humble has always pleased you, Lord. - Hear the prayers.

Lesson iii

According to your ability be merciful. If you have much, give abundantly: if you have little, take care even so to bestow willingly a little. For thus you store up to yourself a good reward for the day of necessity. For alms deliver from all sin and from death, and will not suffer the soul to go into darkness.

R. iii. My hope I have never put in anyone but you, God of Israel. Your anger gives way to mercy, and in time of affliction you forgive men all their sins. Lord, God of heaven and earth,
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have pity on the humiliation of our people. — Glory. — And in time.

Wednesday
QUARTER TENSE
II class
MATINS
Reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Lesson i  Chapter 9
At that time, one of the crowd answered Jesus, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit.” Etc.

Homily from St. Bede, the Venerable, Priest

On Mark 9, bk. 3, ch. 38
Mark recalls that this possessed boy was deaf and dumb, while Matthew adds that he was a lunatic. He typifies those of whom it is written: “The fool changes like the moon.” Such people never remain constant, but are always waxing and waning, as they change from one vice to another. They are dumb, in the sense that they do not confess the faith; deaf, since they do not even listen to the word of truth. They foam, dissolved, as it were, by their stupidity. They grind their teeth, as

they flare up with anger and rage. They waste away, in the sense that they languish in numbing idleness; for they live flabbily, never hardened by the training of virtue.

R. i. Strengthen me, King and Ruler of the saints; inspire in me right and well-spoken words. Give, Lord, time to repent; do not destroy the mouth of those who praise you. — Inspire in me.

Lesson ii
The saying “It has often cast him into the fire and into the water” designates the major crimes of human folly. For the burning of fire must be taken to refer to the heat of anger, and water to the gross pleasures of the flesh which tend to swamp the mind with their delights. Or again, the possessed boy is thrown into that fire by which the hearts of adulterers are set alight, and into those waters which tend to quench charity. It is significant that when the Lord drives out the evil spirit from the man, he, at the same time, commands him never to return. A man is only really delivered from the tyranny of the devil when he avoids returning, by evil living, to the sins from which he has once been cleansed through penance.

R. ii. Praise the Lord our God, for he did not forsake those who trusted in him; he accomplished through me the mercy which he promised to the house of Israel. Give, Lord, time to repent; do not destroy the mouth of those who praise you. — For he did not.

Lesson iii
And he said to them: “This kind of devil cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting.” While teaching the apostles how the most evil of all demons is to be cast out, he, at the same time, instructs all of us how to live. He wants us to know that the most serious temptations from evil spirits or from men, are to be conquered by fasting and prayer; also that the anger of God, when it is stirred up to vengeance by our crimes, can be soothed by this special remedy. Fasting, however, is to be taken in a broad sense. It includes abstinence, not alone from food, but from every allurement of the flesh; indeed, it means restraining oneself from all sinful passions.

R. iii. Lord, almighty King, who rules over all things, the universe is in your power and there is no one who can oppose your will; deliver us for the sake of your name. — Hear our prayer, Lord, and turn our mourning into feasting. — For the sake. — Glory. — For the sake.

Prayer
Grant to your servants who pray to you, we beseech you, Lord, that, as we abstain from food for our bodies, we may likewise abstain from evil in our souls. Through.

This prayer is said at Lauds and Vespers. At the other Hours the prayer is that of the Sunday.

Thursday
MATINS
From the book of Tobias

Lesson i  Chapter 6
And Tobias went forward, and the dog followed him, and he lodged the first night by the river Tigris. And he went out to wash his feet, and behold a monstrous fish came up to devour him. And Tobias, being afraid of him, cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Sir, he comes upon me.” And the angel said to him, “Take him by the gill, and draw him to you.”
Lesson iii

Then Tobias asked the angel, and said to him, “I beseech you, brother Azarias, tell me what remedies are these things good for, which you have hidden me keep of the fish?” And the angel, answering, said to him, “If you put a little piece of its heart upon coals, the smoke thereof drives away all kind of devils either from man or from woman, so that they come no more to them. And the gall is good for anointing the eyes, in which there is a white speck, and they shall be cured.”

It is time for me to return to him who sent me; but you, bless God and proclaim all his wonderful works. Praise him in the sight of all living things, for he has treated you with mercy. And proclaim. — Glory. — And proclaim.

Friday

QUARTER TENSE

II class

MATINS

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lesson 1 Chapter 7

At that time, one of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went to the Pharisee’s house, and sat at table. And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was sitting at table in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment. Etc.

Homily of St. Gregory, Pope

Lesson ii

And when he had done so, he drew him out upon the land, and he began to pant before his feet. Then the angel said to him, “Take out the entrails of this fish, and lay up his heart, and his gall, and his liver for you: for these are necessary for useful medicines.” And when he had done so, he roasted the flesh thereof, and they took it with them in the way: the rest they salted, as much as might serve them till they came to Ragas and the city of the Medes.

Bless God on every occasion; ask him that your ways may be made straight, and that your paths and plans may always prosper. Strive to do the things that please him, sincerely and with all your strength. — And that.

Homily 33 on the Gospels

It is clear, brethren, that since this woman had formerly been involved in sinful pursuits, she had used ointment as a perfume for her body. What she had, then, to her shame, lavished on herself, she now, to her credit, offers God. Her eyes had lusted after earthly pleasures, but now those same eyes smart with repentance, and she weeps. She had arranged her hair to set off her features, but now she dries the tears with it. She had spoken vain things with her lips, but now, as she kisses the Lord’s feet, those lips are set to follow the footsteps of her Redeemer. For every delight which she took in herself, she now finds a corresponding sacrifice of herself. She transforms a list of crimes into a list of virtues. Everything in her life of guilt which slighted God, would now, in her life of repentance, serve him.

Adonai, Lord, great and wonderful God, who saved us by the hand of a woman; hear the prayers of your servants. Amen. Blessed are you, Lord. You do not abandon those who rely on you; and you bring low those who glory in their own strength. — Hear.

Who is symbolized by this sinful woman, who comes to weep at the feet of the Lord, if not the converted gentile world? She came with an alabaster flask, poured out the ointment, stood close behind the Lord, wet his feet with tears and wiped them with her hair; and all the while she kept kissing those feet which she had moistened and dried. It is we, therefore, we ourselves who are typified by this woman—provided we return to the Lord with all our heart if we should have committed sin, and provided we imitate her sorrowing repentance. For what is expressed by ointment if not the fragrance of a good reputation? When, therefore, we perform good works, which scatter abroad in the church the fragrance of good reputation, we are, in fact, pouring ointment on the body of the Lord.
R. ii. Master, Lord of heaven and earth, creator of the waters, king of all your creation, * hear the prayers of your servants.

R. iii. My hope I have never put in anyone but you, God of Israel. * Your anger gives way to mercy, and in time of affliction you forgive men all their sins.

Lord, God of heaven and earth, have pity on the humiliation of our people. – Your anger. – Glory. – And in time.

Prayer

Almighty God, we devoutly celebrate these holy rites each year; grant, we beseech you, that we may be pleasing to you in body and mind. Through.

This prayer is said at Lauds and Vespers at the other Hours the prayer is that of Sunday.

Saturday

QUARTER TENSE
II class

MATINS

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lesson i.

At that time Jesus told this parable to the crowd: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came seeking fruit on it and found none.”

etc.

Lesson ii

What does the fig tree symbolize if not human nature? And is not the same thing suggested by the deformed woman?

Human nature was well rooted, like the fig tree, and well formed, like the woman. But once it fell into sin, by its own free choice it ceased to produce the fruit of good works, and lost the state of moral righteousness. Indeed, it was because it plunged wilfully into sin and would not bear the fruit of obedience, that human nature lost its state of righteousness. It was made in the likeness of God. But, failing to respect its own dignity, it showed no interest in preserving what God had planted or created. This was the third time the Lord of the vineyard came to inspect the fig tree. That is to say, he sought out mankind before the Mosaic Law, under the Law, and in the era of grace. In the first age he waited, in the second he warned, and in the third he came in person.

R. i. Strengthen me, King and Ruler of the saints; * inspire in me right and well-spoken words. V. Give us, Lord, time to repent; do not destroy the mouth of those who praise you. – Inspire in me.

R. ii. Praise the Lord our God, * for he did not forsake those who trusted in him: he accomplished through me the mercy which he promised to the house of Israel. V. Praise the Lord all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples. – For he did not.

Lesson iii

He came before the Law, in the sense that each...
man knew, through the exercise of his natural intelligence, how to act in accordance with his own nature, and how to behave towards his neighbour. He came in the Law, in the sense that he taught through his commands. He came after the Law, by grace, for he showed his gracious presence by actual manifestation. The lord of the vineyard complains that in each of the three years he failed to find fruit. That is to say, there were always some evil-minded men whom the inner law of nature did not correct; nor did the precepts of the law educate them; nor did the miracle of his Incarnation convert them. What is represented by the vinedresser if not the hierarchy? By presiding over the church they, indeed, take care of the Lord’s vineyard.

Now in the twelfth year of his reign, Nebuchadnez’zar king of the Assyrians, who reigned in Nínive, the great city, fought against Arphaxad and overcame him, in the great plain which is called Ragua, about the Euphrates, and the Tigris, and the Jadason, in the plain of Ericho the king of the Eilians. Then was the kingdom of Nebuchadnez’zar exalted, and his heart was elevated. And he called all the ancients, and all the governors, and his officers of war, and communicated to them the secret of his counsel: and he said that his thoughts were to bring all the earth under his empire. And when this saying pleased them all, Nebuchadnez’zar, the king, called Holofernes the general of his armies, and said to him, “Go out against all the kingdoms of the west, and against them especially that despised my commandment.”

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him by the power of Holofernes. And when he had passed through all Syria Sobal, and all Apamea, and all Mesopotamia, he came to the Idumeans into the land of Gabaa, and he took possession of their cities, and stayed there for thirty days.

**Lesson ii**

Then the children of Israel, who dwelt in the land of Judah, hearing these things, were exceedingly afraid of him. Dread and horror seized upon their minds, lest he should do the same to Jerusalem and to the temple of the Lord, that he had done to other cities and their temples. And they sent into all Samaria round about, as far as Jericho, and seized upon all the tops of the mountains: and they compassed their towns with walls, and gathered together corn for provision for war.

### Tuesday

**MATINS**

From the book of Judith

**Lesson i**

But Holofernes on the next day gave orders to

his army to go up against Bethulia. Now there were in his troops a hundred and twenty thousand footmen, and two and twenty thousand horsemen, besides the preparations of those men who had been taken, and who had been brought away out of the provinces and cities of all the youth. All these prepared themselves to fight against the children of Israel.

**Lesson iii**

Now Holofernes, in going round about, found that the fountain which supplied them with water ran through an aqueduct without the city on the south side, and he commanded their aqueduct to be cut off. Nevertheless there were springs not far from the walls, out of which they were seen secretly to draw water, to refresh themselves a little rather than to drink their fill.

**Lesson ii**

But the children of Israel, when they saw the multitude of them, prostrated themselves upon the ground, putting ashes upon their heads, praying with one accord that the God of Israel would show his mercy upon his people. And taking their arms of war, they posted themselves at the places, which by a narrow pathway lead directly between the mountains: and they guarded them all day and all night.

**Lesson i**

Judith his (Manasses’s) relict was a widow now three years and six months. And she made herself a
private chamber in the upper part of her house, in which she abode shut up with her maids. And she wore haircloth upon her loins, and fasted all the days of her life, except the sabbaths, and new moons, and the feasts of the house of Israel. And she was exceedingly beautiful, and her husband left her great riches, and very many servants.

Lesson iii

This is not a word that may draw down mercy, but rather that may stir up wrath, and enkindle indignation. And therefore let us humble our souls before him, and continuing in a humble spirit in his service, let us ask the Lord with tears that according to his will so he would show his mercy to us: that as our heart is troubled by their pride, so also we may glorify in our humility.

Lesson ii

When therefore she had heard that Oziyas had promised that he would deliver up the city after the fifth day, she sent to the ancients Chabri and Charmi. And they came to her, and she said to them, "What is this word, by which Oziyas has consented to give up the city to the Assyrians, if within five days there come no aid to us? And who are you that tempt the Lord?"

Lesson i

And it came to pass, when she had ceased to cry to the Lord, that she rose from the place where-in she lay prostrate before the Lord. And she called her maid, and going into her house she took off her haircloth, and put away the garments of her widowhood, and she washed her body, and anointed herself with the best ointment, and plaited the hair of her head, and put a bonnet upon her head, and clothed herself with the garments of her gladness.

Lesson iii

And she gave to her maid a bottle of wine to carry, and a vessel of oil, and parched corn, and dry figs, and bread and cheese, and went out. And when they came to the gates of the city, they found Oziyas and the ancients of the city waiting. And when they saw her they were astonished, and admired her beauty exceedingly. But they asked her no question, only they let her pass.

Lesson ii

Thurday

From the book of Judith

Lesson i Chapter 10

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Lesson ii

Friday

From the book of Judith

Lesson i Chapter 10

And it came to pass, when she went down the
And they said to her, "You have saved your life by taking this resolution to come down to our Lord. And be assured of this, that when you shall stand before him, he will treat you well and you will be most acceptable to his heart." And they brought her to the tent of Holofernes, telling him of her. And when she was come into his presence, forthwith Holofernes was caught by his eyes.

My hope I have never put in anyone but you, God of Israel. * Your anger gives way to mercy, and in time of affliction you forgive men all their sins. * Lord, God of heaven and earth, have pity on the humiliation of our people. – Your anger. – Glory. – And in time.

Lesson ii

And when she had said this, she went to the pillar that was at his bed’s head, and loosed his sword that hung tied upon it. And when she had drawn it out, she took him by the hair of his head, and said, "Strengthen me, O Lord God, at this hour." And she struck twice upon his neck, and cut off his head, and took off his canopy from the pillars, and rolled away his headless body.

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hand of a woman, hear the prayers of your servants.

MATINS
Here begins the book of Esther

Lesson i  Chapter 1
In the days of Ahasuerus, the Ahasuerus who reigned from India to Ethiopia over one hundred and twenty-seven provinces, in those days when King Ahasuerus sat on his royal throne in Susa the capital, in the third year of his reign he gave a banquet for all his princes and servants, the army chiefs of Persia and Media and the nobles and governors of the provinces being before him, while he showed the riches of his royal glory and the splendour and pomp of his majesty.

IR. i. I beg, Lord, that you loose me from the bond of this reproach, or else take me away from the earth. Do not recall my offences nor those of my parents, and do not take vengeance because of my sins; * for you deliver those who wait for you, Lord. Y. All your judgments are just and all your ways mercy and truth; and now, Lord, think of me. – For you deliver.

Lesson ii
Queen Vashti also gave a banquet for the women in the palace which belonged to King Ahasuerus. On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehu’man, Biztha, Harbo’na, Bigtha and Abag’tha, Zethar and Carkas, the seven eunuchs who served King Ahasuerus as chamberlains, to bring Queen Vashti before the king with her royal crown, in order to show the peoples and the princes her beauty; for she was fair to behold. But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king’s command conveyed by the eunuchs. At this the king was enraged, and his anger burned within him. Then the king said to the wise men who knew the times—for this was the king’s procedure toward all who were versed in law and judgment—“According to the law, what is to be done to Queen Vashti, because she has not performed the command of King Ahasuerus conveyed by the eunuchs?”

IR. ii. It is time for me to return to him who sent me; but you, bless God * and proclaim all his wonderful works. Y. Praise him in the sight of all living things, for he has treated you with mercy. – And proclaim.

Lesson iii
Within Fifth Week of September
Lesson iii is from the homily on the gospel of the current Sunday after Pentecost.

IV. iii. Honour, power, might and dominion be to the Trinity in One, to the One in Trinity * for endless ages. Y. Light unending to the Trinity, everlasting splendour to the One. – For endless ages. – Glory. – For endless ages.

Monday
MATINS
From the book of Esther
Lesson i  Chapter 2
After these things, when the anger of King Ahasuerus had abated, he remembered Vashti and what she had done and what had been decreed against her. Then the king’s servants who attended him said, “Let beautiful young virgins be sought out for the king. And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom to gather all the beautiful young virgins to the harem in Susa the capital.”

IV. i. I beg, Lord, that you loose me from the bond of this reproach, or else take me away from the earth. Do not recall my offences nor those of my parents, and do not take vengeance because of my sins; * for you deliver those who wait for you, Lord. Y. All your judgments are just and all your ways mercy and truth; and now, Lord, think of me. – For you deliver.

Lesson ii
Now there was a Jew in Susa the capital whose name was Mor’dcai, the son of Ja’ir, the son of Shim’ei, son of Kish, a Benjaminite, who had been carried away from Jerusalem among the captives carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnez’zar, king of Babylon, had carried away. He had brought up Hadas’sah, that is Esther, the daughter of his uncle, for she had neither father nor mother; the maiden was beautiful and lovely.

IV. ii. Bless God on every occasion; ask him that your ways may be made straight, * and that your paths and plans may always prosper. Y. Strive to do the things that please him, sincerely and with all your strength. – And that.

Lesson iii
When her father and her mother died, Mor’dcai adopted her as his own daughter. So when the king’s order and his edict...
were proclaimed, and when
many maidens were gather-
ed in Susa, the capital, in
custody of Hegai, Esther
also was taken into the
king’s palace and put in
custody of Hegai who had
charge of the women. And
the maiden pleased him and
won his favour.

Lk. iii. It is time for me
to return to him who sent
me; but you, bless God
* and proclaim all his won-
derful works. V. Praise
him in the sight of all living
things, for he has treated
you with mercy. – And pro-
claim. – Glory. – And pro-
claim.

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**Tuesday**

**MATINS**

From the book of Esther

**Lesson i**

When the turn came
for Esther the daughter of
Ab’ihail the uncle of
Mor’decai, who had adopt-
ed her as his own daughter,
to go in to the king, she
asked for nothing except
what Hegai the king’s eunuch,
who had charge of
the women, advised. Now
Esther found favour in the
eyes of all who saw her
because of her great beauty.

Is. i. Adonai, Lord,
great and wonderful God,
who saved us by the hand
of a woman; * hear the
prayers of your servants.

V. Bless you, Lord.
You do not abandon those
who rely on you; and you
bring low those who glory
in their own strength. –
Hear.

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**Lesson ii**

And when Esther was
taken to King Ahasue’-rūs
into his royal palace in
the tenth month, which is
the month of Tebeth, in the
seventh year of his reign,
the king loved Esther more
than all the women, and she
found grace and favour in
his sight more than all the
virgins, so that he set the
royal crown on her head
and made her queen in-
stead of Vashti.

Lk. ii. Master, Lord of
heaven and earth, creator
of the waters, king of all
your creation * hear the
prayers of your servants.

V. The prayer of the meek
and humble has always
pleased you, Lord. – Hear
the prayers.

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**Lesson iii**

And in those days, as
Mor’decai was sitting
at the king’s gate, Bigthan
and Teresh, two of the
king’s eunuchs, who guard-
ed the threshold, became
angry and sought to lay
hands on King Ahasue’rus.
And this came to the know-
ledge of Mor’decai, and he
told it to Queen Esther, and

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**Wednesday**

MATINS

From the book of Esther

**Lesson i**

Chapter 3

After these things King
Ahasue’rus promoted
Haman the Agagite, the
son of Hammēda’tha, and
advanced him and set his
seat above all the princes
who were with him. And
all the king’s servants who
were at the king’s gate
bowed down and did
obeisance to Haman; for
the king had so commanded
concerning him. But Mor’-
decai did not bow down or
do obeisance. Then the
king’s servants who were at
the king’s gate said to Mor’-
decai, “Why do you trans-
gress the king’s command?”

Ps. i. Strengthen me,
King and Ruler of the
saints; * inspire in me
right and well-spoken
words. V. Give us, Lord,
time to repent; do not
destroy the mouth of those
who praise you. – Inspire
in me.

**Lesson ii**

And when they spoke to
him day after day and
he would not listen to them,
they told Haman, in order
to see whether Mor’decai’s
words would avail; for he
had told them that he was a
Jew. And when Haman saw
that Mor’decai did not
bow down or do obeisance
to him, Haman was filled
with fury. But he dis-
dained to lay hands on
Mor’decai alone.

Is. ii. Praise the Lord
our God, * for he did not
forsake those who trusted
in him: he accomplished
through me the mercy
which he promised to the
house of Israel. V. Praise
the Lord all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples.
– For he did not.

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**Lesson iii**

So, as they had made
known to him the people
of Mor’decai, Haman
sought to destroy all the
Jews, the people of Mor’-
decai, throughout the whole
kingdom of Ahasue’rus. In
the first month, which is
the month of Nisan, in the
twelfth year of King Aha-
sue’rus, they cast Pur, that
is the lot, before Haman

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day after day; and they cast it month after month till the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar.

Rv. iii. Lord, almighty King, who rules over all things, the universe is in your power and there is no one who can oppose your will; deliver us * for the sake of your name. Y. Hear our prayer, Lord, and turn our mourning into feasting. – For the sake. – Glory. – For the sake.

**Lesson ii**

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And the king said to her, “What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given you, even to the half of my kingdom.” And Esther said, “If it please the king, let the king and Haman come this day to a dinner that I have prepared for the king.” Then said the king, “Bring Haman quickly, that we may do as Esther desires.” So the king and Haman came to the dinner that Esther had prepared.

Rv. ii. Bless God on every occasion; ask him that your ways may be made straight, * and that your paths and plans may always prosper. V. Strive to do the things that please him, sincerely and with all your strength. – And that.

**Lesson iii**

A

And as they were drinking wine, the king said to Esther, “What is your petition? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” But Esther said, “My petition and my request is: If I have found favour in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition and fulfill my request, let the king and Haman come tomorrow to the dinner which I will prepare for them, and tomorrow I will do as the king has said.”

Rv. i. Adonai, Lord, great and wonderful God, who saved us by the hand of a woman; * hear the prayers of your servants. Y. Blessed are you, Lord. You do not abandon those who rely on you; and you bring low those who glory in their own strength. – Hear.

**Lesson ii**

A

And the king said, “Who is in the court?” Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the king’s palace to speak to the king about having Mordecai hanged on the gallows that he had prepared for him. So the king’s servants told him, “Haman is there, standing in the court.” And the king said, “Let him come in.” So Haman came in, and the king said to him, “What shall be done to the man whom the king delights to honour?”

Rv. ii. Master, Lord of heaven and earth, creator of the waters, king of all your creation, * hear the prayers of your servants.
The prayer of the meek and humble has always pleased you, Lord. Hear the prayers.

Lesson iii

And Haman said to himself, “Whom would the king delight to honour more than me?” And Haman said to the king, “For the man whom the king delights to honour, let royal robes be brought, which the king has worn, and the horse which the king has ridden, and on whose head a royal crown is set; and let the robes and the horse be handed over to one of the king’s most noble princes; let him array the man whom the king delights to honour, and let him conduct the man on horseback through the open square of the city, proclaiming before him: ‘Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honour.’"

Lesson ii

For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; for our affliction is not to be compared with the loss to the king.”

Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, that would presume to do this?” And Esther said, “A foe and enemy! This wicked Haman!” Then said Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, “Moreover, the gallows which Haman has prepared for Mor'decai, whose word saved the king, is standing in Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hanged Haman on the gallows which he had prepared for Mor'decai. Then the anger of the king abated.

R. Might is yours, yours is the kingdom, Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. * Give peace, Lord, in our days.

R. O God, Creator of all things, you are awe-inspiring and strong, just and merciful. Give peace. — Glory. — In our days.

Hymn

O Trinity of blessed light, O Unity of princely might,
As fiery sun now goes its way,
O spread within our hearts your ray.

To you our morning song of praise,
To you our evening prayer we raise;
O may our supplicant glory be
To sing your praise eternally.

To God the Father glory true,
The same, eternal Son, to you.
To Counsellor Spirit, glory be
Both now and for eternity. Amen.

V. May evening prayer rise up to you, Lord. And may your mercy come down to us.
Magnif. ant. May the Lord open your heart to his law and his commandments, and may he bring peace.

MATINS
Here begins the first book of Maccabees

Lesson i Chapter 1

After Alexander son of Philip, the Macedonian, who came from the land of Kittim, had defeated Darius, king of the Persians and the Medes, he succeeded him as king. (He had previously become king of Greece). He fought many battles, conquered strongholds, and put to death the kings of the earth. He advanced to the ends of the earth, and plundered many nations: and the earth became quiet before him.

Rv. i. May the Lord open your heart to his law and his commandments, and may he bring peace in your days; * may he grant you salvation and deliver you from evil. V. May the Lord hear your prayers and be reconciled to you; and may he not forsake you in time of evil. — May he grant.

¶ This series May the Lord is read until the first Sunday of November.

Lesson ii

He was exalted, and his heart was lifted up. He gathered a very strong army and ruled over countries, nations, and princes, and they became tributary to him. After this he fell sick and perceived that he was dying. So he summoned his most honoured officers, who had been brought up with him from youth, and divided his kingdom among them while he was still alive. And after Alexander had reigned twelve years, he died. Then his officers began to rule, each in his own place. They all put on crowns after his death, and so did their sons after them for many years; and they caused many evils on the earth. From them came a sinful root, Antiochus Epiphanes, son of Antiochus the king; he had been a hostage in Rome. He began to reign in the one hundred and thirty-seventh year of the kingdom of the Greeks.

Rv. ii. Might is yours, yours is the kingdom, Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. * Give peace, Lord, in our days. V. O God, Creator of all things, you are awe-inspiring and strong, just and merciful. — Give peace.

Lesson iii is from the homily on the Gospel of the current Sunday after Pentecost.

Rv. iii. They decorated the front of the temple with golden crowns, and dedicated the altar to the Lord: * and there was very great gladness among the people. V. With hymns and thanksgivings they blessed the Lord. — And there was. — Glory. — Among the people,

Monday MATINS
From the first book of Maccabees

Lesson i Chapter 1

And they captured the fortified cities in the land of Egypt, and he plundered the land of Egypt. After subduing Egypt, Antiochus returned in the one hundred and forty-third year. He went up against Israel and came to Jerusalem with a strong force and arrogantly entered the sanctuary.

Rv. ii. May the Lord hear your prayers and be reconciled to you; * and may he not forsake you in time of evil. V. May he give you all a heart to worship him and to do his will. — And may he not forsake.
Lesson iii

And he took the golden altar, the lampstand for the light, and all its utensils. He took also the table for the bread of the Presence, the cups for drink offerings, the bowls, the golden censers, the curtain, the crowns, and the gold decoration on the front of the temple; he stripped it all off. He took the silver and the gold, and the costly vessels; he took also the hidden treasures which he found. Taking them all, he departed to his own land.

Rc. iii. Might is yours, yours is the kingdom, Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Give peace, Lord, in our days. O God, Creator of all things, you are awe-inspiring and strong, just and merciful. Give peace. Glory. In our days.

Lesson ii

And they took captive the women and children, and seized the cattle. And they fortified the city of David with a great strong wall and strong towers, and it became their citadel. And they stationed there a sinful people, lawless men. These strengthened their position; they stored up arms and food, and collecting the spoils of Jerusalem they stored them there, and became a great snare.

Rc. ii. Do not fear the assault of the enemy; remember how our fathers were saved. And now let us cry to heaven, and our God will have pity on us. Remember the awe-inspiring things he did to Pharao and his army in the Red Sea. And now let us cry.

Lesson iii

It became an ambush against the sanctuary, an evil adversary of Israel continually. On every side of the sanctuary they shed innocent blood; they even defiled the sanctuary. Because of them the residents of Jerusalem fled; she became a dwelling of strangers; she became strange to her offspring, and her children forsook her. Her sanctuary became desolate as a desert.

Rc. iii. The sun shone upon the shields of gold and the hills were ablaze with them: and the strength of the nations was destroyed. For the army was very large and strong. But Judas and his army advanced to the battle. And the strength. Glory. And the strength.

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Lesson ii

And he ordered them to build altars and sacred precincts and shrines for idols, to sacrifice swine and unclean animals, and to leave their sons uncircumcised. They were to make themselves abominable by everything unclean and profane, so that they should forget the law and change all the ordinances. “And whoever does not obey the command of the king shall die.”

Rc. ii. With hymns and thanksgivings they blessed the Lord, the Lord almighty who shows great kindness to Israel and gives them victory. They decorated the front of the temple with golden crowns and dedicated the altar to...
Lesson iii

In such words he wrote to his whole kingdom. And he appointed inspectors over all the people and commanded the cities of Judah to offer sacrifice, city by city. Many of the people, everyone who forsook the law, joined them, and they did evil in the land; they drove Israel into hiding in every place of refuge they had.

R. iii. They decorated the front of the temple with golden crowns, and dedicated the altar to the Lord: * and there was very great gladness among the people.

V. With hymns and thanksgivings they blessed the Lord. – And there was: –

Lesson ii

He saw the blasphemies being committed in Judah and Jerusalem, and said, “Alas! Why was I born to see this, the ruin of my people, the ruin of the holy city, and to dwell there when it was given over to the enemy, the sanctuary given over to aliens? Her temple has become like a man without honour.”

R. ii. May the Lord hear your prayers and be reconciled to you; * and may he not forsake you in time of evil. V. May he give you all a heart to worship him and to do his will: – And may he not forsake.

Lesson iii

Her glorious vessels have been carried into captivity. Her babes have been killed in her streets, her youths by the sword of the foe. What

nation has not inherited her palaces and has not seized her spoils? All her adornment has been taken away; no longer free, she has become a slave.”

R. iii. Might is yours, yours is the kingdom, Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. * Give peace, Lord, in our days. V. O God, Creator of all things, you are awe-inspiring and strong, just and merciful. – Give peace. – Glory. – In our days.

Friday

MATINS

From the first book of Maccabees

Lesson i

Then the king’s officers spoke to Mattathi’as as follows: “You are a leader, honoured and great in this city, and supported by sons and brothers. Now be the first to come and do what the king commands, as all the Gentiles and the men of Judah and those that are left in Jerusalem have done. Then you and your sons will be numbered among the friends of the king, and you and your sons will be honoured with silver and gold and many gifts.”

R. i. Our enemies are come together and they boast of their power; break their strength, Lord, and scatter them, * that they may know that it is none other than you, our God, who fights for us. V. Rout them by your power, lay them low; it is you, O Lord, who are our shield.

Lesson ii

But Mattathi’as answered and said in a loud voice: “Even if all the nations that live under the rule of the king obey him, and have chosen to do his commandments, departing each one from the religion of his fathers, yet I and my sons and my brothers will live by the covenant of our fathers. God be merciful to us. Far be it from us to desert the law and the ordinances.”

R. ii. Do not fear the assault of the enemy; remember how our fathers were saved: * And now let us cry to heaven, and our God will have pity on us. V. Remember the awe-inspiring things he did to Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea. – And now let us cry.

Lesson iii

“We will not obey the king’s words by turning aside from our religion to the right hand or to the left.” When he had finished speaking these
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words, a Jew came forward in the sight of all to offer sacrifice upon the altar in Mo'dein, according to the king's command. When Mattathias saw it, he burned with zeal and his heart was stirred. He gave vent to righteous anger; he ran and killed him upon the altar.

R. i. Judas said to Simon, his brother, "Choose your men and go and rescue your brethren in Galilee; I and Jonathan my brother will go to Gil'ead. * As his will in heaven may be, so he will do." Y. Gird yourselves and be valiant; for it is better for us to die in battle than to see the misfortunes of our nation and of the sanctuary. — As his will.

Lesson ii

They overtook them; and they encamped opposite them and prepared for battle against them on the sabbath day. And they said to them, "Enough of this! Come out and do what the king commands, and you will live." But they said, "We will not come out, nor will we do what the king commands and so profane the sabbath day." Then the enemy hastened to attack them. But they did not answer them or hurl a stone at them or block up their hiding places, for they said, "Let us all die in our innocence; heaven and earth testify for us that you are killing us unjustly." So they attacked them on the sabbath, and they died, with their wives and children and cattle, to the number of a thousand persons.

R. i. May the Lord open your heart to his law and his commandments, and may he bring peace in your days; * may he grant you salvation and deliver you from evil. Y. May the Lord hear your prayers and be reconciled to you; and may he not forsake you in time of evil. — May he grant.

Lesson ii

And Mattathias and his friends went about and tore down the altars; they forcibly circumcised all the uncircumcised boys that they found within the borders of Israel. They hunted down the arrogant men, and the work prospered in their hands. They rescued the law out of the hands of the Gentiles and kings, and they never let the sinner gain the upper hand. Now the days drew near for Mattathias to die, and he said to his sons: "Arrogance and reproach have now become strong; it is a time of ruin and furious anger. Now, my children, show zeal for the law, and give your lives for the covenant of our fathers. Remember the deeds of the fathers, which they did in their generations; * and receive great honour and an everlasting name."

II Sunday of October

II class

I VESPERS

Y. May evening prayer rise up to you, Lord. R. And may your mercy come down to us.

Magnif. ant. Give peace, Lord, in our days; for it is none other than you, our God, who fights for us.

MATINS

From the first book of Maccabees

Lesson i  Chapter 2

Then many who were seeking righteousness and justice went down to the wilderness to dwell there, they, their sons, their wives, and their cattle, because evils pressed heavily upon them. And it was reported to the king's officers, and to the troops in Jerusalem, the city of David, that men who had rejected the king's command had gone down to the hiding places in the wilderness. And many pursued them.
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saw to Judas, “How can we, few as we are, fight against so great and strong a multitude? And we are faint, for we have eaten nothing today.” Judas replied, “It is easy for many to be hemmed in by few, for in the sight of Heaven there is no difference between saving by many or by few.”

Ry. iii. The sun shone upon the shields of gold and the hills were ablaze with them; * and the strength of the nations was destroyed. ¥. For the army was very large and strong. But Judas and his army advanced to the battle. – And the strength. – Glory. – And the strength.

Wednesday

MATINS

From the first book of Maccabees

Lesson i Chapter 3

A nd the congregation assembled to be ready for battle, and to pray and ask for mercy and compassion. Jerusalem was uninhabited like a wilderness; not one of her children went in or out. The sanctuary was trampled down, and the sons of aliens held the citadel; it was a lodging place for the Gentiles. Joy was taken from Jacob; the flute and the harp ceased to play.

Ry. i. Judas said to Simon, his brother, “Choose your men and go and rescue your brethren in Galilee; I and Jonathan my brother will go to Gil’ead. As his will in heaven may be, so he will do.” ¥. Gird yourselves and be valiant: for it is better for us to die in battle than to see the misfortunes of our nation and of the sanctuary. – As his will.

Lesson ii

So they assembled and went to Mizpah, opposite Jerusalem, because Israel formerly had a place of prayer in Mizpah. They fasted that day, put on sackcloth and sprinkled ashes on their heads, and rent their clothes. And they opened the book of the law to inquire into those matters about which the Gentiles were consulting the images of their idols.

Ry. ii. With hymns and thanksgivings they blessed the Lord, * the Lord almighty who shows great kindness to Israel, and gives them victory. ¥. They decorated the front of the temple with golden crowns and dedicated the altar to the Lord. – The Lord almighty.

Thursday

MATINS

From the first book of Maccabees

Lesson i Chapter 4

L ysias mustered sixty thousand picked infantrymen and five thousand cavalry to subdue them. They came into Judea and encamped at Beth-hor’on, and Judas met them with ten thousand men. When he saw that the army was strong, he prayed, saying,

“Blessed are you, O Saviour of Israel, who crushed the attack of the mighty warrior by the hand of your servant David, and gave the camp of the Philistines into the hands of Jonathan, the son of Saul and of the man who carried his armour.”

Ry. i. May the Lord open your heart to his law and his commandments, and may he bring peace in your days; * may he grant you salvation and deliver you from evil. ¥. May the Lord hear your prayers and be reconciled to you; and may he not forsake you in time of evil – May he grant.

Lesson ii

S o do you hem in this army by the hand of your people Israel, and let them be ashamed of their troops and their cavalry. Fill them with cowardice; melt the boldness of their strength; let them tremble in their destruction. Strike them down with the sword of those who love you, and let all who know your name praise you with hymns.”

Then both sides attacked, and there fell the army of Lysias five thousand men. Ry. ii. May the Lord hear your prayers and be reconciled to you; * and may he not forsake you in time of evil. ¥. May he give you all a heart to worship
him and to do his will. - And may he not forsake.

Lesson iii

And when Lysias saw the rout of his troops and observed the boldness which inspired those of Judas, and how ready they were either to live or to die nobly, he departed to Antioch and enlisted mercenaries, to invade Judea again with an even larger army. Then said Judas and his brothers, "Behold, our enemies are crushed; let us go up to cleanse the sanctuary and dedicate it."

Rv. iii. Might is yours, yours is the kingdom, Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. * Give peace, Lord, in our days. Y. O God, Creator of all things, you are awe-inspiring and strong, just and merciful. - Give peace. - Glory. - In our days.

Friday

MATINS

From the first book of Maccabees

Lesson i

Then Judas detailed men to fight against those in the citadel until he had cleansed the sanctuary. He chose blameless priests devoted to the law, and they cleansed the sanctuary and removed the defiled stones to an unclean place. They deliberated what to do about the altar of burnt offering, which had been profaned.

Rv. ii. Our enemies are come together and they boast of their power; break their strength, Lord, and scatter them. - They may know that it is none other than you, our God, who fights for us. Y. Rout them by your power, lay them low; it is you, O Lord, who are our shield. - That they may know.

Lesson ii

And they thought it best to tear it down, lest it bring reproach upon them, for the Gentiles had defiled it. So they tore down the altar, and stored the stones in a convenient place on the temple hill until there should come a prophet to tell what to do with them. Then they took unhewn stones, as the law directs, and built a new altar like the former one.

Rv. iii. Do not fear the assault of the enemy; remember how our fathers were saved. * And now let us cry to heaven, and our God will have pity on us. Y. Remember the awe-inspiring things he did to Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea. - And now let us cry.

Saturday

MATINS

From the first book of Maccabees

Lesson i

They also rebuilt the sanctuary and the interior of the temple, and consecrated the courts. They made new holy vessels, and brought the lampa stand, the altar of incense, and the table into the temple. Then they burned incense on the altar and lighted the lamps on the lampa stand, and these gave light in the temple.

Rv. i. Judas said to Simon his brother, "Choose your men and go and rescue your brethren in Galilee; I and Jonathan my brother will go to Gil'ead. * As his will in heaven may be, so he will do." Y. Gird yourselves and be valiant: for it is better for us to die in battle than to see the misfortunes of our nation and of the sanctuary. - As his will.

Lesson ii

So they celebrated the dedication of the altar for eight days, and offered burnt offerings with gladness; they offered a sacrifice of deliverance and praise. They decorated the front of the temple with golden crowns and small shields; they restored the gates and the chambers for the priests, and furnished them with doors. There was very great gladness among the people, and the reproach of the Gentiles was removed. Then Judas and his brothers and all the assembly of Israel determined that every year at that season the days of the dedication of the altar should be observed with gladness and joy for eight days, beginning with the twenty-fifth day of the month of Chislev. At that time they fortified Mount Sion with high walls and
strong towers round about, to keep the Gentiles from coming and trampling them down as they had done before.

They decorated the front of the temple with golden crowns, and dedicated the altar to the Lord: * and there was very great gladness among the people, Y. With hymns and thanksgivings they blessed the Lord. And there was.

III SUNDAY OF OCTOBER

I VESPERS

Y. May evening prayer rise up to you, Lord.

Y. And may your mercy come down to us.

Magnif. ant. Might is yours, yours is the kingdom, Lord, and you are exalted as head above all: give peace, Lord, in our days.

MATINS

Here begins the second book of Maccabees

Lesson i  Chapter 1

The Jewish brethren in Jerusalem and those in the land of Judea, to their Jewish brethren in Egypt, greeting and good peace. May God do good to you and may he remember his covenant with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, his faithful servants. May he give you all a heart to worship him and to do his will with a strong heart and a willing spirit. May he open your heart to his law and his commandments, and may he bring peace.

May he hear your prayers and be reconciled to you, and may he not forsake you in time of evil. We are now praying for you here.

Y. May the Lord open your heart to his law and his commandments, and may he bring peace in your days; * may he grant you salvation and deliver you from evil.

Y. May the Lord hear your prayers and be reconciled to you; and may he not forsake you in time of evil. — May he grant.

Lesson ii

In the reign of Demetrius, in the one hundred and sixty-ninth year, we Jews wrote to you, in the critical distress which came upon us in those years after Jason and his company revolted from the holy land and the kingdom and burned the gate and shed innocent blood. We besought the Lord and we were heard. In the one hundred and eighty-eighth year, those in Jerusalem and those in Judea and the senate and Judas, to the Jews in Egypt, greeting and good health. Having been saved by God out of grave dangers we thank him greatly for taking our side against the king. Blessed in every way be our God, who has brought judgment upon those who have behaved impiously. Since on the twenty-fifth day of Chislev we shall celebrate the purification of the temple, we thought it necessary to notify you, in order that you also may celebrate the feast of booths and the feast of the fire given when Nehemi’ah, who built the temple and the altar, offered sacrifices.

Y. Might is yours, yours is the kingdom, Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. * Give peace, Lord, in our days.

Y. O God, Creator of all things, you are awe-inspiring and strong, just and merciful. — Give peace.

Lesson iii is from the homily on the Gospel of the current Sunday after Pentecost.

Y. Honour, power, might and dominion be to the Trinity in One, to the One in Trinity * for endless ages.

Y. Light unending to the Trinity, everlasting splendour to the One. — For endless ages.

Lesson ii

Gather together our scattered people, set free those who are slaves...
Lesson ii

It was also in the writing that the prophet, having received an oracle, ordered that the tent and the ark should follow with him, and that he went out to the mountain where Moses had gone up and had seen the inheritance of God. And Jeremiah came and found a cave, and he brought there the tent and the ark and the altar of incense, and he sealed up the entrance.

R. ii. Do not fear the assault of the enemy; remember how our fathers were saved. * And now let us cry to heaven, and our God will have pity on us. * And now let us cry.

Lesson iii

And when the materials of the sacrifice were consumed, Nehemi'ah ordered that the liquid that was left should be poured upon large stones. When this was done, a flame blazed up; but when the light from the altar shone back, it went out. When this matter became known, it was reported to the king of the Persians that, in the place where the exiled priests had hidden the fire, the liquid had appeared with which Nehemi'ah and his associates had burned the materials of the sacrifice.

R. iii. Might is yours, yours is the kingdom, Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. * Give peace, Lord, in our days. Yet God, Creator of all things, you are awe-inspiring and strong, just and merciful. * Give peace. – Glory. – In our days.

Tuesday MATINS

From the second book of Maccabees

Lesson i Chapter 2

One finds in the records that Jeremiah the prophet ordered those who were being deported to take some of the fire, as has been told, and that the prophet after giving them the law instructed those who were being deported not to forget the commandments of the Lord, nor to be led astray in their thoughts upon seeing the gold and silver statues and their adoration. And with other similar words he exhorted them that the law should not depart from their hearts.

R. i. Our enemies are come together and they boast of their power; break their strength, Lord, and scatter them; * that they may know that it is none other than you, our God, who fights for us. * Rout them by your power, lay them low; * it is you, O Lord, who are our shield. – That they may know.

Lesson ii

While the holy city was inhabited in unbroken peace and the laws were very well observed because of the piety of the high priest Oni'as and his hatred of wickedness, it came about that the kings themselves honoured the place and glorified the temple with the finest presents, so that even Seleu'cus, the king of Asia, defrayed from his own revenues all the expenses connected with the service of the sacrifices.

R. i. Judas said to Simon his brother, “Choose your men and go and rescue your brethren in Galilee; I and Jonathan my brother will go to Gil'ead. * As his will in heaven may be, so he will do.” * Gird
Lesson ii

B ut a man named Simon, of the tribe of Benjamin, who had been made captain of the temple, had a disagreement with the high priest about the administration of the city market; and when he could not prevail over Onias as he went to Apollo'mius of Tarsus, who at that time was governor of Coele Syria and Phoenicia, he reported to him that the treasury in Jerusalem was full of untold sums of money, so that the amount of the funds could not be reckoned, and that they did not belong to the account of the sacrifices, but that it was possible for them to fall under the control of the king.

Ry. ii. With hymns and thanksgivings they blessed the Lord, * the Lord almighty who shows great kindness to Israel and gives them victory. V. They decorated the front of the temple with golden crowns and dedicated the altar to the Lord. * and there was very great gladness among the people. V. With hymns and thanksgivings they blessed the Lord. – And there was. – Glory. – Among the people.

Thursday
MATINS
From the second book of Maccabees

Lesson i Chapter 3

H eliodorus set a day and went in, to direct the inspection of the temple funds. There was no little distress throughout the whole city. The priests prostrated themselves before the altar in their priestly garments and called toward heaven upon him who had given the law about deposits, that he should keep them safe for those who had deposited them. To see the appearance of the high priest was to be wounded at heart, for his face and the change in his colour disclosed the anguish of his soul.

Ry. i. May the Lord open your heart to his law and his commandments and may he bring peace in your days; * may be grant you salvation and deliver you from evil. V. May the Lord hear your prayers and be reconciled to you; and may he not forsake you in time of evil. – May he grant.

Lesson ii

W hen Apollonius met the king, he told him

Lesson iii

S ome of the maidens who were kept indoors ran together to the gates, and some to the walls, while others peered out of the windows. And holding up their hands to heaven, they all made entreaty. There was something pitiable in the prostration of the whole populace and the anxiety of the high priest in his great anguish.

Ry. iii. Might is yours, yours is the kingdom, Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. * Give peace, Lord, in our days. V. O God, Creator of all things, you are awe-inspiring and strong, just and merciful. – Give peace. – Glory. – In our days.
Lesson iii

Heliodorus suddenly fell to the ground and deep darkness came over him; his men took him up and put him on a stretcher and carried him away, this man who had just entered the aforesaid treasury with a great retinue and all his bodyguard but was now unable to help himself; and they recognised clearly the sovereign power of God; while he lay prostrate, speechless, because of the divine intervention, and deprived of any hope of recovery.

Lesson ii

For there appeared to them a magnificently caparisoned horse, with a rider of frightening mien, and it rushed furiously at Heliodorus and struck at him with its front hoofs. Its rider was seen to have armour and weapons of gold. Two young men also appeared to him, remarkably strong, gloriously beautiful and splendidly dressed, who stood on each side of him and scourged him continuously, inflicting many blows on him.

Lesson i

Chapter 5

About this time Antiochus made his second invasion of Egypt. And it happened that over all the city, for almost forty days, there appeared golden-clad horsemen charging through the air, in companies fully armed with lances and drawn swords—troops of horsemen drawn up, attacks and counter-attacks made on this side and on that, brandishing of shields, massing of spears, hurling of missiles, the flash of golden trappings, and armour of all sorts.

R. i. Judas said to Simon his brother, “Choose your men and go and rescue your brethren in Galilee; I and Jonathan my brother will go to Gil'ead. As his will in heaven may be, so will he do.” Gird yourselves and be valiant: for it is better for us to die in battle than to see the misfortunes of our nation and of the sanctuary. As his will.

Lesson ii

Therefore all men prayed that the apparition might prove to have been a good omen. When a false rumour arose that Antiochus was dead, Jason took no less than a thousand men and suddenly made an assault upon the city. While the troops upon the wall had been forced back and at last the city was being taken, Menelaus took refuge in the citadel. But Jason kept relentlessly slaughtering his fellow citizens, not realising that success at the cost of one’s kindred is the greatest misfortune, but imagining that he was setting up trophies of victory over enemies and not over fellow countrymen. He did not gain control of the government, however; and in the end got only disgrace from his conspiracy, and fled again into the country of the Ammonites. Finally he met a miserable end. Accused before Ar'tes the ruler of the Arabs, fleeing from city to city, pursued by all men, hated as a rebel against the laws, and abhorred as the executioner of his country and his fellow citizens, he was cast ashore in Egypt.

R. ii. They decorated the front of the temple with golden crowns, and dedicated the altar to the Lord: * and there was very great gladness among the people. With hymns and thanksgivings they blessed the Lord. — And there was.

IV SUNDAY OF OCTOBER

II class

I VESPERS

May evening prayer rise up to you, Lord. — And may your mercy come down to us.
IV Sunday of October

Magnif. ant. Gird yourselves and be valiant: for it is better for us to die in battle than to see the misfortunes of our nation and of the sanctuary. As his will in heaven may be, so he will do.

Lesson i

MATINS
From the second book of Maccabees

Lesson ii

Not long after this, the king (Antiochus) sent an Athenian senator to compel the Jews to forsake the laws of their fathers and cease to live by the laws of God, and also to pollute the temple in Jerusalem and call it the temple of Olympian Zeus, and to call the one in Gerizim the temple of Zeus the Friend of Strangers, as did the people who dwelt in that place. Harsh and utterly grievous was the onslaught of evil. For the temple was filled with debauchery and reveling by the Gentiles, who dallied with harlots and had intercourse with women within the sacred precincts, and besides brought in things for sacrifice that were unfruit.

Lesson iii

Lessons is from the homily on the Gospel of the current Sunday after Pentecost.

Lesson ii

Monday MATINS
From the second book of Maccabees

Lesson i

Ela'zar, one of the scribes in high position, a man now advanced in age and of noble presence, was being forced to open his mouth to eat swine's flesh. But he, welcoming death with honour rather than life with pollution, went up to the rack of his own accord, spitting out the flesh, as men ought to go who have the courage to refuse things that is not right to taste, even for the natural love of life.

Lesson ii

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Lesson iii

But making a high resolve, worthy of his years and the dignity of his old age and the grey hairs which he had reached with distinction and his excellent life even from childhood, and moreover according to the holy God-given law, he declared himself quickly, telling them to send him to Hades. "Such pretence is not worthy of our time of life," he said, "lest many of the young should suppose that Eleazar in his ninetieth year has gone over to an alien religion, and through my pretence, for the sake of living a brief moment longer, they should be led astray because of me."

Rv. iii. Might is yours, yours is the kingdom, Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. * Give peace, Lord, in our days. O God, Creator of all things, you are awe-inspiring and strong, just and merciful. – Give peace. – Glory. – In our days.

Tuesday
MATINS

From the second book of Maccabees

Lesson i  Chapter 7

It happened also that seven brothers and their mother were arrested and were being compelled by the king, under torture with whips and cords, to partake of unlawful swine's flesh. One of them, acting as their spokesman, said, "What do you intend to ask and learn from us? For we are ready to die rather than transgress the laws of our fathers." The king fell into a rage, and gave orders that pans and cauldrons be heated. These were heated immediately, and he commanded that the tongue of their spokesman be cut off and that they scalp him and cut off his hands and feet, while the rest of the brothers and the mother looked on.

Rv. i. Our enemies are come together and they boast of their power; break their strength, Lord, and scatter them, * that they may know that it is none other than you, our God, who fights for us. Υ. Rout them by your power, lay them low; it is you, O Lord, who are our shield. – That they may know.

Lesson ii

When he was utterly helpless, the king ordered them to take him to the fire, still breathing, and to fry him in a pan. The smoke from the pan spread widely, but the brothers and their mother encouraged one another to die nobly, saying, "The Lord God is watching over us and in truth has compassion on us, as Moses declared in his song which bore witness against the people to their faces, when he said, 'And he will have compassion on his servants.'"

Rv. ii. Do not fear the assault of the enemy; remember how our fathers were saved. * And now let us cry to heaven, and our God will have pity on us. Υ. Remember the awe-inspiring things he did to Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea. – And now let us cry.

Lesson iii

After the first brother had died in this way, they brought forward the second for their sport. They tore off the skin of his head with the hair, and asked him, "Will you eat rather than have your body punished limb by limb?" He replied in the language of his fathers, and said to them, "No." Therefore he in turn underwent tortures as the first brother had done.

Rv. iii. The sun shone upon the shields of gold and the hills were ablaze with them: * and the strength of the nations was destroyed. Υ. For the army was very large and strong. But Judas and his army advanced to the battle. – And the strength.– Glory. – And the strength.

Wednesday

MATINS

From the second book of Maccabees

Lesson i  Chapter 7

After him the third was the victim of their sport. When it was demanded, he quickly put out his tongue and courageously stretched forth his hands, and said nobly, "I got these from heaven, and because of his laws I disdain them, and from him I hope to get them back again." As a result the king himself and those with him were astonished at the young man's spirit, for he regarded his sufferings as nothing.

Rv. i. Judas said to Simon his brother, "Choose your men and go and rescue your brethren in Galilee; I and Jonathan my brother will go to Gil'ead. * As his will in heaven may be, so he will do." Υ. Gird yourselves and be valiant: for it is better for us to die in battle than to see the misfortunes of our nation and of the sanctuary. – As his will.
Lesson ii

When he too had died, they maltreated and tortured the fourth in the same way. And when he was near death, he said, "One cannot but choose to die at the hands of men and to cherish the hope that God gives of being raised again by him. But for you there will be no resurrection to life!" Next they brought forward the fifth and maltreated him. But he looked at the king, and said, "Because you have authority among men, mortal though you are, you do what you please. But do not think that God has forsaken our people. Keep on, and see how his mighty power will torture you and your descendants!"

Rv. ii. With hymns and thanksgivings they blessed the Lord, * the Lord almighty who shows great kindness to Israel and gives them victory. Y. They decorated the front of the temple with golden crowns, and dedicated the altar to the Lord:* and there was very great gladness among the people. Y. With hymns and thanksgivings they blessed the Lord. – The Lord almighty.

Lesson iii

After him they brought forward the sixth. And when he was about to die, he said, "Do not deceive yourself in vain. For we are suffering these things on our own account, because of our sins against our own God. Therefore astounding things have happened. But do not think that you will go unpunished for having tried to fight against God!" The mother was especially admirable and worthy of honourable memory. Though she saw her seven sons perish within a single day, she bore it with good courage because of her hope in the Lord. She encouraged each of them in the language of their fathers. She was filled with a noble spirit and with wisdom.

Rv. iii. They decorated the front of the temple with golden crowns, and dedicated the altar to the Lord: and there was very great gladness among the people. Y. With hymns and thanksgivings they blessed the Lord. – The Lord almighty. Glory. – Among the people.

Thursday
MATINS
From the second book of Maccabees

Lesson i  Chapter 7

Antiochus felt that he was being treated with contempt, and he was suspicious of her reproachful tone. The youngest brother being still alive, Antiochus not only appealed to him in words, but promised with oaths that he would make him rich and enviable if he would turn from the ways of his fathers, and that he would take him for his friend and entrust him with public affairs. Since the young man would not listen to him at all, the king called the mother to him and urged her to advise the youth to save himself.

Rv. i. May the Lord open your heart to his law and his commandments and may he bring peace in your days; * may he grant you salvation and deliver you from evil. Y. May the Lord hear your prayers and be reconciled to you; and may he not forsake you in time of evil. – May he grant.

Lesson ii

Do not fear this butcher, but prove worthy of your brothers. Accept death, so that in God's mercy I may get you back again with your brothers.” While she was still speaking the young man said, “What are you waiting for? I will not obey the king's command, but I obey the command of the law that was given to our fathers through Moses. But you, who have contrived all sorts of evil against the Hebrews, will certainly not escape the hands of God. For we are suffering because of our own sins.”

Rv. iii. Might is yours, yours is the kingdom, Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. * Give peace, Lord, in our days. Y. O God, Creator of all things, you are awe-inspiring and
strong, just and merciful. – Give peace. – Glory. – In our days.

Lesson ii

And soon as Maccabeus got his army organised the Gentiles could not withstand him, for the wrath of the Lord had turned to mercy. Coming without warning, he would set fire to towns and villages. He captured strategic positions and put to flight not a few of the enemy. He found the nights most advantageous for such attacks. And talk of his valour spread everywhere.

κ. ii. Do not fear the assault of the enemy; remember how our fathers were saved. * And now let us cry to heaven, and our God will have pity on us. * * * Remember the awe-inspiring things he did to Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea. – And now let us cry.

Lesson iii

When Philip saw that the man was gaining ground little by little, and that he was pushing ahead with more frequent successes, he wrote to Ptolemy, the Governor of Colesyria and Phoenix, to aid to the king's government. And Ptolemy promptly appointed Nicator, the son of Patrocclus, one of the king's chief friends, and sent him, in command of no fewer than twenty thousand Gentiles of all nations, to wipe out the whole race of Judea.

κ. iii. The sun shone upon the shields of gold and the hills were ablaze with them: * and the strength of the nations was destroyed. * * For the army was very large and strong. But Judas and his army advanced to the battle. – And the strength. – Glory. – And the strength.

Friday

MATINS

From the second book of Maccabees

Lesson i Chapter 8

But Judas, who was also called Maccabeus, and his companions secretly entered the villages and summoned their kinsmen and enlisted those who had continued in the Jewish faith, and so they gathered about six thousand men. They besought the Lord to look upon the people who were oppressed by all, and to have pity on the temple which had been profaned by ungodly men, and to have mercy on the city which was being destroyed and about to be levelled to the ground, and to hearken to the blood that cried out to him.

κ. i. Our enemies are come together and they boast of their power; break their strength, Lord, and scatter them; * that they may know that it is none other than you, our God, who fights for us. * * Rout them by your power, lay them low; it is you, O Lord, who are our shield. – That they may know.
most of Nica'nor's army, and forced them all to flee.

IV. ii. They decorated the front of the temple with golden crowns, and dedicated the altar to the Lord:* and there was very great gladness among the people. Y. With hymns and thanksgivings they blessed the Lord. - And there was.

V. SUNDAY OF OCTOBER

On the Sunday falling between October 25 and 31 inclusive, the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King, as given in the Proper of the Saints, is celebrated.

Monday

This week is omitted if there is no room for it in October.

MATINS

From the second book of Maccabees

Lesson i

About that time, Antiochus had retreated in disorder from the region of Persia. For he had entered the city called Persepolis, and attempted to rob the temples and control the city. Therefore the people rushed to the rescue with arms, and Antiochus and his men were defeated, with the result that Antiochus was put to flight by the inhabitants and beat a shameful retreat. While he was in Ecbat'ana, news came to him of what had happened to Nica'nor and the forces of Timothy. Y. May the Lord open your heart to his law and his commandments and may he bring peace in your days; * may he grant you salvation and deliver you from evil. Y. May the Lord hear your prayers and be reconciled to you; and may he not forsake you in time of evil. - May he grant.

Lesson ii

Transported with rage, he conceived the idea of turning upon the Jews the injury done by those who had put him to flight; so he ordered his charioteer to drive without stopping until he completed the journey. But the judgment of heaven rode with him! For in his arrogance he said, "When I get there I will make Jerusalem a cemetery of Jews." But the all-seeing Lord, the God of Israel, struck him an incurable and unseen blow.

Y. May the Lord hear your prayers and be reconciled to you; * and may he not forsake you in time of evil. Y. May he give you all a heart to worship him and to do his will. - And may he not forsake.

Lesson iii

As soon as he had ceased speaking he was seized with a pain in his bowels for which there was no relief and with sharp internal tortures—and that very justly, for he had tormented the bowels of others with many and strange inflictions. Yet he did not in any way stop his insolence, but was even more filled with arrogance, breathing fire in his rage against the Jews, and giving orders to hasten the journey. And so it came about that he fell out of his chariot as it was rushing along, and the fall was so hard as to torture every limb of his body.

Y. Might is yours, yours is the kingdom, Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. * Give peace, Lord, in our days. Y. O God, Creator of all things, you are awe-inspiring and strong, just and merciful. - Give peace. - Glory. - In our days.

Tuesday

MATINS

From the second book of Maccabees

Lesson ii

Because of his intolerable stench no one was able to carry the man who a little while before had thought that he could touch the stars of heaven. Then it was that, broken in spirit, he began to lose much of his arrogance and to come to his senses under the scourge of God,
for he was tortured with pain every moment. And when he could not endure his own stench, he uttered these words: “It is right to be subject to God, and no mortal should think that he is equal to God.”

Lesson ii
MATINS
For the second book of Maccabees

Lesson i
Chapter 9

But when his sufferings did not in any way abate, for the judgment of God had justly come upon him, he gave up all hope for himself and wrote to the Jews the following letter, in the form of supplication. This was its content: “To his worthy Jewish citizens, Antiochus their king and general sends hearty greetings and good wishes for their health and prosperity. If you and your children are well and your affairs are as you wish, I am glad.”

Lesson iii

Then the abominable fellow made a vow to the Lord, who would no longer have mercy on him, stating that the holy city, which he was hastening to level to the ground and to make a cemetery, he was now declaring to be free; and the Jews, whom he had not considered worth burying but had planned to throw out with their children to the beasts, for the birds to pick, he would make, all of them, equal to citizens of Athens.

Lesson ii

On my way back from the region of Persia I suffered an annoying illness, and I have deemed it necessary to take thought for the general security of all. I do not despair of my condition, for I have good hope of recovering from my illness.”

Lesson iii

When Nica’nor heard that Judas and his men were in the region of Samari’a, he made plans to attack them with complete safety on the day of rest. And when the Jews who were compelled to follow him said, “Do not destroy so savagely and barbarously but show respect for the day which he who sees all things has honoured and hallowed above other days,” the thrice-accursed wretch asked if there were a sovereign in heaven who had commanded the keeping of the sabbath day.

Lesson i

May the Lord open your heart to his law and his commandments, and may he bring peace in your days; * may he grant you salvation and deliver you...
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from evil. Y. May the Lord hear your prayers and be reconciled to you; and may he not forsake you in time of evil. May he grant.

Lesson ii

And when they declared, "It is the living Lord himself, the Sovereign in heaven, who ordered us to observe the seventh day," he replied, "And I am a sovereign also, on earth, and I command you to take up arms and finish the king's business." Nevertheless, he did not succeed in carrying out his abominable design. This Nicanor in his utter boastfulness and arrogance had determined to erect a public monument of victory over Judas and his men.

IV. ii. May the Lord hear your prayers and be reconciled to you; and may he not forsake you in time of evil. Y. May he give you all a heart to worship him and to do his will. — And may he not forsake.

Lesson iii

But Maccabees did not cease to trust with all confidence, so that he would gain help from the Lord. And he exhorted his men not to fear the attack of the Gentiles, but to keep in mind the former times when help had come to them from heaven, and now to look for the victory which the Almighty would give them. Encouraging them from the law and the prophets, and reminding them also of the struggles they had won, he made them the more eager.

IV. iii. Might is yours, yours is the kingdom, Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. * Give peace, Lord, in our days. O God, Creator of all things, you are awe-inspiring and strong, just and merciful. — Give peace. — Glory. — In our days.

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Friday
MATINS

From the second book of Maccabees

Lesson i Chapter 15

What he saw was this: Onias, who had been high priest, a noble and good man, of modest bearing and gentle manner, one who spoke fittingly and had been trained from childhood in all that belongs to excellence, was praying with outstretched hands for the whole body of the Jews. Then likewise a man appeared, distinguished by his grey hair and dignity, and of marvellous majesty and authority. And Onias spoke, saying, "This is a man who loves the brethren and prays much for the people and the holy city, Jeremiah, the prophet of God."

IV. i. Our enemies are come together and they boast of their power; break their strength, Lord, and scatter them, * that they may know that it is none other than you, our God, who fights for us. Y. Rout them by your power, lay them low; it is you, O Lord, who are our shield. — That they may know.

Lesson ii

Jeremiah stretched out his right hand and gave to Judas a golden sword, and as he gave it he addressed him thus: "Take this holy sword, a gift from God, with which you will strike down your adversaries." Encouraged by the words of Judas, so noble and so effective in arousing valour and awaking manliness in the souls of the young, they determined not to carry on a campaign but to attack bravely, and to decide the matter, by fighting hand to hand with all courage, because the city and the sanctuary and the temple were in danger.

IV. ii. Do not fear the assault of the enemy; remember how our fathers were saved. * And now let us cry to heaven, and our God will have pity on us. Y. Remember the awe-inspiring things he did to Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea. — And now let us cry.
Lesson i  Chapter 15

Nica’nor and his men advanced with trumpets and battle songs; and Judas and his men met the enemy in battle with invocation to God and prayers. So, fighting with their hands and praying to God in their hearts, they laid low no less than thirty-five thousand men, and were greatly gladdened by God’s manifestation. When the action was over and they were returning with joy, they recognised Nica’nor, lying dead, in full armour.

Ὦ, i. Judas said to Simon his brother, “Choose your men and go and rescue your brethren in Galilee; I and Jonathan my brother will go to Gil’ead. * As his will in heaven may be, so he will do.” Ὄ, Gird yourselves and be valiant: for it is better for us to die in battle than to see the misfortunes of our nation and of the sanctuary. – As his will.

Lesson ii

Then there was shouting and tumult, and they blessed the Sovereign Lord in the language of their fathers. And the man who was ever in body and soul the defender of his fellow citizens, the man who maintained his youthful goodwill toward his countrymen, ordered them to cut off Nica’nor’s head and arm and carry them to Jerusalem. And when he arrived there and had called his countrymen together and stationed the priests before the altar, he sent for those who were in the citadel. He showed them the vile Nica’nor’s head and that profane man’s arm, which had been boastfully stretched out against the holy house of the Almighty; and he cut out the tongue of the ungodly Nica’nor and said that he would give it piecemeal to the birds and hang up these rewards of his folly opposite the sanctuary. And they all, looking to heaven, blessed the Lord who had manifested himself, saying, “Blessed is he who has kept his own place undefiled.”

Ὦ, ii. They decorated the front of the temple with golden crowns, and dedicated the altar to the Lord: * and there was very great gladness among the people. Ὄ. With hymns and thanksgivings they blessed the Lord. – And there was.

Joseph’s flock. – Open your eyes. – Glory. – Open your eyes.

Hymn

Ὦ Trinity of blessed light, Ὄ Unity of princely might,
As fiery sun now goes its way,
Ὦ spread within our hearts your ray.

To you our morning song of praise,
To you our evening prayer we raise;
Ὦ may our supplicant glory be
To sing your praise eternally.

Ὦ To God the Father glory true,
The same, eternal Son, to you,
Ὦ To Counsellor Spirit glory be
Both now and for eternity. Amen.

Ὅ, May evening prayer rise up to you, Lord. Ὄ, And may your mercy come down to us.

Magnif, ant. I saw the Lord sitting upon a high throne: the whole earth was full of his glory and his train filled the temple.
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MATINS
Here begins the book of the Prophet Ezekiel
Lesson i  Chapter 1
In the thirty-ninth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the exiles by the river Chebar, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. On the fifth day of the month (it was the fifth year of the exile of King Jehoiachin), the word of the Lord came to Ezekiel, the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the Lord was upon him there. As I looked, behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, and a great cloud, with brightness round about it, and fire flashing forth continually, and in the midst of the fire, as it were gleaming bronze. — Indeed Lord.

For i. I saw the Lord sitting upon a high throne, the whole earth was full of his glory * and his train filled the temple. * Above him stood the seraphim; each had six wings. — And his train.

* This series I saw the Lord is read until the first Sunday of Advent.

Lesson ii
And from the midst of it came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had the form of men, but each had four faces, and each of them had four wings. Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like burnished bronze. Under their wings on their four sides they had human hands. And the four had their faces and their wings thus: their wings touched one another; they went everyone straight forward, without turning as they went. As for the likeness of their faces, each had the face of a man in front; the four had the face of a lion on the right side, the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and the four had the face of an eagle at the back. Such were their faces. And their wings were spread out above; each creature had two wings, each of which touched the wing of another, while two covered their bodies; and each went straight forward without turning as they went. — Indeed Lord.

* iii. Observe, Lord, how a city that was full of riches has become desolate; she that was great among the nations sits in sadness: she has none to comfort her but you, God. * She weeps bitterly in the night, tears on her cheeks. — She has none.

Lesson iii is from the homily of the Gospel of the current Sunday after Pentecost.

R. Worthy of praise is the people whom the Lord of hosts has blessed, saying, “You are my handiwork: * Israel, you are my heritage.” * They are happy whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. — Israel, you are. — Glory. — Israel, you are.

Monday MATINS
From Ezekiel the Prophet
Lesson i  Chapter 2
And when I saw it I fell upon my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking. And he said to me, “Son of man, stand upon your feet, and I will speak with you.” And when he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me upon my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels, who have rebelled against me.” Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

R. i. I saw the Lord sitting upon a high throne, the whole earth was full of his glory * and his train filled the temple. * Above him stood the seraphim; each had six wings. — And his train.

Lesson ii
They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. The people also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them; and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God.’ And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that there has been a prophet among them.” Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

R. ii. Observe, Lord, from your holy throne and think of us; O my God, incline your ear and hear, * open your eyes and see our distress. * Shepherd of Israel, hear us, you who lead Joseph's flock. — Open your eyes.

Lesson iii
And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you sit upon scorpions; be not afraid of their words nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. And you shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear; for they are a rebellious
house." Thus says the Lord God: "Turn to me and be saved."

Rv. i. Observe, Lord, how a city that was full of riches has become desolate; she that was great among the nations sits in sadness: she has none to comfort her but you, God. ∴ She weeps bitterly in the night, tears on her cheeks. — She has none. — Glory. — She has none.

Tuesday
MATINS
From Ezekiel the Prophet
Lesson i
Chapter 3

And he said to me, "Son of man, eat what is offered to you; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. And he said to me, "Son of man, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it." Then I ate it; and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey. Thus says the Lord God: "Turn to me and be saved."

Rv. i. Upon your walls, Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent, praising the name of the Lord. ∴ They shall proclaim my power to the peoples, and they shall declare my glory among the nations. — Prais.

Lesson ii

And he said to me, "Son of man, go, get you to the house of Israel, and speak with my words to them. For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel—not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you. But the house of Israel will not listen to you; for they are not willing to listen to me." — Thus says the Lord God: "Turn to me and be saved."

Rv. ii. Surround us, Lord, with the impregnable wall of your protection, and guard us always with the weapons of your power; save those who cry to you, Lord, God of Israel. ∴ Deliver us in accordance with your marvellous works and give glory to your name. — Save those.

Lesson iii

Because all the house of Israel are of a hard forehead and of a stubborn heart, Behold, I have made your forehead against their faces, and your forehead hard against their fore-

heads. Like adamant harder than flint have I made your forehead; fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.” Moreover he said to me, “Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears.” Thus says the Lord God: "Turn to me and be saved."

Rv. iii. We longed for peace but it did not come; we looked for good but beheld terror; we acknowledge our sins, Lord, do not forget us for ever. ∴ Our sin is the sin of our fathers; we have done wrong, our deeds have been evil. — Do not. — Glory. — Do not.

Wednesday
MATINS
From the Prophet Ezekiel
Lesson i
Chapter 3

Then the Spirit lifted me up, and as the glory of the Lord arose from its place, I heard behind me the sound of a great earthquake; it was the sound of the wings of the living creatures as they touched one another, and the sound of the wheels beside them, that sounded like a great earthquake. The Spirit lifted me up and took me away, and I went in bitterness in the heat of my spirit, the hand of the Lord being strong upon me:" — Thus says the Lord God: "Turn to me and be saved."

Rv. i. I am hemmed in on every side and do not know what choice to make. It is better for me to fall into the hands of men than to forsake the law of my God. ∴ For if I do this thing, it is death for me; and if I do not I shall not escape your hands. — It is better.

Lesson ii

And I came to the exiles at Tel-Abib, who dwelt by the river Chebar. And I sat there overwhelmed among them seven days. And at the end of seven days, the word of the Lord came to me: "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me," — Thus says the Lord God: "Turn to me and be saved."

Rv. i. The Lord sent his angel and shut the lions’ mouths, and they have not touched me, because I was found blameless before him. ∴ May God send his truth and his love. He delivered my soul from
Think of us; O my God, incline your ear and hear, * open your eyes and see our distress. V. Shepherd of Israel, hear us, you who lead Joseph’s flock. — Open your eyes.

Lesson iii

And when you have completed these, you shall lie down a second time, but on your right side, and bear the punishment of the house of Judah; forty days I assign you, a day for each year. And you shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem, with your arm bared; and you shall prophesy against the city. And, behold, I will put cords upon you, so that you cannot turn from one side to the other, till you have completed the days of your siege.” Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Lesson ii

Then lie upon your left side, and I will lay the punishment of the house of Israel upon you; for the number of the days that you lie upon it, you shall bear their punishment. For I assign to you a number of days, three hundred and ninety days, equal to the number of the years of their punishment; so long shall you bear the punishment of the house of Israel.” Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Lesson ii

And you, O son of man, take a brick and lay it before you, and portray upon it a city, even Jerusalem; and put siegeworks against it, and build a siege wall against it, and cast up a mound against it; set camps also against it, and plant battering rams against it round about. And take an iron plate, and place it as an iron wall between you and the city; and set your face toward it, and let it be in a state of siege, and press the siege against it. This is a sign for the house of Israel.” Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Lesson ii

Thy happy whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. — Israel, you are. — Glory. — Israel, you are.

Thursday MATINS

From the Prophet Ezekiel Lesson i Chapter 5

And you, O son of man, take a sharp sword; use it as a barber’s razor and pass it over your head and your beard; then take balances for weighing, and divide the hair. A third part you shall burn in the fire in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are completed; and a third part you shall take and strike with the sword round about the city; and a third part you shall scatter to the wind, and I will unsheathe the sword after them.” Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Lesson i

Upon your walls, Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent, * praising the name of the Lord. V. They shall proclaim my power to the peoples, and they shall declare my glory among the nations. — Prais.

Lesson ii

And you shall take from these a small number, and bind them in the skirts of your robe. And of these again you shall take some, and cast them into the fire, and burn them in the fire;
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The word of the Lord came to me: “Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them, and say, You mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God! Thus says the Lord God to the mountains and the hills, to the ravines and the valleys: Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places. Your altars shall become desolate, and your incense altars shall be broken; and I will cast down your slain before your idols.” Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Lesson ii

And I will lay the dead bodies of the people of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones round about your altars. Wherever you dwell your cities shall be waste and your high places ruined so that your altars will be waste and ruined, your idols broken and destroyed, your incense altars cut down, and your works wiped out. And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and you shall know that I am the Lord. Yet I will leave some of you alive. When you have among the nations some who escape the sword, and when you are scattered through the countries, then those of you who escape will remember me among the nations where they are carried captive, when I have broken their wanton heart which has departed from me, and blinded their eyes which turn wantonly after their idols.” Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Lesson iii

And she had rejected my ordinances and did not walk in my statutes. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Because you are more turbulent than the nations that are round about you, and have not walked in my statutes or kept my ordinances, but have acted according to the ordinances of the nations that are round about you; therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, even I, am against you; and I will execute judgments in the midst of you in the sight of the nations.” Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Lesson iv.

We longed for peace but it did not come; we looked for good, but behold terror; we acknowledge our sins, Lord, do not forget us for ever. Our sin is the sin of our fathers; we have done wrong, our deeds have been evil. Do not. Glory. Do not.

Saturday

MATINS

From the Prophet Ezekiel

Lesson i Chapter 6

And I will scatter your bones round about your altars. Wherever you dwell your cities shall be waste and your high places ruined so that your altars will be waste and ruined, your idols broken and destroyed, your incense altars cut down, and your works wiped out. And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and you shall know that I am the Lord. Yet I will leave some of you alive. When you have among the nations some who escape the sword, and when you are scattered through the countries, then those of you who escape will remember me among the nations where they are carried captive, when I have broken their wanton heart which has departed from me, and blinded their eyes which turn wantonly after their idols.” Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Lesson ii

And I will lay the dead bodies of the people of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones round about your altars. Wherever you dwell your cities shall be waste and your high places ruined so that your altars will be waste and ruined, your idols broken and destroyed, your incense altars cut down, and your works wiped out. And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and you shall know that I am the Lord. Yet I will leave some of you alive. When you have among the nations some who escape the sword, and when you are scattered through the countries, then those of you who escape will remember me among the nations where they are carried captive, when I have broken their wanton heart which has departed from me, and blinded their eyes which turn wantonly after their idols.” Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Lesson iv.

We longed for peace but it did not come; we looked for good, but behold terror; we acknowledge our sins, Lord, do not forget us for ever. Our sin is the sin of our fathers; we have done wrong, our deeds have been evil. Do not. Glory. Do not.

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MATINS
Here begins the book of the Prophet Daniel
Lesson i Chapter 1

In the third year of the reign of Jehoi’akim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezz’ar king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem and besieged it. And the Lord gave Jehoi’akim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the vessels of the house of God; and he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and placed the vessels in the treasury of his god. Then the king commanded Ash’penaz, his chief eunuch, to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility, youths without blemish, handsome and skilful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding learning, and competent to serve in the king’s palace, and to teach them the letters and language of the Chalde’ans. – Indeed, Lord.

Rv. i. I saw the Lord sitting upon a high throne, the whole earth was full of his glory; * and his train filled the temple. – Above him stood the seraphim; each had six wings. – And his train.

Lesson ii

The king assigned them a daily portion of the rich food which the king ate and of the wine which he drank. They were to be educated for three years, and at the end of that time they were to stand before the king. Among these were Daniel, Hanani’ah, Mish’ael, and Azari’ah of the tribe of Judah. And the chief of the eunuchs gave them names: Daniel he called Belteshaz’zar, Hanani’ah he called Shadrach, Mish’ael he called Meshach, and Azari’ah he called Abed’nego. But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king’s rich food, or with the wine which he drank; therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself. And God gave Daniel favour and compassion in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs; and the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, “I fear lest my lord the king, who appointed your food and your drink, should see that you were in poorer condition than the youths who are of your own age. So you would endanger my head with the king.” – Indeed, Lord.

Rv. ii. Observe, Lord, how a city that was full of riches has become desolate; she that was great among the nations sits in sadness: * she has none to comfort her but you, God. –

Lesson iii

She weeps bitterly in the night, tears on her cheeks. – She has none.

Lesson iii is from the homily on the Gospel of the current Sunday after Pentecost.

Rv. iii. Honour, power, might and dominion be to the Trinity in One, to the One in Trinity * for endless ages. – Light unending to the Trinity, everlasting splendour to the One. – For endless ages. – Glory. – For endless ages.

Monday

MATINS
From the Prophet Daniel
Lesson i Chapter 7

In the first year of Bel-shaz’zar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, and told the sum of the matter. Daniel said, “I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.” – Indeed, Lord.

Rv. i. I saw the Lord sitting upon a high throne, the whole earth was full of his glory * and his train filled the temple. –

Rv. ii. Observe, Lord, how the first was like a lion and had eagle’s wings. Then as I looked its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand upon two feet like a man; and the mind of a man was given to it. And behold, another beast, a second one, like a bear. It was raised up on one side; it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth; and it was told, ‘Arise, devour much flesh.’ ” – Indeed, Lord.

Rv. iii. Honour, power, might and dominion be to the Trinity in One, to the One in Trinity * for endless ages. – Light unending to the Trinity, everlasting splendour to the One. – For endless ages. – Glory. – For endless ages.

Above him stood the seraphim; each had six wings. – And his train.

Lesson ii

After this I looked, and lo, another, like a leopard, with four wings of a bird on its back; and the beast had four heads; and dominion was given to it. After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, terrible and dreadful and exceedingly strong; and it had great iron teeth; it devoured and
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They shall proclaim my power to the peoples, and they shall declare my glory among the nations. — Prais-

Lesson ii

"As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious and the visions of my head alarmed me. I approached one of those who stood there and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me, and made known to me the interpretation of the things. 'These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth.' " — Indeed, Lord.

R. ii. Surround us, Lord, with the impregnable wall of your protection, and guard us always with the weapons of your power; * save those who cry to you, Lord, God of Israel. — Deliver us in accordance with your marvellous works, and give glory to your name. — Save those.

Lesson iii

"But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, for ever and ever. Then I desired to know the truth concerning the fourth beast, which was different from all the rest, exceed-

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ingly terrible, with its teeth of iron and claws of bronze; and which devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet; and concerning the ten horns that were on its head. " — Indeed, Lord.

R. iii. We longed for peace but it did not come; we looked for good, but behold terror; we acknowledge our sins, Lord, * do not forget us for ever.

Y. Our sin is the sin of our fathers; we have done wrong, our deeds have been evil. — Do not. — Glory. — Do not.

Tuesday

MATINS

From the Prophet Daniel

Lesson i Chapter 7

I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son

of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed." — Indeed, Lord.

R. i. Upon your walls, Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent; * praising the name of the Lord. — Indeed, Lord.

Lesson ii

I saw the ram charging westward and northward and southward; no beast could stand before him, and there was no one who could rescue from his power; he did as he pleased and magnified himself. As I was considering, behold, a he-goat came from the west across the face of the whole earth, without touching the ground. — Indeed, Lord.

R. ii. The Lord sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not touched me, * because I was found blameless before him. — May God send his truth and his love. He delivered my soul from among lions. — Because I was found.

Lesson iii

And the goat had a con-

spicuous horn between his eyes. He came to the ram with the two horns, which I had seen standing on the bank of the river, and he ran at him in his

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Lesson i
Chapter 9

While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God for the holy hill of my God; while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice. He came and he said to me, “O Daniel, I have now come out to give you wisdom and understanding.” — Indeed, Lord.

Lesson ii

I know therefore and understand that from the going forth of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off, and shall have nothing.” — Indeed, Lord.

Lesson iii

On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river, that is, the Tigris, I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with gold of Uphaz. His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like a gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the noise of a multitude. — Indeed, Lord.

Friday
MATINS

Lesson i
Chapter 10

In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a word was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar. And the word was true, and it was a great conflict. And he understood the word and had understanding of the vision. In those days, I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks. I ate no delicacies, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, for the full three weeks. — Indeed, Lord.

Lesson iii

And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men...
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will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will deliver them by the Lord their God; I will not deliver them by bow, nor by sword, nor by war, nor by horses, nor by horsemen." When she had weaned Not pitied, she conceived and bore a son. And the Lord said, "Call his name Not my people, for you are not my people and I am not your God." Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered. Thus says the Lord God: "Turn to me and be saved."

Lesson i  Chapter 2

**S**ay to your brother, 'My people,' and to your sister, 'She has obtained pity.' Plead with your mother, plead— for she is not my wife, and I am not her husband—that she put away her harlotry from her face, and her adultery from between her breasts; lest I strip her naked and make her as in the day she was born, and make her like a wilderness, and set her like a parched land, and slay her with thirst." Thus says the Lord God: "Turn to me and be saved."

Lesson ii

"**U**pon her children also I will have no pity, because they are children of harlotry. For their mother has played the harlot; she that conceived them has acted shamefully. For she said, 'I will go after my lovers, who give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.' Therefore I will hedge up her way with thorns; and I will build a wall against her, so that she cannot find her paths." Thus says the Lord God: "Turn to me and be saved."

Lesson iii

"She shall pursue her lovers, but not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them. Then she shall say, 'I will go and return to my first husband, for it was better with me then than now.' And she did not know that it was I who gave her the grain, the wine, and the oil, and who lavished upon her silver and gold which they used for Ba'al." Thus says the Lord God: "Turn to me and be saved."

Lesson iv

"**R**. i. Upon your walls, Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent," praising the name of the Lord. 

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they shall declare my glory among the nations. – Prais-1

Lesson ii

Yet let no one contend, and let none accuse, for with you is my contention, O priest. You shall stumble by day, the prophet also shall stumble with you by night; and I will destroy your mother. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children. Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Lesson ii

Surround us, Lord, with the impregnable wall of your protection, and guard us always with the weapons of your power; save those who cry to you, Lord, God of Israel. Deliver us in accordance with your marvellous works, and give glory to your name. – Save those.

Lesson iii

The more they increased, the more they sinned against me; I will change their glory into shame. They feed on the sin of my people; they are greedy for their iniquity. And it

Lesson iii

A wake, you drunkards, and weep; and wail, all you drinkers of wine, because of the sweet wine, for it is cut off from your mouth. For a nation has come up against my land, powerful and without number; its teeth are lions' teeth, and it has the fangs of a lioness. It has laid waste my vines, and splintered my fig trees; it has stripped off their bark and thrown it down; their branches are made white. Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Lesson iii

The Lord sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not touched me, because I was found blameless before him. May God send his truth and his love. He delivered my soul from among lions. – Because I was found.

Lesson iii

A lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the bridegroom of her youth. The cereal offering and the drink offering are cut off from the house of the Lord. The priests mourn, the ministers of the Lord. The fields are laid waste, the ground mourns; because the grain is destroyed, the wine fails, the oil languishes. Be confounded, O tillers of the soil, wail, O vinedressers, for the wheat and the barley; because the harvest of the field has perished. Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Lesson iii

Worthy of praise is the people whom the Lord of hosts has blessed, saying, “You are my handiwork: * Israel, you are my heritage.” They are happy whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. – Israel, you are. – Glory. – Israel, you are.

Thursday

MATINS

Here begins the book of the Prophet Amos

Lesson i

The words of Amos, who was among the shep-
Within Fourth Week of November

Lesson ii

Thus says the Lord: “For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing sledges of iron. So I will send a fire upon the house of Hazael, and it shall devour the strongholds of Benha’dad. I will break the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitants from the Valley of Aven, and him that holds the sceptre from Ashkelon; and the people of Syria shall go into exile to Kir,” says the Lord. Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Lesson iii

Thus says the Lord: “For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment; because they carried into exile a whole people to deliver them up to Edom. So I will send a fire upon the wall of Gaza, and it shall devour her strongholds. I will cut off the inhabitants from Ashdod, and him that holds the sceptre from Ashkelon. Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Lesson i

Thus says the Lord: “O my God, incline your ear and hear,* open your eyes and see our distress. Y. Shepherd of Israel hear us, you who lead Joseph’s flock. — Open your eyes.

Within Fourth Week of November

Lesson i

Friday

MATINS

Lesson i

The vision of Obadiah.

Thus says the Lord God concerning Edom: We have heard tidings from the Lord, and a messenger has been sent among the nations: “Rise up! Let us rise against her for battle!” Behold, I will make you small among the nations, you shall be utterly despised. The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rock, whose dwelling is high:—Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Lesson ii

Upon your walls, Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent, * praising the name of the Lord. Y. They shall proclaim my power to the peoples, and they shall declare my glory among the nations. — Praising.

Lesson ii

You who say in your heart, “Who will bring me down to the ground?” Though you soar aloft like the eagle, though your nest is set among the stars, thence I will bring you down, says the Lord. If thieves came to you, if plunderers by night—how you have been destroyed!—would they not steal only enough for themselves? If grape gatherers came to you, would they not leave gleanings? Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Lesson iii

Surround us, Lord, with the impregnable wall of your protection, and guard us always with the weapons of your power; * save those who cry to you, Lord, God of Israel. Y. Deliver us in accordance with your marvellous works, and give glory to your name. — Save those.
behold terror; we acknowledge our sins, Lord, do not forget us for ever. Our sin is the sin of our fathers; we have done wrong, our deeds have been evil. Do not. Glory. Do not.

Saturday
MATINS
From the Prophet Jonah
Lesson i Chapter 2

And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, saying, "I called to the Lord, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the sea, and the flood was round about me; all your waves and your billows passed over me." Thus says the Lord God: "Turn to me and be saved."

Rv. i. I am hemmed in on every side and do not know what choice to make. It is better for me to fall into the hands of men than to forsake the law of my God. For if I do this thing, it is death for me; and if I do not I shall not escape your hands. It is better.

Lesson ii Chapter 3

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nin'eveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah arose and went to Nin'eveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nin'eveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he cried, "Yet forty days, and Nin'eveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nin'eveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. Then tidings reached the king of Nin'eveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, and covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Thus says the Lord God: "Turn to me and be saved."

Rv. ii. Worthy of praise is the people whom the Lord of hosts has blessed saying, "You are my handiwork; Israel, you are my heritage." They are happy whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. Israel, you are.

Lesson ii

V SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER
II class

VEN. May evening prayer rise up to you, Lord. RV. And may your mercy come down to us.

Magnif. ant. Observe, Lord, how a city that was full of riches has become desolate; she that was great among the nations sits in sadness; she has none to comfort her but you, our God.

MATINS
Here begins the book of the Prophet Micah
Lesson i Chapter 1

The word of the Lord that came to Micah of Mo'resheth in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezeki'ah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Sam'aria and Jerusalem. Hear, ye peoples, all of you; hearken O earth, and all that is in it; and let the Lord God be a witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple. For behold, the Lord is coming forth out of his place, and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth. Thus says the Lord God: "Turn to me and be saved."

Rv. i. I saw the Lord sitting upon a high throne, the whole earth was full of his glory; and his train filled the temple. RV. Above him stood the seraphim; each had six wings. And his train.

Lesson ii

And the mountains will melt under him and the valleys will be cleft, like wax before the fire, like waters poured down a steep place. All this is for the transgression of Jacob and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? Is it not Sam'aria? And what is the sin of the house of Judah? Is it not Jerusalem? Therefore I will make Sam'aria a heap in the open country, a place for planting vineyards; and I will pour down her stones into the valley, and uncover her foundations. All her images shall be beaten to pieces, all her hares shall be burned with fire, and all her idols I will lay waste; for from the hire of a harlot she gathered them, and to the hire of a harlot they shall return. For this I will lament and wail; I will go stripped and naked; I will make lamentation like the jackals, and mourning like the ostriches. Thus says the Lord God: "Turn to me and be saved."

Rv. ii. Observe, Lord, how a city that was full of

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riches has become desolate; she that was great among the nations sits in sadness: * she has none to comfort her but you, God. ¥. She weeps bitterly in the night, tears on her cheeks. - She has none.

Lesson iii is from the homily on the Gospel of the current Sunday after Pentecost.

Ky. iii. Honour, power, might and dominion be to the Trinity in One, to the One in Trinity * for endless ages. ¥. Light unending to the Trinity, everlasting splendour to the One. - For endless ages. - Glory. - For endless ages.

Monday
MATINS
Here begins the book of Nahum the Prophet
Lesson i Chapter I

An oracle concerning Nin'eeveh. The book of the vision of Nahum of Elkosh. The Lord is a jealous God and avenging, the Lord is avenging and wrathful; the Lord takes vengeance on his adversaries and keeps wrath for his enemies. The Lord is slow to anger and of great might, and the Lord will by no means clear the guilty. His way is in a whirlwind and storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Ky. i. I saw the Lord sitting upon a high throne, the whole earth was full of his glory * and his train filled the temple. ¥. Above him stood the seraphim; each had six wings. - And his train.

Lesson ii
He rebukes the sea and makes it dry, he dries up all the rivers; Bashan and Carmel wither, the bloom of Lebanon fades. The mountains quake before him, the hills melt; the earth is laid waste before him, the world and all that dwell therein. Who can stand before his indignation? Who can endure the heat of his anger? Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Ky. iii. Observe, Lord, how a city that was full of riches has become desolate; she that was great among the nations sits in sadness: * she has none to comfort her but you, God. ¥. She weeps bitterly in the night; tears on her cheeks. - She has none. - Glory. - She has none.

Tuesday
MATINS
Here begins the book of Hab'akkuk the Prophet
Lesson i Chapter I

The oracle of God which Hab'akkuk the prophet saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongs and look upon trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law is slackened and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous, so justice goes forth perverted. Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Ky. i. Upon your walls, Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent: * praising the name of the Lord. ¥. They shall proclaim my power to the peoples, and they shall declare my glory among the nations. - Praising.

Lesson ii
Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told. For lo, I am rousing the Chalde'ans, that bitter and hasty nation, who march through the breadth of the earth, to seize habitations not their own. Dread and terrible are they; their justice and dignity proceed from themselves. Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Ky. ii. Surround us, Lord, with the impregnable wall of your protection, and guard us always with the weapons of your power; * save those who cry to you, Lord, God of Israel. ¥.
Deliver us in accordance with your marvellous works and give glory to your name. – Save those.

Lesson iii

Their horses are swifter than leopards, more fierce than the evening wolves; their horsemen press proudly on. Yes, their horsemen come from afar; they fly like an eagle swift to devour. They all come for violence; terror of them goes before them. They gather captives like sand. At kings they scoff, and of rulers they make sport. Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

R. 1. I am hemmed in on every side and do not know what choice to make. It is better for me to fall into the hands of men than to forsake the law of my God. But if I do this thing, it is death for me; and if I do not I shall not escape your hands. – It is better.

Lesson ii

“I will stretch out my hand against Judah, and against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off from this place the remnant of Ba’al and the name of the idolatrous priests; those who bow down on the roofs to the host of the heavens; those who bow down and swear to the Lord and yet swear by Milcom; those who have turned back from following the Lord, who do not seek the Lord or inquire of him.” Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

R. 1. The Lord sent his angel and shut the lions’ mouths, and they have not touched me, * because I was found blameless before him. V. May God send his truth and his love. He delivered my soul from among lions. – Because I was found.

Lesson iii

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. And on the day of the Lord’s sacrifice—“I will punish the officials and the king’s sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master’s house with violence and fraud.” Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

R. 1. I saw the Lord sitting upon a high throne, the whole earth was full of his glory * and his train filled the temple. V. Above him stood the seraphim; each had six wings. – And his train.

Lesson ii

Then the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet, “Is it a time for yourselves to dwell in your panelled houses, while this house lies in ruins? Now therefore thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider how you have fared. You have sown much, and harvested little; you eat,
but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill; you clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; and he who earns wages earns wages to put them into a bag with holes.” Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Rv. ii. Observe, Lord, from your holy throne and think of us; O my God, incline your ear and hear,* open your eyes and see our distress. Y. Shepherd of Israel, hear us, you who lead Joseph’s flock. – Open your eyes.

Lesson iii

Thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider how you have fared. Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may appear in my glory, says the Lord. You have looked for much, and lo, it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away.” Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Rv. iii. Observe, Lord, how a city that was full of riches has become desolate; she that was great among the nations sits in sadness:* she has none to comfort her but you, God. Y. She weeps bitterly in the night, tears on her cheeks. – She has none. – Glory. – She has none.

Friday

MATINS

Here begins the book of Zechari’ah the Prophet

Lesson i Chapter 1

In the eighth month, in the second year of Dari’us, the word of the Lord came to Zechari’ah the son of Berechi’ah, son of Iddo, the prophet, saying, “The Lord was very angry with your fathers. Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord of hosts: Return to me, says the Lord of hosts, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts.” Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Rv. i. Upon your walls, Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent, * praising the name of the Lord. Y. They shall proclaim my power to the peoples, and they shall declare my glory among the nations. – Praising.

Lesson ii

Be not like your fathers to whom the former prophets cried out, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts,

Return from your evil ways and from your evil deeds.’ But they did not hear or heed me, says the Lord. Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live for ever?” Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Rv. ii. Surround us, Lord, with the impregnable wall of your protection, and guard us always with the weapons of your power; * save those who cry to you, Lord, God of Israel. Y. Deliver us in accordance with your marvellous works, and give glory to your name. – Save those.

Lesson iii

But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not overtake your fathers? So they repented and said, As the Lord of hosts purposed to deal with us for our ways and deeds, so has he dealt with us.” Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Rv. iii. We longed for peace but it did not come; we looked for good, but behold terror; we acknowledge our sins, Lord, * do not forget us for ever. Y. Our sin is the sin of our fathers; we have done wrong, our deeds have been evil. – Do not. – Glory. – Do not.

Saturday

MATINS

Here begins the book of Mal’achi the Prophet

Lesson i Chapter 1

The oracle of the word of the Lord to Israel by Mal’achi. “I have loved you,” says the Lord. But you say, “How have you loved us?” “Is not Esau Jacob’s brother?” says the Lord. “Yet I loved Jacob but I have hated Esau; I have laid waste his hill country and left his heritage to jackals of the desert.” Thus says the Lord God: “Turn to me and be saved.”

Rv. i. I am hemmed in on every side and do not know what choice to make. * It is better for me to fall into the hands of men than to forsake the law of my God. Y. For if I do this thing, it is death for me; and if I do not I shall not escape your hands. – It is better.

Lesson ii

If Edom, says, “We are shattered but we will rebuild the ruins,” the Lord of hosts says, “They may build, but I will tear down, till they are called the
PRAYERS AND HOMILIES
for the Sundays after Pentecost

From the Seventh to the Last Sunday

VII SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

II class

Prayer

O God, whose providence arranges all things without any error, we earnestly beg you to take away all that is harmful and to bestow everything that will be for our good. Through.

MATINS

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson iii Chapter 7

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples: “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.” Etc.

Homily of St. Hilary, Bishop

Commentary on Matthew, ch. 6

The Lord warns that smooth words and a suave manner must be weighed against results in the field of action. We must see a man, not as he would have us believe he is, but as he proves himself by his deeds. For, in many cases, a ravenous wolf is concealed under the guise of a sheep. Thorns do not produce grapes, nor thistles figs, bad trees do not bear good fruit. Likewise, he teaches that the fruit of good works is not to be found in these evil men. All, then, are to be judged by their fruits.

LAUDS

V. The Lord is king.

R. He is robed in majesty.

Bened. ant. Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits.

Prayer O God, whose providence as above.

II VESPERS

V. Let my prayer, O Lord.

R. Come before you like incense.

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not know the time of your visitation," alleluia.

Prayer Open, Lord, the ears, as above.

II VESPERS

V. Let my prayer, O Lord, Iy. Come before you like incense.

Magnif. ant. It is written, my house shall be a house of prayer; but you have made it a den of robbers. And he was teaching daily in the temple.

Prayer

Open, Lord, the ears of your mercy to our prayers; and that you may grant the petitions of those who ask, make them seek only that which is pleasing to you. Through.

X SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

II class

Prayer

O God, you show your almighty power chiefly by being forgiving and merciful. Increase your mercy towards us, so that as we hasten towards those things that you have promised, you may make us to share in the heavenly treasures. Through.

MATINS

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lesson iii Chapter 18

At that time, Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.” Etc.

Homily of St. Augustine, Bishop

Sermon 36 On the Words of the Lord, from near the middle

“God, I thank you that I am not like other men.” He might at least have said “I am not like other men.” What does “like other men” mean if not all men except himself? What he says, in effect, is: “I am a just man; all the rest are sinners. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.” If you want to know what he might be asking of God, examine his words and you will not get any information. He went up to the temple to pray. But he did not want to ask God for anything, but simply to praise himself. And as if it were not enough to praise himself instead of beseeching God he insults the tax collector who really is praying.

LAUDS

V. The Lord is king. Iy. He is robed in majesty.

Bened. ant. Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector; the latter went down to his house justified rather than the other, alleluia.

Prayer O God, you show, as above.

Homily of St. Gregory, Pope

II VESPERS

V. Let my prayer, O Lord, Iy. Come before you like incense.

Magnif. ant. The tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, “God, be merciful to me a sinner.”

XI SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

II class

Prayer

Almighty, eternal God, your infinite goodness surpasses anything that we might deserve or even desire. Pour out your mercy upon us, forgiving us those things that trouble conscience, and giving us the grace for which we would not presume to ask. Through.

MATINS

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Lesson iii Chapter 7

At that time, Jesus returned from the region of Tyre, and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, through the region of the Decap’olis, Etc.

Homily 10, Bk. 1, on Ezekiel, towards the middle

Why was it that God, the creator of all things, when he wanted to cure the deaf and dumb man, put his fingers into his ears, and spat and touched his tongue? What is meant by the fingers of the Redeemer if not the gifts of the Holy Spirit? Thus, elsewhere in the Gospel, when he had cast out a demon, he said, “If it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.” Of the same event another evangelist reports that he said, “If it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.”
LAUDS
V. The Lord is king.
R. He is robed in majesty.
Bened. ant. Jesus returned from the region of Tyre, and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, through the region of the Decap'ol'sis, alleluia.
Prayer Almighty, eternal God, as above.

II VESPERS
V. Let my prayer, O Lord. R. Come before you like incense.
Magnif. ant. He has done all things well; he even makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

MATINS
Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Lesson iii Chapter 10
At that time, Jesus said to his disciples: “Blessed are the eyes which see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it.” Etc.
Homily of St. Ambrose, Bishop
Bk. 7 on Luke, ch. 10
“A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers.” Jericho is a figure of this present world. Adam went down there when, on account of his fall, he was cast out of paradise, that is to say, out of the heavenly Jerusalem. He went from the sources of life, down to the place of death. But it was by a change of heart rather than by a change of location that he condemned his nature to banishment. He became very different from that earlier Adam who had enjoyed flawless happiness. When he lowered himself to sinful profanities he fell among thieves. This would never have happened if he had not strayed from the divine command and put himself in their power.

Prayer Almighty and merciful God, your faithful people serve you worthily and well only because they have the gift of your grace. Grant us, we beg you, to hasten without hindrance towards those things that you have promised. Through.

II VESPERS
V. Let my prayer, O Lord. R. Come before you like incense.
Magnif. ant. “Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed mercy on him.” “Go and do likewise,” alleluia.

XIII Sunday After Pentecost
II class
Prayer Almighty, everlasting God, increase our faith, hope and charity. Make us love what you command, so that we may deserve to gain what you promise. Through.

MATINS
Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Lesson iii Chapter 17
At that time, on the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers. Etc.
Homily of St. Augustine, Bishop
Questions on the Gospels, bk. 2, c. 40
A question arises about the ten lepers whom the Lord cleansed with the words, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” Why did he send them to the priests, and let their cure take place on the way? Among all the people to whom our Lord granted physical cures we find no one sent to the priests except lepers. It was also from leprosy that he had cleansed the man to whom he said: “Go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to the people.” The question to be asked, then, is what...
In Masses for the Dead, the following may be added:

REMEMBER your servant N., whom you have called [today] from this world to yourself. Remember that he [she] who was united with your Son Jesus Christ, may also be one with him in his Resurrection.

REMEMBER also your brothers and sisters [who have fallen asleep], the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with Blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be co-heirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you. He joins his hands. Through your Son, Jesus Christ.

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Eucharistic Prayer III

YOU ARE INDEED HOLY, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

He joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, says:

THEREFORE, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration. He joins his hands and makes the Sign of the Cross once over the bread and chalice together, saying that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. He joins his hands, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.
leprosy itself symbolizes. Those from whom it is taken away are said to have been cleansed rather than healed. For, the symptom of leprosy is a discoloration of the skin, rather than any weakening of general health, or any crippling of limbs or senses.

**LAUDS**

**V.** The Lord is king.  
**R.** He is robed in majesty.

**Bened. ant.** As Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.”

**Prayer** Almighty, everlasting God, as above.

**II VESPERS**

**V.** Let my prayer, O Lord.  
**R.** Come before you like incense.

**Magnif. ant.** Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner? Go your way; your faith has made you well, alleluia.

**XIV SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**II class**

**Prayer** Guard your church, we beg you, Lord, by your everlasting mercy. Since human frailty cannot survive without you, may your grace be always with it, to rescue it from danger and to direct it along the way of salvation. Through.

**MATINS**

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Lesson iii Chapter 6**

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples: “No one can serve two masters.” Etc.

**Homily of St. Jerome, Priest**

**Comm. on Matthew, bk. 1, ch. 6**

You cannot serve God and mammon. In the Syriac language riches are called mammon. Let the grasping man take note: let the man who is reckoned a Christian know that he cannot pledge himself at the same time to riches and to Christ. Yet Christ was not speaking of one who has riches, but of one who serves riches. The one who is a slave to riches hoards them, as a slave might; but the man who has cast off the yoke of slavery gives freely from his riches, as a master.

**XV SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**II class**

**Prayer** May your enduring mercy, Lord, cleanse and fortify your church. Since it cannot stand firm without you, let it always be guided by your grace. Through.

**MATINS**

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lesson iii Chapter 7

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Na’ain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. Etc.

**Homily of St. Augustine, Bishop**

**Sermon 44, On the Words of the Lord, near the beginning**

The widowed mother rejoices that her son has been brought back to life. Similarly, mother Church rejoices when, day after day, men are brought back to spiritual life. The widow’s son was dead as far as bodily life is concerned; but these were dead in the spiritual sense. His death was plain to see, and he was publicly mourned; but their hidden death was neither investigated, nor noticed. However, he who knew them to be dead sought after them. He alone recognised them to be dead who was able to make them live.

**LAUDS**

**V.** The Lord is king.  
**R.** He is robed in majesty.
XVI Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer

May your grace first move us, Lord, and then support us always; may it keep us constantly intent on doing good. Through.

LAUDS

The Lord is king.
He is robed in majesty.

Bened. ant. Jesus spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath, or not?” But they were silent. Then he took the man who had dropsy, and healed him, and let him go.

MATINS

Lesson iii  Chapter 14

At that time, one sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler who belonged to the Pharisees, they were watching him. And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. Etc.

Homily of St. Bede the Venerable, Priest

On Luke, ch. 14

The disease of dropsy is named from the watery fluid which characterises it. The word is derived from the Greek for water. The disease consists of an accumulation of fluid under the skin, arising from a fault in the bladder; there is also swelling and bad breath. It is peculiar to the disease that the more the patient accumulates this unwanted fluid, the more thirsty he becomes. And so the man who is afflicted by the swelling tide of carnal lust is rightly compared to one suffering from dropsy. He is also compared to a rich miser. The more he stores up riches, failing to use them well, the more intensely does he long for them.

XVII Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer

Lord, we beg you, grant that your people may avoid the evil influence of the devil, and, with pure minds, follow you, the only God. Through.

LAUDS

The Lord is king.

Bened. ant. “Teacher, which is the great commandment of the law?” And Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,” alleluia.

MATINS

Lesson iii  Chapter 22

At that time, the Pharisees came to Jesus, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” Etc.

Homily of St. John Chrysostom

On Matt., Hom. 16

They came together, hoping to overcome him by force of numbers since they could not do it by argument. In having resort to numbers they admitted that they were destitute of truth. They said among themselves, “Let one of us speak on behalf of all, and all speak through one. Thus, if he succeeds we will all emerge as victors; if he is defeated he alone will seem to have been disgraced.” O Pharisees, how you scheme and act always to keep up appearances before men! First coming with one man, you are to be overthrown by one man.

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Lord. I

Magnif. ant. “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find,” says the Lord.

XX SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

II class

Prayer

Graciously grant your faithful people, we beg you, Lord, pardon and peace, that they may both be cleansed from all sin and may serve you with tranquil mind. Through.

MATINS

Reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Lesson iii Chapter 4

At that time, at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. When he heard that Jesus had come to Galilee, he begged him to come down and heal his son.

Prayer Graciously grant, as above.

LAUDS

V. The Lord is king.

I. He is robed in majesty.

Bened. ant. At Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. When he heard that Jesus had come to Galilee, he begged him to come down and heal his son.

Prayer Graciously grant, as above.

II VESPERS

V. Let my prayer, O Lord. I

Magnif. ant. The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” And he himself believed, and all his household.

XXI SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

II class

Prayer

Guard your household, we beg you, Lord, with constant kindness. Through your protection may it be free from all evil, and may it be wholehearted in good works, to the glory of your name. Through.

MATINS

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson iii Chapter 18

At that time, Jesus spoke to his disciples this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.” Etc.

Homily of St. Jerome, Priest

Comm. on Matt., bk. 3, ch. 18

It is customary for the Syrians, and particularly for Palestinians, to introduce parables into all their discourses. A lesson that their hearers cannot grasp in the form of a simple precept will be more easily grasped by means of comparisons and examples. Thus our Lord uses the comparison of the king and lord, and the servant who, owing ten thousand talents, implored his lord for pardon. He uses it to command Peter that he, too, must forgive his fellow-servants whose sins are much more trivial.

LAUDS

V. The Lord is king.

I. He is robed in majesty.

Bened. ant. The lord said to the servant, “Pay what you owe.” But the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, “Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.”

Prayer

Guard your household, we beg you, Lord, with constant kindness. Through your protection may it be free from all evil, and may it be wholehearted in good works to the glory of your name. Through.

II VESPERS

V. Let my prayer, O Lord. I

Magnif. ant. “You wicked servant. I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow-servant, as I had mercy on you?” says the Lord.

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XXII SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
II class
Prayer

O God, our refuge and our strength, you are yourself the source of all our prayer. Listen now to the prayer of your church, and grant that what we ask with faith we may receive to the full. Through.

MATINS
Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson iii Chapter 22

At that time, the Pharisees went and took counsel how to entangle him in his talk. Etc.

Homily of Saint Hilary, Bishop
Comm. in Matt., ch. 23

The Pharisees have been frequently upset already, and they cannot find any incident in the past which would serve as an excuse for making charges against him. For no fault could be found with any of his words or deeds. But, moved as they are by malice, they extend their search for a charge to every possible subject. He had been calling people away from the vices of this world and the superstitions of man-made religions, towards the hope of a heavenly kingdom. They attempt, then, by the terms of the question they frame, to get him to violate secular authority: they ask him if the tax should be paid to Caesar.

LAUDS

V. The Lord is king.
R. He is robed in majesty.

Bened. ant. Teacher, we know that you are true, and teach the way of God truthfully, alleluia.

Prayer

O God, our refuge and our strength, you are yourself the source of all our prayer. Listen now to the prayer of your church and grant that what we ask with faith we may receive to the full. Through.

II VESPERS

V. Let my prayer, O Lord. R. Come before you like incense.

Magnif. ant. Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s, alleluia.

If the following Sunday is the last after Pentecost the office of the twenty-fourth Sunday is put in its place (as below, p. 529) and the office of the twenty-third Sunday is omitted.

XXIII SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
II class
Prayer

Forgive, we beg you, Lord, the faults of your people. By your kindness may we be released from the bonds of sin that we have contracted through our own weakness. Through.

MATINS
Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson iii Chapter 9

At that time, while Jesus was speaking to the crowds, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live,” alleluia.

Prayer

Forgive, we beg you, Lord, the faults of your people. By your kindness may we be released from the bonds of sin that we have contracted through our own weakness. Through.

II VESPERS

V. Let my prayer, O Lord. R. Come before you like incense.

Magnif. ant. “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well, alleluia.

¶ The Sundays after Pentecost cannot be fewer than 23, nor more than 28. When there are more than
24, then, after the twentieth Sunday, the prayer, homily, antiphons for Benedictus and Magnificat of the Sundays which remained after the Epiphany are taken in this order:

If there are 25 Sundays after Pentecost, the twenty-fourth will be the one described as the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany.

If there are 26, the twenty-fourth will be the Fifth after Epiphany, and the twenty-fifth will be the Sixth after Epiphany.

If there are 27, the twenty-fourth will be the Fourth after Epiphany, the twenty-fifth will be the Fifth after Epiphany, and the twenty-sixth will be the Sixth after Epiphany.

If there are 28, the twenty-fourth will be the Third after Epiphany, the twenty-fifth will be the Fourth after Epiphany, the twenty-sixth will be the Fifth after Epiphany, and the twenty-seventh will be the Sixth after Epiphany.

However, the last place is always taken by the Sunday that is numbered the Twenty-fourth after Pentecost. The intervening Sundays are omitted, if necessary, when there is no room for them.

III SUNDAY AFTER

II class

Prayer

A

lmighty, eternal God, mercifully look upon our weakness, and stretch out the right hand of your majesty to protect us. Through.

The remaining proper parts of this Sunday are omitted since, if it is to be taken after Pentecost, it always falls on the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King.

IV SUNDAY AFTER

II class

Prayer

O God, you know that we are beset by perils greater than our human weakness can withstand; grant us health of soul and body, that, by your help, we may overcome those things that we suffer as a result of our sins. Through.

MATINS

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson iii Chapter 8

At that time, when Jesus got into the boat, his disciples followed him. And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. Etc.

Homily of St. Jerome, Priest

Book 1, Commentary on Ch. 8 of Matthew

He worked a fifth miracle, when he entered the boat at Capernaum and controlled the wind and the sea: a sixth in the country of the Gerasenes, when he gave the demons power over the swine. A seventh took place when, on entering his own city, he cured a second paralytic who was lying on a bed. The first paralytic is the centurion’s servant.

R. iii. Honour, power, might and dominion be to the Trinity in One, to the One in Trinity * for endless ages. V. Light unending to the Trinity, everlasting splendour to the One. – For endless ages. – Glory. – For endless ages.

Or if this should be the first Sunday of November.

R. iii. Worthy of praise is the people whom the Lord of hosts has blessed saying, “You are my handiwork; * Israel, you are my heritage.”

They are happy whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own.

LAUDS

V. The Lord is king.

R. He is robed in majesty.

Bened. ant. When Jesus got into the boat, behold there arose a great storm on the sea: and his disciples woke him, saying, “Lord, save us, we are perishing.”

Prayer

O God, you know that we are beset by perils greater than our human weakness can withstand; grant us health of soul and body, that, by your help, we may overcome those things that we suffer as a result of our sins. Through.

II VESPERS

V. Let my prayer, O Lord. R. Come before you like incense.

Magnif. ant. Lord, save us, we are perishing. Give the command, O God, and create calm.

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II VESPERS

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Magnif. ant. Lord, save us, we are perishing. Give the command, O God, and create calm.

V SUNDAY AFTER

II class

Prayer

Keep your household, we beseech you, Lord, in your unceasing love, that since it depends solely on the help of your grace it...
may ever be shielded by your protection. Through.

MATINS
Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson iii  Chapter 13

At that time, Jesus spoke this parable to the crowds. The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. Etc.

Homily of St. Augustine, Bishop
Book of 17 Questions on the Gospel of Matthew, ch. 11

When the church's leaders became negligent, or when the apostles had died, the devil came and implanted those whom our Lord describes as wicked sons. One might ask whether heretics are meant, or evil-living catholics. For heretics can also be called wicked sons: begotten in the name of Christ from the same gospel seed, yet by wrong conjectures they are swung over to false doctrines.

Ry. iii. Honour, power, might and dominion be to the Trinity in One, to the One in Trinity* for endless ages. *Light unending to the Trinity, everlasting splendour to the One. ° For endless ages. ° Glory. ° For endless ages.

LAUDS

Ry. The Lord is king.

Ry. He is robed in majesty.

VI SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
II class Prayer

Grant, we beseech you, almighty God, that ever bearing in mind what is in accordance with reason, we may carry out both in word and deed whatever is pleasing to you. Through.

MATINS
Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson iii  Chapter 13

At that time, Jesus spoke this parable to the crowds. "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field." Etc.

Homily of St. Jerome, Priest
Book 2, Commentary on ch. 13 of Matthew

The preaching of the Gospel and a knowledge of the Scriptures that leads to life, is the kingdom of heaven concerning which it was said to the Jews, "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it." This type of kingdom, then, is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. The man who sows in his field is understood by many to be the Saviour, since he sows in the souls of believers; others understand the sower as man himself sowing in his own field, that is, in himself, in his own heart.

Ry. iii. Honour, power, might and dominion be to the Trinity in One, to the One in Trinity* for endless ages. *Light unending to the Trinity, everlasting splendour to the One. ° For endless ages. ° Glory. ° For endless ages.

LAUDS

Ry. The Lord is king.

Ry. He is robed in majesty.

XXIV SUNDAY and last
AFTER PENTECOST
II class Prayer

Rouse up, we beg you, Lord, the resolution of your faithful people. As they more readily seek the fruit of the divine work, may they receive from your goodness even greater helps. Through.
MATINS
Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson iii Chapter 24

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, “When you see the desolating sacrilege spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand).” Etc.

Homily of St. Hilary, Bishop

In Matt., ch. 25

Our Lord Jesus Christ gave, as a sign of his future coming, that they would see the abomination of desolation standing in the holy place. Since the blessed Daniel and Paul have preached about this subject, I think it is unnecessary for us to say much more. Our Lord was speaking of the time of Antichrist. He is called an abomination because he will come as the enemy of God, claiming for himself the honour due to God. He is called the abomination of desolation because, through his blasphemy, he will make the earth desolate with wars and slaughter.

Rv. iii. Honour, power, might and dominion be to the Trinity in One, to the One in Trinity for endless ages. Y. Light unending to the Trinity, everlasting splendour to the One. – For endless ages. – Glory. – For endless ages.

LAUDS

Y. The Lord is king.
Rv. He is robed in majesty.

Bened. ant. When you see the desolating sacrilege spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand).

Prayer

Rouse up, we beg you, Lord, the resolution of your faithful people. As they more readily seek the fruit of the divine work may they receive from your goodness even greater helps. Through.

II VESPERS


Magnif. ant. “Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away,” says the Lord.

PROPER OF THE SAINTS

18 May
St. Venantius Martyr

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

Venantius of Camerino, when fifteen years old, was denounced as a christian to Antiochus, governor of Camerino under the Emperor Decius. Venantius surrendered himself to him at the city gate, where, for a long time, the governor tried to influence him by promises and threats. He then ordered him to be scourged and bound in chains, but from these he was miraculously released by an angel. Torches were then applied to his body and he was suspended, head downwards, over a smoking fire. After this he was again interviewed by the governor. His teeth and jaws were broken, and in this condition Venantius was thrown on a dunghill. Rescued by the angel a second time, he was, once more, brought before the judge who, as Venantius was speaking to him, fell from the judgment seat, crying out, “The God of Venantius is the true God. Destroy our gods.” With these words he expired. Finally, after further excruciating torments, Venantius was beheaded, with ten others, and thus successfully completed the glorious contest. The christians buried their bodies in a place of honour. They now rest at Camerino, in the church dedicated to Venantius.

Rv. iii. Venantius, glorious friend of God, strong in the faith of the Lord Jesus, stood undaunted in the midst of agonising tortures. Finally, distinguished by a triumphant death, decorated with blood, he took flight to heaven.

Y. By a profitable transaction, gaining the heavenly in exchange for the earthly and the eternal for that which would perish. – Finally. – Glory. – Decorated.
19 May—St. Peter Celestine
Pope and Confessor

III class

MATINS
Lesson iii

Peter, called Celestine from the name he chose as pontiff, was born of good catholic parents at Isernia in the Abruzzi. When scarcely adolescent, he retired to a place of solitude to protect himself from worldly allurements. There he nourished his soul with contemplation, and, bringing his body into subjection, wore an iron chain next to his skin. He founded under the rule of St. Benedict, a congregation, later known as Celestines. Hence, when, as a shining lamp upon a lampstand, he could not remain hidden—the Roman church being long bereaved of its pastor—he was, without his knowledge and in his absence, elected to the Chair of Peter. The news of this event caused everywhere immediate rejoicing as well as great surprise. But, on assuming the high office of supreme pontiff, he found that, occupied as he was with so many responsibilities, he could scarcely maintain his accustomed manner of prayer. Hence he voluntarily relinquished both the burden and the honour of the pontificate. Thereafter, he resumed his former way of life to the end. His glorious death was made more glorious still by the appearance of a glowing cross suspended in the air over the door of his cell. Both in life and in death he was renowned for many miracles. These having been duly examined, eleven years after his death Clement V numbered him among the saints.

Ant. iii. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast. V. Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. — And be like men. — Glory. — To come home.

LAUDS
Prayer

O God, you raised the blessed Peter Celestine to the honour of supreme pontiff and taught him to count it less than humility; mercifully grant us, like him, to scorn all worldly things and to be worthy happily to reach the rewards promised to the humble. Through.

Commemoration of St. Pudentiana, Virgin:

Ant. Come, my chosen one, and I will set my throne in you, for the king has desired your beauty.

V. She is led to the king with her maiden companions. R. Her destined companions are escorted in.

Prayer

Graciously hear us, God, our salvation, that as we rejoice on the feast of the blessed Pudentiana, your virgin, we may be imbued with her spirit of holy earnestness. Through.

24 May—Transfer of O. H. F. Dominic

Hymn

Applaud the Lord’s own champion new,
Praise Dominic, sing loud his fame.
His work, the Lord’s, his preaching, true;
His life befits his Master’s name.

Virginity in highest fame,
All lily-white he kept unstained;
His zeal burned like a torch aflame
For souls that Satan else had gained.

The world he trod beneath his feet,
And on to rugged toil he pressed;
Unarmed he runs the foe to meet,
By Christ’s strong grace upheld and blessed.

He sends his brethren through the sphere,
His weapons are the gospel true,
Unceasing prayer and frequent tear,
While miracles his path bestrew.

May God the Three and One be praised,
In glory, honour, might and love;
And we to heavenly joy be raised
At Dominic’s prayer for us above.

Amen.
Nocturn

Ant. 1 Foreshadowed in the likeness of a hound, a new and heaven-sent herald in these latter times, Dominic, a poor man, shone afar.

Psalms from the Common of a Confessor [100].

Ant. 2 Preserving unstained the flower of purity, he attained the freedom of the perfect life.

Ant. 3 Sufficiently instructed in the literature of the Arts, he passed to the pursuit of the supreme Truth.

Ant. 4 Diligently applying himself, he made progress under the rule of Augustine. At last, the Canon Regular is transformed into an apostle.

Ant. 5 Labouring for the name of Christ, he fills the world with divine seed, living all the time under the protection of poverty.

Ant. 6 He had no bed of his own but spent all night with Christ. After profuse weeping, he scarcely allowed his worn-out body to rest upon the ground.

Ant. 7 The servant of Christ thirsted for martyrdom as the deer years for running streams.

Ant. 8 The humble Father, when about to die, leaves to his followers a support of life, a legacy of poverty.

Ant. 9 Free from the trammels of the flesh he entered heaven, where, drinking deeply, he savours that for which he had thirsted.

V. The just will flourish like the palm tree in the house of the Lord. IV. He shall grow like a Lebanon cedar.

From the book of Ecclesiasticus

Lesson i Chapter 48

The prophet Eli'jah arose like a fire, and his word burned like a torch. He brought a famine upon them, and by his zeal he made them few in number. By the word of the Lord he shut up the heavens, and also three times brought down fire. How glorious you were, O Eli'jah, in your wondrous deeds! And who has the right to boast which you have? You have raised a corpse from death and from Hades, by the word of the Most High.

IV.1. O happy vine, from whose shoot so great a growth spreads over the world, * giving mankind to drink of the wine of heaven from the life-giving cup.

V. With an abundance of branches it already encircles the world. * Giving mankind.

Lesson ii

It was you who brought kings down to destruction, and famous men from their beds; who heard rebuke in Sinai and judgments of vengeance at Horeb; who anointed kings to inflict retribution, and prophets to succeed you. You who were taken up by a whirlwind of fire, in a chariot with horses of fire; you who are ready at the appointed time, it is written, to calm the wrath of God before it breaks out in fury, to turn the heart of the father to the son, and to restore the tribes of Jacob. Blessed are those who saw you, and those who have been adorned in love; for we also shall surely live. It was Eli'jah who was covered by the whirlwind, and Eli'sha was filled with his spirit; in all his days he did not tremble before any ruler, and no one brought him into subjection. Nothing was too hard for him, and when he was dead his body prophesied. As in his life he did wonders, so in death his deeds were marvellous.

R.ii. Choirs of angels meet him as he goes up from the valley of this uncertain world. * O good Jesus, at the prayer of Dominic, grant that we may be pleasing to you.

Lesson iii

On the twenty-fourth of May in the year twelve hundred and thirty-three, when the brethren had gathered for the general chapter at Bologna, the first transfer took place of the blessed father's remains, which, for twelve years, had been interred in obscurity. When, at the appointed time, the tombstone was removed, there came from the tomb a delightful perfume which, when the casket was opened, issued forth to gladden the people of Bologna with its all-pervading fragrance. The remains were then placed in a marble tomb and pontifical Mass was celebrated by the papal legate, the archbishop of Ravenna. On the morning of the Tuesday after Pentecost, as the choir intoned the Introit, “Receive the joy of your glory,” the brethren, in their jubilation, took these words as though coming from heaven. Then the trumpets sounded, the people raised aloft countless candles, and from all sides arose the cry, “Blessed be Christ.”
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Lesson iii
Mass
St. Philip Neuman
26 May

MAY
A new month, a new Saint. The month of May is dedicated to Mary. It is fitting, then, to celebrate the feast of St. Philip Neuman on 26 May. Philip Neuman was born in 1817 and died in 1893.

Prayer

Come, Holy Ghost, come... Here is a beautiful prayer to the Holy Spirit, written by St. Philip Neuman. It is a wonderful hope that he would be helpful to you.

II cor. 7:1, 14:1-2, 15:3-10

Philippians 2:1-12

Prayer

Lesson iii
Mass
St. Philip Neuman
26 May

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31 May—B. V. M. Queen

Particulars

Prayer

O God, for whose love and zeal in keeping the faith, blessed William and his companions fell by the swords of wicked men; grant, by their prayers, that we may be firm in the faith and ever love you with all our hearts. Through.

At I VESPERS where the feast is celebrated with I class rank:

Ant. to psalms This is the Queen of virgins, the virgin, beautiful as a rose, who bore the King. O Mother of God, through whom we gain God and man, gracious Virgin, intercede for us all.

Psalm Praise, O servants, etc. [1].

I came forth from the mouth of the Most High, as Queen, O Virgin without stain; in grace abounding, you appear Endowed with beauty of the sphere.

Before the Word, who all things made, You shine supreme, with light arrayed,

Predestined God the Son to bear, Who fashioned you with tender care.

In Christ raised high upon the tree, Our blood-bespattered King we see; And you, who in his passion shared, Are Mother of mankind declared.

Endowed with privileges rare, Protect us in your loving care; Accept the grateful hymn we raise, To offer you our heartfelt praise.

All glory be to you, O Lord, The Virgin’s Son, by all adored; With Father and the Spirit be, All glory yours eternally. Amen.

31 May—B. V. M. Queen

Particulars

Prayer

O God, who have glorified your church by the learning of the blessed Bede, your confessor and doctor; grant, in your mercy, that your servants may ever be enlightened by his wisdom and aided by his merits. Through.

29 May

BB. William O. P. and Companions Martyrs

Commemoration

LAUDS

Ant. These are the holy ones, who for the love of God, despised the threats of men. The holy martyrs rejoice with the angels in the kingdom of heaven. What a precious death is of the saints! They stand always in the presence of the Lord and are not parted from one another.

R. God is to be feared.

R. In his holy place.

Hymn

O’er all creation’s realm you reign

Psalms and antiphons as in feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary [22].

Hail, Queen of mercy. R. Of whom was born Christ, our King.

Blessing May the gracious Virgin of Virgins intercede for us with the Lord. R. Amen.
Lesson i  Chapter 24

I came forth from the mouth of the Most High, the first-born before all creatures. Through me, light rose in the heavens, inexhaustible, and I covered the earth like a mist. I dwelt in high places, and my throne was in a pillar of cloud. Alone I have made the circuit of the vault of heaven and have walked in the depths of the abyss. In the waves of the sea, in the whole earth, and in every people and nation I have got a possession, high and low my power ruled over men's hearts. Among all these I sought a resting place; I sought in whose territory I might lodge.

R. i. Blessed are you, Mary, who believed in the Lord. Those things that were spoken to you are fulfilled in you. Behold, you have been exalted, above the choirs of angels, to the heavenly throne. R. Hail, Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with you. — Behold.

Blessing May the holy Mother of God be a benefactress to us. R. Amen.

Lesson ii

From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall not cease to exist. In the holy tabernacle I ministered before him, and so I was established in Sion. In the beloved city likewise he gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my dominion. So I took root in an honoured people, in the portion of the Lord, who is their inheritance. Where his faithful servants are gathered I love to linger.

R. ii. Let us contemplate the royal dignity of the Virgin Mary, because she reigns for ever with Christ. R. Let us celebrate the glory of our queen. — Because.

Blessing May the Virgin Mary, with her loving Child, bless us. R. Amen.

Lesson iii

I am the mother of noble love, of reverence, of knowledge, and of holy hope. In me is all grace of the way and of the truth, in me all hope of life and of strength. Come to me, you who desire me, and eat your fill of my produce. For the remembrance of me is sweeter than honey, and my inheritance sweeter than the honeycomb. Mine is a renown that endures age after age. Those who eat me will hunger for more, and those who drink me will thirst for more. Whoever obeys me will not

be put to shame, and those who work with my help will not sin. He who reads my lesson aright will find in it life eternal.”

R. iii. God has chosen her and has given her preference. * He has placed on her head a crown of glory.

R. He gives her his home to dwell in. — He has placed. — Glory. — He has placed.

II Nocturn

R. Standing by the cross of Jesus was his mother. R. Sharer in his suffering; Queen of the universe.

Blessing May the virgin mother of God rescue us from the evil enemy. R. Amen.

Sermon of St. Peter Canisius, Priest

On Mary the Mother of God, Virgin incomparable, book 15 ch. 13

Lesson iv

Why should we not address the most blessed Virgin Mary by the name of Queen, as Damascene, Athanasius and others did? Her father, the renowned king, David, and her Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords who reigns for ever, receive the most glowing tributes in the Scriptures. She is a queen, moreover, if she is compared with those, who as kings, share the heavenly kingdom together with Christ the high king; co-heirs with him and, as the Scripture puts it, sharing his throne, as it were. She is a queen, second to none of the elect, but worthily made so much superior both to angels and to men that there can be no one more exalted or holier than she, who alone has the same Son in common with God the Father. Only God and Christ does she see above her; below her is everything else.

R. iv. Virgin Mary, receive the word sent to you by the Lord: * “Behold, you will conceive and will bring forth him who is equally God and man.” R. And you shall be named Queen over all peoples. — Behold.

Blessing May Jesus, Son of Mary, be gentle and kind to us. R. Amen.

Lesson v

The great Athanasius penetratingly points out; “Mary must be considered not only Mother of God but also formally and truly Queen and Sovereign Lady, since Christ, born of this Virgin Mother, remains God and Lord and King as well.” Therefore of this Queen is understood the
Lesson vi

From the records of Christian antiquity, from the prayers of the liturgy, from the inherent religious sense of the religious works of art, from all sides, we have gathered evidence declaring that the Virgin Mother of God is endowed with royal dignity. We have shown that the same truth is fully confirmed by the inferences which Sacred Theology draws from the treasury of divine faith. The depositions which we have cited form a chorus, which echoes far and wide and enthusiastically extols the lofty rank of royalty held by the Mother of God and of men, to whom all creation is subject and who “has been raised up above all the choirs of angels to the kingdom of heaven.” After mature and thoughtful counsel we are convinced that great things will arise for the church if this well-proven truth is made to shine more conspicuously for all to see, like a light shining in a chandelier. By our apostolic authority we decree and establish the feast of Mary the Queen, to be celebrated throughout the world each year on the thirty-first day of May.

III Nocturn

V. All ages will call me blessed. R. The Almighty works marvels for me.

Blessing May the gospel lesson be to us well-being and protection. R. Amen.

Lesson vii

At that time, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. Etc.

Homily of St. Bonaventure, Bishop

Sermon on the Royal Dignity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Most High by a noble conception, according to the word spoken to her by the angel. “Behold,” he said, “you will conceive and bear a son.” And later: “The Lord will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end.” It was as though he said, “You will conceive and bear a son, the King, who occupies the royal throne for all eternity. For this reason, you will reign as the King’s mother and occupy, as Queen, a royal throne.” For it is fitting that the son should honour his mother, it is also fitting that he should share with her the royal throne. Hence it is, since the Virgin Mary conceived him on whose thigh is inscribed, “King of kings and Lord of lords,” from that moment when she conceived the Son of God, she was Queen, not only of the earth, but also of heaven. This is indicated in the Revelation, where it is written, “A great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.”

R. vii. Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and he will be called Wonderful, Mighty God. R. He will sit upon the throne of David and will reign over his kingdom for ever. — Wonderful.
May the loving Virgin Mary come to our aid in every trouble and hardship. Amen.

Lesson viii

Mary, the Queen, surpasses all others in glory, as the prophet aptly shows in a psalm which particularly concerns Christ and the Virgin. In the first place, it is there said of Christ, “Your throne, O God, shall endure for ever.” Then, a little later, is said of the Virgin, “On your right stands the queen,” thereby signifying the superior qualities she possessed, for the saying refers to the glory of her soul. Next come the words: “In gold of Ophir,” referring to the robe of glorious immortality which it was proper for the Virgin to wear at her Assumption. For it is unthinkable that the robe with which Christ was clothed, which, moreover, was perfectly sanctified on earth by the Word incarnate, could become the food of worms. As it was fitting that Christ should bestow on his mother the fullness of grace at her Conception, so also it was fitting that he should grant her the fullness of glory at her Assumption. It is to be maintained, then, that the Virgin, glorious in soul and body, reigns next to her Son.

Lesson ix

Mary, the Queen, is also the dispenser of grace, as was indicated in the book of Esther, where it is said: “The tiny spring which became a river, and there was light and the sun.” The Virgin Mary, typified by Esther, is likened to the diffusion of a spring and of light, because of the diffusion of grace for a two-fold purpose, namely, for action and for contemplation. For the grace of God, which is curative for the human race, descends on us through her as through an aqueduct, since to the Virgin herself belongs the dispensing of grace, not as though she were the source of grace, but by reason of her merit. Rightly, then, the Virgin Mary is the peerless Queen of all mankind, since she sues for mercy, overcomes strife, dispenses graces and, as a result, leads us to glory. Amen.

Blessing

May the Queen of Angels bring us to the company of the heavenly citizens. Amen.

Before Lauds: You have been exalted, holy Mother of God. Above the choirs of angels, to the heavenly throne.

LAUDS

Antiphons

1. This is the festival of the glorious Virgin Mary, of the breed of Abraham, sprung from the tribe of Judah, of the noble stock of David.

Psalm

The Lord is king, etc. p. 29.

2. To-day is the festival of the holy Virgin Mary, whose illustrious life casts splendour on all the churches.

Mary is resplendent, born of kingly line; through her prayers we most devoutly beg to be strengthened in mind and spirit.

4. With heart and mind let us sing glory to Christ on this sacred festival of the illustrious Mary, mother of God.

Let us celebrate, with joy, the festival of holy Mary, that she may intercede for us with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn

O Lady, crowned with glory bright, Sublime above the starry height; Your arms the great Creator pressed, A suckling at your sacred breast.

What weak, unhappy Eve withdrew You through your gracious Son renew; Of heaven you are the entrance fair That all afflicted may go there.

You are the great King’s portal bright, The gate by which came forth the Light; Come then, you ransomed nations, sing The Life divine, that she did bring.

O Mary, mother of all grace, True mercy’s mother to our race;
Prayer

Grant, we beseech you, Lord, that we who celebrate the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Queen, may, under her protection, be worthy to enjoy peace now, and glory in the time to come. Through.

Commemoration of St. Petronilla, Virgin

Ant. Come, my chosen one, and I will set my throne in you, for the king has desired your beauty. 

ν. She is led to the king with her maiden companions. Ὕ. Her destined companions are escorted in.

TERCE

Little Chapter as in Vespers:

Ḥail, * Queen of mercy. – Ḥail. Ἕ. Of whom was born Christ, our King. – Ḥail. – Ḥlor. – Ḥail.

ν. Standing by the cross of Jesus was his mother. Ἕ. Sharer in his suffering; Queen of the universe.

VESPER

Ant. to psalms This is the festival of the glorious Virgin Mary, of the breed of Abraham, sprung from the tribe of Judah, of the renowned stock of David. Psalms as in Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary [35].

SEXT

Little Chapter Ecclus. 24

In the whole earth, and in every people and nation, I have got a possession; high and low, my power ruled over men’s hearts.

ν. Standing by the cross of Jesus was his mother. – Standing. Ἕ. Sharer in his suffering; Queen of the universe. – Was his mother. – Ḥlor. – Standing.

ν. All ages will call me blessed. Ἕ. The Almighty works marvels for me.

Hymn

A genuflexion is made here until Taking that great Ave.

Hail, O Star of Ocean, Gate to joy supernal, Ever-virgin Mother, Of the Lord eternal!
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2 June—Bl. Sadoc and Companions

COMPLINE
Ant. to psalms No woman born is your equal, Virgin Mary. Blossoming like the rose, fragrant as the lily! Pray for us, holy Mother of God.

Psalms from Sunday.
Nunc dimittis ant. We fly to your patronage, holy Mother of God. Do not despise our prayers in our needs, but, ever deliver us from all dangers, O blessed Virgin.

1 June
St. Angela Merici
Virgin
Commemoration

LAUDS
Ant. These are the holy ones who, for the love of God, despised the threats of men. The holy martyrs rejoice with the angels in the kingdom of heaven. What a precious death is that of the saints! They stand always in the presence of the Lord, and are not parted from one another.

 Prayer

God, you gladden us by the annual solemnity of your blessed martyrs, Marcellinus and Peter; grant, we pray, that we may be stirred up by the examples of those in whose merits we rejoice. Through.

3 June
BB. Peter Sanz, Bishop, and Companions

LAUDS

Ant. Come, my chosen one, and I will set my throne in you, for the king has desired your beauty.

 Prayer

After this exile may the merciful and loving virgin Mary show you to us, Lord Jesus, whom the blessed Sadoc and his companions hailed amid the fierce attacks of the foe, and thereby deserved to receive from you the longed-for palm of martyrdom. For you live and reign.

Commemoration of SS. Marcellinus, Priest, and Peter, Exorcist, Martyrs
Ant. Bearing the palm branch the saints have come to the kingdom; they have merited to receive crowns of beauty from the hand of the Lord.

LAUDS

Prayer

O God, you endowed your blessed martyrs, bishop Peter and his companions, with equal steadfastness and charity that they might preach the faith to the Gentiles; grant, we beseech you, by their example and intercession, that we may stand firm in your faith. Through,
4 June—St. Francis Caracciolo

St. Francis Caracciolo
Confessor

III class

MATINS
Lesson iii

Francis, originally called Ascanio, belonged to the noble Caracciolo family of the town of Villa Santa Maria in the Abruzzi. In his youth, while labouring under a severe illness, he determined to give himself wholly to the service of God and of his neighbour. He went to Naples and was ordained priest. Thenceforward Francis devoted himself completely to contemplation and the salvation of souls and proved a constant source of comfort to those condemned to death. Meeting, through the wonderful designs of God, with John Augustine Adorno and Fabrizio Caracciolo, he founded the order of Minor Clerks Regular, adding to the usual three vows another, not to seek offices of dignity. After Adorno’s death, Francis ruled the order most devotedly and with the greatest enterprise, fostering its growth throughout Spain and Italy. He burned with such love for the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist that he used to spend almost complete nights in adoration before it, and decreed that this pious practice should be perpetuated in his order as its special characteristic. He possessed the spirit of prophecy and the gift of reading hearts. In his forty-fourth year Francis was seized with a fatal illness in the town of Agnone in the Abruzzi, and died on the fourth of June in the year 1608. His sacred remains were conveyed to Naples, where they were buried in the church of his order.

Lesson iii

6 June

St. Norbert
Bishop and Confessor

III class

MATINS
Lesson iii

Norbert was born of most illustrious parents and received a liberal education as a youth. Later, while serving at the emperor’s court, he came to despise worldly vanities and decided to enlist in the army of the church. On receiving Holy Orders, he devoted himself wholeheartedly to preaching the word of God and won innumerable heretics to the faith, sinners to repentance and quarrel-some to peace and concord. Selecting a desert spot called Premontré in the diocese of Laon, he gathered around him thirteen companions and there established the Premonstratensian order which spread with marvellous success. Appointed archbishop of Magdeburg against his wishes, he firmly defended church discipline and in particular the law of celibacy. At the Council of Rheims he staunchly supported Innocent II and, on going to Rome with other bishops, crushed the schism of Peter de Leone. He died at Magdeburg on the sixth of June in the year 1134.

Rf. iii. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning; * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast.

Y. Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. —And be like men. —Glory. —To come home.

LAUDS

Prayer

God, you made the blessed Norbert, your confessor and bishop, a wondrous herald of your word, and bestowed through him a new order on your church; grant, we beseech you, through his prayers and merits, that what he taught by word and work, your help may enable us to perform. Through.

LAUDS

8 June

St. Medard
Bishop and Confessor

Commemoration

Ant. “Well done, good and faithful servant, you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much,” says the Lord.

Y. The just man will blossom as the lily. *R.

And he will flourish before the Lord for ever.
Prayer

Graciously hear, we beseech you, Lord, the prayers we make on the feast of the blessed Medard, your confessor and bishop. By the merits and intercession of him who so worthily served you, free us from all sin. Through.

9 June

BB. Diana, Cecilia and Amata
Virgins O. P.
Commemoration

LAUDS

Ant. The kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

V. She is led to the king with her maiden companions. R. Her destined companions are escorted in.

Prayer

We beseech you, Lord, grant us always to keep the feast of your holy martyrs Primus and Felician, and, through their prayers, to experience the benefits of your protection. Through.

10 June

Bl. John Dominici
Bishop and Confessor
O. P.
Commemoration

LAUDS

Ant. “Well done, good and faithful servant, you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much,” says the Lord. V. The just man will blossom as the lily. R. And he will flourish before the Lord for ever.

Commemoration of SS. Primus and Felician, Martyrs

Ant. These are the holy ones who, for the love of God, despised the threats of men. The holy martyrs rejoice with the angels in the kingdom of heaven. What a precious death is that of the saints! They stand always in the presence of the Lord, and are not parted from one another.

V. God is to be feared. R. In his holy place.

Prayer

O God, giver of love, you strengthened the blessed confessor and bishop, John, to keep the church’s unity and renew regular discipline; grant us, through his prayers, to be of the same mind with him and to act like him in Christ Jesus our Lord: who lives and reigns with you.

11 June

St. Barnabas, Apostle
III class
MATINS

From the Acts of the Apostles

Lesson i

Chapter 13

When the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts of Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to continue in the grace of God. The next sabbath almost the whole city gathered together to hear the word of God. But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with jealousy, and contradicted what was spoken by Paul, and reviled him.

R. i. “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves,” says the Lord, * “so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. V. For they will deliver you up to councils, and flog you in their synagogues.” – So be wise.

Lesson ii

And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, “It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, ‘I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the uttermost parts of the earth.’” And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of God; and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord spread throughout all the region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, and stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

R. ii. When you stand before kings and governors, do not be anxious how you are to speak, or what you
12 June—SS. Basilides and Companions

are to say: * for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. **. For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. – For what.

Lesson iii

Barnabas, a Levite and a native of Cyprus, was commissioned to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ with Paul the apostle. He sold a field that he owned and gave the proceeds to the apostles. Having been sent to Antioch to preach, by his exhortations there he encouraged many already converted to belief in the Christian faith. From there he set out with Paul and journeyed through many cities and countries, to the great benefit of those who heard him. Finally, leaving Paul, he sailed with John, surnamed Mark, to Cyprus, and there, in the seventh year of Nero’s reign, added the crown of martyrdom to the glory of the apostolic office.

IV. iii. Do not forsake your flock, eternal Shepherd, but, through your blessed apostles, * guard it with unfailing vigilance. **. Lord, protect your people which trusts in the patronage of your apostles.—Guard it. – Glory. – Guard it.

LAUDS

Prayer

Almighty God, we beg that the blessed Barnabas, your apostle, may implore your aid for us; that being loosed from our sins we may also be freed from all dangers. Through.

12 June

SS. Basilides, Cyrius, Nabor and Nazarius, Martyrs

Commemoration

LAUDS

Ant. These are the holy ones who, for the love of God, despised the threats of men. The holy martyrs rejoice with the angels in the kingdom of heaven. What a precious death is that of the saints! They stand always in the presence of the Lord, and are not parted from one another.

**. God is to be feared.

IV. In his holy place.

Prayer

O Lord, may the celebration of the feast of your martyrs, Basilides, Cyrius, Nabor and Nazarius, shed brightness on our lives, and may that which eternal goodness has conferred on them be increased from the fruits of our devotion. Through.

13 June

St. Anthony of Padua

Confessor and Doctor of the Church

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

Anthony was born in Lisbon, Portugal, of good and holy parents. As a young man he joined an institute of Canons Regular, but, inflamed with the desire for martyrdom, changed to the Franciscan Order. He was sent to the Saracens, but, owing to ill health, was forced to return. Due to a storm at sea, he landed at Sicily, and soon afterwards was ordained. While exercising the office of preaching, he aroused so much admiration that he was called on to expound Sacred Scripture at Bologna and elsewhere. He was put in charge of the studies of his brethren and was deservedly called Ark of the Testament and Hammer of Heresies. Having travelled in many provinces, he came to Padua in the year before his death. Here he left remarkable evidence of his sanctity. Renowned for his holiness and miracles, he died, aged thirty-six, on the thirteenth of June in the year 1231. He was proclaimed Doctor of the

Universal Church by Pope Pius XII.

IV. iii. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast. **. Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. – And be like men. – Glory. – To come home.

LAUDS

Prayer

Let this solemn feast of the blessed Anthony, your confessor, gladden your church, O God: may it ever be strengthened by spiritual helps and be found worthy to enjoy unending gladness. Through.

14 June

St. Basil the Great

Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor of the Church

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

Basil, a nobleman of Cappadocia, together with his close friend, Gregory of Nazianzen, studied literature at Athens. Later, in a monastery, he became wonderfully proficient in sacred studies. In a short space of time, Basil became so eminent for learning and
for the excellence of his behaviour that he was called, the Great. Summoned to Pontus to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, he converted that province to the faith. Very soon he was called by Eusebius, bishop of Caesarea, to help in the apostolate in that city, where he later succeeded Eusebius as bishop. Basil especially upheld the doctrine that the Son is consubstantial with the Father. This aroused the anger of Valens, the Emperor, who threatened him with exile. Basil, however, dissuaded him by miracles and prevailed upon him to change his mind. Remarkable for abstinence and purity, Basil was constant in prayer, often spending the whole night in it. He built monasteries and arranged the rule so that the advantages of the contemplative and active life were combined. He wrote many learned works and, according to Gregory of Nazianzen, no one explained more truly or more fruitfully the books of Sacred Scripture than did Basil. He died on the first of January.

R. iii. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast. R.

Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. - And be like men. - Glory. - To come home.

LAUDS
Prayer
O God, you gave to your people the blessed Basil as a minister of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech you, that we may be worthy to have him as an advocate in heaven, whom we had on earth as a teacher of life. Through.

15 June
SS. Vitus, Modestus and Crescentia
Martyrs
Commemoration
LAUDS
Ant. These are the holy ones who, for the love of God, despised the threats of men. The holy martyrs rejoice with the angels in the kingdom of heaven. What a precious death is that of the saints! They stand always in the presence of the Lord, and are not parted from one another.
R. God is to be feared. R. In his holy place.

Prayer
O God, as you allow us to keep the feast of your holy martyrs, Quiricus and Julitta, grant that we may enjoy their company in everlasting happiness. Through.

16 June
SS. Quiricus and Julitta Martyrs
Commemoration
LAUDS
Ant. These are the holy ones who, for the love of God, despised the threats of men. The holy martyrs rejoice with the angels in the kingdom of heaven. What a precious death is that of the saints! They stand always in the presence of the Lord, and are not parted from one another.
R. God is to be feared. R. In his holy place.
after consultation with the Sacred Congregation of Rites, declared him Doctor of the universal Church.

Rv. iii. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast. Y. Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. - And be like men. - Glory. - To come home.

LAUDS
Prayer

O God, you willed to illumine your church by the wondrous learning and glorious merits of the blessed Ephrem, your confessor and doctor; we humbly entreat you, to defend it, by his intercession and your continual power, against the wiles of heresy and wickedness. Through.

Commemoration of SS. Mark and Marcellian, Martyrs.

Ant. These are the holy ones who, for the love of God, despised the threats of men. The holy martyrs rejoice with the angels in the kingdom of heaven. What a precious death is that of the saints! They stand always in the presence of the Lord, and are not parted from one another.

Rv. God is to be feared.

Rv. In his holy place.

Prayer

Grant, we beseech you, almighty God, that we who keep the feast of your holy martyrs, Mark and Marcellian, may by their intercession be delivered from all the evils that threaten us. Through.

LAUDS
Ant. “Well done good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much,” says the Lord.

Y. The just man will blossom as the lily.

Rv. And he will flourish before the Lord for ever.

Prayer

O God, you enriched your bishop and confessor, the blessed Innocent, with the gifts of knowledge and prudence, and made him a promoter of peace and unity; grant, through his prayers, that we may relish what is heavenly, and in perfect concord follow what is right. Through.

23 June
Vigil of the feast of St. John the Baptist

II class

The ferial Office is said as in the Ordinary and in the Psalter, with the exception of the lessons which are given here.

The prayer of the preceding Sunday is said.
parents that exalted piety
which he bequeathed to his
posterity. Zechariah, then, was not only a priest, but a
priest of the division of
Abi’jah, which held a high
place among the most noble
families. “And he had a
wife of the daughters of
Aaron,” says the evangelist.
John’s nobility, then, de-
normalized not only from
his parents, but also from his
ancestors; it was not illus-
trious by reason of worldly
greatness, but it was vener-
able because it sprang from
a religious heritage.

Lesson iii

It was fitting that Christ’s
forerunner should have such ancestors. In this way
it would be seen that he
preached belief in the
Lord’s coming, not as
something suddenly con-
ceived, but as something
that he had received from
his ancestors and which was
infused into him as though
by a law of nature. “They
were both righteous before
God, walking in all the
commandments and ordi-
ances of the Lord blame-
less.” What answer can be
given to this text by those
who would excuse their
own guilt by saying that a
man cannot live without
frequently sinning, and
who try to justify their
contention with a quotation
from the Book of Job, “No

24 June
Birthday of St. John the
Baptist

I Class

Ant. to psalms

When
Zechariah entered the
temple of the Lord, the
angel Gabriel appeared to
him, standing on the right
side of the altar of incense.

Psalm

Praise, O servants,
etc. [1].

Little Chapter

Jer. 1

Before I formed you in
the womb I knew you,
and before you were born
I consecrated you; I ap-
pointed you a prophet to
the nations.

R. Among those born
of women there has risen
no one greater than John
the Baptist, * who pre-
pared the way for the Lord
in the desert. * Y. There
was a man sent from God,
whose name was John. —
Who prepared. — Glory. —
Who prepared.

Hymn

That your own servants
may proclaim your
wonders
With tongue untrammeled
and with lips unsullied,

Free them, we pray you,
from all sinful blemish,
John, ever holy.

Messenger coming from the
highest heaven
Tells to your father, all in
rightful order,
Of your great future and,
with birth, disclosing
Name and behaviour.

Since he had doubted the
celestial promise,
Then was he stricken, los-
ing power of converse.
But you, his offspring, after
birth, restored him
Lost vocal powers.

While you were hidden in
the bosom’s cradle,
You sensed the Monarch in
his dwelling resting.
Then both the mothers, by
each child’s own merit,
Told of great secrets.

Let every member of the
heavenly kingdom
Tell of your praises, God-
head one and triune.
Prayerfully pleading, we
implore your pardon.
Spare your redeemed ones.

Amen.

Y. There was a man
sent from God. * Whose
name was John.

Magnif. ant. You will be
silent and unable to speak
until the day of his birth,
because you did not believe
my words.

Grant, we beseech you,
almighty God, that
your people may walk in
the way of salvation, and by
following the exhortations
of the blessed John, your
forerunner, may safely
come to him whom he
foretold, our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son, who lives
and reigns with you.

If this feast is transferred
or celebrated on a Monday,
the prayer at I Vespers is
as follows:

Prayer

O God, who has made
this day full of honour
for us by the birth of the
blessed John, give to your
people the grace of spiritual
joys, and guide the souls of
all the faithful into the way
of everlasting salvation.

Through.

Compline from Sunday.

MATINS

Invit. The King, the
Lord of the forerunner,*
come, let us adore.

Hymn

You, in your childhood,
to the desert caverns
Fled for a refuge from the
crowded city,
Lest it should happen you
should mar your life-
work
By a word thoughtless.
24 June—Birthday of St. John the Baptist

Hair from the camel clothed
your saintly members.
And from the sheep-fold
came your humble cincture.
Fresh fountain-water was
your drink, while eating
Honey and locusts.

All other prophets sang but
of the future;
Spirit prophetic glimpsed
the Light far distant.
You, alone, pointing, show
him here in person,
Cleansing earth’s evil.

Through all the wide world
no man born of woman
Had been found greater; no
man found more holy.
John then baptizes, fifty
him whose cleansing
cancels earth’s evil.

Let every member of
the heavenly kingdom
Tell of your praises, God-
head one and trinal.
Prayerfully pleading, we
implore your pardon.
Spare your redeemed ones.
Amen.

I Nocturn

Ant. 1 Before I formed you
in the womb I knew you,
and before you were
born I consecrated you.

Psalms from the Common
of a Martyr [54].
Ant. 2 “To all to whom
I send you,” says the Lord,

Lesson i  Chapter 1

Now the word of the Lord
came to me, saying,
“Before I formed you
in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I
consecrated you; I appointed
you a prophet to the nations.”
Then I said,
“Ah, Lord God! Behold,
I do not know how to
speak, for I am only a
youth.” But the Lord said
to me, “Do not say, ‘I am
only a youth’; for to all
whom I send you you shall
go, and whatever I
command you you shall
speak. Be not afraid of
them, for I am with you to
deliver you, says the Lord.”

There was a man
sent from God, whose name
was John. He came for
testimony, to bear witness
to the light and to prepare
for the Lord a perfect
people. John was in
the desert, preaching a
baptism of repentance.

He came.

From Isaiah the Prophet

Lesson ii  Chapter 49

Listen to me, O coastlands,
and hear, you peoples
from afar. The Lord called
me from the womb, from
the body of my mother he
named my name. He made
my mouth like a sharp
sword, in the shadow of his
hand he hid me; he made
me a polished arrow, in
his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, “You
are my servant, Israel, in
whom I will be glorified.”
And now the Lord says,
who formed me from the
womb to be his servant, to
bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be
gathered to him, for I am
honoured in the eyes of the
Lord, and my God has
become my strength.

R. ii. Elizabeth, wife of
Zechariah, gave birth to a
great man, John the Baptist,
the forerunner of the
Lord, who prepared
a way for the Lord in the
desert. She had been
barren, indeed, in body,
but was reserved for a
mysterious destiny and
freed from the reproach
of barrenness by bringing
forth the son promised
from heaven. Who
prepared?

Lesson iii  Chapter 40

Comfort, comfort my
people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jeru-
salem, and cry to her
that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from
the Lord’s hand double for
all her sins. A voice cries:
“In the wilderness prepare
the way of the Lord, make
straight in the desert a
highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted
up, and every mountain
and hill be made low; the
uneven ground shall
become level, and the rough
places a plain.”

R. iii. Before I formed
you in the womb I knew
you, and before you were
born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet
to the nations. Behold,
I have put my words in
your mouth; see, I have
set you over nations and
over kingdoms. I
appointed.

II Nocturn

Ant. 4 The Lord put
forth his hand and touched
my mouth, and appointed
me a prophet to the nations.

Ant. 5 Behold, I have
put my words in your
mouth; see, I have set you
over nations and over
kingdoms.

Ant. 6 The Lord called
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24 June—Birthday of St. John the Baptist

Lesson iv

Apart from that most sacred birthday of our Lord, we do not read of anyone’s birthday being celebrated, except that of the blessed John the Baptist. As regards the other saints and elect of God, that day, as we know, is honoured on which their labours were completed, when they had conquered and overcome the world and were borne from this life to life eternal. In others, I say, the accumulated merits of their last day are honoured, but with John, his first day, the very beginning of his existence, is sanctified. Doubtless this is so because the Lord wished that his own coming should be made known by this man, lest, if he came suddenly and unexpectedly men might fail to recognise him.

Lesson v

John was a figure of the Old Testament and typified the law; hence he preceded the Saviour, as the Law preceded Grace. Before his birth he prophesied, hidden in his mother’s womb, and, bereft of light, he bore witness to the truth. This signifies that John, hidden beneath the veil and flesh of the letter, announced, by the spirit, the Redeemer of the world and proclaimed to us the Lord our God, as it were from the womb of the Law.

Lesson vi

John “came for testimony, to bear witness to the light,” because the Jews went astray from the womb, that is, from the Law which was pregnant with Christ. “They wandered among lies as soon as they were born.” John in prison, sending his disciples to Christ, represents the Law leading men to the Gospel, and this Law, typified by John, lay veiled and obscure, closed, as it were, in the prison of ignorance, its meaning hidden beneath the letter of Jewish blindness.

Lesson vii

Now the time came for Elizabeth to be delivered, and she gave birth to a son. And her neighbours and kinsfolk heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. Etc.

Homily of St. Ambrose, Bishop

Book 2 on Luke

Elizabeth gave birth to a son and her neighbours rejoiced with her. The birth of saints brings joy to many, because it is beneficial to all. Justice is a social virtue, and so, at the birth of this just man, his future life is signally fore-shadowed, and the grace of coming virtue is indicated by the prophetic joy of his neighbours. Rightly is the period of the prophet’s sojourn in his mother’s womb described, so that Mary’s presence might not be passed over; but the days of his infancy receive no mention, because he did not experience the disabilities of childhood.

Lesson vii

The forerunner of the Lord has come, to
whom he bears witness, *

“Among those born of
women none is greater than John the Baptist.”

Y. For he is a prophet,
and more than a prophet,
of whom the Lord said. —
Among those born.

Lesson viii

Thus in the gospel we
read nothing about him
except the account of his
coming, the prophecy con-
cerning him, his leaping
in the womb and his preach-
ing in the wilderness. He
knew no immaturity, for he
transcended nature and age
in his mother’s womb and
attained to “mature man-
hood, to the measure of the
stature of the fullness of
Christ.” It is remarkable
that the holy evangelist
considered it worthy of note
that many thought the
child should be called by
his father’s name, Zech-
ari’ah. He did so that we
might understand that the
child’s mother was not
opposed to his being called
by his father’s name, but
that the name foretold by
the angel to Zechari’ah
had been revealed to her by
the Holy Spirit.

Y. viii. The angel
Gabriel appeared to Zechari’ah,
saying, “A son shall be born to you; you shall
call his name John.” And
many will rejoice at his
birth. Y. For he will be

Lesson ix

Zechari’ah being dumb
could not have told his
wife the name of his son,
but Elizabeth learnt through
revelation what she had not
learnt from her husband.
“His name is John,” she
said, as if to say, “We do
not give him a name, for he
has already received a name
from God. He has his
name which we know, but
which we did not choose
for him.” It is the privilege
of the saints to receive a
name from God.

Y. ix. Among those born
of women there has risen
no one greater than John
the Baptist, * who pre-
pared the way for the Lord
in the desert. Y. There
was a man sent from God,
whose name was John. —
Who prepared. — Glory. —
Who prepared.

Before Lauds. Y. There
was a man sent from God.
Y. Whose name was John.

LAUDS
Antiphons and also at
the Hours

1. Elizabeth, wife of
Zechari’ah, gave birth to a
great man, John the Baptist,
the forerunner of the Lord.

Psalm
The Lord is king,
etc. p. 29.

2. They made signs to
his father, inquiring what
he would have him called.
And he wrote, saying “His
name is John.”

3. His name is John;
he shall drink no wine nor
strong drink, and many will
rejoice at his birth.

4. You shall call his
name John, and many will
rejoice at his birth.

5. This child is great
before the Lord, for his
hand is with him.

Little Chapter
Jer. 1

Before I formed you in
the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I
consecrated you; I ap-
pointed you a prophet to
the nations.

Hymn
Great is your happiness,
high is your merit,
Bright as the snowflake
your purity stainless;
Eminent martyr who till
the wild desert,
Noblest of prophets!

Bened. ant. Zechari’ah’s
mouth was opened and he
prophesied, saying, “Blessed
be the God of Israel.”

Prayer
O God, who has made
this day full of honour
for us by the birth of the
blessed John, give to your
people the grace of spiritual
joys, and guide the souls of
all the faithful into the way
of everlasting salvation.
Through.
At the Hours psalms from Sunday.

TERCE

Ant. They made signs to his father, inquiring what he would have him called. And he wrote, saying, “His name is John.”

Little Chapter as in Lauds.

They gave him power over the works of your hand. — Alleluia. — Glory.

You have set, Lord, on his head. — A crown of pure gold.

SEXT

Ant. His name is John; he shall drink no wine nor strong drink, and many will rejoice at his birth.

Little Chapter Is. 49

Listen to me, O coastlands, and hear, ye peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. — You have set, Lord, on his head, — Alleluia, alleluia. — You have set.

A crown of pure gold. — Alleluia. — Glory. — You have set. — Your saving help has given him glory. — Inscribed like a signet with “Holiness.”

II VESPERS

Ant. to psalms Elizabeth, the wife of Zechari’ah, gave birth to a great man, John the Baptist, the forerunner of the Lord.

Psalms from the Common of a Martyr [65].

Prayer

God, who has made this day full of honour for us by the birth of the blessed John, give to your people the grace of spiritual joys, and guide the souls of all the faithful into the way of everlasting salvation. Through.

NONE

Ant. This child is great before the Lord, for his hand is with him.

Little Chapter Is. 49

He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow. — Your saving help has given him glory, — Alleluia, alleluia. — Your. — You have laid upon him majesty and splendour. — Alleluia. — Glory. — Your.

A gold crown upon his head. — Inscribed like a signet with “Holiness.”

Little Chapter Jer. 1

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.

Hymn

That your own servants may proclaim your wonders With tongue untramelled and with lips unsullied, Free them, we pray you, from all sinful blemish, John, ever holy.

Messenger coming from the highest heaven Tells to your father, all in rightful order Of your great future and, with birth, disclosing Name and behaviour.

Since he had doubted the celestial promise, Then was he stricken, losing power of converse. But you, his offspring, after birth, restored him Lost vocal powers.

While you were hidden in the bosom’s cradle, You sensed the Monarch in his dwelling resting. Then both the mothers, by each child’s own merit, Told of great secrets.

Let every member of the heavenly kingdom Tell of your praises, Godhead one and trinal.
Lesson iii

John and Paul were brothers and natives of Rome. They distributed to the poor of Christ the wealth bequeathed to them by Constantine’s daughter, Constantina, whom they served faithfully and honestly. They were then asked by Julian the Apostate to become members of his household, but boldly declared that they did not want to serve one who had turned away from Jesus Christ. Accordingly they were given ten days during which they might be persuaded to sacrifice to Jove, but, as they steadfastly refused to commit this sacrilege, they were beheaded at their home, by order of Terentian, the judge. In this way they won the palm of martyrdom. The tidings of their glorious death was noise abroad by unclean spirits who tormented the bodies of many people, including the son of Terentian. The latter, however, was cured at the tomb of the martyrs. Because of this miracle, both he and his father, Terentian, believed in Christ. Furthermore, it is said that Terentian wrote a life of the blessed martyrs.

Ry. iii. These are two olive trees and two shining lampstands before the Lord. * They have power to shut the sky against the clouds, and also to open its gates, for their tongues have become keys of heaven. * These are two sons of glory, who stand before the Lord of all the earth. — They have power.—Glory.—For their tongues.

Before Lauds. * Let the faithful rejoice in their glory. * Let them shout for joy and take their rest.

LAUDS Antiphons

1. Paul and John said to Julian, “We worship the one God who made heaven and earth.”

Psalm The Lord is king, etc. p. 29.

2. Paul and John said to Terentian, “If your lord is Julian, be at peace with him; for we are none other than the Lord Jesus Christ.”

3. John and Paul, knowing Julian to be a tyrant, began to distribute their goods to the poor.

4. Holy spirits and souls of the righteous, sing a hymn to God for ever.

5. John and Paul said to Gallician, “Make a vow to the God of heaven, and you will be a greater conqueror than you have ever been.”

Hymn

Eternal gifts of Christ the King,
With martyrs’ victories let us sing,
And high today our voices raise,
In due and joyful songs of praise.
They vanquished every worldly fear,
Made light of pain and anguish here;
And, death’s brief struggle o’er, possess
The life of perfect blessedness.
By savage beasts are martyrs riven,
A death by fire to them is given;
On them hook-torn and torment rent
The rage of torturer is spent.

Prayer

We beseech you, almighty God, that on this feast we may receive a twofold joy in the triumph of the blessed John and Paul, whom the same faith and the same martyrdom truly united as brothers. Through.

At the Hours psalms and antiphon are from weekday.

VESPRERS Ant. to psalms. Paul and John said to Julian, “We
28 June—Vigil of feast of SS. Peter and Paul

Homily of St. Augustine, Bishop

Treatise 123 on John, no. 5

The threefold confession makes up for the threefold denial, lest his tongue should seem slower now in expressing sentiments of love than it had previously been in voicing words prompted by fear, and lest imminent death should seem to evoke more vehement speech than Life who is present. If denial of the Shepherd was a sign of fear, then to feed the Lord’s flock should be a work of love. Those who feed Christ’s flock so as to make them their own, rather than Christ’s, show that they love themselves and not Christ. Their motives are ambition, power and wealth, not those of obedience, service and the desire to please God in charity.

The responsories of the current weekday are said, as in the Office of the Season.

Lesson ii

This command, emphasized by Christ, serves as a warning against those of whom the apostle speaks as looking after their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. For what else does this mean, “If you love me, feed my sheep,” but: “If you love me, do not be solicitous about feeding yourself, but feed my sheep because they are mine and not yours. Seek my glory in them and not your own, my domination and not your own, my gain and not your own, lest you be numbered with those who belong to perilous times and who love themselves and all else that springs from that source of evil, self-love.”

Lesson iii

Rightly, then, is Peter asked, “Do you care for me?” And when he answers, “I love you,” he is given the command, “Feed my lambs.” This is repeated a second and a third time. Here it is shown that loving and caring-for are one and the same thing. For our Lord does not ask finally, “Do you care for me?” but, “Do you love me?” We should, therefore, love him, not ourselves, and in tending to his flock we should seek his interests, not our own. Indeed I cannot explain how it comes about that he who loves himself rather than God, does not love himself, while he who loves God rather than himself, loves himself. For he who cannot live of himself, really dies through self-love; he who by self-love destroys his life, obviously, does not really love himself.

SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles

I class

1 VESPERS

Ant. to psalms “Who do men say that the Son of man is?” said Jesus to his disciples. Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” “And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.”

Psalm Praise, O servants. etc. [1].

Little Chapter Acts 12

Peter was kept in prison; but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

R. Cornelius, a centurion, a devout man who feared God, saw clearly an angel of God who said to him, * “Cornelius, send, and bring one Simon who is called Peter. He will tell you what to do.” Y. As Cornelius, still unbaptized, was praying, an angel appeared to him, saying. - Cornelius. - Glory. - He will tell you.

Hymn

Rays that are golden, roselike in their loveliness,

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Light of light shining, you diffused through every age,
Heavens adorning by the noble martyrdom
Which, on this day, brings pardon to the guilty ones.

Warden of heaven. Teacher of the Gentiles, too.
These are earth’s judges; true lights of the universe.
Cross brings one triumph; sword brings one the victory.
So are they laurelled, Life’s immortal senators.

Two olives standing, single in your loyalty,
Pray we be faithful, earnest, strong in hopefulness,
Filled from that fountain giving twofold charity,
And, body lifeless, that we live eternally.

Glory eternal be unto the Trinity,
Honour and power, joyfulness in Unity.
His the dominion that remains unchangingly,
Now and for ever, through the years eternally.

Amen.

Magnif. ant. The blessed apostle Peter saw Christ coming towards him, and adoring him, said, “Lord, where are you going?” “I go to Rome to be crucified again.”

Prayer

Grant, we beseech you, almighty God, that no troubles may be permitted to shake us whom you have firmly fixed on the rock of apostolic confession. Through.

If this feast is transferred or celebrated on a Monday, the prayer at I Vespers is as follows:

Prayer

God, you sanctified this day by the martyrdom of your apostles Peter and Paul; grant that your church may follow in all things the precepts of those through whom she received the fundamentals of our religion. Through.

Sunday Compline.

MATINS

Invit. Let us adore Christ the Lord, the King of kings. * He glorified the blessed apostle Peter by martyrdom on the cross.

Hymn

Rays that are golden, roselike in their loveliness,
Light of light shining, you diffused through every age,

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Amen.

I Nocturn

Ant. 1 The sick were placed in beds in the streets that, as Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on some of them, and they might be healed.

Psalms from the Common of Apostles [39].

Ant. 2 Peter said to the chief priests, “Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him upon a tree, God has raised up, and has exalted him as Leader and Saviour to give repentance unto forgiveness.”

Ant. 3 The apostle Peter said to the paralytic, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed.” And immediately he rose, and all who saw him turned to the Lord.

V. Their span goes forth through all the earth. R.
And their words to the utmost bounds of the world.

From the Acts of the Apostles

Lesson i

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at that gate of the temple which is called Beautiful to ask alms of those who entered the temple. Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked for alms. And Peter directed his gaze at him, with John, and said, “Look at us.” And he fixed his attention upon them, expecting to receive something from them.

R. 1. Simon Peter, before I called you from the
Lesson iii

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon’s, astounded. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people, “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name, by faith in his name, has made this man strong whom you see and know; and the faith which is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.”

R. iii. Cornelius, a centurion, a devout man who feared God, saw clearly an angel of God who said to him, “Cornelius, send, and bring one Simon who is called Peter. He will tell you what to do.”

As Cornelius, still unbaptized, was praying, an angel appeared to him, saying, — Cornelius. — Glory. — He will tell you.

II Nocturn

Ant. 4 Now there was a disciple named Tabitha, full of good works and acts of charity, who fell sick and died; the disciples sent to Peter entreat him, “Please come to us without delay.”

Ant. 5 When Peter had come, all the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing coats and garments which Dorcas made while she was with them.

Ant. 6 Peter knelt down and prayed, and turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her her hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive.

R. iv. “Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water.” And he reached out his hand and caught him. — And Jesus said, “O man of little faith, why did you doubt?”

R. v. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” — And Jesus said.

Sermon of St. Leo, Pope

Sermon I on the birthday of the apostles Peter and Paul

Lesson v

These are your fathers and your true shepherds; they have opened to you the heavenly kingdom and have built far better and much more
happily than those by whose endeavour the first foundations of your walls were laid. Indeed one of those, the one whose name you bear, outraged you by fratricide. But these apostles raised you to such eminence that you became a holy nation, a chosen race, the city of the royal priesthood and capital of the world, because of the holy See of the blessed Peter. Your rule became more extensive, by reason of divine faith, than it had been through earthly domination. Though you extended your imperial sway over land and sea by many telling victories, yet war-like campaigns gained less for you than that which Christian peace brought under your rule.

IV. v. You are the shepherd of the sheep, the prince of the apostles; to you the Lord has given all the kingdoms of the world. And therefore the keys of the kingdom of heaven have been given to you. ∼. For to you was given, by the Lord, authority to bind and to loose. — And therefore.

Lesson vi

It was altogether in conformity with the divine plan that many nations should be joined together under one rule. In this way the universal preaching of the word of God becomes more quickly accessible to peoples governed by one city. This city, while ruling almost every nation, accepted the false teachings of all, unaware of the Author of her own well-being. She thought she had established an all-embracing religion, because she rejected no falsehood. Thus, the more firmly she was bound by the devil, the more wonderfully she was freed by Christ.

IV. vi. Get up, Peter, and dress yourself; receive strength to save the nations, * for the chains have fallen off your hands. ∼ An angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, “Get up quickly.” ∼ For the chains. — Glory. — For the chains.

III Night

Ant. 7 Cornelius, a centurion, a devout man who feared God, saw clearly an angel of God who said to him, “Cornelius, send, and bring one Simon who is called Peter. He will tell you what to do.”

Ant. 8 Peter opened his mouth and said, “Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.”

Ant. 9 While Peter was still saying this, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word, and they were speaking in tongues and extolling God. And Peter commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

IV. To me, how mysterious are your thoughts, O God! ∼ The sum of them is not to be numbered.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson vii Chapter 16

At that time, when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do men say that the Son of man is?” Etc.

Homily of St. Jerome, Priest

Book 3 Commentary on Matthew, ch. 16

Fittingly does he ask, “Who do men say that the Son of man is?” For those who speak of the Son of man are men, but those who are aware of his divinity are not called men but gods. And his disciples answered, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Eli‘jah.” I am amazed that some commentators should inquire into the reasons for all the errors, and discuss at great length why our Lord Jesus Christ was thought by some to be John and by others to be Eli‘jah or Jeremiah or one of the prophets, since these could be mistaken about Eli‘jah and Jeremiah, as was Herod about John, when he said, “This is John the Baptist, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead; that is why these powers are at work in him.”

IV. vii. “Who do men say that the Son of man is?” Jesus asked his disciples. Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ∼ “And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church. ∼ Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.” — And I tell you.

Lesson viii

But who do you say that I am?” Notice, attentive reader, from what follows as well as from the context of the discourse, that the apostles are called not men but gods. For when he asked, “Who do men say that the Son of man is?”, he added, “But who do you say that I am?”
His meaning is, "Those others, being men, think in human terms, but you who are gods, who do you say that I am?" Peter, on behalf of all the apostles, professed, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." He calls God "living" in contrast to those who were considered gods, but who are dead.

R. viii. I have prayed for you, Peter, * that your faith may not fail; and when you have turned again, strengthen your brethren. 

V. Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you. — That your faith.

Lesson ix

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona!" In return for the apostle's testimony of him, Jesus now testifies to the apostle. Peter had said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." This truthful avowal received its reward, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona." Why? "For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but the Father has revealed it." What flesh and blood could not reveal has been revealed by the grace of the Holy Spirit. The apostle's name is vindicated by his testimony. He received a revelation from the Holy Spirit whose son he is called, for in our language Bar-Jona means the Son of the dove.

R. ix. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, * and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church. — And whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. — Glory. — In heaven.

Before Lauds V. You are Peter. R.V. And on this rock I will build my church.

LAUDS

Antiphons (and at the Hours)

1. Peter and John went up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. 

Psalm The Lord is king, p. 29.

2. I have no silver and gold, but I give you what I have.

3. The angel said to Peter, "Dress yourself and follow me."

4. "Do you love me, Peter? Tend my sheep." "Lord, you know that I love you."

5. You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.

Little Chapter Acts 12

Peter was kept in prison; but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

Hymn

Two olives standing, single in your loyalty, Pray we be faithful, earnest, strong in hopefulness, Filled from that fountain giving twofold charity, And, body lifeless, that we live eternally.

Glory eternal be unto the Trinity, Honour and power, joyfulness in Unity, His the dominion that remains unchangingly, Now and for ever through the years eternally.

Amen.

V. They will tell what God has done. R.V. They will understand God's deeds.

Bened. ant. "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven," said the Lord to Simon Peter.

Prayer

O God, you sanctified this day by the martyrdom of your apostles Peter and Paul; grant that your church may follow in all things the precepts of those through whom she received the fundamentals of our religion. Through.

At the Hours psalms from Sunday.

TERCE

Ant. I have no silver and gold, but I give you what I have.

Little Chapter as in Lauds.

R.V. Their span goes forth through all the earth,* alleluia, alleluia. — Their span. V. Their words to the utmost bounds of the world. — Alleluia. — Glory. — Their span.

R.V. You will make them princes over all the earth. V. May this song make your name remembered, Lord.

SEXT

Ant. The angel said to Peter, "Dress yourself and follow me."

Little Chapter Acts 12

An angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands.

R.V. You will make them princes over all the earth,* alleluia, alleluia. — You will.

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Y. May this song make your name remembered, Lord. — Alleluia. — Glory.
— You will.
Y. Tome, how mysterious are your thoughts, O God!
R. The sum of them is not to be numbered.

NONE

Ant. You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.

Little Chapter Acts 12

Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.
R. To me, how mysterious are your thoughts, O God, * alleluia, alleluia.
— To me. Y. The sum of them is not to be numbered.
— Alleluia. — Glory. — To me.
R. Y. They will tell what God has done. R. They will understand God's deeds.

II VESPERS

Ant. to psalms Peter and John went up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.

Psalms from the Common of Apostles [49].

Little Chapter Ephes. 2

So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone.

Hymn

Rays that are golden, roselike in their loveliness, Light of light shining, you diffused through every age, Heavens adorning by the noble martyrdom Which, on this day, brings pardon to the guilty ones.

Warden of heaven, Teacher of the Gentiles, too, These are earth's judges; true lights of the universe. Cross brings one triumph; sword brings one the victory. So are they laurelled, Life's immortal senators.

Two olives standing, single in your loyalty, Pray we be faithful, earnest, strong in hopefulness, Filled from that fountain giving twofold charity, And, body lifeless, that we live eternally.

Glory eternal be unto the Trinity, Honour and power, joyfulness in Unity.

His the dominion that remains unchangingly, Now and for ever, through the years eternally. Amen.

Y. Their span goes forth through all the earth. R. Their words to the utmost bounds of the world.
Magnif. ant. As the glorious princes of the earth loved each other in life, in death they were not divided.

Prayer

O God, you sanctified this day by the martyrdom of your apostles Peter and Paul; grant that your church may follow in all things the precepts of those through whom she received the fundamentals of our religion. Through.

Compline from Sunday.

30 June

Commemoration of St. Paul, Apostle

III class

MATINS

Invit. Let us praise our God * on the festival of the apostle Paul.

Hymn

Doctor excelling, teach us, Paul, to live aright. With best endeavour, strive to raise our minds aloft,

Till that perfection fully shall be granted us, When partial knowledge wholly shall have passed from us.

Glory eternal be unto the Trinity, Honour and power, joyfulness in Unity.

His the dominion that remains unchangingly, Now and for ever, through the years eternally. Amen.

Nocturn

Ant. 1 He who worked through Peter for the mission to the circumcised, worked through me also for the Gentiles, and they perceived the grace that was given to me by Christ the Lord.

Psalms from the Common of Apostles [39].

Ant. 2 I know whom I have believed, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.

Ant. 3 To me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain; my glory must be in the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ant. 4 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Ant. 5 You are a chosen instrument, holy apostle.
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Paul, the preacher of truth throughout the whole world.

Ant. 6 The great Saint Paul, a chosen instrument, is indeed most worthy; for he was found worthy to possess the twelfth throne.

Ant. 7 Three times I have been beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I have been shipwrecked for Christ the Lord.

Ant. 8 There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day.

R. i. He who worked through Peter for the mission to the circumcised worked through me also for the Gentiles, and they perceived the grace of God * that was given to me. 

R. ii. To me, how mysterious are your thoughts, O God! 

Lesson i Chapter 13

When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them. When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they came upon a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet, named Bar-Jesus. His name was Saul; he was married to the proconsul Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. But El’ymas the magician (for that is the meaning of his name) withstood them, seeking to turn away the proconsul from the faith. But Saul, who is also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him and said, “You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind and unable to see the sun for a time.” Immediately mist and darkness fell upon him and he went about seeking people to lead him by the hand. Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord. Now Paul and his company set sail from Paphos, and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem.

R. iii. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. * Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness. 


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That we may be made worthy by the grace of God. - Who has chosen you. - Glory. - Who has chosen you.

Before Lauds Ʌ. You grant me the heritage. Ʌ. Of those who fear you, Lord.

LAUDS

Antiphons

1. I planted, Apollōs watered, but God gave the growth, alleluia.

Psalm The Lord is king, etc. p. 29.

2. I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

3. God's grace toward me was not in vain, and his grace ever abides in me.

4. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas tried to seize me, but I was let down in a basket, by the brethren, through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands, in the name of the Lord.

5. Holy apostle, Paul, preacher of truth and teacher of the Gentiles, intercede for us with God, who has chosen you.

Little Chapter Phil. 1

Christ will be honoured in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Hymn

Eternal gifts of Christ the King,
Apostles' glory, let us sing;
And all with hearts of gladness raise
Due hymns of thankful love and praise.

For, rulers of the churches they,
Triumphant leaders in the fray;
The heavenly King's own warrior band,
True lights to lighten every land.

They kept the steadfast faith of saints,
The hope that never yields nor fain;
The love of Christ in perfect glow,
That lays the prince of this world low.

In them the Father's glory bright,
In them the Spirit's true delight;
In them the Son with joy abounds,
In exultation heaven resounds.

We pray you now, Redeemer King,
Your lowly suppliants to bring
To join that blessed company,
And be with them eternally.

Amen.

Y. They will tell what God has done. Ʌ. They will understand God's deeds.

Bened. ant. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day.

Prayer

O God, you taught the multitudes of Gentiles by the preaching of the blessed apostle Paul; grant us, pray that we who keep his feast may experience the effect of his prayers to you. Through.

At the Hours psalms and antiphon are from the weekday.

TERCE

Little Chapter Phil. 1

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Ʌ. Their span goes forth * through all the earth. - Their span. Ʌ. Their words to the utmost bounds of the world.

Ʌ. Through all. - Glory.

Ʌ. Their span.

Ʌ. You will make them princes over all the earth. Ʌ. You will make them princes * over all the earth. - You will. Ʌ. May this song make your name remembered, Lord.

SEXT

Little Chapter 2 Tim. 1

I know whom I have believed, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.

Ʌ. You will make them princes * over all the earth. - You will. Ʌ. May this song make your name remembered, Lord. - Over all. - Glory. - You will.

Ʌ. To me, how mysterious are your thoughts, O God! Ʌ. The sum of them is not to be numbered.

NONE

Little Chapter 2 Tim. 4

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day.

Ʌ. To me, how mysterious are * your thoughts, O God! - To me. Ʌ. The sum of them is not to be numbered.- Your thoughts.

Ʌ. Glory. - To me.

Ʌ. They will tell what God has done. Ʌ. They will understand God's deeds.

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The Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Hymn

Gladly, with joyful voice, let every street resound,
Ardent each countenance, telling of joyousness,
Let young and old go forth, bearing their torches bright;
All being done in good order.

While we adore that blood which Christ, from many wounds,
Shed as he, dying, lay on the rough cross of wood,
We are reminded well of his great sacrifice.
Surely, at least, we should mourn him.

Injury grievous befall the whole human race
As a result of the first Adam’s sinfulness.
But the new Adam’s integrity, faithfulness,
Gives again life to all peoples.

Prayer

Almighty, everlasting God, you appointed your only-begotten Son to be redeemer of the world, and willed to be appeased by his blood. Grant us, we pray, so to venerate with solemn rite the price of our salvation, and so to be defended against the evils of this life by its might, that we may enjoy its fruit for ever in heaven. Through the same.

Compline from Sunday

MATINS

Invit. Christ the Son of God, who ransomed us by his blood, * come, let us adore.

Hymn

Rightful wrath of the Creator
In avenging waters flood,
Plunged a world of godless sinners,
Noah safe in ark of wood,
But, at last, love’s wondrous power
Washed the earth in streams of blood.
Moistened by a rain so wholesome,
Happy earth its joy must show.
Where the thorn had once abounded,
Flowers in profusion grow.
And instead of bitter wormwood,
All men sweetest nectar know.

Straightway, then, the deadly serpent
Harmful poison laid aside,
While the fierceness of the wild beasts
And bloodthirstiness subside.
This, indeed, was noble conquest
By the gentle Lamb who died.

O the depth of heavenly wisdom
That no man can ever sound!
O delightful, heartfelt kindness
That shall ever be renowned!
King supreme the death did suffer
For the servant guilty found.

When by sin we bring upon us
Rightful Judge’s sentence grim,
Then may we be well defended
By this blood that pleads with him.
May accusing hosts of evil
Then depart to regions dim.

Keeping well your gifts most gracious
Let the ransomed world adore;
Noble leader, source eternal,
Who salvation did restore,
With the Father and the Spirit
Reigning blessed for evermore.
Amen.

I Nocturn
Psalm 2

Why this tumult among nations, among peoples this useless murmuring? They arise, the kings of the earth, princes plot against the Lord and his Anointed.

“Come, let us break their fetters, come, let us cast off their yoke.”

He who sits in the heavens laughs; * the Lord is laughing them to scorn.

Then he will speak in his anger, his rage will strike them with terror.

“It is I who have set up my king * on Sion, my holy mountain.”

(Acts sumptuosity of the Lord:;) * The Lord said to me: “You are my Son. * It is I who have begotten you this day.

Ask and I shall bequeath you the nations, * put the ends of the earth in your possession.

With a rod of iron you will break them, * shatter them like a potter’s jar.”

Now, O kings, understand, * take warning, rulers of the earth;

Serve the Lord with awe * and trembling, pay him your homage

Lest he be angry and you perish; * for suddenly his anger will blaze. * Blessed are they who put their trust in God.

Ant. 1 At the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus.

Psalm 3

How many are my foes, O Lord! * How many are rising up against me! How many are saying about me: * “There is no help for him in God.”

But you, Lord, are a shield about me, * my glory who lift up my head.

I cry aloud to the Lord. * He answers from his holy mountain.

I lie down to rest and I sleep, * I wake, for the Lord upholds me.

I will not fear even thousands of people * who are ranged on every side against me.

Psalm 15

Preserve me, God, * I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: “You are my God. * My happiness lies in you alone.”

He has put into my heart a marvellous love * for the faithful ones who dwell in his land.

Those who choose other gods increase their sorrows. * Never will I offer their offerings of blood. Never will I take their name upon my lips.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; * it is you yourself who are my prize.

The lot marked out for me is my delight: * welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me!

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, * who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight: * since he is at
my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence; at your right hand happiness for ever.

Ant. 3 Judas, his betrayer, repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver, saying, “I have sinned in betraying innocent blood.”

℣. You have ransomed men. Ὡ. By your blood.

From the blessed apostle Paul’s Letter to the Hebrews

Lesson i Ch. 9

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred which redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

℞. i. Jesus suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore, let us go forth to him outside the camp, bearing abuse for him. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. Therefore.

Lesson ii

For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. Hence even the first covenant was not ratified without blood. For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, “This is the blood of the covenant which God commanded you.” And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. Indeed, under the Law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

℞. ii. Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it upon the people * and he said, “Behold the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you.” By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the destroyer of the first-born might not touch them. * And he said.

Lesson iii Chapter 10

Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way which he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.

℞. iii. You who once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ. * For he is our peace, who has made us both one. Ὡ. He was pleased, through him, to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. – For he is. – Glory. – For he is.

II Nocturn Psalm 22

The Lord is my shepherd; * there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures * where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me, * to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; * he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness * no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff; * with these you give me comfort.

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You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell forever and ever.

Ant. 4 Pilate wishing to satisfy the crowd, having scourged Jesus, delivered him to them.

Psalm 29
I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, I cried to you for help and you, my God, have healed me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. I said to myself in my good fortune: “Nothing will ever disturb me.” Your favour had set me on a mountain fastness, then you hid your face and I was put to confusion. To you, Lord, I cried, to my God I made appeal: “What profit would my death be, my going to the grave? Can dust give you praise or proclaim your truth?” The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing, you removed my sackcloth and girded me with joy.

So my soul sings psalms to you unceasingly. O Lord my God, I will thank you forever. Ant. 5 When he saw that he was gaining nothing, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this righteous man’s blood.”

Psalm 63
Hear my voice, O God, as I complain; guard my life from dread of the foe. Hide me from the band of the wicked; from the throng of those who do evil. They sharpen their tongues like swords; they aim bitter words like arrows. To shoot at the innocent from ambush, shooting suddenly and recklessly. They scheme their evil course; they conspire to lay secret snares.

They say: “Who will see us? Who can search out our crimes?”

He will search who searches the mind and knows the depths of the heart.

God has shot an arrow at them and dealt them sudden wounds.

Their own tongue has brought them to ruin and all who see them mock.

Then all men will fear; they will tell what God has done. They will understand God’s deeds.

The just will rejoice in the Lord and fly to him for refuge. All the upright hearts will glory.

Ant. 6 And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children.”

V. The blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
R. Cleanses us from all sin.

Sermon of St. John Chrysostom
Homily to Neophytes
Lesson iv
Do you wish to hear of the power of the blood of Christ? Let us go back to that which prefigured him. Let us recall the former type and re-tell the ancient Scripture. In Egypt, at midnight, God threatened the Egyptians with a tenth plague that would destroy their first born, because they kept captive his first born people. But, lest the beloved Jewish people should also be in peril, since the one place harboured them all, a means of distinguishing them was found. Hence the wonderful portent from which you may truly learn this power. The vehemence of divine anger was awaited, and the bearer of death circled over every home. What, then, did Moses do? “Kill a yearling lamb,” he said, “and mark the doors with its blood.” What is that you say, Moses? Was it normal for sheep’s blood to deliver a reasoning man? “Certainly,” he replied, “not because it is blood, but because by it is clearly typified the blood of the Lord.”

V. iv. Conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed, not with perishable things such as silver or gold. But with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. — You know.
Lesson v

Indeed, statues of rulers, though lacking reason and speech, have sometimes been known to help men, endowed with reasoning soul, who had recourse to them. And this, not because they were made of bronze, but because they reproduced the likeness of the ruler. So, too, this blood, which lacked intelligence, delivered human beings who had souls; not because it was blood, but because it indicated that blood which was to come. Then, that destroying angel, when he saw the marked doorposts and lintels, passed over and did not dare to enter. Much more, therefore, will the enemy now withdraw if he sees, not the typifying blood placed on the doorposts, but the blood of Christ’s truth shining on the lips of the faithful; that blood set apart for the doorposts of the temple. For if the angel drew back from the sign, how much will the enemy be terrified at the sight of the reality! Do you wish to consider a further quality of this blood? I would like you to study its source and the spring from which it flowed. It first came forth from the cross itself: its source was the very side of the Lord.

The soldier opened the side, he exposed the wall of that holy temple; and I have found the splendid treasure, I rejoice to discover the sparkling riches.

R. v. You were bought with a price. * So glorify God in your body. 

You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men. So glorify.

Lesson vi

So, too, it was with regard to the lamb. The Jews killed the sheep and I have experienced the fruit of this sign. From the side flowed blood and water. I do not wish that you who listen should, in facile manner, pass over the inner meaning of so great a mystery. I have yet to speak of things that are hidden and that have a deeper meaning. I have said that the water and the blood display an image of Baptism and of the Sacraments, from for them the holy church was established by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit. Through Baptism, I say, and through the Sacraments, for these are seen to have been brought out from his side. From his side, therefore, Christ built the church, just as from Adam’s side his wife, Eve, was brought into being. Indeed, Paul testifies on this matter also, saying, “We are members of his body,” referring obviously to his side. For as from Adam’s side, God brought woman into existence, so also from his own side Christ gave us water and blood by which the church might be renewed. On the nineteenth centenary of the redemption of the human race, the Supreme Pontiff Pius XI, to bring to mind this benefit, so great that it baffles description, decreed that it should be celebrated by a most solemn Jubilee. That the fruits of the precious blood of Christ, the immaculate lamb, by which blood we were redeemed, might spread more abundantly among men and that this recollection might more vividly be brought home to the faithful, the same Supreme Pontiff raised the feast of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, to the rank of first class; as such to be celebrated each year by the universal church.

R. vi. God shows his love for us * in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. 

Y. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. – In that. – Glory. – in that.

III Nocturn

Psalm 73

Why, O God, have you cast us off for ever?* Why blaze with anger against the sheep of your pasture?

Remember your people whom you chose long ago, z the tribe you redeemed to be your own possession, * the mountain of Sion where you made your dwelling.

Turn your steps to these places that are utterly ruined! * The enemy has laid waste the whole of the sanctuary.

Your foes have made uproar in your house of prayer: z they have set up their emblems, their foreign emblems, * high above the entrance to the sanctuary.

Their axes have battered the wood of its doors. * They have struck together with hatchet and pickaxe.

O God, they have set your sanctuary on fire: * they have razed and profaned the place where you dwell.

They said in their hearts: “Let us utterly crush them: * let us burn every shrine of God in the land.”

There is no sign from God, nor have we a prophet. * We have no one to tell us how long it will last.

How long, O God, is the enemy to scoff? * Is the foe
to insult your name for ever?  
Why, O Lord, do you hold back your hand? *  
Why do you keep your right hand hidden?  
Yet God is our king from time past, * the giver of help through all the land.  
It was you who divided the sea by your might, * who shattered the heads of the monsters in the sea.  
It was you who crushed Leviathan’s heads * and gave him as food to the untamed beasts.  
It was you who opened springs and torrents; * it was you who dried up everflowing rivers.  
Yours is the day and yours is the night. * It was you who appointed the light and the sun:  
It was you who fixed the bounds of the earth: * you who made both summer and winter.  
Remember this, Lord, and see the enemy scoffing; * a senseless people insults your name.  
Do not give Israel, your dove, to the hawk * nor forget the life of your poor servants for ever.  
Remember your covenant; * every cave in the land is a place where violence makes its home.  
Do not let the oppressed return disappointed; * let the poor and the needy bless your name.
don his people * nor forsake those who are his own:
For judgment shall again be just * and all true hearts shall uphold it.
Who will stand up for me against the wicked? *
Who will defend me against those who do evil?
If the Lord were not to help me, * I would soon go down into the silence.
When I think: “I have lost my foothold” * your mercy, Lord, holds me up.
When cares increase in my heart * your consolation calms my soul.
Can judges who do evil be your friends? * They do injustice under cover of law;
They attack the life of the just * and condemn innocent blood.
As for me, the Lord will be a stronghold; * my God will be the rock where I take refuge.
He will repay them for their wickedness, destroy them for their evil deeds. *
The Lord, our God, will destroy them.
Ant. 9 As they saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.
R. Christ loves us. R.
And has freed us from our sins by his blood.
Reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Lesson vii  Chapter 19
At that time, when Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, “It is finished” ; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Etc.

Homily of
St. Augustine, Bishop

Treatise 120 on John
The evangelist picked his words carefully. He did not say, “He struck his side,” or, “He wounded it,” or anything else other than, “He pierced it.” The door of life was thus, as it were, straightway opened wide. Through this flowed the church’s sacraments, without which there is no entry into life, that is, true life. That blood which was shed was shed for the remission of sins. That water mingles with the life-giving drink; this provides both cleansing and refreshment. This is what was foreshadowed when Noah was ordered to make a door in the side of the ark, that through it might enter those animals that were not to perish in the flood: by them the church was prefigured. It was on account of this, too, that the first woman was made from the side of the sleeping man and was given the name Life, and, Mother of the Living, which, before the great evil of the fall, signified a great good indeed. This second Adam, his head bowed, slept on the cross, so that, then, might be formed for him the bride who came out from his side as he slept. O Death by which the dead live again! Is anything more immaculate than this blood? Is anything more health-giving than this wound?
R. vii. This is he who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; * not with the water only, but with the water and the blood. ὑ. On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin. – Not with the water.

Lesson viii
Explanation of Psalm 95, no. 5
Men were held captive by the devil, and were slaves to evil spirits. But they have been redeemed from captivity. Though they could sell themselves, they could not redeem themselves. The Redeemer came and paid the price. He shed his blood and bought the whole world. Do you enquire what he bought? See what he paid, and you will discover what he bought. Christ’s blood was the price. What is worth so great a price? What, but the whole world? What, but all nations? Those people are very ungrateful for their ransom, or else very proud, who say either that it is so trifling as to have bought only the Africans, or that they themselves are so great that it was given only for them. Let them not boast or become conceited. What he gave, he gave for all.
R. viii. God destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ. * In him we have redemption through his blood. ὑ. The forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace which he lavished upon us. – In him we have.

Lesson ix
Sermon 31 (otherwise 344)
He had blood by which he might redeem us. It was for this, precisely, that he received blood, that it should become that which he would shed to redeem us. If you so desire, your Lord’s blood was given for you. If you do not so desire, it was not given for you. Perhaps you may say, “My God had
blood by which he might redeem me. But at his passion he already gave it all. What has he left that may be given for me?" The great thing is this, that he gave once and he gave for all. To him who desires it, Christ's blood is salvation; to him who does not desire it, it is punishment. Why, then, do you, who do not wish to die, hesitate to be freed from the second death? You are freed from that, if you are willing to take up your cross and to follow the Lord: for he took up his cross and sought the servant.

Rg. ix. Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain and have ransomed men for God * by your blood. V. For you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God. — By your blood. — Glory. — By your blood. Before Lauds v. Therefore we beseech you to help your servants. iv. Whom you have redeemed in your precious blood.

LAUDS

Antiphons (and at the Hours)

1. Who are these, clothed in white robes, and whence have they come?

Psalm The Lord is king etc. p. 29.

2. These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb.

3. Therefore are they before the throne of God and serve him day and night.

4. And they have conquered the dragon by the blood of the lamb and by the word of their testimony.

5. Blessed are those who wash their robes in the blood of the lamb.

Little Chapter Hebr. 9

When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

Hymn

We greet you, wounds of Christ above, True tokens of his boundless love! From which the streams of crimson blood Pour forth in an unceasing flood.

In brightness, you the stars excel; In fragrance, balm and rose as well; In value, gems from Indies' home; In sweetness, even honeycomb.

Through you, the refuge each one finds That is all pleasing to our minds; Here threatening foes shall never reach Nor raging fury ever breach.

On Jesus stripped in judgment hall How many blows are seen to fall! What streams of blood flow all round From broken flesh to splash the ground!

Alas! The graceful brow, in scorn Is wounded by the crown of thorn; With nails, their points unsharpened too, Both hands and feet are pierced right through.

With love divine he welcomed death And freely gave his final breath; From heart then pierced by lance's blow The double fluids start to flow.

That full redemption may be made As in a winepress he is laid; And Jesus, seeking selfless gains, No drop of blood for self retains.

Let everyone of you draw near On whom sin's dreadful stains appear; In this, salvation's torrent, see, The one who washes, clean shall be.

All thanks and grace be ever shown To him who sits by Father's throne; In blood, he ransomed us from hell, And by the Spirit guides us well.

Amen.

V. Since we are justified by the blood of Christ. Rg. We shall be saved by him from the wrath of God. Bened. ant. "The blood of the lamb shall be a sign for you," says the Lord, "and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall fall upon you to destroy you."

Prayer

Almighty, everlasting God, you appointed your only-begotten Son to be redeemer of the world,
and will to be appeased by his blood. Grant us, we pray, so to venerate with solemn rite the price of our salvation, and so to be defended against the evils of this life by its might, that we may enjoy its fruit for ever in heaven. Through the same.

At the Hours, psalms from Sunday.

TERCE

Ant. These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb.

Little Chapter Hebr. 9

When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

Y. You have ransomed men, Lord, by your blood,* alleluia, alleluia. - You have ransomed.

Y. From every tribe and tongue and people and nation. - Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory. - You have ransomed.

Y. The blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Y. Cleanses us from all sin.

SEXT

Ant. Therefore are they before the throne of God and serve him day and night.

Little Chapter Hebr. 9

For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Y. The blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, cleanses us.* alleluia, alleluia. - The blood. Y. From all sin. - Alleluia, alleluia. - Glory. - The blood.

Y. Christ loves us. Y. And has freed us by his blood.

NONE

Ant. Blessed are those who wash their robes in the blood of the lamb.

Little Chapter Hebr. 9

Moses took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, “This is the blood of the covenant which God commanded you.”

Y. Christ loves us and has freed us by his blood,* alleluia, alleluia. - Christ loves us. Y. And he made us a kingdom and priests to his God and Father. - Alleluia. - Glory. - Christ, Y. Since we are justified by the blood of Christ. Y. We shall be saved by him from the wrath of God.

I VESPERS

Psalm 109

The Lord’s revelation to my Master: * “Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet.”

The Lord will send from Sion your sceptre of power: * rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; * from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. * “You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.”

The Master standing at your right hand * will

Psalm 110

I will thank the Lord with all my heart in the meeting of the just and their assembly.

Great are the works of the Lord; * to be pondered by all who love them.

Majestic and glorious his work, * his justice stands firm for ever.

He makes us remember his wonders. * The Lord is compassion and love.

He gives food to those who fear him; * keeps his covenant ever in mind.

He has shown his might to his people * by giving them the lands of the nations.

His works are justice and truth: * his precepts are all of them sure,

Standing firm for ever and ever; * they are made in uprightness and truth.

He has sent deliverance to his people and established his covenant for ever. * Holy his name, to be feared.

To fear the Lord is the
beginning of wisdom; all who do so prove themselves wise. * His praise shall last for ever!

Psalm 111
Happy the man who fears the Lord, * who takes delight in his commands. His sons will be powerful on earth; * the children of the upright are blessed. Riches and wealth are in his house; * his justice stands firm for ever. He is a light in the darkness for the upright; * he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, * he conducts his affairs with honour. The just man will never waver; * he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; * with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear; * he will see the downfall of his foes. Open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. * His head will be raised in glory. The wicked man sees and is angry, gnashes his teeth and pines away; * the desire of the wicked leads to doom.

Psalm 147
O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! * Sion, praise your God! He has strengthened the bars of your gates, * he has blessed the children within you. He established peace on your borders, * he feeds you with finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth * and swiftly runs his command. He showers down snow white as wool, * he scatters hoar-frost like ashes.
Let no unstable one henceforth withdraw himself from the straight pathway, and reach the winning post.

God, who assists us to finish this race of life, gives to each one the great trophy.

Show us your mercy, O Father, all powerful, for by the blood of your Son you have purchased us, and by the Spirit so kind renew life in us. Bring us on high, then, to heaven. Amen.

By your blood, Lord, you have ransomed men. And have made them a kingdom to our God. Magnif. ant. You shall have this day for a memorial; and you shall celebrate it as a solemn feast to the Lord in all your generations with perpetual devotion.

Prayer

O almighty, everlasting God, you appointed your only-begotten Son to be redeemer of the world and willed to be appeased by his blood. Grant us, we pray, so to venerate with solemn rite the price of our salvation, and so to be defended against the evils of this life by its might, that we may enjoy its fruit for ever in heaven. Through the same.

Compline from Sunday.

2 July
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
II class

What is not given here will be found in Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary [20] the word Festival being changed to Visitation.

MATINS
I Nocturn

Blessing May the gracious Virgin of virgins intercede for us with the Lord. Amen.

From the Song of Songs
Lesson i  Chapter 2

I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys. As a lily among brambles, so is my love among maidens. As an apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among young men. With great delight I sat in his shadow, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love. Sustain me with raisins, refresh me with apples; for I am sick with love. O that his left hand were under my head, and that his right hand embraced me!

R.V. Today Elizabeth is visited by the blessed Virgin Mary of the line of David. – The Lord looked. Blessing May the Virgin Mary with her loving child bless us. Amen.

Lesson ii

I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or the hinds of the field, that you stir not up nor awaken love until it please. The voice of my beloved! Behold, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle, or a young stag. Behold, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.

R.V. Let us contemplate this most fitting Visitation of the glorious Virgin Mary. * The Lord looked on her nothingsness; at the angels’ message she conceived the Redeemer of the world.

II Nocturn

Blessing May the Virgin Mother of God rescue us
from the evil enemy. R. Amen.

Sermon of St. John Chrysostom

At Metaphrastes in July

Lesson iv

When our Redeemer came to us, he came first to his friend John, while he was still in his mother's womb. When John in the womb had gazed on him in the womb, setting aside the restraints of nature, he cries out, “I see the Lord who has defined the bounds of nature, but I have not to wait until my birth; I have no need to remain silent for nine months, for he who is eternal is within me. I will go out from this dark resting-place and proclaim my stored-up knowledge of wonderful things.”

R. v. Your Visitation, Virgin Mother of God, has proclaimed joy to the whole world; * for from you has risen the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, who, dispelling the curse gave us blessing, and overcoming death, gave us life everlasting. R. You are indeed happy, who alone obtained the dignity of motherhood without losing virginal purity. For from you.

Blessing May Jesus, son of Mary, be gentle and kind to us. R. Amen.

Lesson v

“I am a sign; I will indicate Christ's coming. I am a trumpet; I will make known the dispensation of the Son of God in the flesh. I will sound the trumpet and thus bless my father's tongue and loose it, that it may speak. I will sound the trumpet to quicken my mother's womb.” You see, beloved, what a new and wonderful mystery is here. He has not yet been born and he speaks by leaping; he has not yet appeared and he sends forth warnings; he cannot cry out and he is heard by his actions; he has not yet drawn the breath of life and he preaches God; he has not yet seen the light and he points to the Sun.

R. v. Your Visitation, Virgin Mother of God, has proclaimed joy to the whole world; * for from you has risen the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, who, dispelling the curse gave us blessing, and overcoming death, gave us life everlasting. R. You are indeed happy, who alone obtained the dignity of motherhood without losing virginal purity. For from you.

Blessing May Jesus, son of Mary, be gentle and kind to us. R. Amen.

Lesson vi

Though yet unborn, he hastens to prepare the way, for he cannot suffer restraint in the presence of the Lord. He will not await the time set by nature for his release, but strives to free himself from the prison-house of the womb in his eagerness to herald the Saviour to come. “He approaches,” he says, “who loosens bonds. Why do I lie in prison; why do I remain here? The Word has come to establish all things, and am I still to linger in captivity? I will go forth; I will go before him and cry out to all, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.’ ”

R. vi. At the command of the Lord, who wished to increase our dignity, * as a bramble bringing forth a rose, so did Judea bring forth Mary. R. That virtue might overshadow vice and grace sin. - As a bramble. - Glory. - As a bramble.

III Nocturn

Blessing May the gospel lesson be to us well-being and protection. R. Amen.

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lesson vii Chapter 1

At that time, Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. Etc.

Homily of St. Ambrose, Bishop

Book 2 Commentary on Luke, ch. 1

It is to be observed that the superior comes to the inferior, that the inferior may benefit thereby. Mary comes to Elizabeth; Christ comes to John. Later, the Lord went to John to be baptized that John's baptism might be sanctified. The blessings bestowed by Mary's coming and by the presence of the Lord are quickly shown. Notice the distinction and the aptness of each word. Elizabeth was the first to hear the voice of Mary, but John was the first to experience the grace. She heard in the natural way; he leaped by reason of the mystery. She was aware of Mary's coming; he was aware of the coming of the Lord.

R. vii. Mary is resplendent, born of kingly line. *
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Through her prayers, we most earnestly beg to be strengthened in mind and spirit. With heart and mind let us sing glory to Christ on this sacred festival of the illustrious Mary, Mother of God. Through her prayers.

**Blessing** May the loving Virgin Mary come to our aid in every trouble and hardship. Amen.

**Lesson viii**

These mothers speak of grace; their sons work inwardly and undertake a mysterious work of affection for the benefit of the mothers. By a twofold miracle, the mothers prophesy through the spirit of their children. The babe leaped and the mother is filled with the Holy Spirit. It was not the mother who was first filled with the Holy Spirit, but the son, and then the son filled his mother with the Holy Spirit.

"And why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" Elizabeth is saying in effect, "What a blessing I have been granted! I perceive the miracle; I am conscious of the mystery that the mother of my Lord, bearing the Word in her womb, is indeed filled with God." Amen.

With heart and mind let us sing glory to Christ on this sacred festival of the illustrious Mary, Mother of God.

5. Let us celebrate with joy the Visitation of holy Mary that she may intercede for us with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Little Chapter Song 2

A rise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for see, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth.

**Hymn**

O Lady, crowned with glory bright, Sublime above the starry height; Your arms the great Creator pressed, A suckling at your sacred breast.

What weak, unhappy Eve withdrew
You through your gracious Son renew;
Of heaven you are the entrance fair
That all afflicted may go there.

You are the Great King's portal bright,
The gate by which came forth the Light:
Come, then, you ransomed nations, sing
The Life divine that she did bring.

**Lauds**

**Antiphons**

1. This is the Visitation of the glorious Virgin Mary, of the breed of Abraham, sprung from the tribe of Judah, of the renowned stock of David.

Psalm The Lord is king, etc. p. 29.

2. Today is the Visitation of the holy Virgin Mary, whose illustrious life casts splendor on all the churches.

3. Mary is resplendent, born of kingly line; through her prayers we most devoutly beg to be strengthened in mind and spirit.

4. With heart and mind let us sing glory to Christ on this sacred festival of the illustrious Mary, Mother of God.
2 July—Visitation of B. V. M.

O Mary, mother of all grace, True mercy’s mother to our race; Protect us now from Satan’s power, And own us at life’s closing hour.

All glory be to you, O Lord, The Virgin’s Son, by all adored; With Father and the Spirit be All glory yours eternally. Amen.

God has chosen her, and has given her preference. 

Prayer

Almighty and merciful God, we humbly beseech your majesty, that as you made known your only-begotten Son through the visit and greeting of your mother to the child as yet unborn, so likewise you would grant to us, by the merits and prayers of the same mother, to see him with unveiled face for all eternity. Who lives and reigns with you.

Commemoration of SS. Processus and Martinian, Martyrs.

Ant. These are the holy ones who, for the love of God, despised the threats of men. The holy martyrs rejoice with the angels in the kingdom of heaven. What a precious death is that of the saints! They stand always in the presence of the Lord, and are not parted from one another.

V. God is to be feared. R. In his holy place.

After childbirth, O Virgin, you remained inviolate. R. Mother of God, intercede for us.

SEXT

Little Chapter Song 2

Behold, my beloved comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle, or a young stag.


V. You are beautiful and pleasing. R. In your winsomeness, O holy Mother of God.

NONE

Little Chapter Song 2

Let me see your face, let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet, and your face is comely.

V. You are beautiful and pleasing. —You are. V. In your winsomeness, O holy Mother of God. —And pleasing. —Glory. —You are.

V. God has chosen her, and has given her preference. R. He gives her his home to dwell in.

VESPERSON

Hail, O Star of Ocean, Gate of joy supernatural, Ever-virgin Mother Of the Lord eternal.

Taking that great Ave Once by Gabriel spoken, Eva’s name reversing, Be of peace our token.

Break the sinners’ fetters, Light to blind restoring; Every ill drive from us, All things good imploring,

Show yourself a mother, May the one all holy, Born for us your infant, Grant, through you, prayer lowly.

Virgin all excelling, Ever meek and holy, Freed from sin preserve us, Make us pure and lowly.

Keep our life all spotless, All our ways defending, Till we gaze on Jesus, With a joy unending.
Praise then, God the Father
With Christ’s worship blending,
And the Holy Spirit,
In one praise unending.
Amen.

Pray for us, holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Against, ant. Your Visitation, Virgin Mother of God, has proclaimed joy to the whole world. For from you has risen the Sun of Justice, Christ our God; who, dispelling the curse, gave us blessing, and overcoming death, gave us life everlasting.

COMPLINE
Ant. of psalms No woman born is your equal, Virgin Mary. Blossoming like the rose, fragrant as the lily! Pray for us, holy Mother of God.

Psalms from Sunday.
Nunc dimittis ant. With heart and mind let us sing glory to Christ on this sacred festival of the illustrious Mary, Mother of God.

3 July
St. Irenaeus
Bishop and Martyr
III class

MATINS
Lesson iii
Irenaeus was born a short distance from the city of Smyrna. From boyhood he put himself under the direction of Polycarp, who was a disciple of Saint John and the bishop of Smyrna. After Polycarp’s glorious martyrdom, Irenaeus laboured with incredible zeal to discover from others, who had been instructed by the apostles, what doctrine they had received to be preserved in the deposit of faith. To this end he called together as many as possible of such witnesses and committed to memory what he had learned from them, using it afterwards, as occasion required, to refute heresies.

Going to France, he was appointed priest of the church at Lyons by Photinus the bishop, to whose office he succeeded. He discharged his episcopal duties so creditably, by his wisdom, his prayerfulness and his example, that, in a short time, he saw, not only the people of Lyons, but also many in other French towns, abandon superstition and error and enrol themselves in the Christian army. He wrote many works, most of which have perished through the ravages of time, but his five books against heresies are extant. In the third of these he, above all, bears strong and outstanding witness to the church at Rome, to its succession of bishops and to its faithful, constant and most sure guardianship of divine tradition. “It is necessary,” he wrote, “that the whole church, that is, the faithful everywhere, should be in agreement with this church because of its greater authority.” Irenaeus was crowned with martyrdom and passed to heaven in the year of salvation 202.

R. iii. Irenaeus, glorious friend of God, strong in the faith of the Lord Jesus, stood undaunted in the midst of agonising tortures. Finally, distinguished by a triumphant death, decorated with blood, he took flight to heaven. By a profitable transaction, gaining the heavenly in exchange for the earthly, and the eternal for that which would perish. Finally. Glory. Decorated.

LAUDS

Prayer

God, you gave to the blessed Irenaeus, your martyr and bishop, power to overcome heresies by the truth of his teaching, and to establish peace successfully in the church; give to your people, we beseech you, steadfastness in holy religion, and grant your peace in these our times. Through.
death at Cremona on July 5 in the year 1539. Pope Leo XIII approved and confirmed the devotion shown him and enrolled him in the list of the saints.

Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast. ** Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. – And be like men. – Glory. – To come home.

LAUDS

Prayer

Lord God, may we learn from the spirit of the apostle Paul that surpassing wisdom of Jesus Christ, in which the blessed Anthony Mary being wonderfully instructed gathered together within your church new families of clerks and virgins. Through.

9 July

SS. John, O. P., and Companions

Prayer

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And he will flourish before the Lord for ever.

_ Prayer_

God, by the grace of your blessing, you raised to heaven the blessed pontiff Benedict; sanctify your people, we pray, with a further blessing of your grace, and, by his merits and prayers, defend us, in your strength, from all threatening evils. Through.

9 July

SS. John, O. P., and Companions

Martyrs

III class

MATINS

Invit. God, who has adorned his martyrs with everlasting crowns, * come, let us adore.

Hymn

As new and monstrous heresies are rising, Soldiers of Christ, too, grow in loyal fervour. Faith, all resistless, as a shield upholding, Firmly they counter.

“Bread come from heaven, that all men may savour, You, God, made ready,” cry they, bearing witness; “You, Christ, appointed in the sound ark, Peter, Faith’s firm instructor.”

Nocturn

Ant. 1 They followed not the counsel of the wicked, but their delight was in the law of the Lord.

Psalms from the Common of Many Martyrs

Ant. 2 On Sion, the holy mountain of the Lord, they announced the decree of the Lord.

Ant. 3 The eyes of the Lord look down on the poor, because the Lord is just and loves justice.

Ant. 5 The Lord is their portion and their cup; it is he himself who is their prize.

Ant. 6 They shall climb the mountain of the Lord and stand in his holy place, and they shall receive blessings from the Lord.

Ant. 7 The Lord looks on the just, to rescue their souls from death.

Ant. 8 The Lord is close to the broken-hearted, and those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.

Ant. 9 The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be an affliction, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of men they were punished, their
9 July—SS. John, O. P., and Companions

Lesson iii

The sixteenth century, memorable for the disturbances of the error of Calvinism, provided in Holland a striking example of Christian fortitude. The nineteen martyrs of Gorcum, as they are called, strove gloriously in defense of the Real Presence of Christ's body in the Eucharist and the Primacy of the Roman Pontiff. Among these was John, of the Order of Preachers, an alumnus of the house at Cologne. At the direction of his superiors, he had been administering the parish of Hoornæer in Holland. Having gone to the town of Gorcum to baptize an infant, he was taken by Calvinist followers and thrown into prison. There he shared the lot of other priests and religious already imprisoned for the faith. For several days and nights their constancy was tried by various forms of ridicule and ill-treatment. Then, half naked, they were taken by boat to Briel, and, on the way, suffered incredible tortures at the hands of the soldiers, the sailors and the heretical mob. Finally they were hanged from a beam and strangled, thus receiving the palm of martyrdom on July 9 in the year 1572. Renowned for miracles, they were canonized by Pius IX.

Lesson ii

Then the righteous man will stand with great confidence in the presence of those who have afflicted him, and those who make light of his labours. When they see him, they will be shaken with dreadful fear, and they will be amazed at his unexpected salvation. They will speak to one another in repentance, and in anguish of spirit they will groan, and say, “This is the man whom we once held in derision and made a byword of reproach—we fools! We thought that his life was madness and that his end was without honour. Why has he been numbered among the sons of God? And why is his lot among the saints? So it was we who strayed from the way of truth, and the light of righteousness did not shine on us, and the sun did not rise upon us. We took our fill of the paths of lawlessness and destruction, and we journeyed through trackless deserts, but the way of the Lord we have not known.” Such things as these the sinners said in hell, because the hope of the ungodly man is like chaff carried by the wind, and like a light hoar-frost driven away by a storm; it is dispersed like smoke before the wind, and it passes like the remembrance of a guest who stays but a day. But the righteous live for ever, and their reward is with the Lord; the Most High takes care of them. Therefore they will receive a glorious crown and a beautiful diadem from the hand of the Lord, because with his right hand he will cover them, and with his arm he will shield them.

Chapter 5

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Antiphons

1. The Lord robed his saints with might; truly his decrees are to be trusted.

Psalm The Lord is king, etc. p. 29.

2. The sheep of the Lord's flock have gone within his gates, giving thanks; they have entered
his courts with songs of praise.

3. Their mouth shall praise the Lord with joy; the mouth of liars shall be silenced.

4. Bless the Lord, you priests of the Lord; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

5. Let the faithful rejoice in their glory, let them shout for joy and take their rest.

Little Chapter Rev. 12

The holy ones have conquered by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

Hymn

Night now is over, rising sun casts splendour
Over the triumph of those valiant soldiers
Fallen in battle on the field of Gog and Magog;
Great in their courage!

Joyously rising, they ascend the heavens,
God, himself, greets them in celestial mansions;
They doth he crown them with his light eternal:
He is their glory.

Earth, too, applauding, tells the martyrs' story;
Name of these victors flies through every nation;
Fame, then, resulting, in a praise most worthy,
Sings of their merits.

O worthy offspring of Christ's holy martyrs,
With brows encircled by triumphal garlands!
Hear, and be mindful of your own who praise you:
By your prayer, save us.

Might, honour, power, be to God the Father;
Give worship, likewise, to the Son for ever;
And to the Spirit, sing, with voice unceasing,
Hymns in his praises.

Amen.

℣. God is to be feared. ℟. In his holy place.

Bened. ant. The Lord, the God of Israel, has visited his servants and redeemed them; he has glorified their name for ever, and has raised up for us a mighty saviour.

Prayer

O God, you crowned with the laurel of immortality the struggle made for the faith by your blessed martyrs, John and his companions; mercifully grant that, striving here on earth, we may likewise deserve, through their merits and following their example, to be crowned with them in heaven. Through erable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven.

℣. But the righteous live for ever. ℟. But the righteous. ℣. And their reward is with the Lord. ℟. Live. – Glory. – But the righteous.

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VESPER

Ant. to psalms The Lord robed his saints with might; truly his decrees are to be trusted.

Psalms from the Common of Many Martyrs [89].

Little Chapter Rev. 12

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Hymn

Strength of the martyrs, sternness and courage,
Prize of the victors, splendour and perfection,
Christ, our King, hear us,
calling to remembrance this wondrous triumph.

On this day, sacred, to that band unconquered
God's faithful people joyfully do homage;
Singing with reverence of Christ's noble soldiers,
Faith's loyal pillars.
This joyful Order specially now honours,
Midst band heroic, John's most noble triumph;
Since that good pastor sacrificed his life-blood
For his disciples.

These, then, aflame with
loyalty all holy,
Give to their people food
of life eternal:
No threat deters them;
God himself providing,
Kindles their spirit.

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Amen.

V. Blessed John and your companions, pray for us.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Magnif. ant. The Lord raised up his humble servants and, remembering his mercy, he received them into his holy tabernacle.

Prayer

O God, you crowned with the laurel of immortality the struggle made for the faith by your blessed martyrs, John and his companions; mercifully grant that, striving here on earth, we may likewise deserve, through their merits and following their example, to be crowned with them in heaven. Through.

Compline from weekday.

10 July
The Seven Brothers
Martyrs
III class
MATINS
Lesson iii

At Rome, during the persecution under Marcus Aurelius, seven brothers, the sons of Saint Felicitas, were urged by Publius, the prefect, first with promises and later with threats, to renounce Christ and to worship the gods. But, through their steadfastness and their mother's encouragement, they persevered in the faith and suffered different forms of death. Janarius was flogged with scourges; Felix and Philip were beaten with clubs; Silvanus was dashed headlong from a great height, while Alexander, Vitalis and Marcellus were beheaded. They were put to death on July 10. Four months later their mother gained a like palm of martydom.
R. iii. They washed their robes and made them spotless in the blood of the Lamb.

LAUDS
Prayer

Grant, we beseech you, almighty God, that we who know how strong your glorious martyrs have been in showing forth their faith, may experience how devoted they are in prayer to you, on our behalf. Through.

11 July
BB. Ignatius and Dominic
Bishops, O. P.
and Companions
Martyrs
III class
MATINS
Lesson iii

During the fierce anti-Christian persecution of Minh-Mang, king of Annam, those imprisoned at Nam-Dinh included, from the Order of Preachers, Bishop Ignatius Delgado, head of the mission, and his assistants, Bishop Dominic Henares and Father Joseph Fernandez. Together with twenty-three natives, they were con-
demned to death. And so, in the year 1838, they were found worthy to receive eternal glory. Francis Chien, a catechist, and Dominic Henares were beheaded; Bishop Ignatius perished from hardships in a dungeon; the other soldiers of Christ and Dominic were hacked or sawn to pieces, or died of privation. These, with some fifty others, among them a Dominican tertiary, Augustine Schoeffer of the Paris Society for the Foreign Missions, were beatified by Leo XIII.
R. iii. They washed their robes and made them spotless in the blood of the Lamb.

LAUDS
Prayer

O God, you willed the lands of Annam to be moistened by the blood of the blessed bishops, Ignatius and Dominic, and their companions; through the
pleadings of these great martyrs let it blossom with the Christian religion. Through.

12 July
St. John Gualbert
Abbot
III class

MATINS
Lesson iii

John Gualbert, who was born of a noble Florentine family, took up a military career in deference to his father's wishes. His only brother, Hugo, was murdered by a relative. On Good Friday John, accompanied by armed soldiers, met this man, who was alone, unarmed and unable to make his escape. The murderer, believing death was imminent, put his arms in the form of a cross and begged for mercy. Whereupon John, because of his reverence for that sacred sign, mercifully spared the murderer's life and accepted him as a brother. Later, John went to the church of Saint Minias and there he saw the figure of the crucified, before which he had worshipped, bow its head to him. Greatly moved by this, he abandoned his military career and, on the advice of Saint Romuald of the Camaldolese hermitage, put on the monastic habit. He then founded an Order under the rule of Saint Benedict at Vallombrosa, its principal aim being to extirpate the crime of simony and to further the apostolic faith. Rich in virtue and merits, and blessed by converse with the angels, John died at Passignano at the age of seventy-eight on July 12 in the year 1073.

Prayer
Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast.

14 July
St. Bonaventure
Bishop, Confessor and Doctor of the Church
III class

MATINS
Lesson iii

Bonaventure, born at Bagnorea in Tuscany, entered the Franciscan Order while still in his youth. There he gave himself to study, making such progress under his teacher, Alexander of Hales, that after seven years, publicly at Paris, he interpreted with the greatest credit the Books of the Sentences. A man of unusual meekness and humility, he was intensely devoted to the passion of Christ the Lord. When scarcely thirty-five years old, Bonaventure became Minister General of the whole Order, and fulfilled this office with such prudence that he became renowned, not only for his doctrine and holiness, but also for his ability and accomplishments. On this account, Pope Gregory X made him cardinal and bishop of Albano. He wrote many works of great scholarship, the finest being his commentaries on the Four Books of the Sentences. Bonaventure died, aged fifty-three, at Lyons, the Council being then in session. He was canonized by Sixtus IV and received the title of Seraphic Doctor from Sixtus V.

Prayer
Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast.

Ant. “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much,” says the Lord.

The just man will blossom as the lily. And he will flourish before the Lord for ever.

Prayer
O God, you gave your people the blessed Bonaventure as a minister.
of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech you, that we may be worthy to have him as an advocate in heaven whom we had on earth as a teacher of life. Through.

15 July
St. Henry, Emperor
Confessor
III class

MATINS
Lesson iii

Henry, surnamed the Pious, who rose from duke of Bavaria to become king of Germany and later Holy Roman Emperor, gave himself unremittingly to the spread of religion. From his own resources he founded the bishopric of Bamberg and made it tributary to St. Peter and the Roman Pontiff. He gave asylum to the exiled Benedict VIII, whom he restored to his see, and then in defence of the church undertook a war against the Greeks, recapturing Apulia which they had held for a long time. Henry was strengthened by divine aid in his campaigns against barbarian nations and relied more on the power of prayer than on force of arms. Hungary being still pagan, he gave his sister in marriage to Stephen, king of that country, who after his baptism led it to the faith. Henry observed virginity in his married life and, before his death, restored his saintly wife, Cunegunda, inviolate to her family. At length, even more renowned for sanctity than for his kingly rule, he died in the year 1024. Pope Eugene III numbered him among the saints.

Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast. ** Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

And be like men. – Glory. – To come home.

LAUDS

Prayer

O God, today you transferred the blessed Henry, your confessor, from the height of earthly empire to the kingdom without end; we humbly ask that as you went beforehand with the abundance of your grace to make him overcome the allurements of the world, so too you would make us, like him, shun the enticements of this world and reach you in sinlessness of soul. Through.

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19 July—St. Vincent de Paul

Confessor
III class
Lesson iii

Vincent de Paul was born at Pouy in Gascony. From childhood he was remarkable for his charity to the poor. Called from the task of herding his father's flocks to acquire a knowledge of letters, he was later ordained priest. Falling into the hands of the Turks, he was taken captive to Africa. From there he escaped to France with his master whom he had brought back to the faith. Vincent dedicated himself to the salvation of souls, both in the parishes under his care and later in his apostolate on the galleys. For almost forty years he acted as spiritual director to the nuns of the Visitation, an office he fulfilled with the greatest prudence. Even in his declining years he laboured zealously in evangelizing the poor, especially those in country districts. By a perpetual vow, approved by the Holy See, he bound to that apostolic work both himself and the members of the Congregation which he founded under the name of Secular Priests of the Mission. Vincent established many associations to seek out and help the needy, and to educate girls. At length, in the year 1660, worn out by austerities, labour and old age, he slept peaceably in the Lord. Renowned for miracles, he was canonized by Clement XII, while Leo XIII declared and appointed him special patron of all those charitable societies in the Catholic world which, in any way, owe their origin to him.

LAUDS

Prayer

O God, you endowed the blessed Camillus with an exceptional gift of love that he might be a help to souls struggling in their last agony; we ask you, by his merits, to pour out upon us your spirit of love whereby we may merit, in the hour of our death, to overcome the foe and gain the heavenly crown. Through.

20 July—St. Jerome Emiliani

Confessor
III Class
Lesson iii

Jerome, who belonged to the patrician family of the Emiliani, was born at Venice. In early youth he took up a military career and was put in command of Castellenuovo, near Quero in the Treviso mountains, during the most difficult days of the republic. The fortress was taken by the
enemy and Jerome was thrown into a foul dungeon, from which he was rescued by the help of the Blessed Virgin. On his return to Venice, he gave himself wholeheartedly to the performance of works of mercy. Greatly moved with compassion for the children, especially the orphans, who wandered through the city, he provided them with shelter in houses he had rented, maintained them at his own expense and gave them a Christian education. It happened at that time that the blessed Cajetan, accompanied by Peter Carafa, later Paul IV, came to Venice. They approved of Jerome’s activity and took him to a hospital for incurables, where he could, at the same time, train the orphans and tend the sick. Shortly afterwards, on their advice, he went to the adjoining mainland, first to Brescia and then to Bergamo and Como, establishing orphanages and other charitable institutions in these places. Finally he settled at Somascha, a hamlet near Bergamo, and here he laid the foundations of a new Order which was approved by Saint Pius V and which took its name from the hamlet. At last, while tending the sick, he contracted a contagious disease and at the age of fifty-six in the year 1537 laid down his life for the brethren.

Rt. iii. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast.

V. Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. — And be like men. — Glory. — To come home.

LAUDS

Prayer

O God, Father of mercies, through the merits and intercession of the blessed Jerome, whom you were pleased should be a helper and a father to the fatherless, grant that we may ever faithfully hold fast to the spirit of adoption whereby we are called, and are, your children. Through.

Commemoration of St. Margaret, Virgin and Martyr.

Ant. Come, my chosen one, and I will set my throne in you; for the king has desired your beauty.

V. She is led to the king with her maiden companions. Rt. Her destined companions are escorted in.

Prayer

Graciously hear us, God of our salvation, that as we rejoice in the feast of the blessed Praxedes, your virgin, we may be imbued with the spirit of holy earnestness. Through.

22 July

St. Mary Magdalene

III class

MATINS

Invit. Let us praise the eternal God, the three and one. * He bore the saintly Mary to himself in heaven.

Hymn

O Mother Church, cry out and praise
This clemency that Christ displays,
Who, through the sevenfold power of grace,
The sevenfold blemish does efface.

Of Lazarus a sister, too,
This Mary much transgression knew;
But at hell’s mouth all sin she spurns,
And to Life’s threshold she returns.

The wanton life is given up,
What was the sink is now the cup;
From vessel held in scorn profound
Comes vase of honour, high renowned.

Infirm to Healer then draws near,
She brings the flask of perfumes dear;
And, from disease of many kinds,
At word of Healer, cure she finds.

In triumph coming, he who died,
The risen Jesus, she espied;
The first is she that joy to know
Who more than others love did show.
For all his many favours done,
To God be glory, to the One
Who blots out penalties and sin,
And gives, instead, the prize we win.
Amen.

Nocturn

Ant. 1 When the Lord Jesus, the glory of the world, sat at table in Simon's house, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, brought forth sweet-smelling ointment of nard.

Psalms from the Common of a Virgin [130].

Ant. 2 Standing behind the Lord at his feet, with her hair unbound, weeping, she did not cease to kiss the divine feet.

Ant. 3 Then she washed the feet of the Lord Jesus and used her hair to dry them. When the alabaster flask was broken, the whole house was filled with the fragrance of the special perfumes.

Ant. 4 Now Simon said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner."

Ant. 5 And turning to him, the Lord said, "From the time I came into your house she has not ceased,

I passed them, when I found him whom my soul loves. I held him, and would not let him go until I brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

Rv. i. Let every age rejoice on the feastday of Saint Mary Magdalen, * whom Jesus, eternal love, loved much. V. This is that Mary who was most pleasing to the Lord, and who anointed the Lord's feet with precious ointment. – Whom Jesus.

Lesson ii

Chapter 3

Upon my bed by night I sought him whom my soul loves; I sought him, but found him not.

Rv. God will help her through his watchful presence. Rv. God is within, she cannot be shaken.

From the Song of Songs

Lesson iii

Chapter 8

That you were like a brother to me, that nursed at my mother's breast! If I met you outside, I would kiss you, and none would despise me. I would lead you and bring you into the house of my mother, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

Sermon of St. Gregory, Pope

Homily 25 on the Gospels

Mary Magdalen, a sinner of the city, from her love of Truth, washed away with tears the stains of guilt. Then were the words of Truth verified, "Her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much." She who formerly, through sin, had been cool, later, through love, becomes fervent. She did not forsake the Lord's tomb, when even the disciples went...
away. She sought him whom she did not find and, seeking him, she wept. Burning with love, she eagerly yearned for him who, she believed, had been taken away. And so it came about that she who stayed behind to seek him was the only one who found him at that time, for undoubtedly the perfection of a good work is perseverance.

Rv. iii. Let us all celebrate, fervently and reverently, the glorious solemnities of this day on which the blessed Mary Magdalen merited to be taken up to heaven. Y. Having finished her earthly course and having implored the divine goodness. — The blessed Mary Magdalen merited to be taken up to heaven. — Glory. — The blessed Mary Magdalen merited to be taken up to heaven.

Little Chapter. Prov. 31

A good wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.

Hymn

Eternal Father's only child.
On us look lovingly and mild;
Since Magdalen you call away
To glory and the throne, today.

Within the King's own treasure store
The coin, once lost, rests evermore;
The precious jewel sparkles bright,

Brought back from gutter to the light.
O Jesus, refuge, pleasing, sure,
The penitent's one hope secure;
Through sinner's worth, who fell so low,
Remit the debt of sin we owe.
O loving mother, kind and meek,
Be mindful of our nature weak;
Uplift your voice in prayer that we
Be guided in life's stormy sea.
For all his many favours done,
To God be glory, to the One
Who blots out penalties and sin,
And gives, instead, the prize we win.
Amen.

Y. Her sins, which are many, are forgiven. Rv. For she loved much.

Bened. ant. O lamp of the world and gleaming pearl, who by announcing Christ's resurrection merited to become the Apostle of the Apostles, Mary Magdalen, be ever our loving advocate with God who has chosen you.

Prayer

Grant to us, most merciful Father, that as the blessed Mary Magdalen, by loving our Lord Jesus Christ above all things, won the forgiveness of her sins, so may she obtain for us, through your mercy, everlasting happiness. Through.

At the Hours psalms and antiphon from weekday.

TERCE

Little Chapter as in Lauds.

Rv. Graciousness is poured upon your lips. —Graciousness. Y. Because God has blessed you for evermore. — Upon. — Glory. — Graciousness.

Y. In splendour and state. Rv. Ride on in triumph.

SEXT

Little Chapter. Prov. 31

She girds her loins with strength and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.

Rv. In splendour * and state. — In splendour and state. Y. Ride on in triumph. — And state. — Glory. — In splendour.

Y. God will help her through his watchful presence. Rv. God is within, she cannot be shaken.
NONE

Little Chapter  Prov. 31

Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.

R. God will help her through his watchful presence. — God.

R. God is within, she cannot be shaken. — Through. — Glory.

R. God.

R. Her sins, which are many, are forgiven. R. For she loved much.

Prayer

Grant to us, most merciful Father, that as the blessed Mary Magdalen, by loving our Lord Jesus Christ above all things, won the forgiveness of her sins, so may she obtain for us, through your mercy, everlasting happiness. Through.

VESPER

Ant. to psalms  Let all the earth sing out in highest praise on the feast of Saint Mary Magdalen.

Psalms for the Common of a Virgin [142].

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Hymn

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This clemency that Christ displays,
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This Mary much transgression knew;
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Infirm to Healer then draws near,
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In triumph coming, he who died,
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The first is she that joy to know,
Who more than others love did show.

For all his many favours done,
To God be glory, to the One
Who blots out penalties and sin,
And gives, instead, the prize we win.

Amen.

R. Mary has chosen the good portion. R. Which shall not be taken away from her.

Magnif. ant. At that time, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that Jesus was sitting at table in the house of Simon the leper, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, and standing behind the Lord Jesus at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.

Compline from weekday.

23 July

St. Apollinaris
Bishop and Martyr
Commemoration

LAUDS

Ant. Let him who would come after me deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

R. A gold crown upon his head. R. Inscribed like a signet with “Holliness.”

24 July

St. Christina
Virgin and Martyr
Commemoration

LAUDS

Ant. Come, my chosen one, and I will set my throne in you; for the king has desired your beauty.

R. She is led to the king with her maiden companions. R. Her destined companions are escorted in.

Prayer

We beseech you, Lord, that we may obtain pardon through the prayer of the blessed Christina, your virgin and martyr, who was ever pleasing to you by reason of her chastity and practice of your virtues. Through.

25 July

St. James, Apostle
II class

All from the Common of Apostles [38], except what is given here as proper.
At VESPERS where the feast is celebrated as I class:

Ant. to psalms O blessed James, worthy to be praised by all with heart and voice. O excellent, lovable patron, intercede for us with the Lord.

Psalms Praise, O servants, etc. (1).

Magnifi. ant. O light and glory of Spain, most holy James, you hold a primacy among the apostles, since you were first among them to win the martyr’s crown. O excellent guardian, who merited to see our Redeemer, while he was still mortal, transfigured by his Godhead, hear the prayers of your servants and intercede for our salvation and that of all peoples.

MATINS

I Nocturn

From the blessed apostle Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians

Lesson i Chapter 3

It was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that is, how the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace which was given me by the working of his power.

Rc. i. “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves,” says the Lord, * so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. For they will deliver you up to councils, and flog you in your synagogues.” – So be wise.

Lesson ii

To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all men see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose which he has realised in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and confidence of access through our faith in him.

Rc. ii. “Take my yoke upon you,” says the Lord, “and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart: * for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. And you will find rest for your souls.” – For my yoke.

Lesson iii

So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with might through his Spirit in the inner man, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

Rc. iii. When you stand before kings and governors, do not be anxious how you are to speak, or what you are to say: * for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. – For what. – Glory. – For what.

Lesson iv

James, son of Zebedee and brother of John the apostle, was a native of Galilee. He and his brother John were among the first apostles to be called, and, leaving their father and their nets, they followed the Lord. Both were surnamed Bo-aner’ges, that is, sons of thunder, by Jesus himself. James was one of the three apostles whom our Saviour loved most and whom he chose to witness his transfiguration, to be present at the miracle of raising the daughter of the ruler of the synagogue from the dead, and to be with him when he went to the Mount of Olives to pray to his Father, before being taken prisoner by the Jews.

Rc. iv. I saw men standing together, in shining garments, and the angel of the Lord spoke to me, saying, * “These are the holy men; they have become the friends of God.” I saw an angel of God flying in mid-heaven, and crying out with a loud voice he said. – These.

Lesson v

After Jesus Christ ascended into heaven, James preached our Lord’s divinity in Judea and Samaria and led many to the Christian faith. Then he went to Spain where he converted many to Christ. Seven of these were later consecrated bishops by Saint Peter and were the first bishops to be sent to Spain. James then returned to Jerusalem where he converted, among others, Herod Agrippa, who was appointed king by the Emperor Claudius, anxious to curry favour with the Jews, ordered James to be
beheaded for openly proclaiming the divinity of Jesus Christ. When the officer who led him to the tribunal saw how courageously James faced martyrdom, he immediately declared himself to be a Christian.

IV, v. These are they who have been victorious, the friends of God, who, disdaining the commands of princes, were worthy of everlasting reward: now they are crowned and hold the palm branch. These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. — Now.

Lesson vi

As they were both being dragged to execution, the officer begged forgiveness of James. The latter embraced him, saying “Peace be to you.” Then shortly before both were beheaded, James healed a paralytic. The saint’s body was afterwards taken to Compostella, where it is venerated with great solemnity. From all parts of the world, pilgrims go there to express their devotion and to fulfil their vows. His feast is celebrated by the church on this day, the day on which the transfer of his body took place. It was, however, sometime around Easter that, at Jerusalem, he bore witness to Jesus Christ by shedding his blood for him, the first of the apostles to do so.

IV, vi. “You are the light of the world,” says the Lord, “who by your endurance will gain your lives.” As my Father appointed a kingdom for me, so do I appoint for you, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.” — Who by. — Glory. — Will gain.

III Nocturn

Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson vii Chapter 20

At that time, the mother of the sons of Zeb’edee came up to Jesus, with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. Etc.

Homily of St. Jerome, Priest

Book I Commentary on Matthew ch. 20

Because the Lord had said, “And he will be raised on the third day,” the woman thought that after his resurrection he would reign immediately, and that what is promised for his second coming would be fulfilled in his first. With a woman’s eagerness, she desires what can be had here and now, heedless of what is reserved for the future. In womanly misapprehension and moved by her affection, the mother of the sons of Zeb’edee makes her request, not realising what she was asking. Nor is it strange that she should be accused of being ill-informed since it is told of Peter, when he expressed the wish to make three booths, that he did not know what he said. To the mother and her sons Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking.”

IV, vii. These are the holy men whom the Lord has chosen in genuine love and to whom he has given everlasting glory. By their teaching a light is cast upon the church as on the moon by the sun. Their span goes forth through all the earth; their words to the utmost bounds of the world. — By their.

Lesson viii

The mother makes a request, and the Lord, knowing that she is but voicing the wishes of her sons, addresses the disciples, asking, “Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?” We know that in sacred scripture “the cup” means “the passion,” according to the words, “Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me.” Again, we read in the psalm, “The cup of salvation I will raise,” and the psalmist, straightway, indicates what it is that this cup signifies, for he says, “O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.” Then Jesus said to the two disciples, “You will drink my cup.”

IV, viii. Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows? Purer than snow, whiter than milk, their bodies more rosy than coral. — And like doves.

Lesson ix

It may be asked how did the sons of Zeb’edee, James and John, drink the cup of martyrdom, since, according to scripture the apostle James, only, was beheaded by Herod, whereas John died a natural death. But if we read sacred history, where it is told how John was thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil that he might suffer martyrdom; how he emerged victorious to receive the crown from Christ, and how he was at once banished to the island of Patmos; then we shall see that John did not lack the will for martyrdom and that
he did, indeed, drink the cup of witness.

Rv. ix. Do not forsake your flock, eternal Shepherd, but through your blessed apostles guard it with unfailing vigilance. Y. Lord, protect your people which trusts in the patronage of your apostles. Guard it. — Glory. — Guard it.

LAUDS
Prayer
Be the sanctifier and the guardian of your people, Lord, and, strengthened by the protection of your apostle, James, may it be pleasing to you in its behaviour and serve you with quiet mind. Through.

Commemoration of SS. Christopher and Cucuphas, Martyrs.

Ant. These are the holy ones who, for the love of God, despised the threats of men. The holy martyrs rejoice with the angels in the kingdom of heaven. What a precious death is that of the saints! They stand always in the presence of the Lord, and are not parted from one another.

Y. God is to be feared. Rv. In his holy place.

Prayer
Grant, we beseech you, almighty God, that

we who know how strong your glorious martyrs, Christopher and Cucuphas, have been in showing forth their faith, may experience how devoted they are in prayer to you, on our behalf. Through.

26 July
St. Ann, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary
II class
All from the Common of a Non-Virgin [149], except what is given here as proper.

MATINS
I Nocturn
From the book of Ecclesiastics
Lesson i Chapter 26
A wife’s charm delights her husband, and her skill puts fat on his bones. A silent wife is a gift of the Lord, and there is nothing so precious as a disciplined soul. A modest wife adds charm to charm, and no balance can weigh the value of a chaste soul. Like the sun rising in the heights of the Lord, so is the beauty of a good wife in her well-ordered home.

Rv. i. Let us all rejoice in the Lord, celebrating a festival day in honour of the blessed Ann. * At her solemnity the angels rejoice and give praise to the Son of God. Y. His are

majesty and state and power and splendour in his holy place. — On her.

From the blessed apostle Peter’s First Letter
Lesson ii Chapter 3
Likewise, you wives, be submissive to your husbands, so that some, though they do not obey the word, may be won without a word by the behaviour of their wives, when they see your reverent and chaste behaviour. Let not yours be the outward adorning with braiding of hair, decoration of gold, and wearing of robes, but let it be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable jewel of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious. So once the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves and were submissive to their husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord.

Rv. ii. For the cause of truth and goodness and right: * he will lead you wondrously by your right hand. Y. Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words. — He will.

From the blessed apostle Paul’s First Letter to Timothy
Lesson iii Chapter 2
I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling; also that women should adorn themselves modestly and sensibly in seemly apparel, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly attire, but by good deeds, as befits women who profess religion. Let a woman learn in silence with all submissiveness. I permit no woman to teach or to have authority over men; she is to keep silent.

Rv. iii. In splendour and state * ride on in triumph. Y. Graciousness is poured upon your lips: because God has blessed you for evermore. — Ride on. — Glory. — In triumph.

II Nocturn
Sermon of St. John Damascene
Lesson iv
Sermon 2 on the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, towards the end

The home of Ann is proposed to us as a model of married life and virginity, the married life of the mother, the virginity of the daughter. The mother is no longer barren; the daughter is destined to give birth to Christ, made like to us in our human nature by the divine Architect, in a manner beyond human
nature. It is no wonder, then, that Ann, filled with
the Holy Spirit, exclaims in her joy and exultation of
soul. “Rejoice with me, for I have brought forth,
from a barren womb, the offspring of the promise,
and I have nourished at my breast, as I had desired,
the child of blessing. I have set aside the sorrow of
barrenness and have put on the joy of motherhood.”

Resp. iv. She girds her loins with strength and
makes her arms strong; she perceives that her mer-
chandise is profitable. * Her lamp does not go out
at night. V. Your word is a lamp for my steps and a
light for my path. – Her lamp.

Lesson v

Let Hannah, the rival of Penin'nah, rejoice
with me today and celebrate with me the new and unex-
pected miracle wrought in me, and similar to that per-
formed in her. Let Sarah exult, for she conceived
with joy in her old age, thereby prefiguring the fer-
tility that would end my barrenness. Let those who
are barren and unfruitful sing of my good fortune, so
wonderfully bestowed on me by God. Let all women
blessed with children say, ‘Blessed is he who granted
that which they desired to

those who asked. He made the barren fruitful and he
gave her this most blessed offspring, the Virgin, who
became mother of God according to the flesh, and
whose womb is a heaven where he, whom no place
can contain, found his abode.’

Resp. v. She opens her
hand to the poor, and
reached out her hands to
the needy. * She is not
afraid of snow for her
household. V. Open-
handed, she gives to the
poor; her justice stands
firm for ever. – She is not
afraid.

Lesson vi

In truth you are blessed
and thrice blessed, for
you bore her whom God
has adorned with blessed-
ess, Mary, whose very
name is greatly to be re-
vered. Christ, the flower
of life, comes forth from her
whose conception was glor-
ious, whose child-bearing
surpassed in subtlety any-
things in this world. We,
too, salute you, most bless-
ed woman, for our God-
given hope, that is, the
child of promise, was born
of you. You are indeed
blessed, and blessed is the
fruit of your womb. The
tongues of the godly sound
the praises of your child,
and every word joyfully
acclaims your motherhood.

27 July

BB. Joseph and Melchior
Bishops, O. P.
and Companions
Martyrs
III class

MATINS
Lesson iii

In the year 1857, during
the savage attacks of
Tu-Duc, King of Annam,
on the christians, Joseph
Mary Diaz Sanjurjo of the
Dominican Province of the
Philippine Islands and
Vicar Apostolic of Central
Tonquin, was condemned
to death. A year later, Mel-
chior Garcia Sampredo, his
successor as Vicar Apo-
tolic, followed him to the
palm of martyrdom. As
the severity of Tu-Duc’s
persecution grew in inten-
sity, many natives of Ton-
quin, following in the foot-
steps of their bishops, joyously and courageously
gave their lives for the love
of Christ. Four of these
were Dominican priests,
two from the first Order
and two from the third. All
these martyrs, of whom
nineteen were lay folk, were
beatiﬁed by Pius XII in
the year 1951.

Resp. iii. They washed
their robes and made them
spotless * in the blood of
the Lamb. V. These are
they who have come out of
the great tribulation, and
have washed their robes. –
In the. – Glory. – In the.
Before Lauds and at
Vespers:
V. Blessed Joseph, and
your companions, pray for
us. Resp. That we may
be made worthy of the prom-
ises of Christ.

LAUDS
Prayer

May the happy testimony
of your martyrs, Joseph, Melchior and their
companions, strengthen us,
Lord, and may it earnestly
entreat assistance for our frailty. Through.

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28 July

SS. Nazarius, Celsus and Pantaleon

Martyrs

Commemoration

LAUDS

Ant. These are the holy ones who, for the love of God, despised the threats of men. The holy martyrs rejoice with the angels in the kingdom of heaven. What a precious death is that of the saints! They stand always in the presence of the Lord, and are not parted from one another.

℣. God is to be feared. 
℟. In his holy place.

Prayer

O God, as you allow us to keep the feast of your holy martyrs Nazarius, Celsus and Pantaleon, grant that we may enjoy their company in everlasting happiness. Through.

29 July

St. Martha

Virgin

III class

MATINS

Lesson iii

Marta was born of noble and wealthy parents, but she is more renowned for her hospitality to Christ

the Lord. Tradition has it that after the Ascension, she, her brother, her sister and many more christians, having been taken captive by the Jews and turned adrift upon the open sea in a boat without sail or oars, landed at Marseilles. Impressed by their miraculous escape and inspired by their preaching, the people of Marseilles and the neighbouring districts came to believe in Christ. Martha, who won the love and admiration of the inhabitants of Marseilles by her remarkable sanctity and charity, retired with some very holy women to a spot remote from men. She lived there for a long time, and was held in high esteem for her piety and prudence. At length, renowned for miracles, having long foretold the day of her death, she passed to her reward.

℣. iii. The kingdom of the world and all earthly trappings I have spurned for the love of my Lord Jesus Christ, * whom I have seen, whom I have loved, in whom I have believed, whom I have cherished. ℗. My heart overflows with noble words. To the king I must speak the song I have made. – Whom I have seen. – Glory. – In whom I have believed.

30 July

Bl. Mannes

Confessor, O. P.

Commemoration

LAUDS

Ant. “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much,” says the Lord.

℟. The just man will blossom as the lily. ℗. And he will flourish before the Lord for ever.

Prayer

O God, by wondrous ways you led your blessed confessor, Mannes, into the path of perfection; by the same gracious mercy direct our actions, that we may be able to seek out what you command and obtain what you promise. Through.

Commemoration of SS. Abdon and Sennen, Martyrs.

Ant. These are the holy ones who, for the love of God, despised the threats of men. The holy martyrs rejoice with the angels in the kingdom of heaven. What a precious death is that of the saints! They stand always in the presence of the Lord, and are not parted from one another.

Prayer

Grant, we beseech you, Lord, that as the christian people rejoices in the earthly festival of your martyrs, Felix, Simplicius, Faustinus and Beatrice, it may enjoy the eternal festival; and that what it celebrates and desires, it may truly attain. Through.
Prayer

O God, you abundantly bestowed upon your saints Abdon and Sennen the gift of grace that they might attain to their present glory; grant to your servants forgiveness of sins, that by the merits of your saints they may be delivered from all adversities. Through.

31 July
St. Ignatius
Confessor
III class

MATINS
Lesson iii

Ignatius, a Spaniard, born at Loyola in Cantabria, first served at the court of the Catholic King but later took up a military career. He was seriously wounded at the siege of Pampeluna, and during a long convalescence chanced to read some spiritual books which filled him with an intense longing to follow in the footsteps of Christ and the saints. Proceeding to Montserrat and, hanging his weapons before the altar of the Blessed Virgin, he spent the night in vigil there, thus beginning his service in the army of the spirit. He led a life of unusual austerity and, though lacking in education, compiled, with the help of God’s sure light, the famous book of the Exercises, approved both by the Holy See and by its usefulness for all. Going to Paris, he was joined by nine companions of various nationalities who were studying at that university, and there at Montmartre, he laid the foundations of the Society of Jesus, a work he later completed at Rome. To the three customary vows of religion, he added a fourth, obliging members of the Society to undertake any missionary work assigned them by the Apostolic See. Ignatius did much to increase tidiness in churches, teaching of catechism, regular attendance at sermons and frequent reception of the sacraments. He was most zealous for the spread of the catholic faith to every land and exercised extraordinary power over the evil spirits. At the age of sixty-five, he went forth to meet his Lord, whose greater glory he had ever sought in all things. Pius XI appointed and declared him heavenly patron of all spiritual exercises.

In his holy place.

2 August
St. Alphonsus

Prayer

Graecely hear, we beseech you, Lord, the prayers we make on the feast of the blessed Germanus, your confessor and bishop; by the merits and intercession of him who so worthily served you, free us from all sin. Through.

1 August
The Holy Machabees
Martyrs
Commemoration

LAUDS

Ant. These are the holy ones who, for the love of God, despised the threats of men. The holy martyrs rejoice with the angels in the kingdom of heaven. What a precious death is that of the saints! They stand always in the presence of the Lord, and are not parted from one another.

In his holy place.

May the fraternal group of your martyrs give us joy, Lord. May it give to our faith a harvest of good works and encourage us by repeated intercession. Through.

St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori
Bishop, Confessor and Doctor of the Church
III class

MATINS
Lesson iii

Alphonsus Mary de Liguori was born at
Naples of noble parents. As a young man he loved to serve the sick in the public hospitals and to devote himself to frequent prayer in church. To please his father, he became an advocate. However, when he had experienced the dangers involved in litigation, he abandoned the legal profession, renounced his family right of inheritance, and became a priest. From this on, he showed such zeal in attacking vice that he brought about the conversion of many sinners. Specially compassionate towards the poor and the peasantry, he founded the Congregation of Priests of the Most Holy Redeemer to preach the Gospel to them. Lest he might ever turn aside from his purpose he bound himself by perpetual vow never to waste time. Alphonsus assiduously contemplated the Lord’s passion and the Blessed Eucharist. He was outstanding for his devotion to the Mother of God, and more than once was refreshed by signs of her heavenly protection. In his efforts to win souls to Christ, he wrote much that was full of sacred learning and piety. He steadfastly refused those ecclesiastical dignities that were offered to him, but, compelled by apostolic authority, he

undertook the government of the diocese of Sant’Agata dei Goti. Generous to the poor, he became all things to all men, and brought back nuns to a more perfect way of life. Because of serious and chronic illnesses he resigned his bishopric and returned to his brethren. Finally, at the age of ninety, remarkable for a life of innocence and penance, he died peacefully in the year 1787. Pope Pius IX proclaimed him Doctor of the Church, and Pius XII named him heavenly patron of all confessors and moralists.

Let your joins be girded and your lamps burning, * and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast. Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. – And be like men. – Glory. – To come home.

LAUDS

Prayer

O God, you made your church fruitful with a new offspring through the blessed Alphonsus Mary, your confessor and bishop, whoburned with love of souls; we pray that, taught by his wholesome counsels and strengthened by his

example, we may be able happily to come to you. Through.

Commemoration of St. Stephen I, Pope and Martyr.

Ant. Let him who would come after me deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

Y. A gold crown upon his head. Y. Inscribed like a signet with “Holiness.”

Through.