

## COMMUNION (Isaias 35. 4)

SAY: Ye fainthearted, take courage and fear not: behold our God will come, and will save us.

## POSTCOMMUNION

WE implore, O Lord, Thy mercy: that these divine helps may expiate our sins, and prepare us for the approaching Feast. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...



TODAY, AGAIN, the Church is full of joy, and the joy is greater than it was. It is true that her Lord has not come; but she feels that He is nearer than before, and therefore she thinks it just to lessen somewhat the austerity of this penitential season by the innocent cheerfulness of her sacred rites. And first, this Sunday has had the name of *Gaudéte* given to it, from the first word of the Introit; it also is honored with those impressive exceptions which belong to the fourth Sunday of Lent, called *Lætare*. The organ is played at the Mass; the vestments are rose-color; the deacon resumes the dalmatic, and the subdeacon the tunic; and in cathedral

churches the bishop assists with the precious mitre. How touching are all these usages, and how admirable this condescension of the Church, whereby she so beautifully blends together the unalterable strictness of the dogmas of faith and the graceful poetry of the formulæ of her liturgy! Let us enter into her spirit, and be glad on this third Sunday of her Advent, because our Lord is now so near unto us. Tomorrow we will resume our attitude of servants mourning for the absence of their Lord and waiting for Him; for every delay, however short, is painful and makes love sad.

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by Dom Prosper Guéranger (1805-1875).*

DÍCITE: pusillánimes confor-támini, et nolíte timére: ecce Deus noster véniet, et salvábit nos.

IMPLORÁMUS, Dómine, clementiam tuam: ut hæc divina subsidia, a vitiis expiátos, ad festa ventára nos præparent. Per Dóminum nostrum ...

## Proper Prayers of the Mass in the Extraordinary Form Third Sunday of Advent



*I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord.*

## INTROIT (Philip. 4. 4-6)

GAUDÉTE in Dómino semper: iterum dico, gaudéte. Modéstia vestra nota sit ómnibus homínibus: Dóminus enim prope est. Nihil solliciti sitis: sed in omni oratióne petitiónes vestras inno-téscant apud Deum. *Psalm.* Benedixísti, Dómine, terram tuam: avertísti captivitátem Ja-cob. *V.* Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spíritui Sancto. Sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sǽcula sǽculórum. *R.* Amen. — Gaudéte ...

REJOICE in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men: for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous: but in every thing by prayer let your petitions be made known to God. *Ps.* 84. 2. Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. *V.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. — Rejoice ...

## COLLECT

INCLINE Thine ear, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to our petitions: and, by the grace of Thy visitation, enlighten the darkness of our minds: Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

## EPISTLE

From Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Philippians, 4. 4-7.

BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always: again, I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men. The Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous: but in every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your petitions be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasseth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## GRADUAL (Ps. 79. 2, 3, 6)

THOU, O Lord, That sittest upon the Cherubim, stir up Thy might and come. *¶* Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel: that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Alleluia, alleluia. Stir up, O Lord, Thy might, and come to save us. Alleluia.

## GOSPEL

Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. John, 1. 19-28

AT THAT TIME the Jews sent from Jerusalem Priests and Levites to John, to ask him: Who art thou? And he confessed, and did not de-ny; and he confessed: I am not the Christ. And they asked him: What then? Art thou Elias? And he said: I am not. Art thou the Prophet? And he answered: No. They said therefore unto him: Who art thou, that we may give an answer to them that sent us? What sayest thou of thyself? He said: I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the Prophet Isaías. And they that were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said to him: Why then dost thou baptize, if thou be not Christ, nor Elias, nor the Prophet? John answered them, saying: I baptize with water: but there hath stood one in the midst of you, whom

FRATRES: Gaudéte in Dómino semper: iterum dico, gaudéte. Modéstia vestra nota sit ómnibus homínibus: Dóminus prope est. Nihil sollíci ti sitis: sed in omni oratióne et obsecratióne, cum gratiárum actióne, petitiónes vestrae innotéscant apud Deum. Et pax Dei, que exsúperat omnem sensum, custódiat corda vestra et intelligéntias vestras, in Christo Jesu Dómino nostro.

QUI sedes, Dómine, super Chérubim, exícta poténtiam tuam et veni. *¶* Qui regis Israel, inténde: qui dedúcis velut ovem Joseph.

Alleluia, alleluia. *¶* Excita, Dómine, poténtiam tuam, et veni, ut salvos facias nos. Alleluia.

IN ILLO TÉMPORE: Misérunt Judéi ab Jerosólymis sacerdótes et levítas ad Joánnem, ut interrogárent eum: Tu quis es? Et conféssus est, et non negávit: et conféssus est: Quia non sum ego Christus. Et interrogavérunt eum: Quid ergo? Elías es tu? Et dixit: Non sum. Prophéta es tu? Et respóndit: Non. Dixérunt ergo ei: Quis es, ut respónsum demus his, qui misérunt nos? quid dicis de teipso? Ait: Ego vox clamántis in déserto: Dirígit via m Dómini, sicut dixit Isaías prophéta. Et qui missi fúerant, erant ex Phariséis. Et interrogavérunt eum, et dixérunt ei: Quid ergo baptizas, si tu non es Christus, neque Elías, neque Prophéta? Respóndit eis Joánnes, dicens: Ego baptizo in aqua:

médius autem vestrum stetit quem vos nescítis. Ipse est, qui post me ventúrus est, qui ante me factus est: cuius ego non sum dignus ut solvam ejus corrígiam calceaménti. Hæc in Bethánia facta sunt trans Jordánum, ubi erat Joánnes baptizans. — *Credo.*

## OFFERTORY (Ps. 84. 2, 3)

BENEDIXÍSTI, Dómine, terram tuam: avertísti captivitátem Jacob: remisísti iniquitátem plebis tuæ.

## SECRET

DEVOTIÓNIS nostræ tibi, quésumus, Dómine, hóstia júgiter immoléatur: quæ et sacri péragat institúta mystérii, et salutáre tuum in nobis mirabiliter operétur. Per Dóminum nostrum ...

## PREFACE OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

VERE dignum et justum est, équum et salutáre, nos tibi semper, et ubique grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnípotens, aéterne Deus. Qui cum unigénto Filio tuo, et Spíritu Sancto, unus es Deus, unus es Dóminus: non in unius singularité persónæ, sed in unius Trinitáte substántia. Quod enim de tua glória revelánte te, crédimus, hoc de Filio tuo, hoc de Spíritu Sancto, sine differéntia discretiōis sentimus. Ut in confessiōne veræ sempiternæque Deitatis, et in persónis proprietas, et in esséntia únitas, et in majestáte adoréatur aéquálitas. Quam laudant Ángeli, atque Archángeli, Chérubim quoque ac Séráphim: qui non cessant clamáre quotidie, una voce dicéntes: — *Sanctus.*

(Alternatively, the PREFACE OF ADVENT may be prayed.)

you know not. The same is He that shall come after me, who is preferred before me: the latchet of whose shoe I am not worthy to loose. These things were done in Bethania, beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing. — *Creed.*