



Proper Prayers of the Mass in the Extraordinary Form

February 10: Saint Scholastica, Virgin  
(after Septuagesima)

(*Missæ Propriæ Ordinis Sancti Benedicti*)

**Introit** (Canticles 2 : 10 – 11; Psalm 54 : 7)

ARISE, MAKE HASTE, my love, my dove, my beautiful one; and come. For winter is now past, the rain is over and gone. Who will give me wings like a dove, and I will fly and be at rest? 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. — Arise, make haste ...

**Collect**

O God, Who to show the innocent life of blessed Scholastica, Thy Virgin, didst make her soul enter heaven under the appearance of a dove: grant unto us that through her merits and prayers, we may live innocently in such a manner as to merit to attain to everlasting joys. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son: Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

**Lesson** (Canticles 8 : 1 – 4)

Who shall give thee to me for my brother, sucking the breasts of my mother, that I may find thee without, and kiss thee, and now no man may despise me? I will take hold of thee, and bring thee into my mother's house: there thou shalt teach me, and I will give thee a cup of spiced wine and new wine of my pomegranates. His left hand under my head, and his right hand shall embrace me. I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that you stir not up, nor awake my love till she please.

**Gradual** (Canticles 8 : 7)

Many waters cannot quench charity, neither can the floods drown it: if a man should give all the substance of his house for love, he shall despise it as nothing.

**Tract** (Canticles 3 : 4; 1 : 2, 3)

I found Him whom my soul loveth; I held Him, and I will not let Him go. Thy name is as oil poured out: therefore young maidens have loved thee. Draw me: we will run after thee to the odor of thy ointments. We will be glad and rejoice in thee, remembering thy breasts more than wine: the righteous love thee.

**Sequence** *Emicat merities*

The mid-day shineth forth, and the blessed rest of the Virgin Scholastica.  
She entereth the nuptial chamber, she seeketh the kisses of the Spouse whom alone she loveth.  
With what sighs and ardors of the heart she seeketh the Beloved.  
She moved heaven by her tears, and by copious rains softens her brother's heart.  
O happy conversations! when Benedict explaineth the joys of heaven.  
Desires burn, and sighs of the heart: O maiden, doth the Bridegroom arouse!  
Come, most comely one, O bride most beloved, come: Thou shalt be crowned.  
Thou shalt sleep amidst the lilies; thou shalt abound in delights, and be inebriated.  
O dove of virgins, who from the river-banks goest forth to the hall of glory,  
Draw us by thy scent, and feed us with the breasts of grace everlasting. Amen.

### Gospel (Matthew 25 : 1 – 13)

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

### Offertory (Psalm 17 : 14 – 16)

The Lord thundered from heaven, and the Most High gave His voice: hail and coals of fire; he cast many lightnings, and discomfited them. Then the fountains of waters appeared.

### Secret

Receive, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with the offerings of the Sacrifice, the desires of thy suppliants: that by the intercession of thy blessed Virgin Scholastica, who loved Thee with sincere tenderness, both faith and love may increase in us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son: Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Through our Lord ...

### Preface of Saint Scholastica

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God, through Christ our Lord: Who to Thy blessed virgin Scholastica hast brought glory of such excellence that, inflamed by the discourse of Thy love, she spent nightly vigils. And lest he leave her, she by a storm sent from heaven, detained her venerable brother whilst he was speaking those things which refer to Thee, which she desired insatiably to hear. She spent her life in such innocence and simplicity, that she deserved to be seen by her holy brother as she ascended into heaven in the form of a dove: through Christ our Lord. Through Whom Angels praise Thy Majesty, Dominations worship, Powers stand in awe. The Heavens and the hosts of heaven with blessed Seraphim unite, exult, and celebrate; and we entreat that Thou wouldst bid our voices too be heard with theirs, singing with lowly praise: — *Sanctus*.

### Communion (John 15 : 7)

If you abide in me and my words abide in you, you shall ask whatever you will and it shall be done unto you, saith the Lord.

### Postcommunion

Through the merits of Thy blessed Virgin Scholastica, we beseech Thee, O Lord, look down mercifully upon Thy household which is fed with heavenly food: that even as Thou didst cause, at her prayers, rain to fall from heaven in order to fulfill her desire, so by her prayers Thou wouldst be pleased to moisten the dryness of our hearts with the dew of heavenly grace. Through our Lord ...

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