

and through his prayers grant Thy servants pardon of their sins. Through our Lord ...

Offertory (Psalm 20:3, 4)

THOU HAST given him his heart's desire, O Lord, and hast not withholden from him the will of his lips: Thou hast set on his head a crown of precious stones.

Preface of St. Benedict

IT IS TRULY meet and Just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God. Who didst appoint that most blessed Confessor Benedict to be a heaven-taught master and leader unto a numberless multitude of children. Whom also, filled with the spirit of all the just and rapt out of himself, Thou didst illumine with the splendour of Thy light, so that, in the very light of heavenly vision, his soul being set free from all hindrance might learn how truly little are all things below: through Christ our Lord. Wherefore with freest joys doth the whole choir of monks throughout the world exult. And also the heavenly Hosts and the angelic Powers sing together the hymn of Thy glory, evermore saying:— *Sanctus*.

Communion (Luke 12:42)

THE FAITHFUL and wise servant, whom his lord setteth over his family, to give them their measure of wheat in due season.

Postcommunion

AFTER RECEIVING Thy saving Sacraments, we humbly pray, O Lord, our God, that through the prayers of Thy most holy Confessor Benedict, what we perform for his festival may profit us unto salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

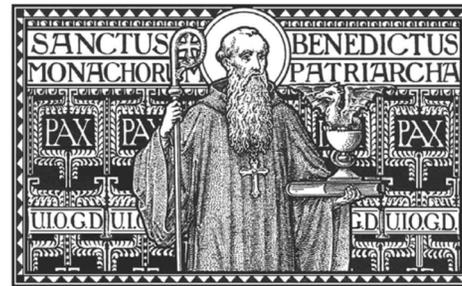
et ipsius intervéntu, fámulis tuis tríbue indulgéntiam peccatórum. Per Dóminum ...

DESIDÉRIUM ánimæ ejus tribuisti ei, Dómine, et voluntáte labiórurn ejus non fraudásti eum: possuísti in cápte ejus corónam de lápide pretiósio.

VERE DIGNUM et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper et úbique grátias ágere, Dómine sancte, Pater omnipotens, ætérne Deus. Qui beatíssimum confessorém tuum Benedíctum, duccm et magistrum coelitus edóctum, innumerábili multitudíni filiórurn statuísti. Quem et ómnium justórum spiritu replétum, et extra se raptum, lúminis tui splendóre collustrásti. Ut in ipsa luce visiónis íntimæ mentis laxáto sinu, quam angústa essent ómnia inferióra deprehénderet. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Quaprópter profúsis gáudiis totus in orbe terrárum monachórum cætus exsultat. Sed et supérnæ virtútes atque angélicæ potestátes hymnum glóriæ tuæ cóncinunt sine fine dicéntes: — *Sanctus*.

FIDÉLIS servus et prudens, quem constituit dóminus super familiam suam: ut det illis in témpore tritici mensúram.

PERCÉPTIS, Dómine Deus noster, salutáribus Sacraméntis, humíliter deprecámur: ut intercedénte sanctíssimo Benedícto Confessóre tuo; quæ pro illius veneránda gérimus solemnítate, nobis proficiant ad salutém. Per Dóminum nostrum ...



Proper Prayers of the Mass in the Extraordinary Form

MARCH 21

Feast of St. Benedict
(in Benedictine churches)

Introit (Sedulius)

GAUDEÁMUS OMNES in Dómino, diem festum celebrántes sub honóre sancti Benedícti Ábbatis: de cujus solemnítate gaudent Ángeli, at colláudant Filium Dei. *Ps.* 47:2. Magnus Dóminus et laudábilis nimis: in civitáte Dei nostri, in monte sancto ejus. *V.* Glória Patri, et Filio, et Spirítui Sancto. Sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. — Gaudeámus ...

LET US all rejoice in the Lord, celebrating a festival day in honor of saint Benedict the Abbot, on whose solemnity the Angels rejoice and give praise to the Son of God. *Psalms.* Great is the Lord and exceedingly to be praised; in the city of our God, on his holy mountain. *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. — Let us ...

Collect

OMNÍPOTENS sempitérne Deus, qui hodiérna die carnis edúctum ergástulo sanctíssimum Confessorém tuum Benedíctum sublevásti ad cælum: concéde, quæsumus, hæc festa tuis fámulis celebrántibus cunctórum véniam delictórum; ut qui exsultántibus ánimis ejus claritáti congáudent, ipso apud te interveniénte, consociéntur et méritis. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum ...

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who didst on this day lead Thy most holy Confessor Benedict out of the prison of the flesh and raise him up to heaven, grant, we pray, the pardon of all sin to Thy servants who celebrate this feast, so that while with glad hearts they rejoice at his glory, they may also by his intercession have part in his merits. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son: Who liveth and reigneth with Thee ...

The ferial day of Lent is commemorated here, and below at the Secret and at the Postcommunion.

Lesson (Eccl. 50:1–11, 13, 14)

ECCE confessor magnus, qui in vita sua suffúlsit domum, et in diébus suis corroborávit templum. Templi étiam altitúdo ab ipso fundáta est, duplex ædificátio et excélsi parietés templi.

BEHOLD the great confessor who in his life propped up the house, and in his days fortified the temple. By him also the height of the temple was founded, the double building and the high walls of the temple.

In his days the wells of water flowed out and they were filled as the sea above measure. He took care of his nation and delivered it from destruction. He prevailed to enlarge the city and obtained glory in his conversation with the people: and enlarged the entrance of the house and the court. He shone in his days as the morning star in the midst of a cloud and as the moon at the full. And as the sun when it shineth, so did he shine in the temple of God. And as the rainbow giving light in the bright clouds, and as the flower of roses in the days of the spring, and as the lilies that are on the brink of the water, and as the sweet smelling frankincense, in the time of summer. As a bright fire, and frankincense burning in the fire. As a massive vessel of gold, adorned with every precious stone. As an olive tree budding forth and a cypress tree rearing itself on high. About him was the ring of his brethren: and as the cedar planted in mount Libanus; so as branches of palm trees, they stood round about him, and all the sons of Aaron in their glory.

Gradual (Psalm 20:4,5)

LORD, Thou hast prevented him with blessings of sweetness: Thou hast set on his head a crown of precious stones. He asked life of Thee, and Thou hast given him length of days for ever and ever.

Tract (Psalm 111:1–3)

BLESSED is the man that feareth the Lord: he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the righteous shall be blessed. Glory and wealth shall be in his house: and his justice remaineth for ever and ever.

In diēbus ipsius emanaverunt putei aquarum, et quasi mare adimplēti sunt supra modum. Qui curavit gentem suam et liberavit eam perditione. Qui praevaluit amplificare civitatem: qui adeptus est gloriam in conversatione gentis: et ingressum domus at atrii amplificavit. Quasi stella matutina in medio nebulae, et quasi luna plena in diebus suis lucet. Et quasi sol refulgens, sic ille effulsit in templo Dei. Quasi arcus refulgens inter nebulas gloriae, et quasi flos rosarum in diebus vernis, et quasi lilia quae sunt in transitu aquae, et quasi thus redolens in diebus aestatis. Quasi ignis effulgens et thus ardens in igne. Quasi ignis vas auri solidum, ornatum omni lapide pretioso. Quasi oliva pullulans et quasi cyprissus in altitudinem se extollens. Circa illum corona fratrum, et quasi plantatio cedri in monte Libano: sic circa illum steterunt quasi rami palmae, et omnes filii Aaron in gloria sua.

DOMINE praeveneristi eum in benedictionibus dulcedinis: posuisti in capite ejus coronam de lapide pretioso. Vitam petiit a te, et tribuisti ei longitudinem dierum in saeculum saeculi.

BEATUS VIR, qui timet Dominum: in mandatis ejus cupit nimis. ¶ Potens in terra erit semen ejus: generatio rectorum benedicetur. ¶ Gloria et divitiarum in domo ejus: et justitia ejus manet in saeculum saeculi.

LÆTA quies magni ducis,
Dona ferens novae lucis,
Hodie recolitur.

Charis datur pia menti:
Corde sonet in ardenti
Quidquid foris promitur.

Hunc per callem Orientis
Admirerur ascendentis
Patriarchae speciem.

Amplum semen magnae prolis
Illum fecit, instar solis,
Abrahae persimilem.

Corvum cernis ministrantem:
Hinc Eliam latitantem
Specu nosce parvulo.
Eliseus dignoscatur
Cum securis revocatur
De torrentis alveo.

Illum Joseph candor morum,
Illum Jacob futurorum
Mens effecit conscia.

Ipse memor suae gentis
Nos perducat in manentis
Semper Christi gaudia. Amen.

Gospel (Matthew 19:27–29)

IN ILLO TEMPORE: Dixit Petrus ad Jesum: Ecce nos relinquimus omnia, et secuti sumus te: quid ergo erit nobis? Jesus autem dixit illis: Amen dico vobis, quod vos, qui secuti estis me, in regeneratione, cum sederit Filius hominis in sede maiestatis suae, sedebitis et vos super sedes duodecim, iudicantes duodecim tribus Israel. Et omnis, qui reliquerit domum, vel fratres, aut sorores, aut patrem, aut matrem, aut uxorem, aut filios, aut agros, propter nomen meum, centuplum accipiet, et vitam aeternam possidebit. — *Credo.*

OBLATIS, Domine, ad honorem sanctissimi Confessoris tui Benedicti placare munibus:

Sequence

THE HAPPY death of our great Leader bringing the benefits of a new day is commemorated now.

To the pious mind charity is given; so let first resound in a heart aflame with love what is brought forth in song and ceremony.

As along the pathway of the East he rises, let us admire the splendor of our patriarch.

The numerous race that from him sprung makes him shine as the sun, makes him like another Abraham.

A raven you see ministering to him while as Elias he hides within an humble cave.

He appears another Eliseus when he calls back the axe from the torrent's rocky depth.

Purity of life makes him another Joseph, knowledge of the future makes him another Jacob.

May he be mindful of his family, and bring us to the joys of Christ Who lives forever. Amen.

AT THAT TIME, Peter said to Jesus: Behold we have left all things and have followed Thee: what therefore shall we have? And Jesus said to them: Amen I say to you, that you, who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit on the seat of His majesty, you also shall sit on twelve seats, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My Name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold and shall possess life everlasting. — *Credo.*

Secret

BE APPEASED, O Lord, by the gifts we offer in honor of Thy most holy Confessor, Benedict,