

Postcommunion

O LORD, we have received the Sacrament of eternal life, and humbly beseech Thee, that through the intercession of blessed Venantius, Thy Martyr, it may obtain for us pardon and grace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

SÚMPSIMUS, Dómine, æternæ vitæ sacraménta, te humiliter deprecánte: ut, beáto Venántio Mártyre tuo pro nobis, deprecánte, véniam nobis concíliet, et grátiam. Per Dóminum nostrum ...



ST. VANANTIUS was born at Camerino in Italy, and at the age of fifteen was seized as a Christian and carried before a judge. As it was found impossible to shake his constancy either by threats or promises, he was condemned to be scourged, but was miraculously saved by an angel. He was then burned with torches and hung over a low fire that he might be suffocated by the smoke. The judge's secretary, admiring the steadfastness of the Saint, and seeing an angel robed in white, who trampled out the fire and again set free the youthful martyr, proclaimed his faith in Christ, was baptized with his whole family, and shortly after won the martyr's crown himself. Venantius was then carried before the governor, who, unable to make him renounce his faith, cast him into prison with an apostate, who vainly strove to tempt him. The governor then ordered his teeth and jaws to be broken, and had him thrown into a furnace, from which the angel

once more delivered him. The Saint was again led before the judge, who at sight of him fell headlong from his seat and expired, crying, "The God of Venantius is the true God; let us destroy our idols." This circumstance being told to the governor, he ordered Venantius to be thrown to the lions; but these brutes, forgetting their natural ferocity, crouched at the feet of the Saint. Then, by order of the tyrant, the young martyr was dragged through a heap of brambles and thorns, but again God manifested the glory of His servant; the soldiers suffering from thirst, the Saint knelt on a rock and signed it with a cross, when immediately a jet of clear, cool water spouted up from the spot. This miracle converted many of those who beheld it, whereupon the governor had Venantius and his converts beheaded together in the year 250. The bodies of these martyrs are kept in the church at Camerino which bears the Saint's name.

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Proper Prayers of the Mass in the Extraordinary Form

MAY 18
(before Ascension)

**St. Venantius,
Martyr**

Prayers at the Foot of the Altar
(see red Missal, pp. 10-13)

Introit (Psalm 63:3)

PROTEXISTI ME, Deus, a conventu malignántium, allelúia: a multítudine operántium iniquitátem, allelúia, allelúia. *Ps. ibid.* 2. Exáudi, Deus, oratiónem meam cum déprecor: a timóre inimíci éripe ánimam meam. *V.* Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui Sancto. Sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sácula sæculórum. Amen. — Protexísti me ...

THOU HAST protected me, O God, from the assembly of the malignant, alleluia: from the multitude of the workers of iniquity, alleluia, alleluia. *Psalm.* Hear, O God, my prayer, when I make supplication to Thee: deliver my soul from the fear of the enemy. *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. — Thou has protected me ...

Collect

DEUS, QUI hunc diem beáti Venántii Mártyris tui triúmphi consecrásti: exáudi preces pópuli tui, et præsta; ut, qui ejus mérita venerámur, fidei constántiam imitémur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum ...

O GOD, Who hast hallowed this day by the triumph of Thy blessed Martyr Venantius: graciously hear the prayers of Thy people and grant that we who venerate his merits, may also imitate the constancy of his faith. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son ...

Lesson (Wisdom 5 : 1–5)

THEN SHALL the just stand with great constancy against those that have afflicted them and taken away their labors. These seeing it, shall be troubled with terrible fear, and shall be amazed at the suddenness of their unexpected salvation, saying within themselves, repenting, and groaning for anguish of spirit: These are they whom we had some time in derision and for a parable of reproach. We fools esteemed their life madness and their end without honor; behold how they are numbered among the children of God, and their lot is among the Saints.

Alleluia

ALLELUIA, alleluia. *Ÿ.* (Ps. 88:6) The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord: and Thy truth in the Church of the Saints. Alleluia. (Ps. 20:4) Thou has set upon his head, O Lord, a crown of precious stones. Alleluia.

Gospel (John 15 : 1–7)

AT THAT TIME, Jesus said to his disciples: I am the true vine: and My Father is the husbandman. Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit, He will take away: and every one that beareth fruit, He will purge it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now you are clean, by reason of the word which I have spoken to you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abide in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you the branches: he that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit: for without Me you can do nothing. If any

STABANT JUSTI in magna constantia adversus eos, qui se angustiaverunt, et qui abstulerunt labores eorum. Videntes turbantur timore horribili, et mirantur in subitacione insperata salutis, dicentes intra se, poenitentiam agentes, et pre angustia spiritus gementes: Hi sunt, quos habuimus aliquando in derisum, et in similitudinem improperii. Nos insensati vitam illorum aestimabamus insaniam, et finem illorum sine honore: ecce quomodo computati sunt inter filios Dei, et inter sanctos sors illorum est.

ALLELUIA, alleluia. *Ÿ.* Confitebuntur caeli mirabilia tua, Domine: etenim veritatem tuam in ecclesia sanctorum. Alleluia. *Ÿ.* Posuisti Domine, super caput ejus coronam de lapide pretioso. Alleluia.

IN ILLO TEMPORE: Dixit Jesus discipulis suis: Ego sum vitis vera: et Pater meus agricola est. Omnem palmitem in me non ferentem fructum, tollet eum: et omnem, qui fert fructum, purgabit eum, ut fructum plus afferat. Jam mundi estis propter sermonem, quem locutus sum vobis. Manete in me: et ego in vobis. Sicut palmes non potest ferre fructum a semetipso, nisi manserit in vite: sic nec vos, nisi in me manseritis. Ego sum vitis, vos palmites: qui manet in me, et ego in eo, hic fert fructum multum: quia sine me nihil

potestis facere. Si quis in me non manserit, mittetur foras sicut palmes, et arcescet, et colligent eum, et in ignem mittent, et ardet. Si manseritis in me, et verba mea in vobis manserint: quodcumque volueritis, petetis, et fiet vobis.

CONFITEBUNTUR caeli mirabilia tua, Domine, et veritatem tuam in ecclesia sanctorum, alleluia, alleluia.

HANC OBLATIONEM, omnipotens Deus, beati Venantii merita tibi reddant acceptam: ut, ipsius subsidiis adjuti, gloriae ejus consortes efficiamur. Per Dominum nostrum ...

VERE DIGNUM et justum est, æquum et salutare: Te quidem, Domine, omni tempore, sed in hac potissimum gloriosius prædicare, cum Pascha nostrum immolatus est Christus. Ipse enim verus est Agnus, qui abstulit peccata mundi. Qui mortem nostram moriendo destruxit, et vitam resurgendo reparavit. Et ideo cum Angelis et Archangelis, cum Thronis et Dominationibus, cumque omni militia caelestis exercitus, hymnum gloriae tuae canimus, sine fine dicentes: — *Sanctus.*

LÆTABITUR justus in Domino, et sperabit in eo: et laudabuntur omnes recti corde, alleluia, alleluia.

one abide not in Me, he shall be cast forth as a branch and shall wither, and they shall gather him up and cast him into the fire: and he burneth. If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, you shall ask whatever you will, and it shall be done unto you.

Offertory (Psalm 88 : 6)

THE HEAVENS shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the Church of the Saints, alleluia, alleluia.

Secret

MAY THE MERITS of blessed Venantius, O almighty God, render this offering acceptable to Thee: so that, helped by his prayers, we may come to share in his glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

Preface of Easter

IT IS TRULY meet and just, right and for our salvation, at all times to praise Thee, O Lord, but more gloriously at this time above others when Christ our Pasch was sacrificed. For He is the true Lamb Who took away the sins of the world: Who by dying destroyed our death, and by rising again hath restored us to life. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing a hymn to Thy glory, evermore saying: — *Sanctus.*

Communion (Psalm 63 : 11)

THE JUST shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall hope in Him: and all the upright in heart shall be praised, alleluia, alleluia.