

Postcommunion

MAKE US, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, who are strengthened by Thy heavenly gift to be conformed to the example of blessed Veronica, Thy virgin, and supported by her patronage. Through our Lord ...

CĒLĒSTI múnere roborátos
fac nos, quæsumus, Dómine
Deus noster: beátæ Verónice
Virginis tuæ et exem̄plis ín-
strui, et patrocíniis adjuvári.
Per Dóminum nostrum ...

ORSOLA GIULIANI was born in 1660 into a middle-class family in Mercatello in Urbino. Her father later held public office in Piacenza, and Orsola was particularly pleased with the added affluence and dignity that this brought to her and the family; when she was older she reproached herself for the pride she had taken in her family and the ease of life it had allowed her, although from an early age she seemed also to be unusually devout and particularly moved by accounts of Our Lord's Passion. In 1677, as the result of a vision of Our Lady but very much against her father's wishes because three of his daughters had already become nuns, she became a Capuchin at the convent of Citta di Castello in Umbria, taking the name Veronica in religion. She had a difficult novitiate, dealing with her own spiritual trials and the harshness of her superiors, who thought she was ambitious and who had, understandably, reacted against the bishop, who at her clothing had spoken of her as a future saint. After her profession her devotion to the Passion began to dominate her life more and more, and a number of visions of the suffering Christ led to her experiencing something of those sufferings herself. In 1681 the imprint of a crown of thorns appeared on her head; in 1694 she experienced a mystical marriage with Our Lord, and two years later Jesus seemed to pierce her heart with an arrow, leaving a wound that

bled frequently; on Good Friday 1697 the marks of the five Wounds of Our Lord appeared on her body, and she carried the Stigmata for the rest of her life. The convent superiors ordered her to undergo medical treatment and, when this had no effect, reported the case to the bishop, who in turn reported it to the Holy Office in Rome. He then made a close examination of the wounds, had them bound up, and ordered Veronica to wear gloves sealed with his personal seal so that nothing could be done to interfere with them. He also forbade her to receive Holy Communion, to mix with the other nuns, or to be alone—she was constantly watched and accompanied by a lay sister. When the physical phenomena continued despite these measures, Veronica was eventually allowed to resume a normal community life, but she regained her full rights as a Sister only in 1716. These physical phenomena were spectacular in their number and duration. They were so well attested by witnesses and confirmed by a post-mortem examination that they cannot be doubted, while the rest of her life was so balanced and obviously holy that they can hardly be explained as the result of hysterical neurosis.... Fr. Herbert Thurston, an expert on the physical phenomena of mysticism, thought that the evidence of mystical phenomena in Veronica's case was "perhaps the most remarkable known to Catholic hagiology."

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Illustration: The Wise and Foolish Virgins (detail), 1838-42. Friedrich Wilhelm Schadow (1789-1862).



Proper Prayers of the Mass in the Extraordinary Form

JULY 9

(Missa pro aliquibus locis)

**St. Veronica Giuliani,
Virgin**

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

Introit (Psalm 44:8)

DILEXISTI justitiam, et odisti iniquitatem: propterea unxit te Deus, Deus tuus, oleo lætitiæ præ consórtibus tuis. *Ps. ibid. 2.* Eructávit cor meum verbum bonum: dico ópera mea Regi. *V.* Glória Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. — Dilexisti justitiam ...

THOU HAST loved justice and hated iniquity: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. *Psalm.* My heart hath uttered a good word: I speak my works to the King. *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 hast loved justice ...

Collect

DÓMINE Jesu Christe, qui beátam Verónicam Virginem passiónis tuæ signis mirábillem effecisti: concède propitius; ut, carnem crucifigentes, ad gáudia ætérna pervenire mereámur: Qui vivis et regnas cum Deo Patre in unitate Spiritus Sancti ...

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who made blessed Veronica, Thy virgin, marvelous by the marks of Thy Passion, graciously grant that, mortifying the flesh, we may deserve to attain unto eternal joys: Who livest and reginest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ...

Epistle (II Corinthians 10:17–18; 11:1–2)

FRATRES: Qui gloriátur, in Dómino gloriétur. Non enim qui seipsum comméndat, ille probátus est; sed quem Deus

BRETHREN: He that glory, let him glory in the Lord. For not that he that commendeth himself is approved, but he whom God

commendeth. Would to God you could bear with some little of my folly, but do bear with me. For I am jealous of you with the jealousy of God. For I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

Gradual (Psalm 44:5)

WITH THY comeliness and thy beauty set out, proceed prosperously, and reign. Because of truth, and meekness and justice: and thy right hand shall conduct thee wonderfully. **Alleluia, alleluia.** (*Ps. 44:15, 16.*) After her shall virgins be brought to the King: her neighbors shall be brought to thee with gladness. Alleluia.

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 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

comméndat. Útinam sustinerétis módicum quid insipientiæ meæ, sed et supportáte me: æmulor enim vos Dei æmulatióne. Despóndi enim vos uni viro virginem castam exhibére Christo.

SPÉCIE TUA, et pulchritúdine tua inténde, próspere procéde, et regna. V̄. Propter veritátem, et mansuetúdinem, et justítiam: et dedúcet te mirabíliter dextera tua. **Allelúia, allelúia.** V̄. Adducéntur regi vírgines post eam: próxímæ ejus afferéntur tibi in lætítia. Allelúia.

IN ILLO TÉMPORE: Dixit Jesus discipulis suis parábolam hanc: Símile erit regnum cælórum decem virgínibus: quæ, accipientes lámpades suas, exiérunt óbviam sponso et sponsæ. Quinque autem ex eis erant fátuæ, et quinque prudéntes: sed quinque fátuæ, accéptis lampádibus, non sumpsérunt óleum secum: prudéntes vero accéperunt óleum in vasis suis cum lampádibus. Moram autem faciénte sponso, dormitavérunt omnes et dormiérunt. Média autem nocte clamor factus est: Ecce sponsus venit, exite óbviam ei. Tunc surrexérunt omnes vírgines illæ, et ornavérunt lámpades suas. Fátuæ autem sapiéntibus dixérunt: Date nobis de óleo vestro: quia lámpades nostræ exstinguúntur. Respondérunt prudéntes, dicéntes: Ne forte non sufficiat nobis et vobis, ite pótius ad vendéntes, et émite vobis. Dum autem irent émere, venit sponus: et quæ paráte erant,

intravérunt cum eo ad núptias, et clausa est jánuæ. Novíssime vero véniunt et réliquæ vírgines, dicéntes: Dómine, Dómine, áperi nobis. At ille respóndens, ait: Amen dico vobis, nescio vos. Vigilate itaque, quia nescitis diem neque horam.

Offertory (Psalm 44:10)

FÍLLÆ REGUM in honóre tuo, ástitit regína a dextris tuis in vestítu deauráto, circúmdata varietáte.

SÚSCÍPE, miséricors Deus, quas tibi humíliter offérimus laudis hóstias: et, interveniénte beáta Verónica Vírgine tua, fac eas nobis ad perpétuum proveníre subsidium. Per Dominum ...

VERE DIGNUM et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper, et ubique grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnipotens, ætérne Deus: per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Per quem majestátem tuam laudant Ángeli, adórant Dominationes, tremunt Potestátes. Cæli, cælórumque Virtútes ac beáta Séraphim sócia exultatióne concelebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces, ut admítte júbeas, deprecámur, súpplici confessióne dicéntes: — *Sanctus.*

Communion (Matthew 25:4,6)

QUINQUE prudéntes virgines accéperunt óleum in vasis suis cum lampádibus: média autem nocte clamor factus est: Ecce sponsus venit: exite óbviam Christo Dómino.

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.

THE DAUGHTERS of the King are in thine honor; the queen stood on thy right hand in gilded clothing, surrounded with variety.

Secret

RECEIVE, O merciful God, the sacrifices of praise which we humbly offer to Thee: and by the intercession of blessed Veronica Thy virgin, make them become to us a perpetual help. Through our Lord ...

The Common Preface

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: 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.*

THE FIVE wise virgins took oil in their vessels with the lamps: and at midnight there was a cry made: Behold the bridegroom cometh: go ye forth to meet Christ the Lord.