



15 MAY

**SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE
FOUNDER OF THE INSTITUTE OF THE BROTHERS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS**

Priest
(1651-1719)

Solemnity

Born at Reims, France, 30 April 1651 into a devout and influential family, John Baptist de La Salle received the tonsure at age eleven and was named Canon of the Reims Cathedral at sixteen. Though he had to assume the administration of family affairs after his parents died, he completed his theological studies and was ordained priest on 9 April, 1678. Two years later he received the doctorate in theology. Meanwhile he became tentatively involved with a group of rough and barely literate young men who wanted to establish schools for poor boys. Almost by accident, the young De La Salle gradually assumed the leadership of the small group of lay teachers. Moved by the plight of the poor who seemed so "far from salvation" either in this world or the next, he determined to put his own talents and advanced education at the service of the children "often left to themselves and badly brought up." To be more effective, he abandoned his family home, moved in with the teachers, renounced his position as Canon and his wealth, and so formed the community that became known as the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

His enterprise met opposition from the ecclesiastical authorities who resisted the creation of a new form of religious life, a community of consecrated laymen to conduct gratuitous schools "together and by association." The education establishment resented his innovative methods and his insistence on gratuity for all, regardless of whether they could afford to pay. Nonetheless De La Salle and his Brothers succeeded in creating a network of quality schools throughout France that featured instruction in the vernacular, students grouped according to ability and achievement, integration of religious instruction with secular subjects, well-prepared teachers with a sense of vocation and mission, and the involvement of parents. In addition, De La Salle pioneered in programs for training lay teachers, Sunday courses for working young men, and one of the first institutions in France for the care of delinquents. Worn out by austerities and exhausting labors, he died 7 April 1719 at Saint Yon near Rouen early on Good Friday, only weeks before his sixty-eighth birthday.

Beatified 19 February 1888

Canonized 24 May 1900

Proclaimed Patron of Christian Teachers 15 May 1950

MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Mark 10:14

"Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these," says the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER (COLLECT)

God, who chose Saint John Baptist de La Salle for the Christian education of youth, inspire teachers for your Church who are dedicated to serve the new generation, in school and throughout life. Through Christ Our Lord.

FIRST READING

Sirach 39:6-10

The doctrine of the just man will shine forth.

A reading from the book of Sirach

His care is to seek the Lord, his Maker,
to petition the Most High,
To open his lips in prayer,
to ask pardon for his sins.

Then, if it pleases the Lord Almighty,
he will be filled with the spirit of understanding;
He will pour forth his words of wisdom
and in prayer give thanks to the Lord,
Who will direct his knowledge and his counsel,
as he meditates upon his mysteries.

He will show the wisdom of what he has learned
and glory in the law of the Lord's covenant.
Many will praise his understanding;
his fame can never be effaced;
Unfading will be his memory,
through all generations his name will live;
Peoples will speak of his wisdom,
and in assembly sing his praises.
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 112

R/. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in God's commands.
Their descendants shall be mighty in the land,
a generation upright and blessed.

Wealth and riches shall be in their homes;
their prosperity shall endure forever.
They shine through the darkness, a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and just.

All goes well for those gracious in lending,
 who conduct their affairs with justice.
 They shall never be shaken.

They shall not fear an ill report;
 their hearts are steadfast, trusting the Lord.

SECOND READING
Faith comes by preaching

Romans 10:10-18

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

But how can they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? And how can people preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring [the] good news!" But not everyone has heeded the good news; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what was heard from us?" Thus faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ. But I ask, did they not hear? Certainly they did; for "Their voice has gone forth to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." The word of the Lord.

SEQUENZA

Trad.: R. Vacca T.-M.: Dom Pothier

1. Te, Jo-á-nes, tri-um-phán-tem; Lu-ce no-va co-ru-scán-tem,
 2. Pu-e-ró-rum a-ma-tó-rem Chri-sti-á-næ con-di-tó-rem
 Sem-per ca-rum et a-man-tem Pa-trem lau-dant pú-e-ri.
 Scho-læe lau-dent et re-ctó-rem Te per æ-vum pó-ste-ri.

3. Fi-de doctus lu-mi-nó-sa, Sa-pis quan-ti pre-ti-ó-sa
 4. Manu dul-ci, manu for-ti Scholam co-lis in-star hor-ti
 Et quam Christo gra-ti-ó-sa A-ni-ma sit pár-vu-li.
 Cu-jus so-li vix o-bór-ti Pu-é-ri sunt fló-scu-li.

5. Et quid doces? Pi-e-tá-tem, Re-gnum De-i, pu-ri-tá-tem,
 6. Nascens lumen or-nas mentis Lit-te-rá-rum e-le-méntis,
 Et fra-tér-nam ca-ri-tá-tem; San-ctó-rum sci-én-li-am,
 Et doc-trinæ ru-di-mén-tis; Ta-lem quæ-ris glóri-am.

7. A-ter-ré-no lu-cro mun-da Cœ-lo semper quam ju-cún-da
 8. Ut o-li-va fru-ctú-ó-sa, Qua-si ce-drus glo-ri-ó-sa,
 Mundo si-mul quam fœ-cún-da Tu-a fu-it cá-ri-tas!
 Ut a-ré-na nu-me-ró-sa, Sic tu-a po-sté-ri-tas!

9. O quam mul-tos e - ru - di - sti Quan-tam pro-lem gre-gi Chri-sti,
 10. Et id - cir - co stel-læ mo - rel Nunc san-ctó-rum in splen-dó - re,
 Tu per tu - os ge - nu - i - sti, Pa - tri - ár - cha nó - bi - lis!
 Thro-no ful-ges di - gni - ó - re. Sé - ra-phim con-si - mi - lis.
 11. Pi - e Pa - ter, nos tu - é - re. Chri - sto fac nos ad - hæ - ré - re
 12. Ut, te du - ce, do - ce - á - mus Vi - as vi - tæ, te - ne - á - mus,
 par - vu - lis - que nos vo - vé - re Chri - sto di - lec - tis - si - mis,
 De - o lau - des ut ca - ná - mus Te - cum in al - tis - si - mis.
 A - men.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to the childlike the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:1-5

Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

The disciples approached Jesus and said, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me."

The gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Brothers and sisters, while celebrating with joy in the Spirit the solemnity of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, we raise our humble prayers to God that he will grant us to imitate in our lives the admirable example of this saint:

R) Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessions...

Almighty God, hear the prayers which we ask our Founder to entrust to you. Lead us to imitate him, as he himself imitated your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Deign to accept, O Lord, the gift of your people in honor of Saint John Baptist de La Salle. Grant that participation in this mystery may help us to express in our daily life the power of your love. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Matthew 18:3

"Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven," says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, you have satisfied us with the bread of life. Grant that through the example of Saint John Baptist de La Salle we draw down the fullness of wisdom, goodness, and knowledge in your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER I (THE VIGIL)

HYMN

1. Our God sent his Son long ago
And he came to bring joy to us all,
For the Lord wants his children to know
he loves them.

Chorus:

**So sing the good news for the poor and the young!
Praise to the Lord for his Word!
Sharing the gospel with all those in need,
Become the good news you have heard!**

2. But how will the good news be heard?
When we answer the call of our Lord,
When we live so our faith can be shared
with others.
3. God's Spirit was given to John,
He was called to become the good news,
To give hope to the poor and the young,
God loves them!
4. Now John and his Brothers agreed
To be true to the call of their Lord,
To be brothers to children in need
of good news.
5. From the Spirit of God comes our call,
Bringing pow'r to be joyful and free,
To be brothers and sisters to all:
to love them.
6. Praise and glory to God for his Word
Always living in those who believe,
Still made flesh in our lives to be shared
with others!

1 Ant. Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. (T. P. Alleluia).

PSALM 112

Praise, you servants of the Lord,

praise the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the name of the Lord
both now and forever.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
let the name of the Lord be praised.
High above all nations is the Lord;
above the heavens God's glory.

Who is like the Lord,
our God enthroned on high,
looking down on heaven and earth?

The Lord raises the needy from the dust,
lifts the poor from the ash heap,
Seats them with princes,
the princes of the people.

Gives the childless wife a home,
the joyful mother of children.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

1 Ant. Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. (T. P. Alleluia).

2 Ant. Those who teach others justice will shine as stars for all eternity (T P. Alleluia).

PSALM 146

Praise the Lord, my soul;
I shall praise the Lord all my life,
sing praise to my God while I live.

Put no trust in princes,
in mere mortals powerless to save.
When they breathe their last, they return to the earth;
that day all their planning comes to nothing.

Happy those whose help is Jacob's God,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
The maker of heaven and earth,
the seas and all that is in them.

Who keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free;
the Lord gives sight to the blind.
The Lord raises up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord protects the stranger,
sustains the orphan and the widow,
but thwarts the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign forever,
your God, Zion, through all generations!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

2 Ant. Those who teach others justice will shine as stars for all eternity (T P. Alleluia).

3 Ant. He chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him (T. P. Alleluia).

CANTICLE

Ephesians 1:3-10

Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavens,
as he chose us in him,
before the foundation of the world,
to be holy
and without blemish before him.
In love he destined us
for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ,
in accord with the favor of his will,
for the praise of the glory of his grace
that he granted us in the beloved.

In him we have redemption by his blood,
the forgiveness of transgressions,
in accord with the riches of his grace
that he lavished upon us.
In all wisdom and insight,
he has made known to us the mystery of his will
in accord with his favor that he set forth in him
as a plan for the fullness of times,
to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

3 Ant. He chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him (T. P. Alleluia).

READING

2 Corinthians 3:2-3

You are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by all, shown to be a letter of Christ administered by us, written not in ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets that are hearts of flesh.

RESPONSORY

R/. The Lord has loved * him and has filled him with honor.

The Lord has loved him and has filled him with honor.

V/. He has clothed him with glory, and has filled him with honor.

Glory be to the Father...

The Lord has loved him and has filled him with honor.

Ant. Magn. Let the children come to me, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. **(T. P. Alleluia).**

CANTICLE OF MARY

Lk 1: 46-55

Rejoicing in the spirit of the Lord

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness;

behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.

The Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

His mercy is from age to age

to those who fear him.

He has shown might with his arm,

dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart.

He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones

but lifted up the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things;

the rich he has sent away empty.

He has helped Israel his servant,

remembering his mercy,

according to his promise to our fathers,

to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat *

ánima mea Dóminum,

et exultávit spíritus meus *

in Deo salutári meo,

quia respéxit humilitatem ancíllae suae, *

ecce enim ex hoc beátam me dicent

omnes generátiones,

quia fecit mihi magna, qui potens est, *

et sanctum nomen eius,

et misericordia eius a progénie in progénies *

timéntibus eum.

Fecit poténtiam in bráchio suo, *

dispérsit supérbos mente cordis sui;

depósuit poténtes de sede *

et exaltávit húmiles;
esuriéntes implévit bonis *
et dívites dimísit inánes.
Suscépit Israel, púerum suum, *
recordátus misericórdiae suae,
sicut locútus est ad patres nostros *
Abraham et sémini eius in saécula.
Gloria Patri et Filio, *
et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, *
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

Let us confidently pray to the Lord, who has promised the hundredfold to those who in this world seek the kingdom of God.

R) May your kingdom come, Lord.

Intercessions...

Our Father.

PRAAYER

God, who chose Saint John Baptist de La Salle for the Christian education of youth, inspire teachers for your Church who are dedicated to serve the new generation, in school and throughout life. Through Christ Our Lord.

INVITATORY

Ant. Come, let us acclaim the Lord, who chose St. John Baptist de La Salle, for the Christian education of youth, (T. P. Alleluia).

PSALM 95

Encourage yourselves daily while it is still "today"

Heb 3: 13)

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord;
cry out to the rock of our salvation.
Let us greet him with a song of praise,
joyfully sing out our psalms.

For the Lord is the great God,
the great king over all gods,
Whose hand holds the depths of the earth;
who owns the tops of the mountains.

The sea and dry land belong to God,
who made them, formed them by hand.
Enter, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the Lord who made us.

For this is our God,

whose people we are,
God's well-tended flock.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah,
as on the day of Massah in the desert.
There your ancestors tested me;
they tried me though they had seen my works.

Forty years I loathed that generation;
I said: "This people's heart goes astray;
they do not know my ways."
Therefore I swore in my anger:
"They shall never enter my rest."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

OFFICE OF READINGS

HYMN

Sion rejoices, celebrates the glory
of this great feast day, St. La Salle, our Father
Your Sons rejoicing, join the heav'nly chorus
chanting our thanks and praise.

Sion rejoices, celebrates the glory
of this great feast day, honoring our Brother.
We too rejoicing, join the heav'nly
chorus chanting our thanks and praise.

1 Ant. The revelation of your words gives light to all, and wisdom to the little ones (T. P. Alleluia).

PSALM 21: 2-8.14

How your saving help makes him glad!
You have granted him his heart's desire;
you have not refused the prayer of his lips.

You came to meet him with the blessings of success,
you have set on his head a crown of pure gold.
He asked you for life and this you have given,
days that will last from age to age.

Your saving help has given him glory.
You have laid upon him majesty and splendor,
you have granted your blessings to him forever.
You have made him rejoice with the joy of your presence.

The king has put his trust in the Lord:
through the mercy of the Most High he shall stand firm.

O Lord, arise in your strength;
we shall sing and praise your power.

1 Ant. The revelation of your words gives light to all, and wisdom to the little ones (T. P. Alleluia).

2 Ant. It is good for man to bear the Lord's yoke from his youth (T. P. Alleluia).

PSALM 92

I (1-9)

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night,
on the ten-stringed lyre and the lute,
with the murmuring sound of the harp.

Your deeds, O Lord, have made me glad;
for the work of your hands I shout with joy.

O Lord, how great are your works!
How deep are your designs!
The foolish man cannot know this
and the fool cannot understand.

Though the wicked spring up like grass
and all who do evil thrive,
they are doomed to be eternally destroyed.
But you, Lord, are eternally on high.

2 Ant. It is good for man to bear the Lord's yoke from his youth (T. P. Alleluia).

3 Ant. The righteous will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon (T. P. Alleluia).

II (10-16)

See how your enemies perish;
all doers of evil are scattered.
To me you give the wild ox's strength;
you anoint me with the purest oil.

My eyes looked in triumph on my foes;
my ears heard gladly of their fall.
The just will flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,

to proclaim that the Lord is just.

In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

3 Ant. The righteous will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon (T. P. Alleluia).

V/. The Lord leads the just along the right path (T.P. Alleluia)

R/. He reveals to them the kingdom of God (T. P. Alleluia).

FIRST READING

Sir 32: 14-20.24; 33: 1-2; 34: 13-17

Love and fear

A reading from the Book of Sirach

Whoever seeks God must accept discipline; and whoever resorts to him obtains an answer.

Whoever seeks the law will master it, but the hypocrite will be ensnared by it. Whoever fears the Lord will understand what is right, and out of obscurity he will draw forth a course of action. The lawless turn aside warnings and distort the law to suit their purpose. The sensible will not neglect direction; the proud and insolent are deterred by no fear. Do nothing without deliberation; then once you have acted, have no regrets. Do not go on a way set with snares, and do not stumble on the same thing twice.

Whoever keeps the law preserves himself; and whoever trusts in the Lord shall not be put to shame. No evil can harm the one who fears the Lord; through trials, again and again he is rescued. Whoever hates the law is without wisdom, and is tossed about like a boat in a storm.

Often I was in danger of death, but by these experiences I was saved. Living is the spirit of those who fear the Lord, for their hope is in their savior. Whoever fear the Lord are afraid of nothing and are never discouraged, for he is their hope. Happy the soul that fears the Lord!

RESPONSORY

Psalm 18: 8-9; Rom 13: 8.10

R/. The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. * The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye (T. P. Alleluia).

V/. who loves another has fulfilled the law: love is the fulfillment of the law.

R/. The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye (T. P. Alleluia).

SECOND READING

The obligation of those who instruct youth to have much zeal to fulfill well so holy a work.

From the "Meditations" of St. John Baptist de La Salle, priest.

Med. 201: Ninth Meditation

Reflect on what Saint Paul says, that it is God who has established in the Church Apostles, Prophets, and teachers, and you will be convinced that he has also established you in your work. The same saint gives you another expression of this when he says that there are diverse ministries, but there are different operations, and the Holy Spirit manifests himself in each of these gifts for the common good, that is to say, for the good of the Church. One receives by the Spirit the gift to speak with wisdom; another, the gift of faith by the same Spirit.

You must not doubt that it is a great gift of God, this grace he has given you to be entrusted with the instruction of children, to announce the Gospel to them and to bring them up in the spirit of religion. But in calling you to this holy ministry, God demands that you fulfill it with ardent zeal for their salvation, because this is the work of God, and he curses the one who does his work carelessly.

Let it be clear, then, in all your conduct toward the children who are entrusted to you, that you regard yourselves as the ministers of God, carrying out your ministry with love and a sincere and true zeal, accepting with much patience the difficulties you have to suffer, willing to be despised by men and to be persecuted, even to give your life for Jesus in the fulfillment of your ministry.

The zeal that ought to inspire you is meant to give you these dispositions, so that you recognize that it is God who has called you, who has destined you for this work, and who has sent you to labor in his vineyard. Do this,

then, with all the affection of your heart, working entirely for him.

What ought to engage you further to have great zeal in your state is the fact that you are the ministers not only of God but also of Jesus Christ and of the Church. This is what Saint Paul says when he expresses the wish that everyone ought to regard those who announce the Gospel as ministers of Jesus Christ, who write the letter that he has dictated, not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, which are the hearts of children.

For this reason and in this spirit, you must have the love and the glory of God as your single aim in the instruction of these children, for the love of God ought to impel you, because Jesus Christ died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for him who died for them. This is what your zeal must inspire in your disciples, as if God were appealing through you, because you are ambassadors for Jesus Christ.

You must also show the Church what love you have for her and give her proof of your zeal, because it is for the Church (which is the body of Jesus Christ) that you work. You have become her ministers, according to the order that God has given you to dispense his word.

Because the Church has great zeal for the sanctification of her children, it is your duty to share in her zeal, so that you can say to God, as the holy King David said, The zeal of your house has consumed me. For this house is none other than the Church, because the faithful form this building that has been built on the foundation of the Apostles and raised up by Jesus Christ, the main cornerstone.

Act in such a way through your zeal that you give tangible proof that you love those whom God has entrusted to you, just as Jesus Christ has loved his Church. Help them enter truly into the structure of this building and be in a condition to appear one day before Jesus Christ full of glory: without stain, without wrinkle, without blemish. This will make known to future ages the abundant riches of the grace that God has given them by procuring for them the help of instruction and that God has given you to instruct and educate them, so that they may one day become heirs of the kingdom of God and of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Because your ministry has for its purpose to procure the salvation of souls, the first concern you ought to have is to procure this goal as far as you are able. You must in this imitate God to some extent, for he so loved the souls he created that when he saw them involved in sin and unable to be freed from sin by themselves, the zeal and affection that he had for their salvation led him to send his own Son to rescue them from their miserable condition. This is what made Jesus Christ say that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in him may not die but may have eternal life.

See what God and Jesus Christ have done to restore souls to the grace they had lost. What must you not do for them in your ministry if you have zeal for their salvation! How much you must be disposed toward them as Saint Paul was toward those to whom he preached the Gospel, to whom he wrote that he was not seeking anything they had but was seeking only their souls.

The zeal you are obliged to have in your work must be so active and so alive that you can tell the parents of the children entrusted to your care what is said in Holy Scripture: Give us their souls; keep everything else for yourselves, that is, what we have undertaken is to work for the salvation of their souls. It is also the only reason you have committed yourselves to take the responsibility to guide and to instruct them.

Tell the parents also what Jesus Christ said about the sheep of which he is the shepherd and which must be saved by him: I came, he said, that they might have life and have it to the full. For this had to have been the kind of ardent zeal you felt for the salvation of those you must instruct when you were led to sacrifice yourselves and to spend your whole life to give these children a Christian education and to procure for them the life of grace in this world and eternal life in the next.

RESPONSORY

Mk 10: 13-14.16

R/. And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them: * Let the children come to me, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these (T. P. Alleluia).

V/. Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

R/. Let the children come to me, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these (T. P. Alleluia).

HYMN: TE DEUM

We praise thee, O God :
we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee :
the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud :
the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim :
continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy :
Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty :
of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world :
doth acknowledge thee;
The Father : of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true : and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man :
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death :
thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants :
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people :
and bless thine heritage.
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.
Day by day : we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us :
as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted :
let me never be confounded.

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

Te Deum laudamus: *
te Dóminum confitémur.

Te aetérnum Patrem, *
omnis terra venerátur.
Tibi omnes ángeli, *
tibi coeli et univérsae potestátes:
tibi chérubim et séraphim *
incessábili voce proclámant:
Sanctus, Sanctus, *
Sanctus Dóminus Deus Sábaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra *
maiestátis glóriæ tuæ.
Te gloriósus *
Apostolórum chorus,
te prophetárum *
laudábilis número,
te mártýrum candidátus *
láudat exércitus.
Te per orbem terrarum *
sancta confitétur Ecclésia,
Patrem *
imménsæ maiestátis;
venerándum tuum verum *
et únicum Filium;
Sanctum quoque *
Paráclitum Spíritum.
Tu rex glóriæ, *
Christe.
Tu Patris *
sempitérnus es Fílius.
Tu ad liberándum susceptúrus hóminem, *
non horruísti Vírginis úterum.
Tu devícto mortis acúleo, *
aperuísti credéntibus regna caelórum.
Tu ad dexteram Dei sedes, *
in gloria Patris.
Júdex créderis *
esse ventúrus.
Te ergo, quaésumus, tuis fámulis súbveni, *
quos pretiósó sáanguine redemísti.
Aetérna fac cum sanctis tuis *
in glória numerári.
Salvum fac pópulum tuum, Dómine, *
et bénedic hereditáti tuæ.
Et rege eos, *
et extólle illos usque in aetérnum.
Per síngulos dies *
benedícimus te;
et laudámus nomen tuum in saéculum, *
et in saéculum saéculi.
Dignáre, Dómine, die isto *
sine peccáto nos custodire.
Miserére nostri, Dómine, *
miserére nostri.
Fiat misericordia tua, Dómine, super nos, *

quemádmódum sperávimus in te.
In te, Dómine, sperávi: *
non corfúndar in aetérnum.

It ends with the acclamation:

Let us praise the Lord.
R/. And give him thanks.

PRAYER

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MORNING PRAYER

HYMN

May we, Christ's faithful, celebrate
The glorious John Baptist's name
Who for unnumbered students lived
And taught to seek salvation's flame.
To imitate the Servant King
In youth world's honors he forswore.
Servant to needy students, he
Endured to love them more and more.
A doctor of theology
Blessed with burning piety,
He fed on truth and ministered
To suffering and to misery.

For love of Christ he would lacerate
His flesh with scourge and discipline,
Happy that he might thus atone
For his and some of human sin.
He learned to listen to the Spirit
And to adore God present everywhere.
He followed his and his Brothers' Rule,
Perfection's path beyond compare.
In company with all the saints
He gladly brushed foul sin aside,
Seeing God's kingdom here and now,
Where peace and triumphant joy abide.
Blest Trinity, may we exalt
Your names through all the nights and days.
May melodies of earth arise
To sound your everlasting praise. Amen.

Or:

Saint La Salle, our dearest Father,
To thy children's prayer incline.

While today we sing thy triumph
And the glories which are thine.

Chorus:

**Saint La Salle, our dearest Father,
Hear thy loving children pray.
Grant that we, by thy protection,
Grow in virtue day by day.
Saint La Salle, our dearest Father,
Earnestly we ask of you:
Pray to Jesus that his Spirit
Comes alive in us anew.
Model of the Christian teacher,
Patron of all searching youth;
As we follow your example
May you lead us in the truth.
So we praise the name of Christ, who
For his work has chosen you.
Saint La Salle, inspire us always.
Pray that we may serve Him, too.
And to light a new beacon for the people of today.**

**1 Ant. The Lord has given them unending glory; their name shall be in everlasting remembrance.
(T. P. Alleluia).**

PSALM 63: 2-9

My Soul Is Thirsting for You

God, you are my God—
 for you I long!
For you my body yearns;
 for you my soul thirsts,
Like a land parched, lifeless,
 and without water.
So I look to you in the sanctuary
 to see your power and glory.
For your love is better than life;
 my lips offer you worship!
I will bless you as long as I live;
 I will lift up my hands, calling on your name.
My soul shall savor the rich banquet of praise,
 with joyous lips my mouth shall honor you!
When I think of you upon my bed,
 through the night watches I will recall
That you indeed are my help,
 and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.
My soul clings fast to you;
 your right hand upholds me.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**1 Ant. The Lord has given them unending glory; their name shall be in everlasting remembrance
(T. P. Alleluia).**

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2 Ant. Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord forever. (T. P. Alleluia).

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CANTICLE

Daniel 3: 57-88.56

Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord.
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord.
You heavens, bless the Lord.
All you waters above the heavens, bless the Lord.
All you hosts of the Lord, bless the Lord.
Sun and moon, bless the Lord.
Stars of heaven, bless the Lord.
Every shower and dew, bless the Lord.
All you winds, bless the Lord.
Fire and heat, bless the Lord.
Cold and chill, bless the Lord.
Dew and rain, bless the Lord.
Frost and sleet, bless the Lord.
Ice and snow, bless the Lord.
Nights and days, bless the Lord.
Light and darkness, bless the Lord.
Lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.
Let the earth bless the Lord.
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Mountains and hills, bless the Lord.
Everything growing from the earth, bless the Lord.
You springs, bless the Lord.
Seas and rivers, bless the Lord.
You dolphins and all water creatures, bless the Lord.
All you birds of the air, bless the Lord.
All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord.
You sons of men, bless the Lord.
O Israel, bless the Lord.
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Priests of the Lord, bless the Lord.
Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.
Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord.
Holy men of humble heart, bless the Lord.
Hananiah, Azariah, Mishael, bless the Lord.
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Let us praise and exalt him above all forever.
Blessed are you, Lord, in the firmament of heaven.
Praiseworthy and glorious and exalted above all forever.

[Omit the *Glory be to the Father* after this canticle.]

2 Ant. Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord forever. (T. P. Alleluia).

**3 Ant. The saints will exult in glory; they will sing for joy as they bow down before the Lord.
(T. P. Alleluia).**

PSALM 149

Sing to the Lord a new song,
a hymn in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel be glad in their maker,
the people of Zion rejoice in their king.
Let them praise his name in festive dance,
make music with tambourine and lyre.
For the Lord takes delight in his people,
honors the poor with victory.
Let the faithful rejoice in their glory,
cry out for joy at their banquet,
With the praise of God in their mouths,
and a two-edged sword in their hands,
To bring retribution on the nations,
punishment on the peoples,
To bind their kings with chains,
shackle their nobles with irons,
To execute the judgments decreed for them—
such is the glory of all God's faithful.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**3. Ant. The saints will exult in glory; they will sing for joy as they bow down before the Lord.
(T. P. Alleluia).**

READING

Heb 13: 7-9a

Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teaching.

RESPONSORY

R/. You have posted sentries, * they watch over your Church.
You have posted sentries, they watch over your Church.
V/. Day and night they announce your name; they watch over your Church.
Glory be to the Father, ...
You have posted sentries, they watch over your Church.

Ant. Ben. Only one who loves can educate and guide as a parent does. (T. P. Alleluia).

CANTICLE OF ZACHARY

Lk 1: 68-79

The Messiah and his forerunner

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
for he has visited and brought redemption to his people.
He has raised up a horn for our salvation
within the house of David his servant.
Even as he promised through the mouth
of his holy prophets from of old:
salvation from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us.

To show mercy to our fathers
and to be mindful of his holy covenant
and of the oath he swore to Abraham our father,
and to grant us that, rescued from the hand of enemies,
without fear we might worship him
in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
And you, child, will be called prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
through the forgiveness of their sins,
because of the tender mercy of our God
by which the daybreak from on high will visit us
to shine on those who sit in darkness and death's shadow,
to guide our feet into the path of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

BENEDICTUS

Benedíctus Dóminus Deus Israel, *
quia visitávit et fecit redemptiónem plebis suae
et eréxit cornu salútis nobis *
in domo David púeri sui,
sicut locútus est per os sanctórum, *
qui a saéculo sunt, prophetarum eius.
Salútem ex inimícis nostris *
et de manu ómnium, qui odérunt nos;
ad faciéndam misericórdiam cum pátribus nostris *
et memorári testamenti sui sancti,
iusiurandum, quod iurávit ad Abraham
patrem nostrum, *
datúrum se nobis,
ut sine timóre, de manu inimicorum
nostrorum liberáti, *
serviámus illi
in sanctitáte et iustítia coram ipso *
ómnibus diébus nostris.
Et tu, puer, prophéta Altissimi vocáberis: *
praeíbis enim ante fáciem Dómini paráre vias eius,
ad dandam scientiam salútis plebi eius, *
in remissionem peccatorum eorum.
per víscera misericórdiae Dei nostri, *
in quibus visitavit nos oriens ex alto,
iluminare his, qui in ténebris
et in umbra mortis sedent, *
ad dirigéndos pedes nostros in viam pacis.

Glória Pátri, et Filio, *
et Spirítui Sáncto.
Sicut érat in principio, et nunc, et sémpet, *
et in saécula saeculórum. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

United in morning prayer, let us pray to Our Lord so that we may serve him in holiness and justice all the days of our lives.

R) Hear us, O Lord of glory.

Intercessions...

Our Father.

PRAYER

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DAYTIME PRAYER

TIERCE

Ant. Perfect is the love of those who observe the word of Christ (T.P. Alleluia).

READING

Gal 6: 7b-8

God is not mocked, for a person will reap only what he sows, because the one who sows for his flesh will reap corruption from the flesh, but the one who sows for the spirit will reap eternal life from the spirit.

V/. The Lord guides the poor in righteousness (TP Alleluia).

R/. He teaches the humble his way (T. P. Alleluia).

PRAYER

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SEXT

Ant. Not everyone who says to Me, "Lord, Lord," shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven (T. P. Alleluia).

READING

1 Cor 9: 26-27

Thus I do not run aimlessly; I do not fight as if I were shadowboxing. No, I drive my body and train it, for fear that, after having preached to others, I myself should be disqualified.

V/. Blessed is the man whom you instruct, O Lord (TP Alleluia).

R/. And to whom you teach your law (T. P. Alleluia).

PRAYER

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NONE

Ant. No one has ever seen, O God, what you have prepared for those who trust in you (T.P. Alleluia).

READING

Phil 4: 8-9

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

V/. Those who hope in you rejoice (T.P. Alleluia).

R/. You will live with them and they will be happy forever (T.P. Alleluia).

PRAYER

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EVENING PRAYER II (THE FEAST)

HYMN

On this great day may the Church of God
Rejoice and sing with fitting praise
our deeds, Saint John, and let our eyes
On heaven, our homeland, fix their gaze.

On earth you with angelic love
Watched over innocence of youth
And never, as you labored, lost
Your contemplation of God's truth.

On wings of faith you soared aloft
And with heroic zeal you fought
The enemies of truth who strove
To spoil the blessed youth you taught.

Students forever praise this man,
The teacher saint who loved them well
And beg you not to forget them now
As they your gifts and merits tell.

Praise, glory, sovereign Trinity,
Arise from students' hearts to you.
Let generations bless your name,
Proclaiming love eternal, true. Amen.

1 Ant. Happy are those, O Lord, whom you guide and teach by your law. (T. P. Alleluia).

PSALM 15

Lord, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy mountain?
Whoever walks without blame, doing what is right,
speaking truth from the heart;
who does not slander a neighbor,
Does no harm to another,
never defames a friend;
who disdains the wicked,
but honors those who fear the Lord;
Who keeps an oath despite the cost,
lends no money at interest,
accepts no bribe against the innocent.
Whoever acts like this shall never be shaken.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

1 Ant. Happy are those, O Lord, whom you guide and teach by your law (T. P. Alleluia).

**2 Ant. They are generous, they give to the poor; the good they have accomplished will last forever.
(T. P. Alleluia).**

PSALM 112

Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in God's commands.
Their descendants shall be mighty in the land,
a generation upright and blessed.

Wealth and riches shall be in their homes;
their prosperity shall endure forever.
They shine through the darkness, a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and just.

All goes well for those gracious in lending,
who conduct their affairs with justice.
They shall never be shaken;
the just shall be remembered forever.

They shall not fear an ill report;
their hearts are steadfast, trusting the Lord.
Their hearts are tranquil, without fear,
till at last they look down on their foes.

Lavishly they give to the poor;
their prosperity shall endure forever;
their horn shall be exalted in honor.

The wicked shall be angry to see this;
they will gnash their teeth and waste away;

the desires of the wicked come to nothing.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

2 Ant. They are generous, they give to the poor; the good they have accomplished will last forever. (T. P. Alleluia).

3 Ant. As your word is proclaimed, it enlightens and the humble understand. (T. P. Alleluia).

CANTICLE

Revelation 15:3-4

Great and wonderful are your works,
Lord God Almighty.
Just and true are your ways,
O King of the nations.
Who will not fear you, Lord,
or glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.
All the nations will come
and worship before you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

3 Ant. As your word is proclaimed, it enlightens and the humble understand. (T. P. Alleluia).

READING

Eph 4: 1-4

I, then, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call.

RESPONSORY

R/. True friend of your brothers, * pray for your people.

True friend of your brothers, pray for your people.

V/. You have given your life for your brothers and sisters,

* Pray for your people.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

True friend of you brothers, pray for your people.

Ant. Magn. Let the children come to me, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. (T. P. Alleluia).

CANTICLE OF MARY

Lk 1: 46-55

Rejoicing in the spirit of the Lord

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness;
behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.
The Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.
His mercy is from age to age
to those who fear him.
He has shown might with his arm,
dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart.
He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones
but lifted up the lowly.
The hungry he has filled with good things;
the rich he has sent away empty.
He has helped Israel his servant,
remembering his mercy,
according to his promise to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat *
ánima mea Dóminum,
et exultávit spíritus meus *
in Deo salutári meo,
quia respéxit humilitatem ancíllae suae, *
ecce enim ex hoc beátam me dicent
omnes generátiones,
quia fecit mihi magna, qui potens est, *
et sanctum nomen eius,
et misericordia eius a progénie in progénies *
timéntibus eum.
Fecit poténtiam in bráchio suo, *
dispérsit supérbos mente cordis sui;
depósuit poténtes de sede *
et exaltávit húmiles;
esuriéntes implévit bonis *
et dívites dimísit inánes.
Suscépit Israel, púerum suum, *
recordátus misericórdiae suae,
sicut locútus est ad patres nostros *
Abraham et sémini eius in saécula.
Gloria Patri et Filio, *
et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, *
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

Let us confidently pray to the Lord, who has promised the hundredfold to those who in this world seek the kingdom of God.

R) May your kingdom come, Lord.

Intercessions...

Our Father.

PRAYER

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