

Saints Cosmas and Damian

VIII
D Y-ing you destroyed our death, ris-ing you restored our
 life : Lord Je-sus, come in glo- ry.

Agnus Dei

Mass X, Our Lady on Saturday

IV
A gnus De- i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi : mi-se-ré-re
 no-bis. Agnus De- i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi : mi-se-ré- re
 no-bis. Agnus De- i, * qui tol-lis peccá- ta mundi : do- na
 no-bis pa-cem.

Communion

Ps 33 : 9

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O taste and see the goodness of the Lord !

Psalm 72

1. How good God is to the upright ; *
 The Lord, / to those who are pure of heart !
 With you I shall always be ; *
 you have | hold of my right hand. (R)
2. With your counsel you will guide me, *
 and in the end / you will receive me in glory.
 Whom else have I in heaven but you ? *
 And when I am with | you, / the earth delights me not. (R)
3. Though my heart and my flesh waste away, *
 God is the rock of my heart / and my portion forever.
 To be near God is my good ; *
 to make the | Lord God my refuge. (R)

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SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN,
Martyrs

Introit

Refrain

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T HE saints are hap- py in heav- en because they fol-
 lowed Christ.

Verses

¶ I.
T HEY rejoice with him for ev- er * because they shed their
 blood for love of him. *Refrain. The Saints.*

¶ 2. Come, blessed of my Fa-ther, † in-her- it the kingdom pre-
 pared for you * from the foun-da-tion of the world. *Refrain.*

Kyrie

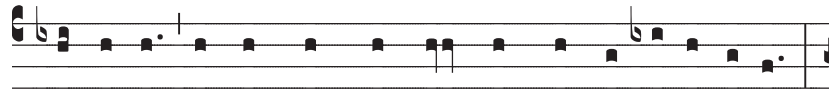
t. pereg.
L Ord Je-sus, you are might-y God and Prince of Peace :
 Lord have mer- cy. R. Lord have mer- cy.



Lord Je- sus, you are Son of God and Son of Mar-y : Christ have



mer-cy. *R:* Christ have mer- cy.

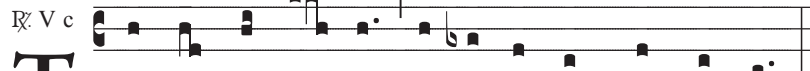


Lord Je-sus, you are Word made flesh and splendor of the Father :

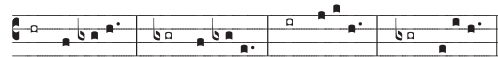


Lord have mer-cy. *R:* Lord have mer-cy.

Responsorial Psalm



T HE Lord will guard us as a shepherd guards his flock.



Canticle of Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abc, 13

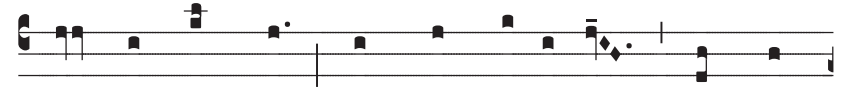
Hear the word of the *Lord, O nations,*
proclaim it on distant *isles, and say :*
He who scattered Israel, / now gathers *them together,*
he guards them as a shepherd *guards his flock.* (*R:*)

The Lord shall *ransom Jacob,*
he shall redeem him from the hand of *his conqueror.*
Shouting, they shall mount the *heights of Sion,*
they shall come streaming to *the Lord's blessings.* (*R:*)

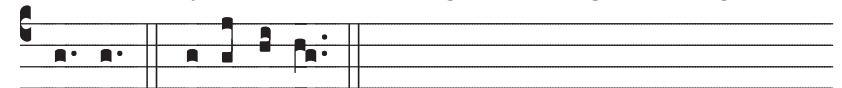
Then the virgins shall make merry *and dance,*
and young men and *old as well.*
I will turn their mourning *into joy,*
I will console and gladden them *after their sorrows.* (*R:*)

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A L- le- lu- ia. Al- le- lu- ia. *Ps.* Our Sa- vior Je- sus



Christ destroyed death and brought life to light through the

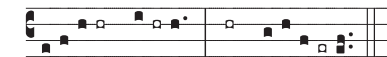


Gos- pel. Al- le- lu- ia. *Cf. 2 Tm 1 : 10*

Offertory

R: VIII a

A LL who love your name, shall glo- ry in you, O Lord.



- Ps.* 1 For you will bless the **just,** O Lord, *
as with a shield of your good will / *you have crowned* us, Lord. (*R:*)
- Ps.* 2 In the morning I will stand before you, and **I** will see, *
because you are not a God who *wills iniquity.* (*R:*)

Sanctus

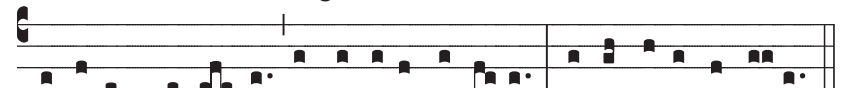
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S Anctus, *San-ctus, San-ctus Dóminus De- us Sába- oth.



Ple- ni sunt cæ- li et terra gló- ri- a tu- a. Ho- sánna in excélsis. Be-



ne- díctus qui ve- nit in nómine Dómi- ni. Ho- sánna in excélsis.

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SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN, Martyrs

I was sick and you visited me.

Grave : at Cyrhus in Syria, where Emperor Justinian built a large basilica over their grave. Later their relics came into the possession of various European churches, e.g., to Bremen in the year 965.

Life : These two saints, celebrated “physicians” of the ancient Church who used their art in the service of converting souls to Christ, are venerated as patrons by doctors and pharmacists. Their names occur in the Canon of the Mass and in the Litany of the Saints.

Martyrology : In Aegea (Asia Minor) the holy martyr-brothers Cosmas and Damian. In the Diocletian persecution they were subjected to various tortures ; they were cast into chains, locked in prison, thrown into the sea, tormented with fire, nailed to crosses, and shot at with arrows. Since with divine help they suffered all this unmaimed, they were beheaded about the year 300.

Meditation : In imitation of their Savior, these two physicians sought to heal sick bodies in order to win and heal sick souls. The same procedure is still followed in mission lands. Care of sick bodies and care of sick souls lie very close to the Church’s heart, because no one is more ready for God’s kingdom than the sick. Care of the sick is a work of mercy.

St. Augustine : Whenever we keep the feasts of the holy martyrs, let us, through their intercession, hope so to obtain from the Lord good things in this life, that, by imitating the martyrs themselves, we may deserve gifts which endure for ever. They who follow the example of the martyrs are able to keep these holy martyrs’ feasts with sincerity. For the feasts of martyrs are exhortations to martyrdom ; that we may not be loath to imitate what we delight to honor.

Blessed Columba Marmion, O.S.B. : According to the beautiful thought of St. Augustine, the innocent Christ, like a compassionate physician, reserved for himself the dregs of the chalice of suffering and renunciation of which we have only to drink a few drops. For, says St. Paul, Christ knows, by experience, what sacrifice is. “We have not a high priest who cannot have compassion on our infirmities, but one tempted in all things like as we are except sin.”

To a vast extent our Lord has shared our sufferings, but never let us forget that in thus sharing our sorrows and such of our miseries as were compatible with his Divinity, Christ has sanctified our sufferings, our infirmities, our expiations. He has merited for us that we may have the strength to bear them in our turn and that they may be accepted by his Father.

But for this to be effected, we must unite ourselves to our Lord by faith and love, and consent to carry our cross after him. It is from this union that our sufferings and sacrifices derive their value. *Christ, the Life of the Soul*, 205.

After Mass

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Alve, Re-gí-na, * ma-ter mi-se-ri-córdi-æ: Vi-ta,
dulcé-do, et spes nostra, sal-ve. Ad te clamá-mus, éx-su-les,
fí-li-i He-væ. Ad te suspi-rá-mus, geméntes et flentes in hac
lacrimá-rum val-le. E-ia ergo, Advo-cá-ta nostra, illos tu-os
mi-se-ri-córdes ócu-los ad nos con-vér-te. Et Ie-sum, bene-
díctum fructum ventris tu-i, no-bis post hoc ex-sí-li-um
osténde. O cle-mens: O pi-a: O dul-cis Virgo
Ma-rí-a.

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us. And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

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This is true brotherhood,
one that could be destroyed not even by war.
They shed their blood and followed the Lord.
They despised the courts of kings
and attained the kingdom of heaven.
Behold, how beautiful and how lovely it is
when brothers live harmoniously together.