Feasts of March. 25

Benediction

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

O Salutaris Hostia

O salutāris hóstia,
Quae caeli pandis óstium,
Bella Prémunt hostília ;
Da robur, fer auxílium.

O Saving Victim opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below:
Our foes press on from every side;
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

Uni trinóque Dómino
Sit sempitērina glória :
Qui vitam sine término
Nobis donet in pátria. Amen.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end
In our true native land with thee.

Amen.

Tantum ergo Sacramentum

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Venerémur cérnui ;
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat rítui ;
Præstet fides supplementum
Sēnsuum déféctui.

Therefore we, before him bending,
This great Sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer Rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense, befriending,
Makes the inward vision clear.

Genitóri, Genitóque
Laus et iubilátiō,
Salus, honor, virtus, quoque
Sit et benédictio :
Procedénti ab utróque
Compar sit laudátiō.

Glory, let us give, and blessing,
To the Father and the Son;
Honor, might, and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever too his Love confessing,
Who from Both, with Both, is One.

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God, come to my as-sis-tance. R: O Lord, make haste
to help me. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise thy Name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
All on earth thy sceptre claim;
All in heaven above adore thee.

Hark! The loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,

Infinite thy vast domain;
Everlasting is thy reign.

Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord.

Hymn. I

Quem pontus, terra, sidera

The God whom earth and sea and sky
Adore and laud and magnify,
Who o’er their threefold fabric reigns,
The Virgin’s spotless womb contains.

The God whose will by moon and sun
And all things in due course is done,
Is borne upon a Maiden’s breast
By fullest heav’ly grace possesst.

How blest that Mother, in whose shrine
The great Artificer divine,
Whose hand contains the earth and sky,
Vouchsafed, as in his ark, to lie!

Blest, in the message Gabriel brought;
Blest, by the work the Spirit wrought:
From whom the great Desire of earth
Took human flesh and human birth.

All honor, laud and glory be,
O Jesus, Virgin-born, to thee!
All glory, as is ever meet,
To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

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Sacred Silence

We remain in our places. A few moments of silence are kept.
The Celebrant and ministers return to the sacristy. All depart in silence.

Conclusion

When Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament follows, the Office concludes thus:

Let us bless the Lord.  R: Thanks be to God.

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Celebrant:

God our Father, your Word became man and was born of the Virgin Mary. * May we become more like Jesus Christ, whom we acknowledge as our redeemer, God and man. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, * one God, for ever and ever. R: Amen.

Blessing

The Lord be with you. R: And also with you.


Dismissal

In peace. R: Thanks be to God.
Psalmody

Ant. 1
The angel of the Lord, †
brought God’s message to Mary. *
And she conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, †
alleluia.

Psalm 109:1-5.7

The Lord’s revelation to my Master: † “Sit on my right: * your foes I will put beneath your feet.”
The Lord will wield from Zion † your sceptre of power: * rule in the midst of all your foes.
A prince from the day of your birth † on the holy mountains: * from the womb before the dawn I begot you.
The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. † “You are a priest for ever, * a priest like Melchizedech of old.”
The Master standing at your right hand * will shatter kings in the day of his great wrath.
He shall drink from the stream by the wayside * and therefore he shall lift up his head.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.

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On this day
the eternal Father sent his angel
to bring to Mary the good news of our salvation.
Let us turn to God and pray with confidence:

℞ Lord, / fill our hearts with your love.
You chose the Virgin Mary
as the mother of your Son,
—have mercy on all,
who look for your gift of salvation. (℞)

You sent Gabriel
to give Mary your message of peace and joy,
—give to the whole world the joy of salvation and your gift of true peace. (℞)

Mary gave her consent,
the Holy Spirit overshadowed her,
and your Word came to dwell among us,
—touch our hearts
that we may welcome Christ as Mary did. (℞)

You look with love on the humble,
and fill the hungry with your gifts,
—raise up the downcast,
help all in need,
comfort and strengthen the dying. (℞)

Lord our God,
you alone work wonders
and with you all things are possible,
—give us the fullness of salvation
when you raise up the dead / on the last day. (℞)
At Magnificat. Antiphon

Ant. The angel Gabriel * said to Mary in greeting:
Hail, full of grace, *
the Lord is with you;
blessed are you among women * alleluia.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, * my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor * on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations * will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me, * and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him * in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, * and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel * for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers, * to Abraham and his children forever.
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Psalm 129

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, * Lord, hear my voice.
O let your ears be attentive * to the voice of my pleading.
If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, * Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness: * for this we revere you.
My soul is waiting for the Lord, * I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord * more than watchman for daybreak.
Let the watchman count on daybreak * and Israel on the Lord.
Because with the Lord there is mercy * and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem * from all its iniquity.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.

Ant. Do not be afraid, O Mary; * you have found favor with God.
Behold, you shall conceive and bear a Son, * and he will be called the Son of the Most High, * alleluia.
**Ant. 3** I am the handmaid of the Lord. *
Let it be done unto me as you have said, †
alleluia.

**Canticle**

*ET us give thanks to the Father † for having made you worthy * to share the lot of the saints in light.

He rescued us from the power of darkness * and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Through him we have redemption, * the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, * the first-born of all creatures.

In him everything continues in being.

It is he who is head of the body, the church! * he who is the beginning,

the first-born of the dead, * so that primacy may be his in everything.

It pleased God to make absolute fullness * reside in him

and, by means of him, * to reconcile everything in his person,

both on earth and in the heavens, * making peace through the blood of his cross.

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**Colossians 1:12-20**

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**Reading**

**Colossians 3:23-24**

**Responsor**

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and he lived among us, *
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Annunciation of the Lord

Solemnity
During Paschaltide

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