

REFECTIONE sancta enutritam gubernata, quaesumus Domine, tuam placatus Ecclesiam: ut potenti moderatione directa, et incrementa libertatis accipiat et in religionis integritate persistat. Per Dominum.

AUXILENTUR nobis, Domine, sumpta mysteria: et, intercedente beata Thecla, Virgine et Martyre tua, sempiterna faciant protectione gaudere. Per Dominum.

POSTCOMMUNION

Since Thy Church has been nourished by the sacred repast, govern her in Thy clemency, we beseech Thee, O Lord, so that under the guidance of Thy mighty rule she may enjoy greater freedom and abiding integrity of religion. Through our Lord.

COMMEMORATION of St Thecla

May the mysteries we have received, help us, O Lord, and, by the intercession of blessed Thecla, Thy Virgin and Martyr, may they cause us to rejoice in everlasting protection. Through the Lord.

PROPER of the MASS

ST LINUS

September 23

John 21: 15-17; Ps. 29: 2 INTROIT

SI DILIGIS me, Simon Petre, pasce agnos meos, pasce oves meas. *Ps.* Exaltabo te, Domine, quoniam suscepisti me, nec delectasti inimicos meos super me. Gloria Patri.

If thou lovest Me, Simon Peter, feed My lambs; feed My sheep. *Ps.* I will extol Thee, O Lord, for Thou hast upheld me: and hast not made my enemies to rejoice over me. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT

GREGEM tuum, Pastor aeterne, placatus intende: et per beatum Linus Martyrem tuum atque Summum Pontificem, perpetua protectione custodi; quem totius Ecclesiae praestitisti esse pastorem. Per Dominum.

Eternal Shepherd, do Thou look favourably upon Thy flock, which we beseech Thee to guard and keep for evermore through the blessed Linus, Thy Martyr and Supreme Pontiff, whom Thou didst choose to be the chief shepherd of the whole Church. Through our Lord.

COMMEMORATION of St Thecla

DA quaesumus, omnipotens, Deus: ut, qui beatae Theclae Virginis et Martyris tuae natalitia colimus; et annua solemnitate laetemur, et tantae fidei proficiamus exemplo. Per Dominum.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that we who honour the heavenly birthday of blessed Thecla, Thy Virgin and Martyr, may both rejoice in her yearly festival and profit by the example of so great a faith. Through our Lord.

I Peter 5: 1-4, 10-11 EPISTLE

CARISSIMI: Seniores, qui in vobis sunt, obsecro consenior et testis Christi passionum, qui et ejus, quae in futuro revelanda est, gloriae communicator: pascite qui in vobis est gregem Dei, providentes non coacte, sed spontanee secundum Deum, neque turpis lucri gratia, sed voluntarie; neque ut dominantes in cleris, sed forma facti gregis ex animo. Et, cum apparuerit princeps pastorum, percipietis immarces-

Dearly beloved: the ancients therefore that are among you, I beseech, who am myself also an ancient, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ: as also a partaker of that glory which is to be revealed in time to come: feed the flock of God which is among you, taking care of it, not by constraint, but willingly, according to God: not for filthy lucre's sake, but voluntarily: neither as lording it over the clergy, but being made a pattern of the flock from the heart.

cibilem gloriæ coronam. Deus autem omnis gratiæ, qui vocavit nos in æternam suam gloriam in Christo Jesu, modicum passos ipse perficiet, confirmabit solidabitque. Ipsi gloria et imperium in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

Psalm 106: 30-31

EXALTENT eum in Ecclesia plebis: et in cathedra seniorum laudent eum. Confiteantur Domino misericordiæ ejus: et mirabilia ejus filiis hominum.

Matthew 16: 18

ALLELÚIA, alleluía. Tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram ædificábo Ecclésiám meam. Alleluía.

Matthew 16: 13-19

IN illo témpore: Venit Jesus in partes Cæsaráe Philippi, et interrogábat discipulos suos, dicens: Quem dicunt hómines esse Fílium hóminis? At illi dixerunt: Álii Joánem Baptistám, álii autem Eliám, álii vero Jeremíam, aut unum ex prophétis. Dicit illis Jesus: Vos autem quem me esse dicitis? Respóndens Simon Petrus, dixit: Tu es Christus, Fílius Dei vivi. Respóndens autem Jesus, dixit ei: Beátus es, Simon Bar Jona: quia caro et sanguis non revelávit tibi, sed Pater meus, qui in Cœlis est. Et ego dico tibi, quia tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram ædificábo Ecclésiám meam, et portæ inferi non prævalébunt advérsus eam. Et tibi dabo claves regni cælórum. Et quodcúmque ligáveris super terram, erit ligátum et in cœlis: et quodcúmque sólveris super terram, erit solútum et in Cœlis.

And when the prince of pastors shall appear, you shall receive a never-fading crown of glory. But the God of all grace, Who hath called us unto His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little, will himself perfect you, and confirm you, and establish you. To Him be glory and empire for ever and ever. Amen.

GRADUAL

Let them exalt him in the church of the people: and praise him in the chair of the ancients. Let the mercies of the Lord give glory to him: and his wonderful works to the children of men.

ALLELUIA

Alleluía, alleluia. Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

At that time, Jesus came into the quarters of Cæsarea Philippi, and He asked His disciples, saying: Whom do men say that the Son of man is? But they said: Some, John the Baptist, and other some, Elias, and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. Jesus saith to them: But whom do you say that I am? Simon Peter answered: Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answering, said to him: Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jona, because flesh and blood hath not revealed it to thee, but My Father Who is in Heaven: and I say to thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it; and to thee I will give the keys of the kingdom of Heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in Heaven; and whatsoever thou shall loose on earth, it shall be loosed also in Heaven.

Jeremias 1: 9-10

ECCE dedi verba mea in ore tuo: ecce constitui te super gentes et super regna, ut evéllas et déstruas, et ædifices et plantes.

OBLÁTIS munéribus, quæsumus Dómine, Ecclésiám tuam benígnus illúmina: ut, et gregis tui proficiat ubique succéssus, et grati fiant nómini tuo, te gubernánte, pastóres. Per Dominum nostrum.

SÚSCIPE, Dómine, múnera, quæ in beátæ Theclæ Virgínis et Martíryis tuæ solemnitate deférimus: cujus nos confídimus patrocínio liberári. Per Dominum.

VERE dignum et justum est, æquum et salutare. Te Domine suppliciter exorare, ut gregem tuum, pastor æterne, non deseras: sed per beatos Apostolos tuos continua protectione custodias. Ut iisdem rectoribus gubernetur, quos operis tui vicarios eidem contulisti præesse pastores. Et ideo cum Angelis et Archangelis, cum Thronis et Dominationibus, cumque omni militia cælestis exercitus, hymnum gloriæ tuæ canimus, sine fine dicentes:

Matthew 16: 18

TU es Petrus, et super hanc petram ædificábo Ecclésiám meam.

OFFERTORY

Behold I have given My words in thy mouth: lo, I have set thee this day over the nations, and over the kingdoms, to waste and to destroy, and to build and to plant.

SECRET

In Thy loving kindness, we beseech Thee, O Lord, be moved by the offering of our gifts and enlighten Thy Church: that Thy flock may prosper everywhere and shepherds, under Thy guidance, may be rendered acceptable to Thee. Through our Lord.

COMMEMORATION of St Thecla

Graciously receive, O Lord, the gifts which we offer on the solemnity of Thy Virgin and Martyr, Thecla, by whose patronage we trust to be delivered from all evil. Through our Lord.

PREFACE OF THE APOSTLES

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, to entreat Thee humbly, O Lord, that Thou wouldst not desert Thy flock, O everlasting Shepherd; but through Thy blessed Apostles, wouldst keep it under Thy constant protection; that it may be governed by those same rulers, whom as vicars of Thy work, Thou didst set over it to be its pastors. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing the hymn of Thy glory, evermore saying:

COMMUNION

Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church.