

INTROIT. *Salus pópuli.*

I AM the salvation of my people, saith the Lord: † in whatsoever tribulation they shall call upon me, * I will hear them: | and I will be their Lord for ever. *Ps. 77.* Heed my Law, O my peoples, * incline your ears unto the words of my mouth. *V.* Glory.

COLLECTS.

Of the Day. ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us from all things thât may hurt us: that we, being ready both in mind and body; may with free minds accomplish those things that thou wouldest have done. Through.

Of the Saints. DEFEND us, O Lord, we beseech thee, from all dangers of mind and of body: and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious Theotokos, Mary Ever-virgin, with blessed Joseph, thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, graciously grant us health and peâce; that all adversities and errors may be done away, and thy Church may serve thee in freedom and quietness.

For the Living & the Dead. ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast dominion both of the living and of the dead, and hast mercy upon all men whom by reason of their faith and works thou dôst foreknow: we humbly beseech thêe; that those for whom we are minded to pour forth our prayers, whether in this present world they still be held in the flesh, or being delivered from the body have passed to that which is to come, may at the intercession of all thy Saints obtain of thy bountiful goodness the remission of all their sins. Through.

The LESSON from the Prophet Ezekiel. *Ezek. 33:1-9.*

IN those days: The word of the Lord came unto Ezekiel, saying, Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall

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deliver his soul. But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand. So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

GRADUAL. *Ps. 140.* Let my prayer be set forth * in thy sight, O Lord, as incense. *V.* And let the lifting up of my hands * be an evening sacrifice.

The Lesson from the EPISTLE of blessed Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians. *Eph. 4:23-28.*

BRETHREN: Be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore, putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath. Neither give place to the devil: let him that stole, steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth: but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God: whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil-speaking, be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

ALLELUIA, alleluia. *V. Ps. 104.* O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name: * proclaim among the nations his deeds. Alleluia.

✠ **The Continuation of the HOLY GOSPEL according to Matthew.**

St. Matt. 22:1-14.

AT that time: Jesus spake unto the chief priests and the pharisees in parables, saying: The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, who made a marriage for his son. And he sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding, and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying: Tell them which are bidden: Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready; come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise; and the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth, and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burnt up their city. Then saith he to his servants: The wedding is ready, but they who were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all, as many as they found, both bad and good, and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment. And he saith unto him: Friend, how camest thou in hither, † not having a wedding-garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants: Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.

OFFERTORY. *Ps. 137.* Though I walk in the midst of trouble, * thou shalt refresh me, O Lord. *V.* Thou hast stretched forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, * and thy right hand hath saved me.

SECRET PRAYERS.

Of the Day. GRANT, we beseech thee, O Lord: that these gifts which we offer in the sight of thy majesty, may avail for our salvation. Through.

Of the Saints. HEAR us, O God our Saviour: and by the power of this Sacrament defend us from all enemies of body and of soul; granting us grace in this life, and glory in that which is to come.

For the Living & the Dead. O GOD, to whom alone is known the number of thine elect whom thou hast appointed unto heavenly felicity: grant, we beseech thee; that at the intercession of all thy Saints, the names of all those who have

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been commended to our prayers, and of all thy faithful people, may ever remain written in the book of those who are predestined to everlasting blessedness. Through.

PREFACE *Of the Most Holy Trinity*

IT is truly meet and right, | our joy and salvation, | that we should always, and in all places, | give thanks unto thee, | O holy Lord, Father Almighty, | everlasting God: | Who, with thine only-begotten Son, and the Holy Ghost, | art One God, One Lord; | in Trinity of Persons, | and in Unity of Substance; | for that which by thy revelation we believe of thy glory, | the same we believe of thy Son, | and of the Holy Ghost, | without any difference or inequality in thy Godhead; | whom | with Angels and Archangels, | with Cherubim and Seraphim, / we cease not daily to praise thee, with one voice, saying: (*And the Sanctus is sung.*)

COMMUNION. *Ps. 118.* Thou hast charged that we shall diligently keep thy commandments: * O that my ways were so directed, as to keep thy statutes!

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYERS.

Of the Day. GRANT, O Lord, that the power of thy healing may in thy mercy cleanse us from our perversities: and make us ever to cleave stedfastly unto thy commandments. Through.

Of the Saints. WE beseech thee, O Lord, that the gift now offered in this divine Sacrament may cleanse and defend us: that at the intercession of the Theotokos, blessed Mary Ever-virgin, of blessed Joseph, of thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and of all the Saints, it may set us free from every perverse way, and deliver us from all adversities.

For the Living & the Dead. ALMIGHTY and merciful God, cleanse us, we pray thee, by the Mysteries which we have received: and, at the intercession of all thy Saints, grant, that this thy Sacrament may bring upon us not guilt to our punishment but pardon to our salvation; that it may cleanse the guilty and confirm the feeble, that it may strengthen us against every danger of the world, and obtain for thy faithful people both living and dead the remission of all their sins. Through.