

EPISTLE: COLOSSIANS 3. 12-17

Fratres: Indúite vos ergo sicut electi Dei, sancti, et dilecti, viscera misericordiae, benignitatem, humilitatem, modestiam, patientiam: supportantes invicem, et donantes vobismetipsis, si quis adversus aliquem habet querelam: sicut et Dominus donavit vobis, ita et vos. Super omnia autem haec caritatem habete, quod est vinculum perfectionis. Et pax Christi exsultet in cordibus vestris, in qua et vocati estis in uno corpore: et grati estote. Verbum Christi habitet in vobis abundanter, in omni sapientia, docentes, et commonentes vosmetipsos psalmis, hymnis, et canticis spirituallibus, in gratia cantantes in cordibus vestris Deo. Omne quodcumque facitis in verbo aut in opere, omnia in nomine Domini Jesu Christi, gratias agentes Deo et Patri per ipsum.

Brethren: Put ye on therefore, as the elect of God, holy, and beloved, the bowels of mercy, benignity, humility, modesty, patience: bearing with one another and forgiving one another if any have a complaint against another. Even as the Lord hath forgiven you, so do you also. But above all these things have charity, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ rejoice in your hearts, wherein also you are called in one body: and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you abundantly, in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles, singing in grace in your hearts to God. All whatsoever you do in word or in work, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.

GRADUAL: PS. 26. 4; 83. 5

Unam petii a Domino, hanc requiram; ut inhabitem in domo Domini omnibus diebus vitae meae. *℣.* Beati qui habitant in domo tua, Domine: in saecula saeculorum laudabunt te.

One thing I have asked of the Lord, this will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. *℣.* Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house, O Lord, they shall praise Thee for ever and ever.

ALLELUIA: IS. 45. 15

Alleluia, Alleluia. *℣.* Vere tu es Rex absconditus, Deus Israel Salvator. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. *℣.* Verily Thou art a hidden God, the God of Israel, the Saviour. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: LUKE 2. 42-52

Cum factus esset Jesus annorum duodecim, ascendentibus illis Jerosolymam secundum consuetudinem diei festi, consummatisque diebus, cum redirent, remansit puer Jesus in Jerusalem, et non cognoverunt parentes ejus. Existimantes autem illum esse in comitatu, venerunt iter diei, et requirebant eum inter cognatos et notos. Et non inveniētes, regressi sunt in Jerusalem, requirentes eum. Et factum est, post triduum invenērunt illum in templo sedentem in medio doctorum, audientem illos et interrogantem eos. Stupēbant autem omnes, qui eum audiēbant, super prudentia et responsis ejus. Et videntes admirati sunt. Et dixit mater ejus ad illum: Fili, quid fecisti nobis sic? Ecce pater tuus et ego dolentes querebamus te. Et ait ad illos: Quid est quod me querebatis? Nesciebatis quia in his, quae Patris mei sunt, oportet me esse? Et ipsi non intellexerunt verbum quod locutus est ad eos. Et descendit cum eis, et venit Nazareth: et erat subditus illis. Et mater ejus conservabat omnia verba haec in corde suo. Et Jesus proficiebat sapientia et aetate et gratia apud Deum et homines. Credo

When Jesus was twelve years old, they going up into Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast, and having fulfilled the days, when they returned, the Child Jesus remained in Jerusalem, and His parents knew it not. And thinking that He was in the company, they came a day's journey, and sought Him among His kinsfolks and acquaintance. And not finding Him, they returned into Jerusalem, seeking Him. And it came to pass that after three days they found Him in the Temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them and asking them questions. And all that heard Him were astonished at His wisdom and His answers. And seeing Him they wondered. And His mother said to Him: Son, why hast Thou done so to us? Behold Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing. And He said to them: How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business? And they understood not the word that He spoke unto them. And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them. And His mother kept all these words in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and grace with God and men. CREED

OFFERTORY: LUKE. 2. 22

Tulerunt Jesum parentes ejus in Jerusalem, ut sisterunt eum Domino.

The parents of Jesus carried Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord.