

INTROIT: IS. 61. 10

GAUDENS gaudéboin Domino, et exultábit ánima mea in Deo meo: quia induit me vestiméntis salutis: et induménto justitiæ circúmdedit me, quasi sponsam ornátam monílibus suis. (T. P. Allelúia, allelúia.) Ps. 29. 2. Exaltábo te, Dómine, quoniam suscepisti me: nec delectásti inimícos meos super me. *℟*. Glória Patri.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, and my soul shall be joyful in my God: for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, and with the robe of justice He hath covered me, as a bride adorned with her jewels. (P. T. Alleluia, alleluia.) Ps. I will extol Thee, O Lord, for Thou hast upheld me: and hast not made my enemies to rejoice over me. *℟*. Glory be.

COLLECT

Deus, qui per Immaculatam Virginitatis Conceptionem dignum Filio tuo habitaculum preparasti: quæsumus; ut, qui ex morte ejusdem Filii tui prævisa, eam ab omni labe præservasti, nos quoque mundos ejus intercessione ad te pervenire concedas. Per eundem Dóminum.

O God who, by the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin, didst make her a worthy habitation for Thy Son, and didst, by His foreseen death, preserve her from all stain of sin; grant, we beseech Thee, that through her intercession we may be cleansed from sin and come with pure hearts to Thee. Through the same our Lord.

EPISTLE: WISDOM (PROVERBS) 8. 22-35

Dóminus possédit me in initio viarum suarum, antequam quidquam faceret a principio. Ab ætérno ordinata sum, et ex antiquis, antequam terra fieret. Nondum erant abyssi, et ego jam concépta eram: necdum fontes aquarum erupérant: necdum montes gravi mole constiterant: ante colles ego parturiébar: adhuc terram non fécerat et flúmina et cárdenes orbis terræ. Quando præparábat cælos, áderam: quando certa lege et gyro vallábat abyssos: quando æthera firmábat sursum et librábat fontes aquarum: quando cir-

The Lord possessed me in the beginning of His ways, before He made anything, from the beginning. I was set up from eternity, and of old, before the earth was made. The depths were not as yet, and I was already conceived; neither had the fountains of waters as yet sprung out; the mountains with their huge bulk had not as yet been established: before the hills I was brought forth; He had not yet made the earth, nor the rivers, nor the poles of the world. When He prepared the heavens, I was there; when with a certain law and compass He enclosed the depths; when He estab-

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trum. Per quem majestatem tuam laudant Angeli, adorant Dominationes, tremunt Potestates. Cæli, calorúmque Virtutes, ac beata Séraphim, sócia exultatione concélebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces, ut admitti júbeas, deprecámur, súplici confessione dicentes:

everlasting light, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through whom the angels praise Thy majesty, the dominions worship it, and the powers stand in awe. The heavens and the heavenly hosts, and the blessed seraphim join together in celebrating their joy. With these we pray Thee join our voices also, while we say with lowly praise:

COMMUNION

Gloriosa dicta sunt de te, María: quia fecit tibi magna qui potens est. (T. P. Allelúia).

Glorious things are said of thee, O Mary, for He who is mighty hath done great things unto thee. (P. T. Alleluia).

POSTCOMMUNION

Sacramenta quæ sumpsimus, Dómine Deus noster: illius in nobis culpæ vúlnera réparent, a qua Immaculatam beatæ Mariæ Conceptionem singulariter præservasti. Per Dóminum.

May the sacrament which we have received, O Lord our God, repair in us the wounds of that sin, from which Thou didst in a singular manner preserve the Immaculate Conception of Blessed Mary. Through our Lord.



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION