

EUCARISTÍA

June 6

Saint Bonifacia Rodríguez de Castro, virgin

Solemnity

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 37: 3-4

Trust in the LORD and do good,
that you may dwell in the land and be fed in security.
Take delight in the LORD,
and he will grant you your heart's requests (E.T. alleluia).

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

God our Father, who called the Virgin Saint Bonifacia
to follow your Son in a hidden life
and to serve the poor through both prayer and work,
grant that, by her example,
seeking your Kingdom above all things on earth,
we may, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we joyfully offer, O Lord, this day's sacrifice,
recalling the heaven-sent victory of Saint Bonifacia,
we proclaim by it your mighty deeds
and rejoice at having gained her glorious intercession.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 12: 26

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord,
and where I am, there also will my servant be (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

Father, may your Church
receive with wholehearted reverence
the power of this heavenly Sacrament,
by which we have been nourished
on the Solemnity of Saint Bonifacia,
and may your Church,
having flourished by means of her life of labor at the service of the poor,
be helped through her intercession.
Through Christ our Lord.

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EASTER TIME

FIRST READING

All who believed were together and had all things in common.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

2: 42-47

The disciples devoted themselves
to the teaching of the Apostles and to the communal life,
to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.
Awe came upon everyone,
and many wonders and signs were done through the Apostles.
All who believed were together and had all things in common;
they would sell their property and possessions
and divide them among all according to each one's need.
Every day they devoted themselves
to meeting together in the temple area
and to breaking bread in their homes.
They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart,
praising God and enjoying favor with all the people.
And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R/. (1) Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

or:

R/. Alleluia.

Let the house of Israel say,
"His mercy endures forever."
Let the house of Aaron say,
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Let those who fear the LORD say,
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I was hard pressed and falling;
but the LORD helped me.
My strength and my courage is the Lord,
and he has been my savior.
The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:
“The right hand of the Lord has struck with power.”

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R/. Alleluia.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.
This is the day the LORD has made;
let us be glad and rejoice in it.

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ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Here is my servant, my chosen one.

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

42: 1-4, 6-7

Thus says the Lord:
Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one with whom I am pleased,
upon whom I have put my Spirit;
he shall bring forth justice to the nations,
not crying out, not shouting;
not making his voice heard in the street.
A bruised reed he shall not break,
and a smoldering wick he shall not quench,
until he establishes justice on the earth;
the coastlands will wait for his teaching.
I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice,
I have grasped you by the hand;

I formed you, and set you
as a covenant of the people,
a light for the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to bring out prisoners from confinement,
and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

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SECOND READING

Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

2: 1-11

Brothers and sisters:

If there is any encouragement in Christ,
any solace in love,
any participation in the Spirit,
any compassion and mercy,
complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love,
united in heart, thinking one thing.

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory;
rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves,
each looking out not for his own interests,
but also for those of others.

Have among yourselves the same attitude
that is also yours in Christ Jesus,

Who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.
Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

Is 61: 1

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me;
He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly.

GOSPEL

He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor.
No prophet is accepted in his own native place.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

4: 16-24

At that time Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had grown up,
and went according to his custom
into the synagogue on the sabbath day.

He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah.
Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*

Rolling up the scroll,
he handed it back to the attendant and sat down,
and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him.

He said to them,

“Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

And all spoke highly of him

and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.

They also asked, “Is this not the son of Joseph?”

He said to them, “Surely you will quote me this proverb,

‘Physician, cure yourself,’ and say, ‘Do here in your native place
the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.’”

And he said,

“Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

LITURGIA DE LAS HORAS

June 6

Saint Bonifacia Rodriguez de Castro, virgin

Solemnity

Saint Bonifacia Rodriguez de Castro was born in Salamanca, Spain on June 6, 1837, to a family of manual workers. She began to earn a living at the age of fifteen as a cord-maker. Very devoted to St. Joseph and to Mary Immaculate, she formed with her friends the Josephine Association in her own shop. Together with the Catalonian Jesuit, Francisco Butiña, she founded in 1874 the Congregation of the Servants of St. Joseph in Salamanca, for the protection of poor women working in the world. The spirituality of the community was focused on the harmonization of prayer and work in the simplicity of daily life, in imitation of the Holy Family of Nazareth. She experienced in her life exclusion, humiliation and calumny, her only response being silence and forgiveness, manifestations of her unblemished sisterly love. She died in Zamora, Spain on August 8, 1905.

Evening Prayer I

HYMN

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 Blessed be the Lord; he has filled his handmaid with his mercy (E.T. alleluia).

Psalm 113

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and forever more!
From the rising of the sun to its setting
praised be the name of the Lord!

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from his misery he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.
To the childless wife he gives a home
and gladdens her heart with children.

Ant. Blessed be the Lord; he has filled his handmaid with his mercy (E.T. alleluia).

Ant. 2 Give glory to the Lord, Jerusalem; he has blessed every child within you (E.T. alleluia).

Psalm 147: 12-20

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you.
He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command.
He showers down snow white as wool,
he scatters hoar-frost like ashes.

He hurls down hailstones like crumbs.
The waters are frozen at his touch;
he sends forth his word and it melts them:
at the breath of his mouth the waters flow.

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees.

Ant. Give glory to the Lord, Jerusalem; he has blessed every child within you (E.T. alleluia).

Ant. 3 The Lord delights in you; you are the joy of his heart (E.T. alleluia).

Canticle

Ephesians 1: 3-10

Praised be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has bestowed on us in Christ
every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

God chose us in him
before the world began
to be holy
and blameless in his sight.

He predestined us
to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ,
such was his will and pleasure,
that all might praise the glorious favor

he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

In him and through his blood, we have been redeemed,
and our sins forgiven,
so immeasurably generous
is God's favor to us.

God has given us the wisdom
to understand fully the mystery,
the plan he was pleased
to decree in Christ.

A plan to be carried out
in Christ, in the fullness of time,
to bring all things into one in him,
in the heavens and on earth.

Ant. The Lord delights in you; you are the joy of his heart (E.T. alleluia).

READING

Philippians 3: 7-8

Those things I used to consider gain I have now reappraised as loss in the light of Christ. I have come to rate all as loss in the light of the surpassing knowledge of my Lord Jesus Christ. For his sake I have forfeited everything; I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth.

RESPONSORY

Ordinary Time:

Joy and gladness fill my heart; the Lord has been merciful to me.

— Joy and gladness fill my heart; the Lord has been merciful to me.

He has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

— The Lord has been merciful to me.

Glory to the Father ...

— Joy and gladness ...

Easter Time:

Joy and gladness fill my heart; the Lord has been merciful to me, alleluia, alleluia.

— Joy and gladness fill my heart; the Lord has been merciful to me, alleluia, alleluia.

He has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

— alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father ...

— Joy and gladness ...

CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. Saint Bonifacia, a woman who worked in the world, offered her life at the service of other women who worked, seeking their dignity. She loved them and cared for them as the apple of her eye (E.T. alleluia).

INTERCESSIONS

Let us give thanks to God our Father for Saint Bonifacia's life of service to the poor, and let us ask him:

May all those who hope in you rejoice, Lord.

We thank you, Father, for the love with which you love and call us each day,
— help us to remain with you and to build up your Kingdom in this world.

May we who believe be salt and light in your Church,
— so that those who see us may give glory to you in heaven.

We thank you, Father, because you draw men and women to religious life in every age of history,
— help them to follow your Son, that they may bring about acceptance, dignity and solidarity among your children, and proclaim your Kingdom.

Help us to continue among the working poor of the world, and especially among women,
— the evangelizing mission to which you called Saint Bonifacia.

You welcome in your love our dead brothers and sisters,
— help us to maintain bonds of love and friendship with them in the communion of the saints.

Our Father...

Prayer

God our Father, who called the Virgin Saint Bonifacia to follow your Son in a hidden life and to serve the poor through both prayer and work, grant that, by her example, seeking your Kingdom above all things on earth, we may, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Invitatory

Ant. Come, let us sing to the Lord on this feast of Saint Bonifacia (E.T. alleluia).

Invitatory psalm, as in the Ordinary.

Office of readings

HYMN

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 Her mouth uttered words of wisdom; her tongue spoke words of compassion (E.T. alleluia).

Psalm 19A

The heavens proclaim the glory of God
and the firmament shows forth the work of his hands.

Day unto day takes up the story
and night unto night makes known the message.

No speech, no word, no voice is heard
yet their span extends through all the earth,
their words to the utmost bounds of the world.

There he has placed a tent for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom coming from his tent,
rejoices like a champion to run its course.

At the end of the sky is the rising of the sun;
to the furthest end of the sky is its course.
There is nothing concealed from its burning heat.

Ant. Her mouth uttered words of wisdom; her tongue spoke words of compassion (E.T. alleluia).

Ant. 2 You have loved justice, therefore, the Lord, your God, has anointed you with oil of gladness (E.T. alleluia).

Psalm 45

I

My heart overflows with noble words.
To the king I must speak the song I have made;
my tongue as nimble as the pen of a scribe.

You are the fairest of the children of men
and graciousness is poured upon your lips:
because God has blessed you for evermore.

O mighty one, gird your sword upon your thigh;
in splendor and state, ride on in triumph
for the cause of truth and goodness and right.

Take aim with your bow in your dread right hand.
Your arrows are sharp: peoples fall beneath you.
The foes of the king fall down and lose heart.

Your throne, O God, shall endure for ever.
A scepter of justice is the scepter of your kingdom.
Your love is for justice; your hatred for evil.

Therefore, God, your God has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above other kings:
your robes are fragrant with aloes and myrrh.

From the ivory palace you are greeted with music.
The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Ant. You have loved justice, therefore, the Lord, your God, has anointed you with oil of gladness (E.T. alleluia).

Ant. 3 I want to make known your name from generation to generation, and the peoples will praise you forever and ever (E.T. alleluia).

II

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:
forget your own people and your father's house.
So will the king desire your beauty:
he is your lord, pay homage to him.

And the people of Tyre shall come with gifts,
the richest of the people shall seek your favor.
The daughter of the king is clothed with splendor,
her robes embroidered with pearls set in gold.

She is led to the king with her maiden companions.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king.

Sons shall be yours in place of your fathers:
you will make them princes over all the earth.
May this song make your name for ever remembered.
May the peoples praise you from age to age.

Ant. I want to make known your name from generation to generation, and the peoples will praise you forever and ever (E.T. alleluia).

The thoughts of my heart are always before you, O Lord (E.T. alleluia).

— You are my help and my redeemer (E.T. alleluia).

FIRST READING

From the First Letter of the apostle John

4: 7-21

Let us love one another, because love is of God

Beloved,
let us love one another
because love is of God;
everyone who loves is begotten of God
and has knowledge of God.
The man without love has known nothing of God,
for God is love.
God's love was revealed in our midst in this way:
he sent his only Son to the world
that we might have life through him.
Love, then consists in this:
not that we have loved God
but that he has loved us
and has sent his Son as an offering for our sins.

Beloved,
if God has loved us so,
we must have the same love for one another.
No one has ever seen God.
Yet if we love one another
God dwells in us,
and his love is brought to perfection in us.
The way we know we remain in him
and he in us
is that he has given us of his Spirit.
We have seen for ourselves, and can testify,
that the Father has sent his Son as savior of the world.
When anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,
God dwells in him
and he in God.
We have come to know and to believe
in the love God has for us.
God is love,
and he who abides in love
abides in God,
and God in him.
Our love is brought to perfection in this,
that we should have confidence on the day of judgment;
for our relation to this world is just like his.
Love has no room for fear;
rather, perfect love casts out all fear.
And since fear has to do with punishment,
love is not yet perfect in one who is afraid.
We, for our part, love
because he first loved us.
If anyone says, "My love is fixed on God,"
yet hates his brother,
he is a liar.
One who has no love for the brother he has seen
cannot love the God he has not seen.
The commandment we have from him is this:
whoever loves God must also love his brother.

RESPONSORY

1 John 4: 16, 7

We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us.

— He who abides in love abides in God, and God in him (E.T. alleluia).

Let us love one another, because love is of God.

— He who abides. . .

SECOND READING

From the discourses of Saint Bonifacia Rodriguez de Castro, virgin, to the community of Salamanca on Holy Thursday

(First and second discourses. "Various Writings of the Congregation", pp. 51-61. Pro manuscript. General Archive of the Servants of St. Joseph)

The following of Jesus

If we do not follow in the footsteps of Jesus, who will follow Him? Jesus goes in search for whoever would suffer with him, love Him and follow Him, and He has called us for this, giving us our vocation, which is worth more than all the wealth and pleasures in the world.

We have to maintain two unions if we want to be happy here and gain heaven: one, union with God through recollection, prayer and love of sacrifice; and another, union among ourselves through charity, loving one another equally, since we are all equal before God.

In order to be united with God there is nothing better than to walk always in his presence. God is before me and I am before Him; He is looking at me, encouraging me. Oh! If only we could always have this idea in mind! With what fervor would we be doing all things? How would we make the most of all the moments His goodness grants us?

I wish to tell you with holy sincerity that you shun from the desire to be appreciated and pampered. Never have this concern because God has this for you. Learn only to be good, such that you will love one another and they will love you without seeking for it. What praises did Jesus have? Insults and persecutions. And will you desire for what Jesus did not like?

Also have in mind that each of you should pay attention to the character of your Sisters more than your own; you should respect the preferences of others more than your own, since we have to be all for all, following Jesus, who emptied Himself of His divine nature and humbled Himself taking on a human nature, because He came to serve them and not to be served by them.

Dear Sisters, let us forget the offenses we inflicted on one another and be generous in forgiving one another.

How much we have to learn from Jesus, especially by contemplating Him in His passion! What examples He gives us! Seeing Him silent and suffering, why do we not practice that precious silence? When the Gospel refers to the calumnies they accused the Lord of, it says that Jesus kept silence. Yes, Sisters, He kept silent in order to teach us to observe silence.

Let there be no gossips, nor complaints, nor secret conversations because this fire can burn our house, that is, our soul.

Let us devote ourselves to giving good example because this will serve more than all the meditations and spiritual readings.

Let us, therefore, give good examples to one another, Sisters, and I begin by promising before God and having you as my witnesses.

RESPONSORY

Cf. Philippians 2: 5, 3, 2

Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus. Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves.

— Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory (**E.T. alleluia**).

Have the same love, the same spirit, the same mind.

— Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory.

HYMN, Te Deum.

Prayer, as in Morning Prayer.

Morning Prayer

HYMN

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 Lord, it is good to be united with you and to walk in your presence always (E.T. alleluia).

Psalm 63: 2-9

A soul thirsting for God

Whoever has left the darkness of sin, yearns for God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.
So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

Ant. Lord, it is good to be united with you and to walk in your presence always (E.T. alleluia).

Ant. 2 Holy persons of humble heart, bless the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

Canticle

Daniel 3: 57-88, 56

Let all creatures praise the Lord

All you servants of the Lord, sing praise to him (Revelation 19: 5).

Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord.
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord.
You heavens, bless the Lord.
All you waters above the heavens, bless the Lord.
All you hosts of the Lord, bless the Lord.
Sun and moon, bless the Lord.
Stars of heaven, bless the Lord.

Every shower and dew, bless the Lord.
All you winds, bless the Lord.
Fire and heat, bless the Lord.
Cold and chill, bless the Lord.
Dew and rain, bless the Lord

Frost and chill, bless the Lord.
Ice and snow, bless the Lord.
Nights and days, bless the Lord.
Light and darkness, bless the Lord.
Lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.

Let the earth bless the Lord.
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Mountains and hills, bless the Lord.
Everything growing from the earth, bless the Lord.
You springs, bless the Lord.
Seas and rivers, bless the Lord.
You dolphins and all water creatures, bless the Lord.
All you birds of the air, bless the Lord.
All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord.
You sons of men, bless the Lord.

O Israel, bless the Lord.
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Priests of the Lord, bless the Lord.
Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.
Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord.
Holy men of humble heart, bless the Lord.
Hananiah, Azariah, Mishael, bless the Lord.
Praise and exalt him above all forever.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Let us praise and exalt him above all forever.
Blessed are you, Lord, in the firmament of heaven.
Praiseworthy and glorious and exalted above all forever.

At the end of the canticle the Glory to the Father is not said.

Ant. Holy persons of humble of heart, bless the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

Ant. 3 The Lord delights in his people; he honors the humble with victory (E.T. alleluia).

Psalm 149

The joy of God's holy people

Let the sons of the Church, the children of the new people, rejoice in Christ, their King (Hesychius).

Sing a new song to the Lord,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in its maker,
let Zion's sons exult in their king.
Let them praise his name with dancing
and make music with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes delight in his people.
He crowns the poor with salvation.
Let the faithful rejoice in their glory,

shout for joy and take their rest.
Let the praise of God be on their lips
and a two-edged sword in their hand,

to deal out vengeance to the nations
and punishment on all the peoples;
to bind their kings in chains
and their nobles in fetters of iron;
to carry out the sentence pre-ordained;
this honor is for all his faithful.

Ant. The Lord delights in his people; he honors the humble with victory (E.T. alleluia).

READING

Jeremiah 17: 7-8

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: It fears not the heat when it comes, its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.

RESPONSORY

Ordinary Time:

The Lord will help her; his loving presence will be with her.

— The Lord will help her; his loving presence will be with her.

He dwells in her; she will not falter.

— His loving presence will be with her.

Glory to the Father ...

— The Lord will ...

Easter Time:

The Lord will help her; his loving presence will be with her, alleluia, alleluia.

— The Lord will help her; his loving presence will be with her, alleluia, alleluia.

He dwells in her; she will not falter.

— alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father ...

— The Lord will ...

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

Ant. Saint Bonifacia found God in her daily life of work, imitating Jesus, the worker in Nazareth (E.T. alleluia).

INTERCESSIONS

Let us joyfully praise the Lord who called Saint Bonifacia to continue in the Church the life of Jesus, the worker in Nazareth, and let us implore him:

We praise you, Lord, and we trust in you.

Thank you, Lord, for the example of your life in Nazareth, working with Joseph and Mary,

— help us to sanctify ourselves in the most humble occupations.

Lord Jesus, you continue to be at work in the world with the Father always,
— may we, like you, continue the creative work of the Father in our everyday tasks.

You called Saint Bonifacia to be a light in the world through her work,
— may we be good stewards of this gift we have received for the good of our brothers and sisters.

You were sent to bring the good news to the poor,
— by following your footsteps, like Saint Bonifacia, may we hear the call to work for their dignity and to continue to extend your saving presence among them.

We praise your Father, the Lord of heaven and earth, because he has hidden these things from the wise and the learned,
— help us to be childlike, so we can be able to receive his revelation.

Our Father ...

Prayer

God our Father, who called the Virgin Saint Bonifacia to follow your Son in a hidden life and to serve the poor through both prayer and work, grant that, by her example, seeking your Kingdom above all things on earth, we may, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Daytime Prayer

From the Common of Holy Women, with the complementary psalmody.
Prayer, as in Morning Prayer.

Evening Prayer

HYMN

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 Lord, may those who love you dwell in safety (E.T. alleluia).

Psalm 122

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
“Let us go to God’s house.”
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgment
of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
"Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!"

For love of my brethren and friends
I say: "Peace upon you!"
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good.

Ant. Lord, may those who love you dwell in safety (E.T. alleluia).

Ant. 2 The Lord gives success to the work of our hands (E.T. alleluia).

Psalm 127

If the Lord does not build the house,
in vain do its builders labor;
if the Lord does not watch over the city,
in vain does the watchman keep vigil.

In vain is your earlier rising,
your going later to rest,
you who toil for the bread you eat:
when he pours gifts on his beloved while they slumber.

Truly sons are a gift from the Lord,
a blessing, the fruit of the womb.
Indeed the sons of youth
are like arrows in the hand of a warrior.

O the happiness of the man
who has filled his quiver with these arrows!
He will have no cause for shame
when he disputes with his foes in the gateways.

Ant. The Lord gives success to the work of our hands (E.T. alleluia).

Ant. 3 From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace (E.T. alleluia).

Canticle

Ephesians 1: 3-10

Praised be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has bestowed on us in Christ
every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

God chose us in him
before the world began,

to be holy
and blameless in his sight.

He predestined us
to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ,
such was his will and pleasure,
that all might praise the glorious favor
he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

In him and through his blood, we have been redeemed,
and our sins forgiven,
so immeasurably generous
is God's favor to us.

God has given us the wisdom
to understand fully the mystery,
the plan he was pleased
to decree in Christ.

A plan to be carried out
in Christ, in the fullness of time,
to bring all things into one in him,
in the heavens and on earth.

Ant. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace (E.T. alleluia).

READING

1 Corinthians 1: 27-30

God chose those whom the world considers absurd to shame the wise; he singled out the weak of this world to shame the strong. He chose the world's lowborn and despised, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who were something; so that mankind can do no boasting before God. God it is who has given you life in Christ Jesus. He has made him our wisdom and also our justice, our sanctification, and our redemption.

RESPONSORY

Ordinary Time:

O Lord, my heart is not proud, nor haughty my eyes.

— O Lord, my heart is not proud, nor haughty my eyes.

I have not gone after things too great, nor marvels beyond me.

— Nor haughty my eyes.

Glory to the Father ...

— O Lord, my heart ...

Easter Time:

O Lord, my heart is not proud, nor haughty my eyes, alleluia, alleluia.

— O Lord, my heart is not proud, nor haughty my eyes, alleluia, alleluia.

I have not gone after things too great, nor marvels beyond me.

— alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father ...

— O Lord, my heart ...

CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. Jesus is looking for someone who is willing to suffer with Him, to love Him and to follow Him (E.T. alleluia).

INTERCESSIONS

As we celebrate the feast of Saint Bonifacia, we give thanks to God the Father for having looked upon her lowliness, as we say:

May your people praise you, Lord.

We give you thanks, Father, because you have blessed us in Christ,

— fill us with every spiritual blessings in the heavens.

We give you thanks because Saint Bonifacia has chosen the way of love, which is the bond of perfect unity,

— help us to follow her example.

May we, like Saint Bonifacia, learn how to live the virtue of silence and to forget the offenses which we may have inflicted on one another, and not be miserly in forgiving,

— so that we may live the profound experience of forgiveness which you offer us.

By the love we have for one another, may we be known as disciples of your Son, according to your desire,

— so that the Church may make your loving face visible to the world.

As you raised your Son from the dead, Father, you will also raise up our brothers and sisters who have died,

— make them forever partakers of your love and your kindness.

Our Father ...

Prayer

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