PROPER of the MASS

ST BENEDICT

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Psalm 36: 30, 31 INTROIT

Os justi meditabitur sapientiam, et lingua ejus loquetur judicium: lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius *Ps.* Noli æmulari in malignantibus: neque zelaveris facientes iniquitatem. Gloria Patri.

INTERCÉSSIO nos, quæsumus, Dómine, beati Benedictus Abbátis comméndet: ut, quod nostris méritis non valémus, ejus patrocínio assequámur. Per Dominum.

Ecclesiasticus 45: 1-6

DILÉCTUS Deo et homínibus, cujus memória in benedictióne est. Símilem illum fecit in glória sanctórum, et magnificávit eum in timóre inimicórum, et in verbis suis monstra placávit. Glorificávit illum in conspéctu regum, et jussit illi coram pópulo suo, et osténdit illi glóriam suam. In fide et lenitáte ipsíus, sanctum fecit illum et elégit eum ex omni carne. Audívit enim eum, et vocem ipsíus et indúxit illum in nubem. Et dedit illi coram præcépta, et legem vitæ et disciplínæ.

Psalm 20: 4-5

DÓMINE, prævenísti eum in benedictiónibus dulcédinis: posuísti in cápite ejus corónam de lápide pretióso. Vitam pétiit a te, et tribuísti ei longitúdinem diérum in sæculum sæculi.

The mouth of the just shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak judgment: the law of his God is in his heart. *Ps.* Be not emulous of evildoers: nor envy them that work iniquity. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT

May the intercession of the blessed Abbot Benedict, commend us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that what we cannot attain by our own deserts we may attain through his patronage. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE

He was beloved of God and men, whose memory is in benediction; He made him like the saints in glory, and magnified him in the fear of his enemies; and with his words he made prodigies to cease; He glorified him in the sight of kings, and gave him commandments in the sight of his people, and showed him his glory; He sanctified him in his faith and meekness, and chose him out of all flesh; for He heard him and his voice, and brought him into a cloud; and He gave him commandments before his face, and a law of life and instruction.

GRADUAL

O Lord, Thou hast prevented him with blessings of sweetness; Thou hast set on his head a crown of precious stones. He asked life of Thee, and Thou hast given him length of days for ever and ever. Psalm 111: 1-3

BEATUS vir, qui timet Dominum: in mandatis eius cupit nimis. Potens in terra erit semen ejus: generatio rectorum benedicetur. Gloria et divitiæ in domo ejus: et justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

Matthew 19: 27-29

IN illo tempore: Dixit Petrus ad Jesum: Ecce nos relíquimus ómnia, et secúti sumus te: quid ergo erit nobis? Jesus autem dixit illis: Amen dico vobis, quod vos, qui secúti estis me, in regeneratióne, cum séderit Fílius hóminis in sede majestátis suæ, sedébitis et vos super sedes duódecim, judicántes duódecim tribus Israël. Et omnis, qui relíquerit domum, vel fratres, aut soróres, aut patrem, aut matrem, aut uxórem, aut fílios, aut agros, propter nomen meum, céntuplum accípiet, et vitam ætérnam possidébit.

Psalm 20: 3,4

DESIDERIUM animæ ejus tribuisti ei, Domine, et voluntate labiorum ejus, non fraudasti eum: posuisti in capite ejus coronam de lapide pretioso.

SACRIS altaribus, Domine, hostias superpositas sanctus Benedictus Abbas, quæsumus, in salutem nobis provenire deposcat. Per Dominum.

VERE dignum et justum est, æquum et salutare, nos tibi semper, et ubique gratias agere: Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, æterne Deus: per Christum Dominum nostrum. Per quem majestatem tuam laudant Angeli, adorant Dominationes, tremunt Potestates. Cœli, cœlo-

TRACT

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord: he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the righteous shall be blessed. Glory and wealth shall be in his house: and his justice remaineth for ever and ever.

GOSPEL

At that time, Peter said to Jesus: Behold we have left all things, and have followed Thee: what therefore shall we have? And Jesus said to them: Amen I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration, when the Son of man shall sit on the seat of His majesty, you also shall sit on twelve seats judging the twelve tribes of Isræl. And every one that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive an hundred-fold, and shall possess life everlasting.

OFFERTORY

Thou hast given him his heart's desire, O Lord, and hast not withholden from him the will of his lips: Thou hast set on his head a crown of precious stones.

SECRET

May the holy Abbot Benedict, we beseech Thee, O Lord, obtain by his prayers that the Sacrifice laid on Thy holy altar may profit us unto salvation. Through our Lord.

COMMON PREFACE

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God: through Christ our Lord. through Whom the Angels praise Thy Majesty, Dominations worship, Powers stand in awe. The

rumque Virtutes ac beata Seraphim socia exultatione concelebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces, ut admitti, jubeas, supplici confessione dicentes:

Luke 12: 42

FIDELIS servus et prudens, quem constituit dominus super familiam suam: ut det illis in tempore tritici mensuram.

PROTEGAT nos, Domine, cum tui perceptione sacramenti beatus Benedictus Abbas, pro nobis intercedendo: ut, et conversationis ejus experiamur insignia, et intercessionis percipiamus suffragia. Per Dominum.

Heavens and the Heavenly hosts together with the blessed Seraphim in triumphant chorus unite to celebrate it. Together with them we entreat Thee, that Thou mayest bid our voices also to be admitted, while we say in lowly praise:

COMMUNION

This is the faithful and wise steward, whom his lord setteth over his family: to give them their measure of wheat in due season.

POSTCOMMUNION

May the pleading of blessed Benedict the Abbot for us, as well as the reception of Thy Sacrament, protect us, O Lord, that we may both share in the glory of his works, and receive the help of his intercession. Through our Lord.