

EPISTLE: APOCALYPSE 14. 1-5

In diēbus illis: Vidi supra montem Sion Agnum stantem, et cum eo centum quadraginta quātuor mīllia, habēntes nomen ejus, et nomen Patris ejus scriptum in frōntibus suis. Et audivi vocem de caelo, tamquam vocem aquarum multarum, et tamquam vocem tonitruī magni: et vocem, quam audivi, sicut citharāclōrum citharizāntium in cītharis suis. Et cāntabant quasi cānticum novum ante sedem, et ante quātuor animālia, et seniōres: et nemo pōterat dīcere cānticum, nisi illa centum quadraginta quātuor mīllia, qui empti sunt de terra. Hi sunt, qui cum muliēribus non sunt coinquināti: virgines enim sunt. Hi sequuntur Agnum, quocūque legit. Hi empti sunt ex hominibus primitiāe Deo et Agno: et in ore eōrum non est invēntum mendācium: sine mākula enim sunt ante thronum Dei.

In those days I saw upon Mount Sion a Lamb standing, and with Him an hundred forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the noise of many waters and as the voice of great thunder: and the voice which I heard was as the voice of harpers, harping on their harps. And they sung as it were a new canticle before the throne, and before the four living creatures and the ancients: and no man could say the canticle, but those hundred forty-four thousand who were purchased from the earth. These are they who were not defiled with women: for they are virgins. These follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were purchased from among men, the first-fruits to God and to the Lamb: and in their mouth there was found no lie: for they are without spot before the throne of God.

GRADUAL: Ps. 123. 7-8

Anima nostra, sicut passer, erēpta est de lāqueo venāntium. √. Lāqueus contrītus est, et nos liberāti sumus. Adjutorium nostrum in nōmine Dōmini, qui fecit caelum et terram.

Our soul hath been delivered as a sparrow out of the snare of the fowlers. √. The snare hath been broken, and we have been delivered. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

ALLELUIA: Ps. 112. 1

Allelūia, allelūia. √. Laudate, pūeri, Dōminum, laudate nomen Dōmini. Allelūia.

Alleluia, alleluia. √. Praise the Lord, ye children, praise ye the name of the Lord. Alleluia.

TRACT: Ps. 78. 3, 10

Effuderunt sānguinem sanctorum, velut aquam, in circuitu Jerūsalem. √. Et non erat qui sepeliret. √. Vīndica, Dōmine, sānguinem Sanctorum tuorum, qui effusus est super terram.

They have poured out the blood of the saints as water, round about Jerusalem. √. And there was none to bury them. √. Avenge, O Lord, the blood of Thy saints, which has been shed upon the earth.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2. 13-18

In illo tēpore: Angelus Dōmini apparuit in somnis Joseph, dicens: Surge, et accipe pūerum, et matrem ejus, et fuge in Ægīptum, et esto ibi usque dum dicam tibi. Futurum est enim, ut Herodes quærat pūerum ad perdendum eum. Qui consurgens accepit pūerum et matrem ejus nocte, et secēssit in Ægīptum: et erat ibi usque ad obitum Herodis: ut adimpleretur quod dictum est a Dōmino per Prophētam dicentem: Ex Ægīpto vocāvi Filium meum. Tunc Herodes videns quōniam illusus esset a Magis, irātus est valde, et mittens occidit omnes pūeros, qui erant in Bēthlehem et in omnibus finibus ejus, a bimātu et infra, secūndum tempus quod exquisierat a Magis. Tunc adimplētum est quod dictum est per Jeremiam Prophētam dicentem: Vox in Rama audita est, plorātus et ululātus multus: Rachel plorans filios suos, et nōluit consolāri, quia non sunt. CREDO

At that time an Angel of the Lord appeared in sleep to Joseph, saying: Arise, and take the Child and His mother, and fly into Egypt, and be there until I shall tell thee. For it will come to pass that Herod will seek the Child to destroy Him. Who arose and took the Child and His mother by night and retired into Egypt: and he was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which the Lord spoke by the Prophet, saying: Out of Egypt have I called My Son. Then Herod, perceiving that he was deluded by the wise men, was exceeding angry, and sending killed all the male children that were in Bethlehem and in all the borders thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the Prophet, saying: A voice in Rama was heard, lamentation and great mourning: Rachel bewailing her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not. CREED

OFFERTORY: Ps. 123. 7

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