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At Vespers.
Sancti per fidel.

Ant.

HE saints through faith * subdu-ed kingdoms,
wrought righteousness, ob-tain-ed promi-
es.

Amen.

Ferial Psalms.

Chapter. Wisdom x. : 17.

OD shall render to his Saints the righteous a reward of their labours, and shall guide them into a marvellous way. R. Thanks be to God.

In circuitu tuo Domine.

Ound a-bout thee, * O Lord, shin- eth the light that nev-er fad-eth. †Where-in thou hast pre-par-ed man-

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sions of ex-ceeding brightness. ‡There the souls of the blessed take their rest. V. Light perpetual shall shine upon thy saints, O Lord, and an eternity of ages. †Where-in. V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost. ‡There the souls.

On Feasts of ix. Lessons of many Martyrs or Confessors let this Melody be sung at First Vespers only throughout the whole year on this Hymn.

Sanctorum meritis.

Hymn.

VII.

HE me-rits of the Saints, * Blessed for ev- ermore,

Their love that ne-ver faints, The toils they bravely bore—
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For these the Church to-day Pours forth her joy-ous lay—

These victors win the noblest bay. 2. They, whom this world

of ill, While it yet held, abhorred; Its with'ring flowers

that still They spurned with one accord— They knew them

short-lived all, And followed at thy call, King Je-su, to thy

heav'nly hall. 3. For thee all pangs they bare, Fu-ry and

mor-tal hate, The cru-el scourge to tear, The hook to la-

ce-rate; But vain their foes' intent: For, every torment
spent, Their valiant spirits stood unbent. 4. Like sheep their blood they poured; And without groan or tear, They bent before the sword For that their King most dear: Their souls serenely blest, In patience they possessed, And looked in hope towards their rest. 5. What tongue may here declare, Fancy or thought descry, The joys thou dost prepare For these thy Saints on high! Empurpled in the flood Of their victorious blood, They won the laurel from their God.
6. To thee, O Lord most high, One in Three Per-sons still,
To pardon us we cry, And to pre-serve from ill: Here give
thy servants peace, Hereafter glad re-lease, And pleasures
that shall ne-ver cease. A-men.

On Feasts of ix. Lessons of many Martyrs or Confessors at Matins let this Melody be sung on this Hymn.

Hymn.
III.

HE me-rits of the Saints, * Blessed for ev-ermore,

Their love that ne-ver faints, The toils they bravely bore—

For these the Church to-day Pours forth her joy-ous lay—
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These victors win the noblest bay. 2. They who this world of ill, While it yet held, abhorred; Its with'ring flowers that still They spurned with one accord— They knew them short-lived all, And followed at thy call, King Je-su, to thy heav'nly hall. 3. For thee all pangs they bare, Fu-ry and mortal hate, The cruel scourge to tear, The hook to la-ce-rate; But vain their foes' intent: For, every torment spent, Their valiant spirits stood unbent. 4. Like sheep
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For these thy Saints on high! Empurpled in the flood Of
their victorious blood, That won the lau-rel from their God.
6. To thee, O Lord most high, One in Three Persons still, To
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pardon us we cry, And to pre-serve from ill: Here give thy
servants peace, Hereafter glad re-release, And pleasures
that shall ne-ver cease. Amen.

II On Feasts of ix. Lessons of many Martyrs or Confessors at First Vespers and at Matins at the disposition of the Cantor let this following Melody be sung.

Hymn.

IV. HE me-ri-its of the Saints, * Blessed for ev-er-more,
Their love that nev-er faints, The toils they brave-ly bore—
For these the Church to-day Pours forth her joy-ous lay—
These victors win the nob-lest bay. 2. They, whom

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this world of ill, While it yet held, abhorred; Its with'ring flowers that still They spurned with one accord— They knew them short-lived all, And followed at thy call, King Je-su, to thy heav'nly hall. 3. For thee all pangs they bare, Fu-ry and mortal hate, The cru-el scourge to tear, The hook to la-ce-rate; But vain their foes' intent: For, every torment spent, Their val-iant spi-rits stood unbent. 4. Like sheep their blood they poured; And without groan or tear, They
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bent before the sword For that their King most dear: Their souls serenely blest, In patience they possessed, And looked in hope towards their rest.

5. What tongue may here declare, Fancy or thought descry, The joys thou dost prepare For these thy Saints on high! Empurpled in the flood Of their victorious blood, They won the lau-rel from their God.

6. To thee, O Lord most high, One in Three Persons still, To pardon us we cry, And to pre-serve from ill: Here give
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thy servants peace, Here-after glad release, And pleasures

that shall never cease. Amen.

On Feasts of iii. Lessons of many Martyrs or Confessors without Rulers of the Choir let this Melody be sung at Vespers and at Matins throughout the whole year.

Hymn. II.

HE me-rits of the Saints, * Blessed for ev-ermore,

Their love that ne-ver faints, The toils they bravely bore—

For these the Church to-day Pours forth her joy-ous lay—

These victors win the noblest bay. 2. They, whom this world

of ill, While it yet held, abhorred; Its with'ring flowers that
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still They spurned with one ac-cord— They knew them short-
lived all, And followed at thy call, King Je-su, to thy
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But vain their foes' intent: For every torment spent, Their
val-iant spi-rits stood un-bent. 4. Like sheep their blood they
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or thought descry, The joys thou dost pre-pare For these
thy Saints on high! Empurpled in the flood Of their victo-
rious blood, They won the laurel from their God. 6. To
thee, O Lord most high, One in Three Persons still, To par-
don us we cry, And to pre-serve from ill: Here give thy
servants peace, Here-after glad re-lease, And pleasures that

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shall ne-ver cease. Amen.

V. Be glad O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord. R. And be joyful, all ye that are true of heart. Let the Response be made privately.

Gaudent in celis.

N hea- ven * the souls of the saints are re-joic-ing,

who followed the footsteps of Christ: and since for love of him they poured forth their life-blood, therefore with Christ they reign in e- terni-ty. Ps. My soul doth magnify. 69*.

Another Antiphon.

Isti sunt sancti.

Hese are the ho- ly ones, * who for the love of God
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despis-ed the threats of men : saintly martyrs, who joy in the e-ternal kingdom with the angels. O how precious is the death of the saints, who constantly attend upon the Lord : and from each oth-er are in no wise di-vid-ed.

Ps. My soul doth magnify. 50*.

These two aforesaid Antiphons are sung alternately by turns through the week on Feasts of Many Martyrs whether of iii. Lessons or of ix. Lessons on the Ps. Magnificat. or at the Memorial of the same Saints : in such a way that always first should be sung the Antiphon In heaven the souls.

On the Birthday of Many Martyrs not Bishops this Prayer is said.

A lmighty and everlasting God, grant us so worthily to venerate the merits of thy holy Martyrs N. and N. : that we may be preserved from the dangers that immediately beset us, and be made meet to attain to everlasting joy. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. R: Amen.
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On the Birthday of many Martyrs and Bishops let this Prayer be said.

Almighty and everlasting God, who didst kindle the flame of thy love in the hearts of thy martyrs and bishops N. and N.: grant unto our hearts the same force of faith and charity, that as we rejoice in their triumphs we may also profit by their examples. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. R: Amen.

Likewise another Prayer for many Martyrs not Bishops.

God, who grantest unto us to celebrate the festival of thy holy martyrs N. and N.: vouchsafe unto us the enjoyment of their fellowship in eternal bliss. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. R: Amen.

Another Prayer.

Rant, we beseech thee, almighty God, that of thy holy martyrs N. and N., whose victories we celebrate: we may also be partakers in the rewards. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. R: Amen.

At Matins.

On Feasts of ix. Lessons only.

Adoremus regem magnum.

ET us worship * the Great King, the Lord.

†Who in his saints is al-ways won-der-ful.

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Ps. O come, let us sing. 13*.

On Feasts of ix. Lessons and on Feasts of iij. Lessons which have a Double Invitatory.

Mirabilem Deum.

Invit. IV.i.

OD * is won-derful in his saints. †O come,

let us worship, prais-ing him.  Ps. O come, let us sing. 13*.

On Feasts of iij. Lessons which do not have a Double Invitatory.

Regem martyrum Dominum.

Invit. VI.iii.

He Lord, the King of Martyrs. †O come, let us

worship.  Ps. O come, let us sing. 36*.

Hymn. The merits of the saints. [939].

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In the j. Nocturn.
Secus decursus.

1. Ant. IV.iii. 
Y the wa-ter-side * he hath planted the vineyard 
of the righteous: but in the law of the Lord was their 
dei-light. Ps. Blessed is the man. (1.) [16].

Tanquam aurum.

2. Ant. VII.ii. 
S gold in the furnace, * hath the Lord tri-ed his cho-
sen ones, and as a burnt offer-ing hath he re-ceived them 
for ev-er. Ps. Why do the heathen. (2.) [17].

Si coram hominibus.

3. Ant. VII.ii. 
F in the sight of men * they be pu-nished, the 

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hope of the elect is immortal for ever. Ps. In the Lord put I my trust. (11./x.) [26].

℣. Be glad O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord. ᥄. And be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

Lesson j.
St. Augustine, Sermon 45. on the Saints.

Psalm which is sung to the Lord appears to be suitable to the holy martyrs. But if we are members of Christ: as we ought to be, we can understand it to pertain to all of us. They that sow in tears: shall reap in joy. They that now go on their way weeping, and bear forth good seed: shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring their sheaves with them. Where are they going, and from whence are they coming? Who are sowing in tears? What are the seeds? What the sheaves? Going into death: coming from death. Going, being born: coming, rising again. Sowing, good works: reaping, eternal rewards. Therefore our seeds are: whatsoever good we have done. The sheaves: what we shall receive at the end. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Absterget Deus.

1. Resp. VIII.

OD shall wipe * away all tears from the eyes of the saints, and now there shall be no more sor-row, nor cry-ing, neither a-ny more pain.

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†For the former things are passed away. †They shall

hunger no more, neither thirst any more: neither shall

the sun light on them, nor any heat. †For the former.

Lesson iij.

If therefore the seed is good, and the works good, why in tears: seeing that God loveth a cheerful giver? The first thing to see, dearly beloved: is how these words pertain above all to the blessed martyrs. For no one hath spent so much: as those who have spent themselves: as the Apostle Paul saith, I myself will be spent for your souls. Indeed they have spent themselves confessing Christ, and fulfilling with his help what was said, Thou hast sat at a great table: know that thou must needs be prepared for such things. What is a great table: except that whereby we receive the body and blood of Christ? What is: know that thou must needs be prepared: except that which blessed John explaineth, As Christ laid down his life for us, so we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren? But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Viri sancti gloriosum.

2. Resp. VIII.

O—ly men * have shed their glo—rious blood
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Ehold how much the holy martyrs have spent. But can it be said that they have perished, when they have received from the Lord assurance even about their hair? Doth the hand perish, where the hair doth not perish? Doth the head perish, where the hair doth not perish? Where the eyelid doth not perish, doth the eye perish? Thus receiving such great assurance: they have spent themselves. Therefore let us sow good works while there is time: since the Apostle saith, He which soweth sparingly, shall reap also sparingly. Indefatigably he saith, As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men: but especially unto them who are of the household of faith. And again, Let us not, he saith, be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap. He who shall fail in the seed: shall not rejoice in the harvest. Why therefore with tears, seeing that all our works should be kept with cheerfulness? And indeed it may be said of the martyrs: that they sowed in tears. For they fought bravely: and were courageous in great tribulations. For that their tears might be consoled Christ hath transported them, and transfigured...
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them into himself, and hath said, My soul is exceeding, sorrowful, even unto death. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Tradiderunt corpora sua.

3. Resp. I.

Hey de-liv-er-ed up * their bo-dies for God's sake to pu-nishments. †And have me-ri-ted ev-er-last-ing crowns. Ἄ. These are they which came out of great tri-bu-

la-tion: and have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. †And. Ἄ. Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Ho-ly Ghost. †And.
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In the ij. Nocturn.

Dabo sanctis meis.

4. Ant. VIII.i. will give to my saints * a place of renown in my

Father's kingdom, saith the Lord. Ps. Lord, who shall dwell. (15./xiii.) [30].

Sanctis qui in terra sunt.

5. Ant. IV.i. LL my de-light * is upon the saints that are in the

earth, and upon such as excel in virtue. Ps. Preserve me, O

God, (16./xv.) [33].

Sancti qui sperant.

6. Ant. IV.iii. HE saints * that hope in the Lord shall have strength :

they shall take wings as eagles, they shall fly and shall not faint.

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Ps. The earth is the Lord's. (24./xxij.) [124].

V. Let the righteous rejoice before God. R. Let them also be merry and joyful.

Lesson iv.

My brethren, it seemeth to me that our Head was moved with pity for its weaker members. Lest perchance the weaker members should despair of themselves, as with human frailty, and be troubled with approaching death, and should say, they do not belong to God, for if they did belong they would rejoice. Therefore Christ first said, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death. My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me. Who saith this? What power? What weakness? Hear what he saith. I have power to lay down my life down: and I have power to take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down, and take it up again. This power was sorrowful: when it did what if would not do unless it had wished. For he did by power: not by condition. Because he himself wished it: not because the Jews were able to. The Lord transfigured into himself the weak members of his body. And perhaps of them it was said, They that sow in tears shall reap in joy, that is, of the weaker ones. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Sancti tui Domine.

4. Resp.

VII.

HY saints, O Lord, * have fol- low- ed a

won- derful path, keeping thy commandments, so
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as to be unharmed. †In the mighty waters dry

land appearéd, and out of the Red Sea a way with

out impediment. †They magnified with

one accord the hand that fought for them: and praised thy

holy name, O Lord. †In the mighty.

Lesson v.

NOW indeed that great herald of Christ sowed not in tears when he said, For I indeed am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness—a crown of sheaves. There is laid up for me, he saith, a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day. As though to say, He will render me the harvest, for whom I spend myself in sowing. These words, so much as we understand them, brethren: are of rejoicing, not of weeping. Can it be that when he said that, he was in tears? Was he not like the cheerful giver, whom God loveth? Therefore let us refer these words to the weak, that those should not despair, which have sown in tears: because even if they have
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sown in tears, at the end sadness passeth away, and gladness cometh without end. But even so, dearly beloved, behold how it seemeth to me that which hath been said pertaineth to all: They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. They that now go on their way weeping, and bear forth good seed: shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring their sheaves with them. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Verbera carnificum.

5. Resp. VII.

HE saints of God * feared not the blows of the tormenters, dying for the name of Christ.

†That they might be made heirs in the house of the Lord. † For savage indeed were the torments that for Christ they suffer-ed in their bodies.

†That they might.
Lesson vi.

Hearken if with the Lord's help I am able to explain: in what way pertaineth to all of us, They that now go on their way weeping? From when we are born we go. Who indeed standeth still? Who, from the moment he entereth upon life, is not compelled to move? An infant is born: he moveth by growing. Death is the end. Thenceforth it shall come without delay: but also with exultation. Who indeed doth not weep along that evil way, seeing that the child himself beginneth thus? By all means when a child is born: it is cast from the confines of the womb into the breadth of this world, it proceedeth from darkness into light, and yet in coming from darkness into light: it is able to weep, it is not able to laugh. Men laugh, and men weep. And even when men laugh: it is weeping. But the one crieth over his loss, the other crieth over his oppression, because he hath been placed in prison: another crieth because he hath lost some most beloved in death. That one for this, this one for that: whence is righteousness? First of all these things. The righteous man indeed crieth truly over those who cry fruitlessly: he crieth over those which cry, he crieth over those which laugh. Because those which cry about vain things, cry vainly: and those which laugh about vain things, laugh at their misfortune. He crieth everywhere. Therefore he crieth the more. But they shall come with joy, bringing their sheaves with them. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

O veneranda martyrum.

ve-ne-rable * and glo-ri- ous were the strug-
gles of the mar-tyrs, and sa-vage indeed were the tor- ments
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that for Christ they withstood in their bodies. †And therefore they merited to gain the never fading crown of eternal glory. V. For disdain'd was the light of this present life, and despis'd was their bodily agony, as for the love of God they overcame the violence of the world. †And therefore. V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost. †And therefore.

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On Feasts of whatsoever Martyr Brethren, and also if this should fall in the same week, whether in the First Nocturn or in the iij. or iij. is sung this following R:.

Hec est vera fraternitas.

6. Resp.

I.

His is true* broWtherWhood, that nev- er
could be vi- o- lat- ed by strife : whereby shedding
their blood they fol-low-ed the Lord. †Despis-ing

the court of the king. ‡They attain- ed to the heav-
ven- ly king-dom. ‡They attain- ed to the heav-

V. Behold how good and joyful a thing

it is : for brethren to dwell to-gether in u-ni- ty.

†Despis-ing. ‡Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the
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Son: and to the Holy Ghost. ‡They attained.

These are the Feasts in which the aforesaid R. will always be the iiij. or vj. when the middle Lessons of the Feast are made of these Saints, namely Mark and Marcellian, Gervase and Protase, the vij. Brothers, and Cosmas and Damian.

In the Third Nocturn.
Justi autem in perpetuum vivent.

7. Ant.
IV.i.
UT the righteous * shall live for evermore: and

with the Lord is their reward. Ps. Rejoice in the Lord. (33./xxxij.) [234].

Tradiderunt corpora sua.

8. Ant.
VIII.i.
Hey de-liv-er-ed up * their bodies for God's sake to

pun-ishments: that they might be made heirs in the house of

the Lord. Ps. I will always give thanks. (34./xxxiiij.) [235].

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Eccles. 9. Ant.

IV.i.

Ecce merces sanctorum.

E-hold how great * with God is the reward of his saints : yea, they di-ed for Christ, and they shall live for ev-ermore. Ps. O God, the heathen. (78./lxxviiij.) [348].

V. The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God. R. And there shall no torment touch them.

Lesson viij.


At that time. Jesus came down from the mountain : and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases. And that which followeth.


The crowds which came from afar to hear : coming down to a plain were healed by the Lord's touch. The disciples, who were already instructed in lesser things : were led up to the summit of the mountain to greater things. And from them were chosen those who would look upon him in secret when he was transfigured on a mountain. One of them who, beyond all the others, would drink deeply at the font of more sublime wisdom : reclined on the Teacher's bosom. Rarely shalt thou find anywhere either that crowds follow the Lord to higher places, or that anyone infirm is healed on a mountain : but when the fever
of sensual desires hath been extinguished, and the light of wisdom hath been lit: everyone passeth step by step to the height of virtues. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God. And if he speaketh to everyone in a general way: nevertheless in a more special way the Saviour lifteth up his eyes on the disciples, so that to those who comprehend his words with an attentive ear of the heart he may open more deeply the light of their deepest meaning. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Propter testamentum Domini.

7. Resp. 1.

E- cause * of the co-ve-nant of the Lord, and the laws of their fa- thers, the saints of God stood fast in bro-ther-ly love. †For there was ev-er one spi-rit a-

mong them, and one faith. ‡. They were without blame be-fore the Lord: and were not se-pa-rat-ed from one an-oth-er. †For there was.
Lesson viij.

Lessed, therefore, are the poor—surely not all of those who are poor: but only those who, although everything of this present age may seem lofty to them, consider high status a thing of no account. They are rightly put forward as worthy of the gift of the kingdom of heaven because they are shown to be stripped of greed for human pleasures. King David, declaring that he hath experienced poverty of this sort, saith: I am poor and needy, and in another place, esteeming lightly for the sake of the Lord not only earthly things, but even more things above the heavens, he saith: Whom have I in heaven but thee and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. Shortly after this, he showeth where he hath set the anchor of his hope, when he appendeth: But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, to put my trust in the Lord God. On the other hand, there are some people in a most miserable condition of poverty who here are without the joys of the world because of the lack of things, and there they are without the kingdom of God because of the worthlessness of their merits. Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. In what way those who are blessed should hunger, and in what way they should thirst, Matthew explaineth, evidently righteousness, clearly instructing us that we should never think that we are sufficiently righteous, but we should always love—indeed we should ardently long for—daily progress in righteousness. The Psalmist, passionate with desire for heavenly things, showeth that perfect assurance of this (righteousness) cannot be found in this world, but in the future, when he saith: But as for me, I will behold thy presence in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Sancti mei.

8. Resp. VIII.

my saints, * ye who in this earthly life
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have had conflict. †The reward of your labours I will give unto you. V. O come, ye blessed of my Father. †The reward.

Lesson ix.

Blessed are ye that hunger now can also be taken simply in this way: ye who chastize your bodies and bring them into subjection, ye who devote yourselves to the word in hunger and thirst (are blessed), for then ye shall have the enjoyment of an abundance of heavenly joys. Blessed are ye that weep now, for ye shall laugh. Those who weep, not for the loss of temporal blessings, but for the diminishment of spiritual virtues, shall be comforted by eternal blessedness. We are ordered here to weep not only for our own transgressions, but also for those of our neighbor. If we love him as we love ourselves, it is then necessary that we rejoice when he doth well, and that we suffer tribulation when he faileth.

Not only should we suffer tribulation, we should be moved with passion to the point of tears. For thus did Samuel and David weep for the sin and downfall of Saul. Thus did the Lord himself weep over the sinful city, and suffering with the sisters of Lazarus who would be brought back to life by divine majesty, he first wept in human compassion: mystically signifying that those who are lulled to sleep by the death of sin are to be lamented by their neighbours so that they can come to life again. However, when he promiseth that those who weep now shall laugh, this is not to be taken in a childish way: but the word laughter should be understood in the manner of the Scriptures, to mean rejoicing in the mind, and also
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as a more joyful disposition, such as when Sarah said, God, it saith, hath made me to laugh. And in Job it is said, The mouth of those who speak truly: shall be filled with laughter.

Through these words, as I have said, joy of soul is portrayed in an interior way. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

_In circuitu tuo Domine._

9. Resp. II.

Ound a-bout thee, * O Lord, shin- eth the light that nev-er fad-eth. †Where-in thou hast pre-par-ed man-sions of ex-ceeding brightness. ‡There the souls of the bless-ed take their rest. Ἔ. Light perpe-tu-al shall shine upon thy saints, O Lord, and an e-terni-ty of ag-es. †Where-in. Ἔ. Glo- ry be to the Father, and to

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the Son: and to the Holy Ghost. There the souls.

Before Lauds.

V. But the righteous shall live for evermore. R. And their reward is with the Lord. Let this Versicle always be said before Lauds whether on Feasts of iij. Lessons or of ix. Lessons.

At Lauds.

Justorum autem anime.

1. Ant. VII.ii.

HE souls of the righteous * are in the hand of God: and there shall no torment touch them.

Ps. The Lord is King. (93./xcij.) [57].

Cum palma ad regna.

2. Ant. VIII.i.

Ith the palm * the saints attained to the kingdom:

and have meri-ted crowns of beauty from the hand of God.
Ps. O be joyful. (100./xcix.) [58].

Corpora sanctorum.

3. Ant.

HE bodies of the saints * are bu-ri- ed in peace: and their names shall live for ev-ermore. Ps. O God, thou art.

Martyres Domini.

4. Ant.

ye martyrs of the Lord, * bless ye the Lord for ev-
er and ev-er. Ps. O all ye works of the Lord. (Daniel iij.) [61].

Exultabunt sancti in gloria.

5. Ant.

ET the saints * be joyful with glo-ry: let them re-
joyce in their beds. Ps. O praise the Lord. (cxlvii.-cl.) [63].
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Chapter. Wisdom x. : 17.

God shall render to his Saints the righteous a reward of their labours, and shall guide them into a marvellous way. R. Thanks be to God.

At Lauds let this Melody be sung on Feasts of ix. Lessons when Second Vespers is made of many Martyrs or many Confessors outside of Christmastide and Eastertide, on this Hymn.

Rex gloriose martyrum.

Hymn.

II.

glo-rious King of Martyr hosts, * Thou Crown that each Confessor boasts, Who leadest to ce- lestial day The Saints who cast earth's joys a-way: 2. Thine ear in mercy, Saviour, lend, While unto thee our prayers as-cend; And as we count their tri- umphs won, Forgive the sins that we have done. 3. Martyrs in thee their tri- umphs gain, Confessors
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grace from thee obtain: We sinners humbly seek to thee,

From sin's offence to set us free. 4. All laud to God the

Father be, All praise, e-ternal Son, to thee; All glo-ry,

as is ev-er meet, To God the Ho-ly Pa-ra-clete. Amen.

At ij. Vespers and at Lauds when ij. Vespers is not made let this Melody be sung on Feasts of ix. Lessons of many Martyrs or many Confessors outside of Christmastide and Eastertide.

Hymn. VIII.

glorious King of Martyr hosts, * Thou Crown that

each Confessor boasts, Who leadest to ce-lestial day The

Saints who cast earth's joys away. 2. Thine ear in mer-cy,
On the Birthday of many Martyrs outside of Eastertide.

Saviour, lend, While unto thee our prayers as-cend; And as we count their tri-umphs won, Forgive the sins that we have done. 3. Martyrs in thee their tri-umphs gain, Confessors grace from thee obtain; We sinners humbly seek to thee, From sin's offence to set us free. 4. All laud to God the Father be, All praise, e-ternal Son, to thee; All glo-ry, as is ev-er meet, To God the Ho-ly Pa-raclete. Amen.
On the Birthday of many Martyrs outside of Eastertide.

In Christmastide when the Choir is ruled at Lauds and at Second Vespers let this Melody be sung on this Hymn.

Hymn.

III. 

Glorious King of Martyr hosts, * Thou Crown that each Confessor boasts, Who leadest to celestial day

The Saints who cast earth's joys away. 2. Thine ear in mercy, Saviour, lend, While unto thee our prayers ascend; And as we count our triumphs won, Forgive the sins that we have done. 3. Martyrs in thee their triumphs gain, Confessors grace from thee obtain; We sinners humbly seek to thee,
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From sin's offence to set us free. 4. All honour, laud, and glory be, O Je-su, Vir-gin-born, to thee; All glory, as is ever meet, to Father and to Para-clete. A-men.

In Eastertide when the Choir is ruled let this Melody be sung.

Hymn. III.

Glo-rious King of Martyr hosts, * Thou Crown that each Confessor boasts, Who leadest to celestial day The Saints who cast earth's joys a-way. 2. Thine ear in mercy, Saviour, lend, While unto thee our prayers ascend; And as
we count their triumphs won, For-give the sins that we have done. 3. Martyrs in thee their triumphs gain, Confessors grace from thee obtain; We sinners humbly seek to thee, From sin’s offence to set us free. 4. We pray thee, King with glory decked, In this our Paschal joy, pro-tect From all that death would fain effect, Thy ransomed flock, thine own elect. 5. To thee who, dead, a-gain dost live, All glory, Lord, thy people give; All glory, as is ev-er meet, To
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Father and to Para-clete. A-men.

_In Ascensiontide when the Choir is ruled._

Hymn. VIII.

glo-rious King of Mar-tyr hosts, * Thou Crown

that each Confessor boasts, Who leadest to ce-lestial day

The Saints who cast earth's joys away. 2. Thine ear in mer-

cy, Sa-viour, lend, While un-to thee our prayers ascend;

And as we count their tri-

umphs won, Forgive the sins

that we have done. 3. Martyrs in thee their tri-

umphs gain,

Confes-sors grace from thee obtain; We sinners humbly seek

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to thee, From sin's offence to set us free. 4. Be thou our joy and strong defence, Who art our future recompense:

So shall the light that springs from thee Be ours through all eternity. 5. All glory, Lord, to thee we pay, Ascending o'er the stars to-day; All glory, as is ever meet, To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

These two Melodies have their place on all Feasts of iij. Lessons of many Martyrs or Confessors without Rulers of the Choir throughout the whole year at Lauds on this Hymn.

Hymn. IV. glorious King of Martyr hosts, * Thou Crown that
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each Confessor boasts, Who leadest to ce-lestial day The

Saints who cast earth's joys a-way. 2. Thine ear in mercy,

Saviour, lend, While unto thee our prayers ascend; And as

we count their tri-umphs won, Forgive the sins that we have
done. 3. Mar-tyrs in thee their tri-umphs gain, Confessors

grace from thee obtain; We sinners humbly seek to thee,

From sin's of-fence to set us free.
The ordinary Doxology.

4. All laud to God the Father be, All praise, eternal Son,

to thee; All glory, as is ever meet, To God the Holy

Paraclete. Amen.

In Christmastide.

4. All honour, laud, and glory be, O Je-su, Virgin-born,

to thee; All glory, as is ever meet, To Father and to

Paraclete. Amen.

In Eastertide.

4. We pray thee, King with glory decked, In this our Paschal
On the Birthday of many Martyrs outside of Eastertide.

joy, pro-tect From all that death would fain effect Thy
ransomed flock, thine own e-lect.

5. To thee who, dead, a-gain dost live, All glo-ry, Lord, thy people give ; All glo-ry,
as is ev-er meet, To Father and to Pa-ra-cle. A-men.

In Ascensiontide.

4. Be thou our joy and strong de-fence, Who art our fu-ture
re-com pense : So shall the light that springs from thee
Be ours through all e-terni-ty. 5. All glo-ry, Lord, to
On the Birthday of many Martyrs outside of Eastertide.

thee we pay, Ascending o'er the stars to-day; All glory,

as is ev-er meet, To Father and to Pa-ra-clete. A-men.

Hymn. II.

glorious King of Martyr hosts, * Thou Crown that
each Confessor boasts, Who leadest to celestial day The

Saints who cast earth's joys a-way. 2. Thine ear in mercy,

Saviour, lend, While unto thee our prayers ascend; And as

we count their tri-umphs won, Forgive the sins that we have
done. 3. Martyrs in thee their tri-umphs gain, Confessors
On the Birthday of many Martyrs outside of Eastertide.

grace from thee obtain; We sinners humbly seek to thee,

From sin's offence to set us free.  

The Ordinary Doxology.

4. All laud to God the Father be, All praise, e-ternal Son,

to thee; All glo-ry, as is ev-er meet, To God the Ho-ly Pa-ra-clete. Amen.  

In Christmastide.

4. All honour, laud, and glo-ry be, O Je-su, Virgin-born,

to thee; All glo-ry, as is ev-er meet, To Father and to
On the Birthday of many Martyrs outside of Eastertide.

4. We pray thee, King with glory decked, In this our Paschal joy, protect From all that death would fain effect Thy ransomed flock, thine own elect. 5. To thee who, dead, again dost live, All glory, Lord, thy people give; All glory, as is ever meet, To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

4. Be thou our joy and strong defence, Who art our future
On the Birthday of many Martyrs outside of Eastertide.

re-compense: So shall the light that springs from thee

Be ours through all eternity. 5. All glory, Lord, to

thee we pay, Ascending o’er the stars to-day; All glory,

as is ever meet, To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

V. Wonderful is God in his Saints. R. And glorious in his majesty. Let the Response be made privately.

Istorum est enim regum.

OR theirs is the kingdom * of heaven, those who

despised the life of the world, and have won the rewards

of the kingdom, and have washed their robes in the

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blood of the Lamb.  \textit{Ps. Blessed be the Lord. 70*.}

\textit{Another Antiphon.}

\textit{Laverunt stolas suas.}

\textit{Ant.}

Hey have washed their robes, * and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.  \textit{Ps. Blessed be the Lord. 49*.}

\textbf{These two aforementioned Antiphons are sung alternating by turns during the week on Feasts of many Martyrs whether of iiij. Lessons or of ix. Lessons on the Benedictus. or at the Memorial of the same Saints. In such a way that always is sung first the Antiphon For theirs is the kingdom.}

\textbf{On the Birthday of many Martyrs not Bishops this Prayer is said.}

\textbf{A}lmighty and everlasting God, grant us so worthily to venerate the merits of thy holy Martyrs N. and N.: that we may be preserved from the dangers that immediately beset us, and be made meet to attain to everlasting joy. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. \textit{R*}: Amen.

\textbf{On the Birthday of many Martyrs and Bishops let this Prayer be said.}

\textbf{A}lmighty and everlasting God, who didst kindle the flame of thy love in the hearts of thy martyrs and bishops N. and N.: grant unto our hearts the same force of faith and charity, that as we rejoice in their triumphs we may also profit by their examples. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the
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Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. \( R^e \) Amen.

Likewise another Prayer for many Martyrs not Bishops.

God, who grantest unto us to celebrate the festival of thy holy martyrs N. and N. : vouchsafe unto us the enjoyment of their fellowship in eternal bliss. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. \( R^e \) Amen.

Another Prayer.

Rant, we beseech thee, almighty God, that of thy holy martyrs N. and N., whose victories we celebrate : we may also be partakers in the rewards. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. \( R^e \) Amen.

At j.

Ant. The souls of the righteous. [973].
Ps. Save me, O God. (54./lxxvi.) [127].

At iiij.

Ant. With the palm. [973].
Ps. Teach me, O Lord. (119./cxviii. 33.) [179].
Chapter God shall render. as above. [938].

Letamini in Domino.

Resp. VI. 

E glad in the Lord. \( \dagger \)And re-joice, O ye righteous. iiij.

\( V^e \) And be joyful, all ye that are true of heart. \( \dagger \)And re-joice.
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V. Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Ho-ly Ghost. Be glad.

V. Let the righteous rejoice before God. R. Let them also be merry and joyful.

At Sext.

Ant. The bodies of the saints. [973].
Ps. My soul hath longed. (119./cxvii. 81.) [197].

Chapter. Wisdom x. : 18.

He brought them through the Red sea, and led them through much water: But she drowned their enemies, and cast them up out of the bottom of the deep. R. Thanks be to God.

Exultent justi.

ET the righteous re-joice. †Be-fore God. ij. V. Let them also be merry and joyful. †Be-fore God. V. Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Ho-ly Ghost.
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Let the righteous.

V. The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God. V. And there shall no torment touch them.

At ix.

Ant. Let the saints be joyful. [974].
Ps. Thy testimonies. (119./cxvii. 129.) [215].

Chapter. Wisdom x. : 20.

Therefore the righteous spoiled the ungodly, and praised thy holy name, O Lord, and magnified with one accord thine hand, that fought for them, O Lord our God.

R. Thanks be to God.

Justorum anime.

Resp. VI.

HE souls of the righteous. †They are in the hand of God. ij. V. And there shall no torment touch them. †They are.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy

ly Ghost. The souls.

V. Wonderful is God in his Saints. R. And glorious in his majesty.
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At ij. Vespers.

Ant. VII.ii. HE souls of the righteous * are in the hand of God: and there shall no torment touch them.

Ps. Amen.

Ferial Psalms.

Chapter. Wisdom x. : 17.

OD shall render to his Saints the righteous a reward of their labours, and shall guide them into a marvellous way. R: Thanks be to God.

Hymn. O glorious King of martyr hosts. [976].

V. Wonderful is God in his Saints. R: And glorious in his majesty. Let the Response be made privately.

Absterget Deus omnium.

Ant. VIII.i. OD shall wipe away * all tears from the eyes of the saints: and from henceforth there shall be nei-ther sor-
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row, nor cry-ing, nor a-ny more pain : for the former things are pas-sed away. Ps. My soul doth magnify. 71*.

On the Birthday of many Martyrs not Bishops this Prayer is said.

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On the Birthday of many Martyrs and Bishops let this Prayer be said.

Almighty and everlasting God, who didst kindle the flame of thy love in the hearts of thy martyrs and bishops N. and N.: grant unto our hearts the same force of faith and charity, that as we rejoice in their triumphs we may also profit by their examples. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. R: Amen.

Likewise another Prayer for many Martyrs not Bishops.

God, who grantest unto us to celebrate the festival of thy holy martyrs N. and N.: vouchsafe unto us the enjoyment of their fellowship in eternal bliss. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. R: Amen.

Another Prayer.

Rant, we beseech thee, almighty God, that of thy holy martyrs N. and N., whose victories we celebrate: we may also be partakers in
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the rewards. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. R. Amen.

Likewise other Chapters of many Martyrs and they are said alternating with the aforesaid Chapter by turns during the week. In such a way that always when the Antiphon The saints through faith. is sung on the Psalms let this Chapter God shall render to his saints. be said.

At both Vespers and at Lauds and at iij. unless a proper History is to be had or its own Lauds then at both Vespers and at Lauds and at iij. is said this Chapter.

Hebrews xj. : 33.
THE Saints through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises in Christ. R. Thanks be to God.

At vi.

Chapter. Hebrews xj. : 36.
THE Saints had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: they were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword. R. Thanks be to God.

At ix.

Chapter. Hebrews xj. : 37.
Hey wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; of whom the world was not worthy. R. Thanks be to God.

Likewise on Feasts of many Martyrs when ix. Lessons or iij. are kept with a proper History or a proper of Lauds.

At both Vespers and at Lauds and at iij.

Chapter. Wisdom iij. : 1.
THE souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die, but they are in peace. R. Thanks be to God.
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At vi.


If they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality. R. thanks be to God.

At ix.

Chapter. Wisdom iii. : 5.

Aving been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them, and found them worthy for himself. R. thanks be to God.