# SAINTS VITUS, MODESTUS, AND CRESCENTIA Martyrs June 15

## Entrance Antiphon Ps. 33, 20-21

Many are the troubles of the just, but out of them all the Lord delivers them; the Lord watches over all their bones; not one of them shall be broken. *Ps. ibid.*, 2 I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. V. Glory be to the Father. Many are the troubles.

#### Prayer

Do not let your Church, O Lord, become proud  $\underline{o}f$  her learning.\* Grant her rather, through the intercession of the holy martyrs Vitus, Modestus, and Crescentia, to grow in humility to please you, so that she may shun evil and pursue goodness with the freedom of true love. Through Jesus Christ.

#### A Reading from the Book of Wisdom Wis. 3, 1–8

- The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them.
- They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;
  - and their passing away was judged as an affliction
  - and their going forth from us, utter destruction.
- But they are in peace.
- For if before men, indeed, they be punished,
- yet is their hope full of immortality; Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,

because God tried them

and found them worthy of himself.

- As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.
- In the time of their visitation they shall shine,
  - and shall dart about as sparks through stubble;
- They shall judge nations and rule over peoples,

and the Lord shall be their King forever.

Gradual Ps. 149, 5 and 1 Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy upon their couches.  $\mathbb{V}$ . Sing to the Lord a new

Commemoratio

Multæ tribulatiónes iustórum, et de his ómnibus liberávit eos Dóminus: Dóminus custódit ómnia ossa eórum: unum ex his non conterétur. *Ps. ibid.*, 2 Benedícam Dóminum in omni témpore: semper laus eius in ore meo. **V**. Glória Patri. Multæ.

Da Ecclésiæ tuæ, quásumus, Dómine, sanctis Martýribus tuis Vito, Modésto atque Crescéntia intercedéntibus, supérbe non sápere, sed tibi plácita humilitáte profícere: ut, prava despíciens, quæcúmque recta sunt, líbera exérceat caritáte. Per Dóminum.

#### Léctio libri Sapiéntiæ Sap. 3, 1-8

Iustórum ánimæ in manu Dei sunt, et non tanget illos torméntum mortis. Visi sunt óculis insipiéntium mori: et æstimáta est afflíctio éxitus illórum: et quod a nobis est iter, extermínium: illi autem sunt in pace. Et si coram homínibus torménta passi sunt, spes illórum immortalitáte plena est. In paucis vexáti, in multis bene disponéntur: quóniam Deus tentávit eos, et invénit illos dignos se. Tamquam aurum in fornáce probávit illos, et quasi holocáusti hóstiam accépit illos, et in témpore erit respéctus illórum. Fulgébunt iusti, et tamquam scintíllæ in arundinéto discúrrent. Iudicábunt natiónes, et dominabúntur pópulis, et regnábit Dóminus illórum in perpétuum.

Graduale Ps. 149, 5 et 1 Exsultábunt sancti in glória: lætabúntur in cubílibus suis. V. Cantáte Dómino cánti-

cum novum: faus eius in ecclésia sanctórum.

Allelúia, allelúia. V. Ps. 144, 10-11 Sancti tui, Dómine, benedícent te: glóriam regni tui dicent. Allelúia.

Sequéntia sancti Evangélii secúndum Lucam Luc. 10, 16-20

In illo témpore: Dixit Iesus discípulis suis: Qui vos audit, me audit: et qui vos spernit, me spernit. Qui autem me spernit, spernit eum, qui misit me. Revérsi sunt autem septuagínta duo cum gáudio, dicéntes: Dómine, étiam dæmónia subiiciúntur nobis in nómine tuo. Et ait illis: Vidébam sátanam sicut fulgur de cælo cadéntem. Ecce dedi vobis potestátem calcándi supra serpéntes et scorpiónes, et super omnem virtútem inimíci: et nihil vobis nocébit. Verúmtamen in hoc nolíte gaudére, quia spíritus vobis subiiciúntur: gaudéte autem, quod nómina vestra scripta sunt in cælis.

Mirábilis Deus in sanctis suis: Deus Israël ipse dabit virtútem, et fortitúdinem plebi suæ: benedíctus Deus.

Sicut glóriam divínæ poténtiæ múnera pro Sanctis obláta testántur: sic nobis efféctum, Dómine, tuæ salvatiónis impéndant. Per Dóminum.

Iustórum ánimæ in manu Dei sunt et non tanget illos torméntum malítiæ: visi sunt óculis insipiéntium mori: illi autem sunt in pace.

Repléti, Dómine, benedictióne solémni: quásumus; ut per intercessiónem sanctórum Mártyrum tuórum Viti, Modésti et Crescéntiæ, medicína sacraménti et corpóribus nostris prosit, et méntibus. Per Dóminum. song of praise in the assembly of the faithful. Alleluia, alleluia. V. *Ps. 144*, *10–11* Let the faithful ones bless you, O Lord; let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom. Alleluia.

## A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Luke 10, 16–20

At that time Jesus said to his disciples: "He who hears you hears me; he who rejects you rejects me. And he who rejects me, rejects him who sent me." The seventy-two returned in jubilation, saying: "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name." He said to them: "I watched Satan fall like lightning from the sky. And, see, I have given you the power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and all the forces of the enemy, and nothing will ever injure you. Nevertheless do not rejoice so much in the fact that the spirits are subject to you as that your names are inscribed in heaven."

### Offertory Antiphon Ps. 67, 36

God is wonderful in his saints; the God of Israel is he who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

#### Prayer over the Gifts

O Lord, may the gifts we offer in honor of your saints bear witness to the glory of your almighty power.\* May they also bring us your salvat<u>ion</u>. Through Jesus Christ.

#### Communion Antiphon Wis. 3, 1–2 and 3

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead, but they are in peace.

#### Prayer after Communion

We are refreshed by your solemn blessing, O Lord.\* May this life-saving sacrament assist us in body and soul through the prayers of your holy martyrs Vitus, Modestus, and Crescentia. Through Jesus Christ.

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