

July 23

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mediatrix of all Graces

2nd Class

*All from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, except what is given here as proper.*

Matins

*Invit.* Christ, the Redeemer,  
Who desired us to receive all  
good things through Mary. \*  
Come, let us adore.

*Ps. 94* Venite, exultemus.

Hymn

Christ in His pity for all suf-  
fering mankind  
Stricken by deadly rebellion of  
Adam,  
Begot us anew to his heavenly  
life,  
Washed clean in his Blood.

O holy river, purging out all  
evil,  
O depthless ocean, never-failing  
fountain  
Flowing with seven-fold stream  
of salvation  
And life eternal.

Who will distribute these  
waters so sacred  
To mankind redeemed? To  
Mary is given  
This burden of mercy; to guide  
in its courses  
The grace-laden flood.

All gifts that for us our Re-  
deemer has won,  
To Mary he gives to dispense  
in his name.  
Her prayer opens to earth's  
needy children  
The wealth of her Son.

Holy Trinity, in the eternal  
now,  
We venerate you, most worthy  
of acclaim.  
Faithful to your love, our hearts  
and voices sing  
Songs of endless praise. Amen.

1st Nocturn

*Ant. 1* You are a garden foun-  
tain, \* a well of water flowing  
fresh from Lebanon.

*Ant. 2* My hands \* dripped  
myrrh, and my fingers dripped  
with choice myrrh. .

*Ant. 3* I will go \* to the  
mountain of myrrh, to the hill  
of incense.

*℣.* Under your protection we  
all take refuge.

*℟.* Holy Mother of God.

From the book of Ecclesias-  
ticus

*Lesson i* Ch. 24:5-11

From the mouth of the Most  
High I came forth, the firstborn  
before all creatures. I made a  
never-failing light arise in heav-  
en and mistlike I covered the  
earth. In the highest heavens  
did I dwell, my throne on a pil-  
lar of cloud. The vault of heaven  
I compassed alone, through the  
deep abyss I wandered. Over the  
waves of the sea I walked, over  
all the land I stood, over every  
people and nation I held sway.  
And by my power I have trod-  
den under my feet the hearts of  
all the high and low. Among all  
these I sought a resting place,  
and I shall abide in the inherit-  
ance of the Lord.

*℟.* In Sion I fixed my abode,  
and in the chosen city he has  
given me rest, and in Jerusalem  
is my domain. \* I have struck  
root among the glorious people,  
in the portion of the Lord, his

heritage, and my abode is in the  
full assembly of saints. *℣.* Like  
cinnamon, or fragrant balm, I  
give forth perfume; like precious  
myrrh I give forth fragrance. —  
I have.

*Lesson ii* Ch. 24:22-31

Like a terebinth I spread out  
my branches, my branches so  
bright and so graceful. I bud  
forth delights like the vine, my  
blossoms become fruit fair and  
rich. I am the mother of fair  
love and of fear and of knowl-  
edge and of holy hope. In me is  
all grace of the way and of the  
truth, in me is all hope of life  
and of virtue. Come to me, all  
you that yearn for me, and be  
filled with my fruits; you will  
remember me as sweeter than  
honey, better to have than the  
honeycomb. As age follows age,  
the memory of me will endure.  
He who eats of me will hunger  
still, he who drinks of me will  
thirst for more; he who obeys  
me will not be put to shame, he  
who serves me will never fail; he  
who makes me known will have  
life everlasting.

*℟.* With me are riches and  
glory, magnificent wealth and  
justice. \* For my fruit is better  
than gold and precious stone,  
and my revenue than choice sil-  
ver. *℣.* On the path of duty I  
walk, along the paths of justice,  
granting wealth to those who  
love me, and filling their treas-  
uries. — For.

*Lesson iii* Ch. 24:41-46

Like a brook out of a river of  
a mighty water, like a channel of  
a river and like an aqueduct, I  
came out of paradise. I said: I  
will water my plants, my flower  
bed I will drench; and suddenly  
this rivulet of mine became a  
river, then this stream of mine,  
a sea. Thus do I send my teach-  
ings forth shining like the dawn,  
to become known afar off. I will  
penetrate to all the lower parts  
of the earth, and will behold all  
that sleep, and will enlighten  
all that hope in the Lord. I will  
yet pour out doctrine as proph-  
ecy and will leave it to them  
that seek wisdom, and will not  
cease to instruct their offspring  
even to the holy age.

*℟.* In me is all grace of the  
way and of the truth, in me is  
all hope of life and of virtue. \*  
Come to me all you that yearn  
for me, and be filled with my  
fruits. *℣.* You will remember me  
as sweeter than honey, better  
to have than the honeycomb. —  
Come to me. — Glory be. —  
Come to me.

2nd Nocturn

*Ant. 4* She had favor \* and  
kindness before the King above  
all women.

*Ant. 5* Ask, my mother; \* for  
I must not turn away my face.

*Ant. 6* Call upon the Lord, \*  
and speak to the King for us,  
and deliver us from death.

*℣.* Despise not our petitions.  
*℟.* In our necessities.

Prayer of St. Ephrem,  
the Syrian, Deacon,  
to the Mother of God

*Lesson iv*

My Queen, most holy Mother of God and full of grace, you are an inexhaustible sea of divine secrets, benefits, and gifts; dispenser of all good things; after the Trinity, Mistress of all, after the Paraclete, another Consoler, after the one Mediator, the Mediatrix of the whole world. Look upon my faith and my heaven-sent desires. Do not despise me because I am unworthy. Do not permit the baseness of my actions to interrupt the flow of your immense mercy, O Mother of God, the sweetest of all names to me. No sign of victory is as sure as your aid. For you have taken away all tears from the face of the earth; you have filled every living creature with blessings; you have brought joy to those in heaven, salvation to those on earth. Through you we have a most sure sign of our own resurrection; through you we hope to arrive at the heavenly kingdom; through you, O only Immaculate, all glory, honor, and holiness has been given, is now being given, and will ever be given, from the first man Adam, until the consummation of time, to Apostles, Prophets, the just and the humble of heart. In you, O full of grace, all creation rejoices.

R. Behold my Lord has given

all things to me \* There is not anything that is not under my authority or has not been given to me. V. He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. — There is not.

Sermon of St. Germanus,  
Bishop of Constantinople

*(ninth prayer)*

*Lesson v*

We are poor in divine works and virtues, but through you, O Mary, in whom we see the wealth of goodness, we readily proclaim: The earth is full of the mercy of the Lord. We are exiles from God by reason of the number of our sins; through you, we seek God and find him, and in finding him we are saved. So powerful is your aid in obtaining salvation, O Mother of God, that, after Christ, we need no other mediator with God. Surely there is no end to your magnificence, no limit to your assistance, no counting of your gifts. No one attains salvation except through you, Mary most holy. No one is freed from evils except through you, Mary immaculate. No one is given any gifts except through you, Mary most chaste. No one receives the blessing of mercy and grace except through you, Mary most honored. Who is there who does not call you blessed? Who does not call you glorious? Who does not declare you worthy of praise? For your own

Son and God has done great and wonderful things for you. Therefore all generations praise you.

R. She has been placed over all; she governs the home entrusted to her and all things that have been committed to her. \* Without her command, no one shall move hand or foot in the whole earth. V. The Lord has given her the blessing of all nations and has ratified his covenant with her. — Without her.

Sermon of St. Bernard, Abbot  
*(On the Nativity of B.V.M.,  
n. 6)*

*Lesson vi*

O man, gaze upon God's plan: recognize its wisdom, its loving-kindness. He would water the threshing-floor with dew from heaven, first he soaks the fleece: he would redeem the human race, he places within Mary the whole ransom price. And why is this? Perhaps that Eve might be exonerated through her daughter. No longer will you say, O Adam: "The woman whom you gave me, gave me of the forbidden tree." Say, rather: "The woman whom you gave me has fed me with blessed fruit." Surely this is a most loving plan. But perhaps there is another and this is not the whole plan. Let us therefore look more deeply. Let us consider with what tender devotion God wishes us to honor Mary

since he has placed within her such fullness of all good; so that we may know that whatever gift of grace or hope or salvation is given to us has come to us through his gifts overflowing from her. Let us honor Mary, then, from our inmost hearts, with all our love, with every act of devotion; because this is the will of him who wishes us to have everything through Mary. This, I say, is his will, but it is for our benefit.

R. Praise the Lord our God, who has not forsaken them that hope in him: \* And by me, his handmaid, he has fulfilled his mercy, which he promised to the house of Israel. V. God has exalted me that he might save many peoples. — And by me. — Glory be. — And by me.

*3rd Nocturn*

*Ant. 7* If I have found favor \* in your sight, O King, give me my people for which I request.

*Ant. 8* Blessed are you \* above all women upon the earth, because you have prevented our ruin in the presence of our God.

*Ant. 9* Rule over us, \* you, and your Son: because you have delivered us from the hands of our enemies.

V. Deliver us always from all dangers. R. Glorious and blessed Virgin.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Lesson vii Ch. 19:25-27

At that time there were standing by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. And so forth.

A homily of St. Bernardine of Siena

(Lenten series on the Christian Religion, sermon 51 on the Passion of the Lord, part 2, art. 1, chap. 3)

Everyone who hears or reads these words is moved to reflect on how it is possible that the disciple becomes the son of the Virgin. By what means, by what train of thought, by what authority, is it said? Or, how can it be said that the Virgin has as son a mere man whom she did not beget? Or that a son, born of the seed of parents under original sin, could be the son of the Virgin? These things seem impossible, but nothing is impossible with God. With reverence and prayer such a mystery must be approached. Christ addressed the Virgin Mary as "Woman." He is never recorded as having called her "Mother." A woman, but not a woman; a woman, but far surpassing angels and men and all other women. She received from her Son, Who was also the only Son of the eternal Father, another son whom she did not bring forth in the flesh and who was previously her nephew.

R. Mary has been made a

refuge for the poor \* A helper in necessities, in troubles. V. The Virgin strong as the tower of David. A thousand shields hang upon it, all the armor of valiant men. — A helper.

Lesson viii

But by what sort of sonship does John become the son of the Virgin, or she become his mother? Nature does not favor this. He was not conceived by her, nor brought forth by her, nor did he enter her womb to be born a second time. It was not by adoption to inherit temporal goods nor was it by imitation or by doctrine imparted. The words of Christ were not concerned with these things. And he did not say that John would be "as a son" to her. We read that Christ said: "Woman, this is your son." So that, with every excess word eliminated, we might penetrate to the secret of this mystery. For mystically we recognize in John all the souls of the elect. The Virgin becomes the mother of them all through love. In Greek, the word son is a term of affection. Since all Christ's love flows into the Virgin's love, then rightly may John be called son of the Virgin, that is, love of the Virgin. And John may truly be called the son of the Virgin who became his mother through love, rather than the son of her who, having received seed, brought him into a world condemned in its sin.

R. Let us approach with confidence to the throne of grace, \* That we may receive mercy and find help in the time of need. V. To you, O Virgin, we send forth our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. — That we may. — Glory be. — That we may.

Lesson ix

This change in motherhood and sonship is accomplished by the authority of Christ as he hangs upon the cross. By it nature passes over into grace and grace truly ennobles nature. One is not changed into the other, but nature is perfected by grace. Eve was an evil woman through corruption of nature; Mary, a good woman, mother of grace, mother of mercy. The Mother of grace is given to us to replace the mother by nature. For John was the son of Mary Salome according to nature; he is the son of the blessed Virgin in the order of grace. Eve is the mother of all through natural inheritance; Mary is the mother of all who love Christ through the inpouring of invisible grace.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

Ant. 1 The blessing \* of all nations the Lord has given to her, and he has ratified his covenant with her.

Psalms of Sunday in the 1st place.

2 Her mercy \* is everlasting,

and from generation to generation.

3 I will bless you \* all my life and in your name I will lift up my hands.

4 You have not spared \* your own life, by reason of the distress and tribulation of your people.

5 Remember \* Virgin Mother of God, while you stand in the presence of the Lord, to speak good things of us.

Little Chapter Is. 55:1

All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk!

Hymn

O Mary, you receive with love The prayers all men pour out to you;

We beg you in your mercy stay Now and forever at our side.

Be near us if the fearful bonds Of sin's allurements hold us fast;

Break quickly the entangling chains

And free our hearts from guilt and fear.

Come with your aid if worldly loves

Dazzle our sight with polished lies.

Let not our minds, forgetting heaven,

Stray from the path that leads to God.

Come with your aid when, in our lives,

Misfortune threatens, danger  
nears;

Our times make peaceful by  
your power

Until eternal day shall dawn.

To us your children, ever be  
Guardian at our hour of death  
That with your help we may at-  
tain

The prize of everlasting life.

O Jesus, of the Virgin born,  
Eternal glory be to you,  
To Father and to Paraclete,  
All glory be forevermore. Amen.

W. Pray for us, Mediatrix  
most mighty. R. Make us worthy  
of the promises of Christ.

Ant. (Ben.) Without your  
command \* no one shall move  
hand or foot in the whole land.

#### Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, our Me-  
diator with the Father, you have  
appointed the most blessed Vir-  
gin, your Mother, who is also our  
mother, as our mediatrix with  
you. Grant that whoever comes  
to you seeking blessings, may  
be given the favors he seeks  
through her pleading. This we  
ask of you, Lord Jesus, living  
and reigning with the same God  
the Father in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, God, forever.  
Amen.

A commemoration is made of  
St. Apollinaris, Bishop and  
Martyr:

Ant. He who hates \* his life  
in this world, keeps it unto life  
everlasting.

W. The just man shall flourish

like the palm tree. R. Like a  
cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.

#### Collect

You are the rewarder of faith-  
ful souls, O Lord, and you have  
sanctified this day by the martyr-  
dom of your Bishop St. Apolli-  
naris. Grant that we, your serv-  
ants, may obtain your forgive-  
ness through the prayers of him  
whose solemnity we are celebrat-  
ing. This we ask of you through  
our Lord.

At the Little Hours, anti-  
phons and psalms of the current  
weekday; at Prime, in the short  
responsory the versicle is:

You who were born of the  
Virgin Mary.

#### Terce

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to the water! You who have  
no money, come, receive grain  
and eat; come, without paying  
and without cost, drink wine and  
milk!

Short R. Under your protec-  
tion \* We all take refuge. —  
Under. W. Holy Mother of God.  
—We all. — Glory be. — Under  
your.

W. Despise not our petitions.  
R. In our necessities.

#### Sext

Little Chapter Is. 55:2-3

Heed me, and you shall eat  
well, you shall delight in rich  
fare. Come to me heedfully, lis-  
ten that you may have life.

Short R. Our petitions \* Do  
not despise. — Our petitions. W.  
In our necessities. — Do not de-  
spise. — Glory be. — Our.

W. From all dangers deliver  
us always. R. Glorious and  
blessed Virgin.

#### None

Little Chapter Is. 55:5

So shall you summon a nation  
you knew not, and nations that  
knew you not shall run to you,  
because of the Lord, your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has  
glorified you.

Short R. Our petitions \* Do  
Deliver us always. — From all.  
W. Glorious and blessed Virgin.  
— Deliver. — Glory be. — From  
all.

W. O then, our gracious advo-  
cate. R. Turn your merciful eyes  
toward us.

#### Vespers

Ant. 1 The blessing \* of all  
nations the Lord has given to  
her, and he has ratified his cove-  
nant with her.

*Psalms and Hymn Common of BVM*

2 Her mercy \* is everlasting,  
and from generation to genera-  
tion.

3 I will bless you \* all my  
life and in your name I will lift  
up my hands.

4 You have not spared \* your  
own life, by reason of the dis-  
tress and tribulation of your  
people.

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er of God, while you stand in  
the presence of the Lord, to  
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to the water! You who have no  
money, come, receive grain  
and eat; come, without paying  
and without cost, drink wine and  
milk!

W. Pray for us, Mediatrix  
most mighty. R. Make us worthy  
of the promises of Christ.

Ant. (Magn.) Our salvation \*  
is in your hands; only look at  
us and we will joyfully serve our  
Lord the King.

#### Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, our Me-  
diator with the Father, you have  
appointed the most blessed Vir-  
gin, your Mother, who is also our  
mother, as our mediatrix with  
you. Grant that whoever comes  
to you seeking blessings, may  
be given the favors he seeks  
through her pleading. This we  
ask of you, Lord Jesus, living  
and reigning with the same God  
the Father in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, God, forever.  
Amen.

*Sunday Compline*

Die 23 iulii

In Festo

## B. Mariæ Virginis omnium Gratiarum Mediatricis

2nd Class

### AD MATUTINUM

**Invit.** Christum Redemptorem, qui bona omnia nos habere voluit per Mariam, \* Venite, adoramus.

### Hymnus

**C**hristus, humani generis misertus,  
Morte nos ictos merita, supernam  
Rursus ad vitam genuit, suoque  
Sanguine tersit.  
**O** pium flumen, scelus omne purgans!  
**O** inexhaustum pelagus bonorum,  
Unde septeno fuit usque fonte,  
Vita salusque!  
**H**os tamen sacros latices redemptis  
Quis ministrabit? Datur hoc Mariæ  
Munus, ut divæ moderetur undæ,  
Arbitra, cursum.  
**C**uncta, quæ nobis meruit Redemptor,  
Dona partitur Genetrix Maria,  
Cuius ad votum sua fundit ultro  
Munera Natus.  
**T**e per æternos veneremur annos,  
Trinitas, summo celebranda plausu:  
**T**e fide mentes, resonoque linguæ  
Carmine laudent. Amen.

### In I Nocturno

**Ant. 1** Fons hortorum, \* puteus aquarum viventium, quæ fluunt impetu de Libano.

*Psalms from Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary 195\**

**Ant. 2** Manus meæ \* stillaverunt myrrham, et digiti mei pleni myrrha probatissima,

**Ant. 3** Vadam ad montem \* myrrhæ, et ad collem thuris.

**Ps.** Sub tuum præsidium omnes confugimus. **R.** Sancta Dei Genetrix.

De libro Ecclesiastici

Cap. 24, 5-11

### Lectio i

**E**go ex ore Altissimi prodivi, primogenita ante omnem creaturam: ego feci in cælis ut oriretur lumen indeficiens, et sicut nebula texi omnem terram. Ego in altissimis habitavi, et thronus meus in columna nubis. Gyrum cæli circumivi sola, et profundum abyssi penetravi, in fluctibus maris ambulavi, et in omni terra steti et in omni populo, et in omni gente primatum habui: et

omnium excellentium et humilium corda virtute calcavi: et in his omnibus requiem quæsi, et in hereditate Domini morabor.

**R.** In Sion firmata sum, et in civitate sanctificata similiter quievi, et in Ierusalem potestas mea. \* Et radicaui in populo honorificato, et in parte Dei mei hereditas illius, et in plenitudine sanctorum detentio mea. **Ps.** Sicut cinnamomum et balsamum aromatizans odorem dedi: quasi myrrha electa dedi suavitatem odoris. - Et radicaui.

### Lectio ii Ib. 22-31

**E**go quasi terebinthus extendi ramos meos, et rami mei honoris et gratiæ. Ego quasi vitis fructificaui suavitatem odoris: et flores mei fructus honoris et honestatis. Ego mater pulchræ dilectionis, et timoris, et agnitionis, et sanctæ spei. In me gratia omnis viæ et veritatis, in me omnis spes vitæ et virtutis. Transite ad me omnes qui concupiscitis me, et a generationibus meis implemini. Spiritus enim meus super mel dulcis, et hereditas mea super mel et favum. Memoria mea in generationes sæculorum. Qui edunt me, adhuc esurient: et qui bibunt me, adhuc sitient. Qui audit me, non confundetur: et qui operantur in me, non peccabunt. Qui elucidant me, vitam æternam habebunt.

**R.** Mecum sunt divitiæ et gloria, opes superbæ et iustitia: \* Melior est enim fructus meus auro et lapide pretioso, et genimina mea argento electo. **Ps.** In viis iustitiæ ambulo, in medio semitarum iudicii, ut ditem diligentes me, et thesauros eorum repleam. - Melior.

### Lectio iii Ib. 41-46

**E**go quasi trames aquæ immensæ de fluvio, ego quasi fluvii dioryx, et sicut aqueductus exivi de paradiso. Dixi: Rigabo hortum meum plantationum, et inebriabo prati mei fructum. Et ecce factus est mihi trames abundans, et fluvius meus appropinquavit ad mare: quoniam doctrinam quasi antelucanum illuminabo omnibus, et enarrabo illam usque ad longinquum. Penetrabo omnes inferiores partes terræ, et inspiciam omnes dormientes, et illuminabo omnes sperantes in Domino. Adhuc doctrinam quasi prophetiam effundam, et relinquam illam quærentibus sapientiam, et non desinam in progenies illorum usque in ævum sanctum.

**R.** In me gratia omnis viæ et veritatis, in me omnis spes vitæ et virtutis: \* Transite ad me omnes qui concupiscitis me, et a generationibus meis implemini. **Ps.** Spiritus enim meus super mel dulcis, et hereditas mea super mel et favum. - Transite. - Gloria Patri. - Transite.

### In II Nocturno

**Ant. 4** Habuit gratiam \* et misericordiam coram Rege super omnes mulieres.

**Ant. 5** Pete, mater mea; \* neque enim fas est ut avertam faciem tuam.

**Ant. 6** Tu invoca Dominum, \* et loquere Regi pro nobis, et libera nos de morte.

¶. Nostras deprecationes ne despicias. **R.** In necessitatibus nostris.

Oratio sancti Ephraem Syri Diaconi ad Deiparam

Lectio iv

**D**ómina mea, sanctíssima Dei Génatrix et grátia plena, pélagus inextháustum divinárum secretarúmque largitiónum ac múnorum, bonórum ómnium erogátio, ómnium post Trinitátem Dómina, post Paráclitum álius consolátor, et post Mediatórem Mediatrix totíus mundi, vide meam fidem meúmque desiderium divínitus datum. Ne despicias indignum, neque meárum actiónum fœditates tuam imménsam misericórdiam interrumpant, Dei Génatrix, meum desiderabilíssimum nomen; nihil enim est fírmius trophæum quam tuum auxílium. Tu enim abstulisti omnes lácrimas a fácie terræ; tu creatúram replésti omni genere beneficii, cæléstibus lætitiám attulisti, terréstria salvásti. Per te resurrectionis nostræ tésseram certíssimam tenémus; per te cæléste regnum nos consecutúros esse sperámus; per te omnis glória, honor et sáncritas ab ipso primo Adam et usque ad consummationem sæculi Apóstolis, Prophétis, iustis et humilibus corde, sola immaculáta, deriváta est, derivátur et derivábitur; atque in te gaudet, grátia plena, omnis creatúra.

**R.** Ecce Dóminus meus ómnia mihi trádidit, \* Nec quidquam est quod non in mea sit potestáte, vel non tradíderit mihi. **¶.** Fecit mihi magna, qui potens est, et sanctum nomen eius. - Nec.

Sermo sancti Germáni Epíscopi

Constantinopolitáni

Oratio 9 post medium

Lectio v

**N**os, qui divinórum óperum morúmque páuperes sumus, dum per te, o María, nobis exhibitas benignitátis divítias cernimus, propénse dicámus: Misericórdia Dómini plena est terra. Nos, in multitudine peccatórum a Deo extórres, per te Deum quæsivimus et invénimus, inventóque salvi facti sumus. Igitur potens ad salutem præstándam auxílium tuum, o Dei Génatrix, ac eiúsmodi, ut nullum álium mediatórem necessarium hábeat ad Deum. Plane enim nullus tuæ magnificéntiæ finis; insatiábilis opitulátio tua. Nullus múnorum tuórum número est. Nullus enim, nisi per te, o sanctíssima, salutem conséquitur. Nullus, nisi per te, o immaculatíssima, qui a malis liberétur. Nullus, nisi per te, o castíssima, cui donum indulgeátur. Nullus, nisi per te, o honoratíssima, cui grátia munus misericórdia præstétur. Quamóbrem, quis te beatam non prædicábit? Te, inquam, gloriósam, te beatificándam, te, quæ ab ipso Fílio tuo ac Deo magnália nacta sis, uti magna et admiránda: quamóbrem te laudant omnes generatiónes.

**R.** Præpósita ómnibus, gubernat creditam sibi domum et univérsa, quæ ei sunt trádicta. \* Absque eius império non movébit quisquam manum aut pedem in omni terra. **¶.** Benedictiõem ómnium géntium dedit illi Dóminus, et testaméntum suum confirmávit super caput eius. - Absque.

Sermo sancti Bernardi Abbátis

In Nativitate B. Mariæ V., n. 6

Lectio vi

**I**ntuere, o homo, consílium Dei, agnósce consílium sapiéntiæ, consílium pietátis. Cælésti rore áream

rigatúrus, totum vellus prius infúdit: redemptúrus humanum genus, prétium univérsum cónsulit in Mariam. Ut quid hoc? Forte, ut excusarétur Heva per filiam, et queréla viri advérsus féminam deinceps sopirétur. Ne díxeris ultra, o Adam: Múlier, quam dedísti mihi, dedit mihi de ligno vétito; dic pótius: Múlier quam dedísti mihi, me cibávit fructu benedícto. Píssimum sane consílium; sed latet fórsitan áliud, nec totum hoc est. Altius ergo intueámini quanto devotióis afféctu a nobis eam volúerit honorári, qui totíus boni plenitudinem pósuit in María; ut proínde, si quid spei in nobis est, si quid grátia, si quid salutis, ab ea novérimus redundáre. Totis ergo medúllis córdium, totis præcordiórum afféctibus et votis ómnibus Mariam hanc venerémur: quia sic est volúntas eius qui totum nos habére voluit per Mariam. Hæc, inquam, volúntas eius est, sed pro nobis.

**R.** Laudáte Dóminum, Deum nostrum, qui non deséruit sperántes in se: \* Et in me, ancílla sua, adimplévit misericórdiam suam, quam promísit dómui Israel. **¶.** Deus exaltávit me, ut salvos fáceret multos pópulos. - Et in me. - Glória Patri. - Et in me.

In III Nocturno

**Ant. 7** Si invéni grátiam \* in óculis tuis, o Rex, dona mihi pópulum meum, pro quo óbsecro.

**Ant. 8** Benedícta es tu \* præ ómnibus muliéribus super terram, quia subvenísti ruínæ ante conspéctum Dei nostri.

**Ant. 9** Domináre nostri, \* tu, et Fílius tuus: quia liberásti nos de manu inimicórum nostrórum.

¶. A perículis cunctis líbera nos semper. **R.** Virgo gloriósa et benedícta.

Lectio sancti Evangélii secúndum Ioánnem

Lectio vii 19, 25-27

**I**n illo témpore: Stabant iuxta crucem Iesu mater eius, et soror matris eius María Cléophæ, et María Magdaléne. Et réliqua.

Homília sancti Bernardini Senénsis

Quadragesimale de Christiana Religione, sermo 51 de Passione Domini, part. 2, art. 1, cap. 3.

**P**ulsántur admiratiõem ómnium legéntium si ve audiéntium mentes, scílicet quo motu, quo sensu, qua possibilitáte, qua vera auctoritáte, ista dicúntur, quod discípus tránseat in fílium Vírginis, et Virgo hábeat purum hóminem fílium, quem non génuít; sic nec quod sit fílius ex Vír-

gine, qui de corrúptis paréntibus natus erat ex sémine. Impossibília quidem vidéntur hæc, sed nihil impossibile apud Deum. Pietáte quidem et oratióne opus est ad ingrediéndum tale mystérium. Múlier enim beáta Virgo vocátur a Christo, quam numquam appellávit ex vóci-bus matrem. Múlier, et non múlier; sed super ánge-los, et hómines, et mulíeres superexcédens múlier. Accépit a Fílio, quem cum atérno Patre únicum possidébat, filium præter ventrem, quem ante in carne habébat ipsa nepótem.

**R.** Facta est María refúgium páuperi, \* Adiútrix in opportunitátibus, in tribulatióne. **V.** Virgo potens sicut turris David: mille clipei pendent ex ea, omnis armatúra fórtium. - Adiútrix.

#### Lectio viii

**S**ed in quo filiatiónis gé-nere Ioánnes Vírginis factus est fílius, aut eius mater facta est Virgo? Non hoc natúra favet, non concéptus, non partus exséquitur, non ingrèssus in úterum ut denuo nascerétur, non adóptio pro hereditáte in temporálibus consequenda, nec ex imitatióne, aut ex proláta doctrína. Nec ista disserénda erant verbo Christi: nec facta est locútio ut sit quasi, sed sic a Christo légimus dictum: Múlier, ecce fílius tuus; ut, exclúsa omni superfluitáte verbórum, secrétum mystérii penetrémus. Mýstice ígitur intelligimus in Ioánnē omnes ánimas electórum, quorum per dilectiόnem beáta Virgo facta est mater; fílius enim in græco nomen amóris est. Omnis enim Christi amor in amórem Vírginis transit,

ut mérito fílius, id est, amor Vírginis nuncupétur, má-gisque Vírginem hábeat matrem, quam illam, quæ illum ex peccáto damnátum mundo, suscep-to sémine, generávit.

**R.** Adeámus cum fidúcia ad thronum grátia, \* Ut misericórdiam consequá-mur, et grátiam inveniá-mus in auxílio opportúno. **V.** Ad te, Virgo, suspirá-mus, geméntes et flentes in hac lacrimárum valle. - Ut. - Glória Patri. - Ut.

#### Lectio ix

**M**utátur hæc matérnitas et filiátio ex auctori-táte verbórum Christi in cruce pendéntis. Propterea natúra transit in grátiam, et grátia nobilitat profecto natúram; non quod una in álteram commutétur, sed quia natúra ex grátia perfícitur. Mala múlier Heva corruptiόne natúræ; bona múlier María, mater grátia, mater misericórdia. Datur mater grátia pro matre natúræ; manet tamen mater natúra, manet étiam mater ex grátia. Erat enim Ioánni mater María Salóme in ór-dine succedéntis natúræ; est étiam sibi mater beáta Virgo in ór-dine grátia. Est mater Heva cunctórum per trádu-cem natúræ; est et Virgo María mater ómnium amán-tium Christum per infusió-nem invisíbilis grátia.

#### Te Deum Laudamus

#### AD LAUDES

**Ant. 1** Benedictiόnem \* ómnium géntium dedit illi Dóminus, et testaméntum suum confirmávit super caput eius.

*Psalms of Sunday, 37P*

**2** In atérnum \* miseri-córdia eius, et usque in ge-neratiόnem et generatiόnem.

**3** Benedicam te \* in vita mea, et in nómine tuo le-vábo manus meas.

**4** Non pepercisti \* ánimæ tuæ propter angústias et tri-bulatiόnem géneris tui.

**5** Recordáre, \* Virgo Ma-ter Dei, dum stéteris in conspéctu Dómini, ut lo-quáris pro nobis bona.

**Capit. Is. 55, 1**

**O**mnes sitiéntes, veníte ad aquas: et qui non habé-tis argéntum, properáte, émite et comédite: veníte, émite absque argénto et absque ulla commutatiόne vinum et lac.

#### Hymnus

**M**aría, quæ mortálium Preces amánte excipis, Rogámus ecce súpplices, Nobis adésto pérpetim.

Adésto, si nos criminum Caténa stringit hórrida;

Cito resólve cómpedes, Quæ corda culpis illigant.

Succúrre, si nos sáculi Fallax imágo pélicit, Ne mens salútis trámitem, Oblíta cæli, déserat.

Succúrre, si vel córpori Advérsa sors impéndeat; Fac, sint quiéta témpora, Eternitas dum lúceat.

Tuis et esto fíliis Tutéla mortis témpore, Ut, te iuvánte, cónsequi Perénne detur prámium.

Iesu, tibi sit glória, Qui natus es de Vír-gine, Cum Patre, et almo Spíritu, In sempitérna sácula.

Amen.

**V.** Ora pro nobis, Me-diátrix nostra potentíssima. **R.** Ut digni efficiámur pro-missiόnibus Christi.

**Ad Bened. ant.** Absque tuo império \* non movébit quisquam manum aut pe-dem in omni terra.

#### Oratio

**D**ómine Iesu Christe, no-ster apud Patrem mediátor, qui beatíssimam Vír-ginem Matrem tuam, matrem quoque nostram et apud te mediátricem constítuere dignátus es: concé-de propítius; ut, quisquis ad te beneficia petitúrus accé-serit, cuncta se per eam im-petrásse lætétur: Qui vivis et regnas cum eódem Deo Patre in unitáte.

*Et fit com. S. Apollinaris Ep. et Mart.*

**Ant.** Qui odit \* ánimam suam in hoc mundo, in vi-tam atérnam custódit eam.

**V.** Iustus ut palma floré-bit. **R.** Sicut cedrus Lí-bani multiplicábitur.

#### Oratio

**D**eus, fidélium remune-rátor animárum, qui hunc diem beáti Apolliná-ris Sacerdótis tui martýrio consecrásti: trí-bue nobis, quæsumus, fámulis tuis; ut, cuius venerándam celebrá-mus festivitátem, précibus eius indulgéntiam consequá-mur. Per Dóminum.

*At the Little Hours, antiphons and psalms of the weekday.*

*At Prime, in the short responsory:*

V. Qui natus es de María Vír-gine.

## AD TERTIAM

Capit. Is. 55, 1

**O**mnes sitiéntes, veníte ad aquas: et qui non habétis argéntum, properáte, émite et comédite: veníte, émite absque argénto et absque ulla commutatióne vinum et lac.

**R.** br. Sub tuum præsidium \* Omnes confúgimus. - Sub tuum. **V.** Sancta Dei Génatrix. - Omnes confúgimus. - Glória Patri. - Sub tuum.

**V.** Nostras deprecationes ne despicias. **R.** In necessitatibus nostris.

### Oratio

**D**ómine Iesu Christe, noster apud Patrem mediátor, qui beatissimam Virginem Matrem tuam, matrem quoque nostram et apud te mediátricem constitúere dignátus es: concede propítius; ut, quisquis ad te beneficia petitúrus accés-  
serit, cuncta se per eam impetrásse lætétur: Qui vivis et regnas cum eódem Deo Patre in unitate.

## AD SEXTAM

Capit. Is. 55, 2-3

**A**udíte audiéntes me, et comedite bonum, et delectábitur in crassitudine ánima vestra. Inclínate aurem vestram, et veníte ad me: audíte, et vivet ánima vestra.

**R.** br. Nostras deprecationes \* Ne despicias. - Nostras. **V.** In necessitatibus nostris. - Ne despicias. - Glória Patri. - Nostras.

**V.** A periculis cunctis líbera nos semper. **R.** Virgo gloriósa et benedícta.

## AD NONAM

Capit. Is. 55, 5

**E**cce gentem, quam nesciébas, vocábis: et gentes, quæ te non cognové-

runt, ad te current propter Dóminum Deum tuum, et Sanctum Israel, quia glori-  
ficávi te.

**R.** br. A periculis cunctis \* Líbera nos semper. - A periculis. **V.** Virgo gloriósa et benedícta. - Líbera. - Glória Patri. - A periculis.

**V.** Eia ergo, advocáta nostra. **R.** Misericórdes óculos tuos ad nos convertéte.

## IN II VESPERIS

*Psalms of Common, 191\**

*Hymn: Ave maris stella, 194\**

**Ant. 1** Benedictiónem \* ómnium géntium dedit illi Dóminus, et testaméntum suum confirmávit super caput eius.

**2** In ætérnum \* misericórdia eius, et usque in generatióne et generatióne.

**3** Benedícam te \* in vita mea, et in nómine tuo levábo manus meas.

**4** Non pepercísti \* animæ tuæ propter angústias et tribulatióne generis tui.

**5** Recordáre, \* Virgo Mater Dei, dum stéteris in conspéctu Dómini, ut loquáris pro nobis bona.

Capit. Is. 55, 1

**O**mnes sitiéntes, veníte ad aquas: et qui non habétis argéntum, properáte, émite et comédite: veníte, émite absque argénto et absque ulla commutatióne vinum et lac.

**V.** Ora pro nobis, Mediátrix nostra potentíssima.

**R.** Ut digni efficiámur promissionibus Christi.

**Ad Magnif. ant.** Salus nostra \* in manu tua est; respice nos tantum, et læti serviémus Regi Dómino.