



2 SEPTEMBER

THE BLESSED MARTYRS OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

Martyrs
(1792-1794)

Memoria ad libitum

Once the monarchy had been overthrown early in the French Revolution, the next target was the Church. In 1790 the Civil Constitution of the Clergy gave the state complete control over the Church in France. In order to continue to function, priests and religious were forced to take an oath to support the constitution. Most of the Brothers refused and so were forced gradually to abandon their schools and communities. Eventually the Institute was deprived altogether of legal status in France.

Brother Solomon was secretary to Brother Agathon, the Superior General. Living alone in Paris while the Superior remained at the motherhouse outside the city, Brother Solomon wrote letters to his family that show a keen religious spirit in the face of the horrors as they unfolded. He was arrested on 15 August 1792. He refused to take the oath and was imprisoned in the Carmelite monastery, together with several bishops and priests. On 2 September the prisoners were brought in pairs to the monastery garden where they were shot. He was beatified on October 16th 1926.

The Martyrs of Rochefort

A decree of the French Assembly ordered the arrest and deportation of those who continued to refuse to take the Oath of the 'Civil Constitution of the Clergy. It was the intention to deport them to French Guiana (north of Brazil), or simply abandon them on the shores of Africa or Madagascar. On issuing their orders, the French authorities were aware that no ships would actually be able to sail: war had been declared on Britain, whose fleet then established a blockade along the Atlantic coast.

Convoys of priests and religious from all parts of France were transported to several ports in the south-west. For some, the journey took several months, and they were faced with various indignities on the way. On reaching the ships at Rochefort, any religious books or objects were thrown overboard, and they were left with only a spare article of clothing.

Three Brothers were among the priests and religious who were confined in the rotting hulks that served as

prison ships in the blockaded harbor of Rochefort where they endured indignities and privations.



Blessed Brother León (Jean Mopinot)

Born at Reims, France 12 September 1724, Brother LEON was from the community of Moulins as Brother Roger, and they were arrested together. A fellow-prisoner later recorded: "At a very advanced age he had preserved the cheerfulness of his youth." He died 11 months after his arrest, aged 69.

Blessed Brother Roger (Pierre-Sulpice-Cristophe Faverge)

Born at Orleans, France 25 July 1745, Brother ROGER had been talented at calligraphy. Onboard ship he ministered to the sick, and offered to repair others' shoes as best he could. "He was as tranquil and serene in our midst as he was in the classroom." He died 15 months after being arrested, aged 49, just over two years after the martyrdom of Brother Solomon in Paris.

Blessed Brother Uldaric (Jean- Baptiste Guillaume)

Born at Fraisans, France 1 February 1755, following his novitiate, Brother ULGARIC had been teaching in Nancy for 8 years. As a consequence of deciding to continue teaching the poor children of the town (albeit secretly) he was arrested. He died at the age of 39.

They were beatified on October 1st 1995.

MASS

Common of martyrs

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 33: 20-21

Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him from them all. He watches over all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.

OPENING PRAYER (COLLECT)

O God,
in the intense suffering of their prison, deportation and martyrdom,
you gave the blessed Salomon, Roger, Uldaric and Léon
the grace of fidelity and of pardon.
Through their intercession
grant that we always remain faithful to your Church
and eager for reconciliation with our brothers and sisters.
Through Christ our Lord...

FIRST READING

Romans 8:31-39

Neither death, nor life, will be able to separate us from the love of God.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? As it is written:

"For your sake we are being slain all the day;
we are looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 31: 3-4, 6, 7, 8, 17, 21

Into your hands, Lord, I entrust my spirit.

Be my rock of refuge,
a stronghold to save me.
You are my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead and guide me.

Into your hands I commend my spirit;
you will redeem me, Lord, faithful God.
I trust in the Lord.
I will rejoice and be glad in your love.

Let your face shine on your servant;
save me in your kindness.
You keep them in your abode
safe from plotting tongues.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Corinthians 1:18

Alleluia, Alleluia.

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who do not believe, but to us it is the power of God.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 9:23-26

Whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

A reading from the gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to all: "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. What profit is there for one to gain the whole world yet lose or forfeit himself? Whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels."

The gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Following the example of Jesus, the martyrs gave their lives as the supreme act of their love of God. Let us ask the Lord to sustain us in our own daily martyrdom. Let us pray together:

R) Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessions...

Look with goodness upon your people, O Lord, and through the intercession of your martyrs, Blessed Solomon, Léon, Roger, and Uldaric, grant to your faithful the graces they confidently ask of you. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, bless our offerings and make them holy; fill our hearts with the love which gave Blessed Brothers Solomon, Léon, Roger, and Uldaric victory over all their suffering. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 15: 13

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, may the mysteries we receive give us the spiritual courage which made your martyrs Blessed Brothers Solomon, Léon, Roger, and Uldaric faithful in your service and victorious in their suffering. Through Christ our Lord.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Common of martyrs

INVITATORY PSALM

We recite the Invitatory Psalm at the beginning of the Hours: it comes before the Office of Readings or the Morning Office (Lauds) depending on whether you begin with one or the other.

V/. Lord, open my lips,

R/. And my mouth will proclaim your praise.

Ant. **Blessed Solomon, Roger and companions have witnessed to Christ in the time of trial, come, let us worship the Lord. (T.P. Alleluia)**

PSALM 95

Encourage yourselves daily while it is still "today"

Heb 3: 13

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord;
cry out to the rock of our salvation.
Let us greet him with a song of praise,
joyfully sing out our psalms.

For the Lord is the great God,
the great king over all gods,
Whose hand holds the depths of the earth;
who owns the tops of the mountains.

The sea and dry land belong to God,
who made them, formed them by hand.
Enter, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the Lord who made us.

For this is our God,
whose people we are,
God's well-tended flock.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah,
as on the day of Massah in the desert.

There your ancestors tested me;
they tried me though they had seen my works.
Forty years I loathed that generation;
I said: "This people's heart goes astray;
they do not know my ways."

Therefore I swore in my anger:
"They shall never enter my rest."
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

OFFICE OF READINGS

HYMN

O martyrs of God,
faithful disciples
who have sealed with blood
the covenant of baptism!

You share with Christ,
the lamb of our Redemption,
the cross and the victory
within the kingdom of the blessed.

Intercede for us,
pilgrims in time,
and guide our steps
in the way of peace.

Liberate the oppressed,
sustain the wavering,
and gather the dispersed
in the love of the Father.

Praise to you, O Christ,
Word of the living God,
Who reveal in martyrdom
the power of your Spirit. Amen.

Or:

Rex glorióse mártýrum,
coróna confiténtium,
qui respuéntes térrea
perdúcis ad caeléstia.

Aurem benígnam prótinus
appóne nostris vóciбус;
tropáea sacra pángimus,
ignósce quod delíquimus.

Tu vincis in martýribus
parcéndo confessóribus;
tu vince nostra crímina
donándo indulgéntiam.

Praesta, Pater piíssime,
Patrique compar Unice,
cum Spírítu Paráclito
regnans per omne sáeculum. Amen.

1 Ant. Faithful even to the shedding of their blood for the name of Christ, the martyrs have received

eternal reward. (T.P.Aleluia)

PSALM 2

Why this tumult among nations,
among peoples this useless murmuring?
They arise, the kings of the earth,
princes plot against the Lord and his Anointed.
"Come, let us break their fetters,
come, let us cast off their yoke."

He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord is laughing them to scorn.
Then he will speak in his anger,
his rage will strike them with terror.
It is I who have set up my king on Zion,
my holy mountain."

I will announce the decree of the Lord:
The Lord said to me: You are my Son.
It is I who have begotten you this day.
Ask and I will shall bequeath you the nations,
put the ends of the earth in your possession.
With a rod of iron you will break them,
shatter them like a potter's jar."

Now, O kings, understand,
take warning, rulers of the earth;
serve the Lord with awe
and trembling, pay him your homage
lest he be angry and you perish;
for suddenly his anger will blaze.

Blessed are they who put their trust in God.

1 Ant. Faithful even to the shedding of their blood for the name of Christ, the martyrs have received eternal reward. (T.P.Aleluia)

2 Ant. The righteous live forever and their recompense is the Lord. (T.P.Aleluia)

PSALM 33

I (1-11)

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.
O sing him a song that is new,
play loudly, with all your skill.

For the word of the Lord is faithful

and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

By his word the heavens were made,
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.
He collects the waves of the ocean;
he stores up the depths of the sea.

Let all the earth fear the Lord
all who live in the world revere him.
He spoke; and it came to be.
He commanded; it sprang into being.

He frustrates the designs of the nations,
he defeats the plans of the peoples.
His own designs shall stand for ever,
the plans of his heart from age to age.

2 Ant. The righteous live forever and their recompense is the Lord. (T.P. Alleluia)

3 Ant. You have defended me on earth: I will be your reward. (T.P. Alleluia)

II (12-22)

They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own.
From the heavens the Lord looks forth,
he sees all the children of men.

From the place where he dwells he gazes
on all the dwellers on the earth;
he who shapes the hearts of them all;
and considers all their deeds.

A king is not saved by his army,
nor a warrior preserved by his strength.
A vain hope for safety is the horse;
despite its power it cannot save.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
In him do our hearts find joy.
We trust in his holy name.

May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

3 Ant. You have defended me on earth: I will be your reward. (T.P. Alleluia)

V/. Our soul waits for the Lord:

R/. he is our help and our shield.

FIRST READING

Neither death, nor life, will be able to separate us from the love of God.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

8: 18-39

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that sees for itself is not hope. For who hopes for what one sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance.

In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ [Jesus] who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? As it is written:

"For your sake we are being slain all the day;
we are looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things,* nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

RESPONSORY

Lk 6: 27; Mt 5: 44-45.48

R/. Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, pray for those who mistreat you, * that you may be children of your heavenly Father.

V/. Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect,

* that you may be children of your heavenly Father.

SECOND READING

"Praise the Lord, my soul"

Psalm 146: 1

From the homily for the beatification of 64 victims of the French Revolution

Homily of John Paul II, October 1, 1995

This morning our thoughts are directed to the sixty-four French priests and religious who died along with hundreds of others on the Pontoon Boats of Rochefort.

As Saint Paul exhorted Timothy, they have fought the good fight of faith (1 Timothy 6: 16) and they also knew a long Calvary for having remained faithful to their faith and to the Church. They died for having decided to affirm until the end their close communion with Pope Pius VI.

Amidst profound loneliness, they very seriously undertook a spirit of prayer. Victims of chance (Luke 15: 23), hunger and thirst they never harbored a word of hatred for their executioners. Slowly, they identified with the sacrifice of Christ which they celebrated by virtue of their ordination. They are here now and forever before our eyes as an offering of a living sign of the power of Christ who acts in human weakness.

In the depth of their danger, they maintained the spirit of pardon. The unity of faith and the unity of their country seemed to be more important to them than anything. We can, since that time, repeat joyfully these words of Scripture: The souls of these just are in the hands of God. They appeared to die. Their departure seemed a disgrace, but they are at peace (Wisdom 3: 2-3).

These priests and religious remained men of the Gospel, living fully the words of Saint Paul: When I appear weak, it is then that I am strong (2 Corinthians 11: 10).

Missionaries of faith and inclusive love inside the hold of a ship, they were struck down but not destroyed (2 Corinthians 4: 9).

May these men who give honor to the Church of France, be now and forever models and intercessors for priests and religious in your dioceses and for all your communities!

RESPONSORY

Rev 21: 4; 7: 16

R/. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes, there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. *The world of the past has gone.

V/. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them:

* The world of the past has gone.

PRAYER

O God, in the intense suffering of their prison, deportation and martyrdom, you gave the blessed Salomon, Roger, Uldaric and Léon the grace of fidelity and of pardon. Through their intercession grant that we always remain faithful to your Church and eager for reconciliation with our brothers and sisters. Through Christ our Lord...

MORNING PRAYER

HYMN

1. Sion rejoices, celebrates the glory
of this great feast day, honoring our Brothers.
We too rejoicing, join the heav'nly
chorus chanting our thanks and praise.
2. Martyr and Blessed Solomon our Brother.
Praise we in song now, celebrate your triumph.
May your example, fortitude, and courage,
Lead us to persevere.
3. Blest Brother martyrs, suff'ring persecution,
You gave your lives in witness to the Gospel.
So may we also, true to our vocation,
Be faithful unto death.

Or:

Aeterna Christi múnera

et mártýrum victórias,
laudes feréntes débitas,
laetis canámus méntibus.

Ecclesiárum príncipes,
belli triumpháles duces,
caeléstis aulae milites
et vera mundi lúmina.

Terróre victo sáeculi
poenísque spretis córporis,
mortis sacrae compéndio
lucem beátam póssident.

Tortóris insáni manu
sanguis sacrátus fúnditur,
sed pérmanent inmóbiles
vitae perénnis grátia.

Devóta sanctórum fides,
invicta spes credéntium,
perfécta Christi cáritas
mundi triúmphant príncipem.

In his patérna glória,
in his volúntas Spíritus,
exúltat in his Fílius,
caelum replétur gáudio.

Te nunc, Redémptor, quáesumus,
ut mártýrum consórtio
iungas precántes sérvulos
in sempitérna saecula. Amen.

1 Ant. The martyrs fixed their eyes on heaven, and cried out in their torments: Come, Lord, be with us in this hour. (T.P. Alleluia)

PSALM 63: 2-9

My Soul Is Thirsting for You

God, you are my God—
for you I long!
For you my body yearns;
for you my soul thirsts,

Like a land parched, lifeless,
and without water.
So I look to you in the sanctuary
to see your power and glory.

For your love is better than life;
my lips offer you worship!
I will bless you as long as I live;

I will lift up my hands, calling on your name.

My soul shall savor the rich banquet of praise,
with joyous lips my mouth shall honor you!
When I think of you upon my bed,
through the night watches I will recall

That you indeed are my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.
My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

1 Ant. The martyrs fixed their eyes on heaven, and cried out in their torments: Come, Lord, be with us in this hour. (T.P. Alleluia)

2 Ant. Blessed spirits and souls of the just, pour out your songs of praise to the Lord (T.P. Alleluia).

CANTICLE

Daniel 3: 57-88.56

Everything growing from the earth, bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord.
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord.
You heavens, bless the Lord.

All you waters above the heavens, bless the Lord.
All you hosts of the Lord, bless the Lord.
Sun and moon, bless the Lord.
Stars of heaven, bless the Lord.
Every shower and dew, bless the Lord.

All you winds, bless the Lord.
Fire and heat, bless the Lord.
Cold and chill, bless the Lord.
Dew and rain, bless the Lord.

Frost and sleet, bless the Lord.
Ice and snow, bless the Lord.
Nights and days, bless the Lord.
Light and darkness, bless the Lord.

Lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.
Let the earth bless the Lord.
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Mountains and hills, bless the Lord.

Everything growing from the earth, bless the Lord.
You springs, bless the Lord.
Seas and rivers, bless the Lord.
You dolphins and all water creatures, bless the Lord.

All you birds of the air, bless the Lord.
All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord.
You sons of men, bless the Lord.
O Israel, bless the Lord.

Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Priests of the Lord, bless the Lord.
Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.
Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord.

Holy men of humble heart, bless the Lord.
Hananiah, Azariah, Mishael, bless the Lord.
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Let us praise and exalt him above all forever.
Blessed are you, Lord, in the firmament of heaven.
Praiseworthy and glorious and exalted above all forever.

[Omit the *Glory be to the Father* after this canticle.]

2 Ant. Blessed spirits and souls of the just, pour out your songs of praise to the Lord. (T.P. Alleluia)

3 Ant. You throng of martyrs, praise God with endless praise. (T.P. Alleluia)

PSALM 149

Praise for God's Goodness to Israel

Sing to the Lord a new song,
a hymn in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel be glad in their maker,
the people of Zion rejoice in their king.

Let them praise his name in festive dance,
make music with tambourine and lyre.
For the Lord takes delight in his people,
honors the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in their glory,
cry out for joy at their banquet,
With the praise of God in their mouths,
and a two-edged sword in their hands,

To bring retribution on the nations,
punishment on the peoples,
To bind their kings with chains,
shackle their nobles with irons,

To execute the judgments decreed for them—
such is the glory of all God's faithful.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

3 Ant. You throng of martyrs, praise God with endless praise. (T.P. Alleluia)

READING

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and God of all encouragement, who encourages us in our every affliction, so that we may be able to encourage those who are in any affliction with the encouragement with which we ourselves are encouraged by God. For as Christ's sufferings overflow to us, so through Christ does our encouragement also overflow.

RESPONSORY

R. The just are the friends of God. * They live with him forever.

The just are the friends of God. They live with him forever.

V. God himself is their reward:

* They live with him forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

The just are the friends of God. They live with him forever.

Ant. Ben. Whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. (T.P. Alleluia)

CANTICLE OF ZACHARY

Lk 1: 68-79

The Messiah and his forerunner

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
for he has visited and brought redemption to his people.
He has raised up a horn for our salvation
within the house of David his servant.

Even as he promised through the mouth
of his holy prophets from of old:
salvation from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us.

To show mercy to our fathers
and to be mindful of his holy covenant
and of the oath he swore to Abraham our father,
and to grant us that, rescued from the hand of enemies,
without fear we might worship him
in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

And you, child, will be called prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
through the forgiveness of their sins,

because of the tender mercy of our God
by which the daybreak from on high will visit us
to shine on those who sit in darkness and death's shadow,
to guide our feet into the path of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

BENEDICTUS

Benedíctus Dóminus Deus Israel, *
quia visitávit et fecit redemptiónem plebis suae
et eréxit cornu salútis nobis *
in domo David púeri sui,
sicut locútus est per os sanctórum, *
qui a saéculo sunt, prophetarum eius.
Salútem ex inimícis nostris *
et de manu ómnium, qui odérunt nos;
ad faciéndam misericórdiam cum pátribus nostris *
et memorári testamenti sui sancti,
iusiurandum, quod iurávit ad Abraham
patrem nostrum, *
datúrum se nobis,
ut sine timóre, de manu inimicorum
nostrorum liberáti, *
serviámus illi
in sanctitáte et iustítia coram ipso *
ómnibus diébus nostris.
Et tu, puer, prophéta Altissimi vocáberis: *
praeíbis enim ante fáciem Dómini paráre vias eius,
ad dandam scientiam salútis plebi eius, *
in remissionem peccatorum eorum.
per víscera misericórdiae Dei nostri, *
in quibus visitavit nos oriens ex alto,
iluminare his, qui in ténebris
et in umbra mortis sedent, *
ad dirigéndos pedes nostros in viam pacis.
Glória Pátri, et Filio, *
et Spirítui Sáncto.
Sicut érat in principio, et nunc, et sémper, *
et in saécula saeculórum. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

In union with the holy martyrs who gave their lives for the sake of the gospel, let us honor and call upon Christ our Savior.

R) Your cross, O Lord, is our salvation.

Intercessions...

Our Father.

PRAAYER

O God, in the intense suffering of their prison, deportation and martyrdom, you gave the blessed Salomon, Roger, Uldaric and Léon the grace of fidelity and of pardon. Through their intercession grant that we always remain faithful to your Church and eager for reconciliation with our brothers and sisters. Through Christ our Lord...

EVENING PRAYER

HYMN

O God of the holy martyrs,
their inheritance and their crown,
bless us, your people.

Solomon, Léon, Roger, and Uldaric
faithful to your Holy Church,
died for love of you.

Their testimony of Christ,
confirmed by their own blood,
proclaimed our common faith.

Friends of our Lord,
They achieved his glory
through the way of the cross.

May the light of their martyrdom
guide us on our way
toward the eternal goal.

All honor and glory to the Father,
to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
forever and ever. Amen.

Or:

Sanctórum méritis ínclita gáudia
pangámus, sócii, géstaque fórtia;
nam gliscit ánimus prómere cántibus
victórum genus óptimum.

Hi sunt quos rétinens mundus inhórruit,
ipsum nam stérili flore peráridum
sprevére pénitus teque secúti sunt
rex, Christe, bone caélitum.

Hi pro te fúrias sáevaue sústinent;
non murmur résonat, non querimónia,
sed corde tácito mens bene cónscia
consérvat patiéntiam.

Quae vox, quae póterit lingua retéxere
quae tu martýribus múnera práeparas?
Rubri nam flúido sáanguine láureis
ditántur bene fúlgidis.

Te, trina Déitas únaque, póscimus,
ut culpas ábluas, nóxia súbtrahas,
des pacem fámulis, nos quoque glóriam
per cuncta tibi sáecula. Amen.

1 Ant. The mortal bodies of God's saints lie buried in peace, but they themselves live with God forever.

(T.P.Aleluia)

PSALM 116 (1-9)

I love the Lord, who listened
to my voice in supplication,
Who turned an ear to me
on the day I called.

I was caught by the cords of death;
the snares of Sheol had seized me;
I felt agony and dread.

Then I called on the name of the Lord,
"O Lord, save my life!"
Gracious is the Lord and just;
yes, our God is merciful.

The Lord protects the simple;
I was helpless, but God saved me.
Return, my soul, to your rest;
the Lord has been good to you.

For my soul has been freed from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
I shall walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

1 Ant. The mortal bodies of God's saints lie buried in peace, but they themselves live with God forever.
(T.P.Aleluia)

2 Ant. I saw the souls of those put to death for the word of God and for their faithful witness.
(T.P.Aleluia)

PSALM 116 (10-19)

I kept faith, even when I said,
"I am greatly afflicted!"
I said in my alarm,
"No one can be trusted!"

How can I repay the Lord
for all the good done for me?
I will raise the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
Too costly in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.

Lord, I am your servant,
your servant, the child of your maidservant;
you have loosed my bonds.
I will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**2 Ant. I saw the souls of those put to death for the word of God and for their faithful witness.
(T.P. Alleluia)**

**3 Ant. These are the saints who surrendered their bodies in witness to God's covenant; they have
washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. (T.P. Alleluia)**

CANTICLE

Revelation 4:11; 5:9, 10, 12

Worthy are you, Lord our God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things;
because of your will they came to be and were created.

Worthy are you to receive the scroll
and to break open its seals,
for you were slain and with your blood you purchased for God
those from every tribe and tongue, people and nation.

You made them a kingdom and priests for our God,
and they will reign on earth.
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive power and riches,
wisdom and strength,
honor and glory and blessing.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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READING

1 Peter 4:13-14

Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

RESPONSORY

R/. Let the just rejoice * and sing for joy in the Lord.

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V/. Delight in his love, you pure of heart;

* and sing for joy in the Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Let the just rejoice and sing for joy in the Lord.

Ant. Magn. The saints find their home in the kingdom of heaven; their life is eternal peace. **(T.P. Alleluia)**

CANTICLE OF MARY

Lk 1: 46-55

Rejoicing in the spirit of the Lord

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness;
behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.

The Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is from age to age
to those who fear him.

He has shown might with his arm,
dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart.
He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones
but lifted up the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things;
the rich he has sent away empty.
He has helped Israel his servant,
remembering his mercy,
according to his promise to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat *

ánima mea Dóminum,
et exsultávit spíritus meus *
in Deo salutári meo,
quia respéxit humilitatem ancíllae suae, *
ecce enim ex hoc beátam me dicent
omnes generátiones,
quia fecit mihi magna, qui potens est, *
et sanctum nomen eius,
et misericordia eius a progénie in progénies *
timéntibus eum.
Fecit poténtiam in bráchio suo, *
dispérsit supérbos mente cordis sui;
depósuit poténtes de sede *

et exaltávit húmiles;
esuriéntes implévit bonis *
et dívites dimísit inánes.
Suscépit Israel, púerum suum, *
recordátus misericórdiae suae,
sicut locútus est ad patres nostros *
Abraham et sémini eius in saécula.
Gloria Patri et Filio, *
et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, *
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

On this feast of Blessed Brothers Solomon, Léon, Roger, and Uldaric, let us pray that the Lord will confirm us in courageously following the gospel.

R) Renew your Church, O Lord.

Intercessions...

PRAYER

O God, in the intense suffering of imprisonment, deportation, and martyrdom, you gave the blessed martyrs Solomon, Léon, Roger, and Uldaric the grace of fidelity and pardon. Through their intercession grant that we always remain faithful to your Church and eager for reconciliation with our brothers and sisters. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.