

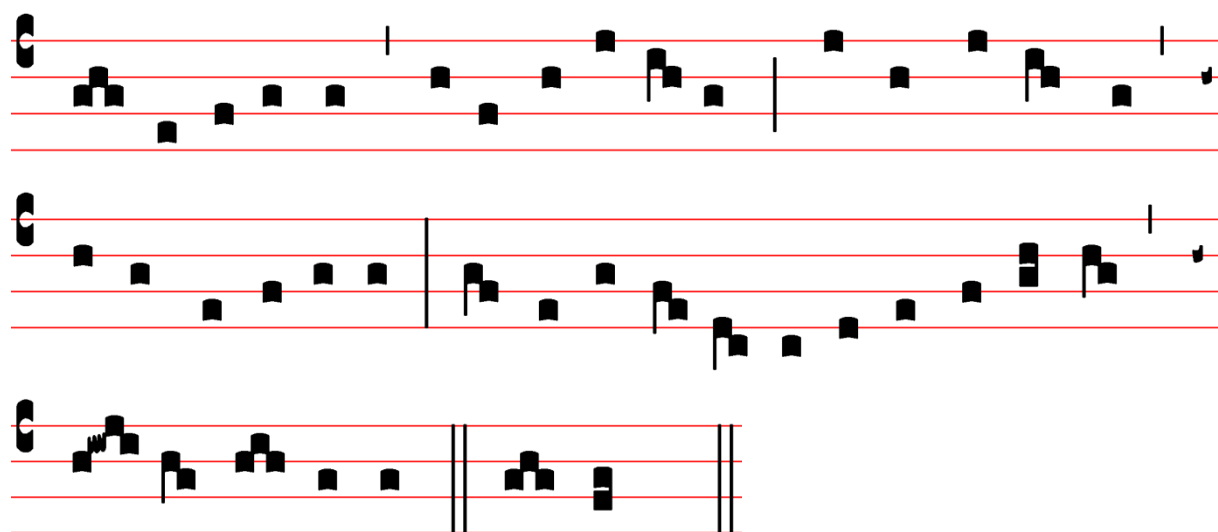
Office Propers – Common of Confessors

These are the proper texts for the Office on the feasts of Martyrs, which you should substitute for the seasonal texts provided in the booklet.

Venite Antiphon:

The Lord sustaineth His faithful; O come, let us adore Him.

Office Hymn:



A-men.

He who bore witness by a good confession,
He whom Thy people join this day to honour,
Now in the heavenly mansions of the bless-ed
Liveth for ever.

Many the gifts with which Thou didst endow him,
Many the virtues which adorned his spirit,
Through all the years while in this mortal body
Daily he served Thee.

Wherefore together, giving Thee the glory,
Sing we his praises on this holy feast-day,
Praying for grace to follow in his footsteps
Now and hereafter.

Glory and honour, love and adoration,
Be in the highest unto Thee Who reignest
Threefold in splendour, source of life eternal,
Blessed for ever.

Psalm:

(11) IN the Lord put I my trust : how say ye then to my soul, that she should flee as a bird unto the hill?

2 For lo, the ungodly bend their bow, and make ready their arrows within the quiver : that they may privily shoot at them which are true of heart.

3 For the foundations will be cast down : and what hath the righteous done?

4 The Lord is in his holy temple : the Lord's seat is in heaven.

5 His eyes consider the poor : and his eye-lids try the children of men.

6 The Lord alloweth the righteous : but the ungodly, and him that delighteth in wickedness, doth his soul abhor.

7 Upon the ungodly he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, storm and tempest : this shall be their portion to drink.

8 For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness : his countenance will behold the thing that is just.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

(99) THE Lord is King, be the people never so impatient : he sitteth between the cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet.

2 The Lord is great in Sion : and high above all people.

3 They shall give thanks unto thy Name : which is great, wonderful, and holy.

4 The King's power loveth judgement; thou hast prepared equity : thou hast executed judgement and righteousness in Jacob.

5 O magnify the Lord our God : and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name : these called upon the Lord, and he heard them.

7 He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar : for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.

8 Thou heardest them, O Lord our God : thou forgavest them, O God, and punishedst their own inventions.

9 O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill : for the Lord our God is holy.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Reading:

A Reading from the Book of the Proverbs.

Loyalty and faithfulness preserve the king, and his throne is upheld by righteousness. He who is often reprov'd, yet stiffens his neck will suddenly be broken beyond healing. When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked rule, the people groan. He who loves wisdom makes his father glad, but one who keeps company with harlots squanders his substance. By justice a king gives stability to the land, but one who exacts gifts ruins it. A man who flatters his neighbour spreads a net for his feet. An evil man is ensnared in his transgression, but a righteous man sings and rejoices. A righteous man knows the rights of the poor; a wicked man does not understand such knowledge.

Responsory:

The mouth of the righteous is exercised in wisdom.

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And his tongue will be talking of judgement.

The mouth of the righteous is exercised in wisdom.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:

The mouth of the righteous is exercised in wisdom.

Benedictus Antiphon:

Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of the Lord.

Magnificat Antiphon:

I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock.

Collect of the Day:

Sovereign God, Who didst set Thy servant Edward upon the throne of an earthly kingdom and didst inspire him with zeal for the Kingdom of Heaven: grant that we may so confess the Faith of Christ by word and deed, that we may, with all Thy saints, inherit eternal glory; in and through Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost; God, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Today is the funeral of Pauline Holland, formerly a member of our congregation; please add this prayer just before the Grace:

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all, grant, we beseech Thee unto Pauline and all who have died the sure benefits of Thy Son's saving Sacrifice, that in the last day when all things shall be gathered up in Him, they may know the fullness of His Love; the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy and love of God, rest in peace. Amen.