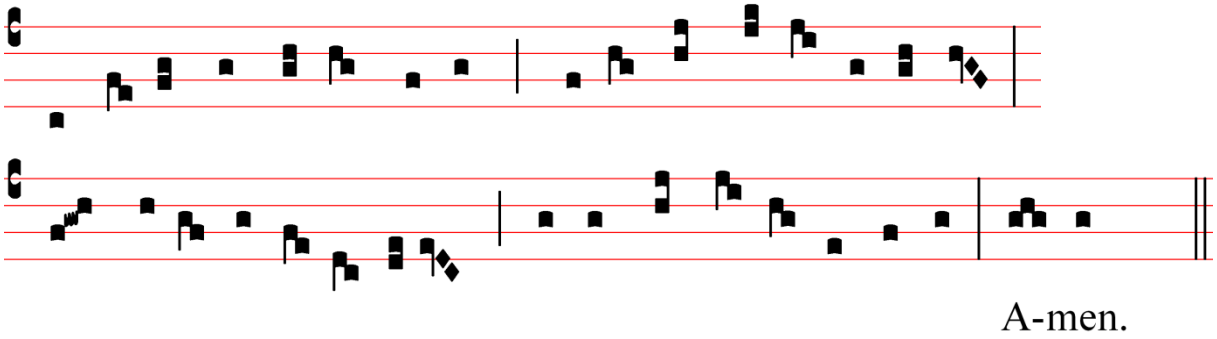
Office Propers – S Ignatius of Antioch – 17th October

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 is the Life of the Martyrs; O come, let us adore Him.

Office Hymn:



O God, Thy soldiers' crown and guard,
And their exceeding great reward,
From bonds of evil set us free,
Who sing Thy martyr's victory.

Right valiantly they kept the Faith,
And glorified Thee unto death;
For Thee their blood they dared to pour,
And thence have joy for evermore.

Look down upon us from above,
Uplift our hearts, O God of love,
And as our hymns to Thee we raise,
Accept Thy people's prayer and praise.

On this the martyr's triumph day,
Let every voice its tribute pay
To those who counted all things loss
For love of Him Who bore the Cross.

O Christ, most loving King, to Thee
With God the Father, glory be,
And glory to the Holy Ghost,
From men and from the angel-host.

Psalm:

(3) LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! : many are they that rise against me.
2 Many one there be that say of my soul : There is no help for him in his God.
3 But thou, O Lord, art my defender : thou art my worship, and the lifter up of my head.
4 I did call upon the Lord with my voice : and he heard me out of his holy hill.
5 I laid me down and slept, and rose up again : for the Lord sustained me.
6 I will not be afraid for ten thousands of the people : that have set themselves against me round about.
7 Up, Lord, and help me, O my God : for thou smitest all mine enemies upon the cheek-bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

8 Salvation belongeth unto the Lord : and thy blessing is upon thy people.
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.

(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.

Reading:

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint John.

Jesus said to His disciples, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If any one serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if any one serves me, the Father will honour him.

Responsory:

These are they who were faithful; even unto death.
These are they who were faithful; even unto death.
They have won a martyr's crown.
These are they who were faithful; even unto death.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:
These are they who were faithful; even unto death.

Benedictus Antiphon:

For theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven, who despised worldly living: who have won the rewards of the Kingdom; and have washed their robes in the Blood of the Lamb.

Collect of the Day:

Feed us, O Lord, with the living Bread and make us drink deep of the Cup of Salvation that, following the teaching of Thy bishop Ignatius and rejoicing in the Faith with which he did embrace a martyr's death, we may be nourished for that eternal life for which he did yearn; 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.