

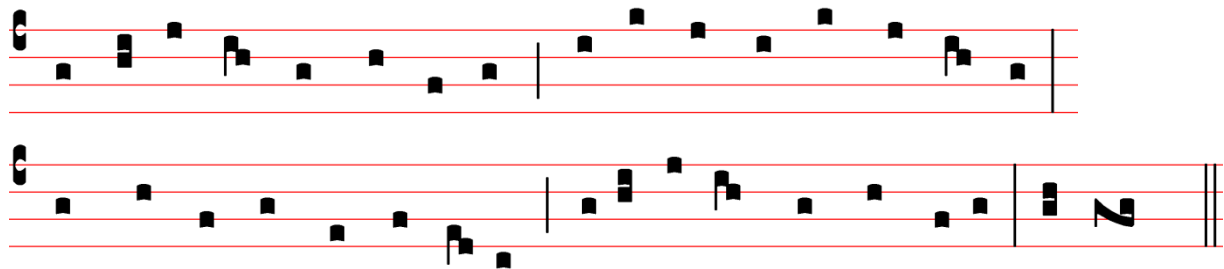
# Office Propers – 23<sup>rd</sup> June – S Etheldreda

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

## Venite Antiphon:

The Lord is glorious in His saints; O come, let us adore Him.

## Office Hymn:



Amen.

O Jesu, Saviour of mankind,  
In Whom the saints their glory find,  
On this commemoration day  
Hear Thou Thy people as they pray.

O grant that we, most gracious God,  
May follow in the steps they trod,  
And freed from every bond of sin,  
As they have won, may also win.

Contending for Thy holy Name,  
Thy servants won their saintly fame,  
Which Christian hearts with praise recall,  
And bless the Lord and God of all.

To Thee, O Christ, most loving King,  
All glory, praise and thanks we bring,  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Spirit, evermore.

Earth's fleeting pleasures counting nought,  
For higher, truer joys they sought,  
And now, with angels round Thy throne,  
Unfading glories are their own.

## Psalm(s):

- (34) I WILL always give thanks unto the Lord : his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord : the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
- 3 O praise the Lord with me : and let us magnify his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me : yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.
- 5 They had an eye unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.
- 6 Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him : yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him : and delivereth them.
- 8 O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is : blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
- 9 O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints : for they that fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The lions do lack, and suffer hunger : but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

11 Come, ye children, and hearken unto me : I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
12 What man is he that lusteth to live : and would fain see good days?  
13 Keep thy tongue from evil : and thy lips, that they speak no guile.  
14 Eschew evil, and do good : seek peace, and ensue it.  
15 The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous : and his ears are open unto their prayers.  
16 The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil : to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.  
17 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them: and delivereth them out of all their troubles.  
18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart : and will save such as be of an humble spirit.  
19 Great are the troubles of the righteous : but the Lord delivereth him out of all.  
20 He keepeth all his bones : so that not one of them is broken.  
21 But misfortune shall slay the ungodly : and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.  
22 The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants : and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.  
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.

(123) UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes : O thou that dwellest in the heavens.  
2 Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress : even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until he have mercy upon us.  
3 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us : for we are utterly despised.  
4 Our soul is filled with the scornful reproof of the wealthy : and with the despitefulness of the proud.  
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 Matthew.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those maidens rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut. Afterward the other maidens came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

**Responsory:**

The righteous shall shine forth as the sun. Alleluia, alleluia!

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They will glory in the Presence of God.

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The righteous shall shine forth as the sun. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Benedictus Antiphon:**

Father, I will that where I am, there shall my servant be also.

**Magnificat 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:**

Eternal God, Who didst bestow such grace upon Thy servant Etheldreda that she didst give herself wholly to the life of prayer and to the service of Thy true religion: grant that we, like her, may so live our lives in earth seeking Thy Kingdom that by Thy counsel we may be joined to the glorious communion of Thy saints; 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.