

Sancto, non vi-sú- rum se mortem, ni- si vi-dé-ret Chri-
 stum Dómi- ni.

Simeon had received a revelation from the Holy Spirit, that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

Prayer after Communion

PER hæc sancta quæ súmpsi-
 mus, Dómine, pérfice in
 nobis grátiam tuam, qui exspec-
 tatiónem Simeónis implésti, ut,
 sicut ille mortem non vidit nisi
 prius Christum suscípere mere-
 rétur, ita et nos, in occúrsum
 Dómini procedéntes, vitam ob-
 tineámus ætérnam.

LORD, you fulfilled the hope
 of Simeon, who did not die
 until he had been privileged to
 welcome the Messiah. May this
 communion perfect your grace
 in us and prepare us to meet
 Christ when he comes to bring
 us into everlasting life.

March 19

SAINT JOSEPH

HUSBAND OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Solemnity

Introit

Ps 91: 13, 14 and 2

I U- stus * ut palma flo- ré- bit : sic-ut
 cedrus Lí- ba- ni multipli- cá- bi- tur : plantá- tus in

domo Dómi- ni, in á- tri- is domus De- i
no- stri. *T. P.* Al- le- lú- ia. alle- lú- ia.

Ps. Bonum est confi- té-ri Dómi- no : et psálle- re nómi- ni

tu- o, Altíssi- me.

The righteous man shall flourish like the palm tree; he shall grow up like the cedar of Lebanon; for he is planted in the house of the Lord, in the courts of our God. ψ . It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing in honour of your name, O Most High.

Opening Prayer

PRÆSTA, quæsumus, omnípot- ens Deus, ut humánæ salú- tis mystéria, cuius primórdia beáti Ioseph fidéli custódiæ commisísti, Ecclésia tua, ipso intercedénte, iúgiter servet im- plénda.

FATHER, you entrusted our Saviour to the care of Saint Joseph. By the help of his prayers may your Church continue to serve its Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading

2 Sam 7: 12-14a, 16: *Announcement of the Messiah, son of David.*

Gradual

Ps 20: 3, 4

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D Omi- ne, * praeve- nísti e- um in be- ne- di-