

**Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite
December 20th 2009 & Rorate Sunday**

“John the Baptist preached a baptism of repentance...”

INTROIT *Isaias 45. 8.* Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the Just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Savior. – (*Psalm 18. 2.*) The heavens show forth the glory of God: and the firmament declareth the work of His hands. *V.* Glory be . . . Drop down dew, ye heavens . . .

COLLECT O Lord, we beseech Thee, stir up Thy power, and come, and with great might succor us: that by the help of Thy grace that which is hindered by our sins may be hastened by Thy merciful forgiveness: Who livest and reignest . . .

EPISTLE *I. Corinthians 4. 1-5.* Brethren, Let a man so account of us as of the ministers of Christ and the dispensers of the mysteries of God. Here now it is required among the dispensers that a man be found faithful. But to me it is a very small thing to be judged by you or by man’s day; but neither do I judge my own self. For I am not conscious to myself of anything: yet am I not hereby justified, but He that judges me is the Lord. Therefore judge not before the time, until the Lord come: Who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise from God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 144. 18, 21.* The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him: to all that call upon Him in truth. *V.* My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless His Holy Name.

Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* Come, O Lord, and tarry not: forgive the sins of Thy people, Israel. Alleluia.

GOSPEL *Luke 3. 1-6.* Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother tetrarch of Iturea and the country of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilina, under the high priests Annas and Caiphas: the word of the Lord was made unto John, the son of Zachary, in the desert. And he came into all the country about the Jordan, preaching the baptism of penance for the remission of sins, as it was written in the book of the sayings of Isaias the prophet: A voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight His paths; every valley shall be filled: and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways plain: and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

OFFERTORY *Luke 1. 28, 42.* Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

SECRET O Lord, we beseech Thee, look down favorably upon these present Sacrifices: that they may profit us both unto devotion and salvation. Through our Lord . . .

Preface of the Most Holy Trinity or Advent (1962 MR)

COMMUNION *Isaias 7. 14.* Behold a Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son: and His name shall be called Emmanuel.

POSTCOMMUNION Having received Thy gifts, we beseech Thee, O Lord: that as we frequent this Mystery, so the work of our salvation may advance. Through our Lord . . .