

VOTIVE MASS FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

TRIDENTINE MASS READINGS

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

(Ecclesiasticus 36. 1-10, 17-19)

Have mercy upon us, O God of all, and behold us, and show us the light of Thy mercies: and send Thy fear upon the nations that have not sought after Thee: that they may know that there is no God besides Thee, and that they may show forth Thy wonders. Lift up Thy hand over the strange nations, that they may see Thy power. For as Thou hast been sanctified in us in their sight, so Thou shalt be magnified among them in our presence. That they may know Thee, as we also have known Thee, that there is no God besides Thee, O Lord. Renew Thy signs, and work new miracles. Glorify Thy hand, and Thy right arm. Raise up indignation, and pour out wrath. Take away the adversary, and crush the enemy. Hasten the time, and remember the end, that they may declare Thy wonderful works. Give testimony to them that are Thy creatures from the beginning, and raise up the prophecies which the former prophets spoke in Thy name. Reward them that patiently wait for Thee, that Thy prophets may be found faithful: and hear the prayers of Thy servants, according to the blessing of Aaron over Thy people, and direct us into the way of justice, and let all know that dwell upon earth that Thou art God, the beholder of all ages.

A Reading From the Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew

(St. Matthew 9. 35-38)

At that time, Jesus went about all the cities and towns, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease, and every infirmity. And seeing the multitudes, He had compassion on them: because they were distressed, and lying like sheep that have no shepherd. Then He saith to His disciples: the harvest indeed is great, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He send forth laborers into His harvest.