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BLESSED MARIA CAROLA CECCHIN, Religious

PROPER READINGS OF THE
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OF THE SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH BENEDICT COTTOLENGO

From the Common of Holy Men and Women:
For Those Who Practiced Works of Mercy.

COLLECT

O God of infinite goodness,
who kindled in the heart of blessed Maria Carola Cecchin
the burning desire to proclaim the Gospel to the poor
and to give her life to serve them with motherly tenderness,
grant also to us, through her intercession,
that, humbly and tirelessly serving the needy,
we may witness to the Charity of Christ and the coming of his kingdom.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING.

You who fear the Lord, believe him, hope in him, love him.

A reading from the Book of Sirach

(Sir 2:7-13)

You who fear the Lord, wait for his mercy, turn not away lest you fall.
You who fear the Lord, trust him, and your reward will not be lost.
You who fear the Lord, hope for good things, for lasting joy and mercy.
You who fear the Lord, love him and your hearts will be enlightened.
Study the generations long past and understand;
has anyone hoped in the Lord and been disappointed?
Has anyone persevered in his commandments and been forsaken?
Has anyone called upon him and been rebuffed?
Compassionate and merciful is the Lord;
he forgives sins, he saves in time of trouble
and he is a protector to all who seek him in truth.

The Word of God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 111 (112)

R. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord.

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord
and in his precepts finds great joy.
Mighty on earth shall be his seed,
the descendants of righteous men shall be blessed.

Prosperity and wealth in his house,
his righteousness abides forever.
Springing up in the darkness, light for righteous men:
merciful, pitiful and righteous.

Happy is the merciful man who lends,
administers his goods with justice.
He shall not waver in eternity:
eternal shall be the memory of the righteous.

Steadfast is his heart; he trusts in the Lord.
He gives widely to the poor,
his righteousness abides forever,
his forehead rises in glory.

SECOND READING

So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor 13:4-13)

Brothers and sisters: Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will

be brought to nothing. For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

The Word of God

ALLELUIA

Mt 5:3

R. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

R. Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Father will honor whoever serves me.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

(Jn 12:24-26)

Jesus said to his disciples: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me".

The Gospel of the Lord