

Sirach 45:1-6 (KJV Apoc)

¹ And he brought out of him a merciful man, which found favour in the sight of all flesh, even Moses, beloved of God and men, whose memorial is blessed. ² He made him like to the glorious saints, and magnified him, so that his enemies stood in fear of him. ³ By his words he caused the wonders to cease, and he made him glorious in the sight of kings, and gave him a commandment for his people, and shewed him part of his glory. ⁴ He sanctified him in his faithfulness and meekness, and chose him out of all men. ⁵ He made him to hear his voice, and brought him into the dark cloud, and gave him commandments before his face, even the law of life and knowledge, that he might teach Jacob his covenants, and Israel his judgments.

⁶ He exalted Aaron, an holy man like unto him, even his brother, of the tribe of Levi.

2 Samuel 7:4; 8-16

⁴ But it happened that night that the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying, ⁸ "Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. ⁹ "And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth. ¹⁰ "Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, ¹¹ "since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel, and have caused you to

rest from all your enemies. Also the LORD tells you that He will make you a house.

¹² "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ "I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. ¹⁵ "But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ "And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever." ' ' "

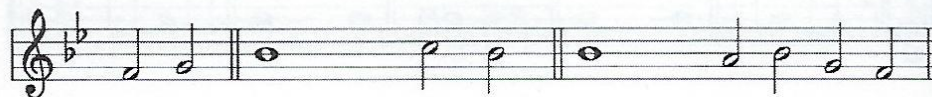
St. Matthew 1:18-21

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. ²⁰ But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

MARCH 19—ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND GUARDIAN OF OUR LORD (WHITE)

PSALM 89



Introit.

Ant. THE RIGHT- || eous shall flourish like the | palm | tree:
he shall grow like a cedar | in | Leb- | a- | non.

|| Those that be planted in the house of the | Lord | - :
shall flourish in the | courts | of | our | God.

Psalm. || It is a good thing to give thanks unto the | Lord | - :
and to sing praises unto Thy | name, | O | Most | High.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:
world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

Collect.

O Lord, by the working of the Holy Spirit, Thou didst inspire in St. Joseph a quiet obedience to the Word: guide and direct us to emulate such virtue in our life and conversation as shall glorify Thee in faithfulness day and night, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Lesson. 2 Samuel 7:4, 8-16

Gospel. Matthew 1:18-21

Additional reading: Ecclesiasticus 45:1-6

Gradual.

|| For Thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness, O | Lord | - :
Thou settest a crown of pure | gold | on | his | head.

|| He asked life of Thee, and Thou gavest | it | him:
even length of days for ev- | er | and | ev- | er.

Festival of St. Joseph

83. In House and Home Where Man and Wife

Magnus Brostrup Landstad, 1861

Kommt her zu mir
German, c. 1400



1. In house and home where man and wife
2. If thou hast giv - en Him thine heart,
3. And if thy home be dark and drear,
4. O Lord, we come be - fore Thy face;



To - geth - er lead a god - ly life,
The place of hon - or set a - part
The cruse be emp - ty, hun - ger near,
In ev - 'ry home be - stow Thy grace



By deeds their faith con - fess - ing,
For Him each night and mor - row;
All hope with - in thee dy - ing;
On chil - dren, fa - ther, moth - er;



There man - y a hap - py day is spent,
Then He the storms of life will calm,
De - spair not in thy sore dis - tress,
Re - lieve their wants, their bur - dens ease,



There Je - sus glad - ly will con - sent
Will bring for ev - 'ry wound a balm,
Lo, Christ is there the bread to bless
Let them to - geth - er dwell in peace



To tar - ry with His bless - ing.
And change to joy thy sor - row.
The frag - ments mul - ti - ply - ing.
And love to one an - oth - er! A - men.

