Jeremiah 1:17-19

¹⁷ "Therefore prepare yourself and arise, and speak to them all that I command you. Do not be dismayed before their faces, lest I dismay you before them. ¹⁸ For behold, I have made you this day a fortified city and an iron pillar, and bronze walls against the whole land—against the kings of Judah, against its princes, against its priests, and against the people of the land. ¹⁹ They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you. For I am with you," says the LORD, "to deliver you."

St. Mark 6:17-29

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her. ¹⁸ For John had said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."¹⁹ Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not; ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.²¹ Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee. 22 And when Herodias' daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you."²³ He also swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom."²⁴ So she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist!" ²⁵ Immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ And the king was exceedingly sorry; yet, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard of it, they

came and took away his corpse and laid it in a tomb.

August 29—The Beheading of St. John the Baptist (Red)



Introit.

Ant. I WILL || speak of Thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be a- | sham- | ed:

And I will delight myself in Thy commandments, | which | I | have | loved.

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, as Thou didst grant unto Thy Forerunner and martyr to proclaim Thy Word before princes and not be ashamed, we pray that Thou wouldst grant to Thy saints a zeal for a faithful confession in all times of persecution, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen*.

Epistle. Jeremiah 1:17–19 Gospel. Mark 6:17–29

Gradual.

|| The righteous shall flourish like the | palm | tree: he shall grow like a cedar | in | Le- | ba- | non.
|| Those that be planted in the house of the | LORD | - : shall flourish in the | courts | of | our | God.
|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. I will be as the dew unto | Is- | ra-el: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. | Hal- | le- |

lu- | jah.

Beheading of St. John the Baptist 101. From All Thy Saints in Warfare, For All Thy Saints at Rest The Sarum Hymnal, 1868 Ach Gott vom Himmelreiche "Musae Sioniae," VII, 1609 10 1. From all Thy Saints 2. We praise Thee for in fare. war the Bap tist, 3. A - po - stles, Pro - phets, Mar tyrs, $\Delta 4$. Then praise we God the Fa ther, all Thy Saints For at rest, To Thee, 0 Fore - run - ner Word, of the Our true E -And all the sa cred throng, Who wear the -And praise God the we Son. And God the All prais - es bless-ed ad - dressed. Je sus, be king A high-way for the Lord. ma li - as, ment, Who raise the cease-less song; spot-less rai -Ho - ly E - ter - nal Three in One; Spi rit, -

