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LITURGY OF THE HOURS

SAINT LOUIS GUANELLA

PRIEST AND FOUNDER

FEAST

October 24

Father Louis Guanella, was born in 1842 in Fraciscio of Campodolcino in the diocese of Como, Northern Italy. He was a zealous priest and apostle of charity. To aid the most abandoned and needy he founded the Congregations of the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence and the Servants of Charity. He also established the Pious Union of St. Joseph for the dying. He died in Como on October 24, 1915, was Beatified by Pope Paul VI on October 25, 1964, and declared a Saint by Pope Benedict XVI on October 23, 2011. His body rests in the Sacred Heart Shrine in Como, Italy.

INVITATORY

Lord, open my lips,
- and my mouth will proclaim your praise.

Ant. Let us praise to the Lord our God,
 as we acclaim Blessed Louis Guanella.

Psalm 95 *A call to praise God*

Come, let us sing to the Lord
 and shout with joy to the Rock who saves us.
 Let us approach him with praise and thanksgiving
 and sing joyful songs to the Lord. **(Ant)**

The Lord is God, the mighty God,
 the great king over all the gods.
 He holds in his hands the depths of the earth
 and the highest mountains as well.
 He made the sea; it belongs to him,
 the dry land, too, for it was formed by his hands. **(Ant)**

Come, then, let us bow down and worship,
 bending the knee before the Lord, our maker.
 For he is our God and we are his people,
 the flock he shepherds. **(Ant)**

Today, listen to the voice of the Lord:
 Do not grow stubborn, as your fathers did
 in the wilderness, when at Meriba and Massah
 they challenged me and provoked me,
 although they had seen all my works. **(Ant)**

Forty years I endured that generation.
 I said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray
 and they do not know my ways."
 So I swore in my anger:
 "They shall not enter into my rest." **(Ant)**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
 Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Ant. Let us praise to the Lord our God,
 as we acclaim Blessed Luigi Guanella

OFFICE OF READING

God, come to my assistance.
- Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
- As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen. Alleluia

HYMN

The earth is full of the goodness of Christ,
 He feeds his Lambs and guards his sheep,
 He walks abroad as the Shepherd of souls,
 And gathers all into his keep.

We know the voice of our Pastor, the Lord,
 He call our names eternally,
 Our hearts rejoice at the words that he speaks:

"And I know mine and mine know me."

When danger comes all the hirelings will flee,
But Christ remains to guard our sleep,
When evil comes the Good Shepherd of souls
Lays down his life to save his sheep.

We shall not want, for our Pastor is Christ,
He makes us lie in fields of grace,
Where, shorn of sin and refreshed by his love,
We gaze in prayer upon his face.

Music: Hendrik Andriessen
Text: Michael Gannon

PSALMODY

Ant 1 If anyone wishes to be first,
he must become the last and servant of all.

Psalm 21:2-8, 14

O Lord, your strength gives joy to the king;
how your saving help makes him glad!
You have granted him his heart's desire;
you have not refused the prayer of his lips.

You came to meet him with the blessings of success,
you have set on his head a crown of pure gold.
He asked you for life and this you have given,
days that will last from age to age.

Your saving help has given him glory.
You have laid upon him majesty and splendor,
you have granted your blessings to him for ever.
You have made him rejoice with the joy of your presence.

The king has put his trust in the Lord:
through the mercy of the Most High he shall stand firm.
O Lord, arise in your strength;
we shall sing and praise your power.

Ant. 1 If anyone wishes to be first,
he must become the last and servant of all.

Ant. 2 When the prince of pastors comes again,
you will receive from him an unfading crown of glory.

Psalm 92

I
It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night,
on the ten-stringed lyre and the lute,
with the murmuring sound of the harp.

Your deeds, a Lord, have made me glad;
for the work of your hands I shout with joy.
O Lord, how great are your works!
How deep are your designs!
The foolish man cannot know this
and the fool cannot understand.

Though the wicked spring up like grass
and all who do evil thrive:
they are doomed to be eternally destroyed.
But you, Lord, are eternally on high.

Ant. 2 When the prince of pastors comes again,
you will receive from him an unfading crown of glory.

Ant. 3 My good and faithful servant,
come and share your master's joy.

II
See how your enemies perish;
all doers of evil are scattered.

To me you give the wild-ox's strength;
you anoint me with the purest oil.
My eyes looked in triumph on my foes;
my ears heard gladly of their fall.
The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just;
in him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Ant. 3 My good and faithful servant,
come and share your master's joy.

You will hear the word from my mouth:

- *You will tell others what I have said.*

FIRST READING

From the first letter of St. John, the Apostle.

1 Jn 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten of God and has knowledge of God. The man without love has known nothing of God, for God is love. God's love was revealed in our midst in this way: He sent his only Son to the world that we might have life through him.

Love, then, consists in this: not that we have loved God but that he has loved us and has sent his Son as an offering for our sins. Beloved, if God has loved us so, we must have the same love for one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet if we love one another God dwells in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us.

The way we know we remain in him and he in us is that he has given us of his Spirit. We have seen for ourselves, and can testify, that the Father has sent the Son as savior of the world.

When anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwells in him and he in God. We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. Our love is brought to perfection in this that we should have confidence in the day of judgment; for our relation to this world is just like his.

Love has no room for fear; rather, perfect love casts out all fear. And since fear has to do with punishment, love is not yet perfect in one who is afraid. We, for our part, love because he first loved us. If anyone says: "My love is fixed on God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. One who has no love for the brother he has seen cannot love the God he has not seen. The commandment we

have from him is this: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Responsory

The love of God consists in this:
that we keep his commandments

- *and his commandments are not burdensome.*

Nothing is more salutary than to obey his commandments.

- *His commandments are not burdensome.*

SECOND READING

From the Regulations of the Servants of Charity, written by Blessed Luigi Guanella in 1910. (Opera Omnia, Vol IV, Scritti per le Congregazioni, 1229 ff)

Exhortations to charity and trust in Divine Providence

No Christian should content himself with thinking only for himself; but he must think and provide for the good of his brethren and among these, for the neediest of spiritual and corporal aid.

From this it follows that all the Servants of Charity should feel deeply the duty and desire of coming to the bodily and spiritual aid of their neighbors, their own brethren, the children of our common Heavenly Father.

"All things must be restored in Christ."

Now to restore persons and works, we must fulfill the desire of the Divine Heart, Who, appearing in the figure of immense fire, cried out: "I have come to bring the world the fire of

Charity; and what do I wish, if not that such a fire be enkindled in the hearts of men?"

Oh, that the fire of Divine Charity may come as a holy fire! May the Lord send the spirit of His Divine Charity, and the world will be renewed!

To live in much poverty and to trust ourselves completely to Divine Providence is a virtue of high perfection. Divine Providence is our natural Mother and very dear to her children. Our Work was born and grew with the visible help of Providence, which will never be lacking, provided it does not degenerate from its established spirit.

That God Who dresses the lilies of the field in clothes Solomon never wore, will never let anything be lacking to those who labor only for Him and for the greater glory of his name. We must, therefore, revive our faith and believe that good cannot be done but by ascending the fatiguing path of Calvary; that the Lord will never be wanting to those who confide in Him; that always sweet is the bread that comes from the hand of the provident Lord, sweet especially when it costs fatigue and sweat.

The good Servants of Charity who for long years and many times every day have aided the poor with faith; these good Servants of Charity who still living, never said "It's enough!" in the works of charity and sacrifice, will ascend on high with Jesus Christ and possess that kingdom the Lord has prepared for them from the dawn of creation.

Responsory

I was hungry and you gave me food;

I was thirsty and you gave me drink.

I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

- *I assure you: as often as you did it for one of these my least brothers, you did it for me.*

He who does charity to the poor, lend to the Lord.
- I assure you: as often as you did it for one of these my least brothers, you did it for me.

TE DEUM

You are God: we praise you;
 you are the Lord, we acclaim you;
 you are the eternal Father:
 all creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
 Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
 The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
 The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you:
 Father, of majesty unbounded,
 your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
 and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,
 the eternal Son of the Father.
 When you became man to set us free
 you did not spurn the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death,
 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
 You are seated at God's right hand in glory. ____

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
 bought with the price of your own blood,
 and bring us with your saints
 to glory everlasting.

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.
-- Govern and uphold them now and always.
 Day by day we bless you.
-- We praise your name for ever.
 Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.
-- Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
 Lord, show us your love and mercy;
-- for we put our trust in you.
 In you, Lord, is our hope:
-- and we shall never hope in vain.

Let us pray

O God,
 you have made Saint Louis Guanella,
 glorious for his remarkable love toward the poor,
 grant us to serve you continually in the exercise of charity,
 and to receive through your paternal providence
 the inheritance of your children.
 We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

God, come to my assistance.
 - *Lord, make haste to help me.*

Glory to the Father, and. to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
 - *As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.*
Amen. Alleluia.

HYMN

Loving shepherd of thy sheep,
 Keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
 Nothing can thy power withstand,
 None can pluck me from thy hand.

I would bless thee everyday,
 Gladly all thy will obey,
 Like thy blessed ones above,
 Happy in thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd ever near,
 Teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
 Suffer not my steps to stray
 From the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest I would go,
 Walking in thy steps below,
 Till before my Father's throne,
 I shall know as I am known.

Music: Leighton Hayne, 1836-1883
 Text: Jane E. Leeson. 1807-1882

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 You are the light of the world;
 a city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Psalm 63:2-9

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
 for you my soul is thirsting.
 My body pines for you
 like a dry, weary land without water.
 So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
 to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,
 my lips will speak your praise.
 So I will bless you all my life,
 in your name I will lift up my hands.
 My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
 my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you.
 On you I muse through the night
 for you have been my help;
 in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
 My soul clings to you;
 your right hand holds me fast.

Ant. 1 You are the light of the world;
 a city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Ant. 2 Let your light shine before men that they may
 see your good works and give glory to your Father.

Canticle

Daniel 3:57-88,56

Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord.
 Praise and exalt him above all forever.
 Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord.
 You heavens, bless the Lord.
 All you waters above the heavens, bless the Lord.
 All you hosts of the Lord, bless the Lord.
 Sun and moon, bless the Lord.
 Stars of heaven, bless the Lord.

Every shower and dew, bless the Lord.
 All you winds, bless the Lord.
 Fire and heat, bless the Lord.
 Cold and chill, bless the Lord.
 Dew and rain, bless the Lord.
 Frost and chill, bless the Lord.
 Ice and snow, bless the Lord.
 Nights and days, bless the Lord.
 Light and darkness, bless the Lord.
 Lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.

Let the earth bless the Lord.
 Praise and exalt him above all forever.
 Mountains and hills, bless the Lord.
 Everything growing from the earth, bless the Lord.
 You springs, bless the Lord.
 Seas and rivers, bless the Lord.
 You dolphins and all waters creatures, bless the Lord.
 All you birds of the air, bless the Lord.
 All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord.
 You sons of men, bless the Lord.

O Israel, bless the Lord.
 Praise and exalt him above all forever.
 Priests of the Lord, bless the Lord.
 Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.
 Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord.
 Holy men of humble heart, bless the Lord.
 Hananiah, Azariah, Mishael, bless the Lord.
 Praise and exalt him above all forever.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
 Let us praise and exalt him above all forever.
 Blessed are you, Lord, in the firmament of heaven.
 Praiseworthy and glorious and exalted above all forever.
 (No Glory is said)

Ant. 2 Let your light shine before men that they may
 see your good works and give glory to your Father.

Ant. 3 God's word is alive; it strikes to the heart.
 It pierces more surely than a two edged sword.

Psalm 149

Sing a new song to the Lord,
 his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
 Let Israel rejoice in its Maker,
 let Zion's sons exult in their king.
 Let them praise his name with dancing
 and make music with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes delight in his people.
 He crowns the poor with salvation.
 Let the faithful rejoice in their glory, ____

shout for joy and take their rest.
Let the praise of God be on their lips
and a two-edged sword in their hand,

to deal out vengeance to the nations
and punishment on all the peoples;
to bind their kings in chains
and their nobles in fetters of iron;
to carry out the sentence pre-ordained:
this honor is for all his faithful.

Ant. 3 God's word is alive; it strikes to the heart.
It pierces more surely than a two edged sword.

READING

Hebrews 13:7-9a

Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you;
consider how their lives ended, and imitate their faith. Jesus
Christ is the same yesterday, today, forever. Do not be carried away
by all kinds of strange teaching,

Responsory

On your walls, Jerusalem,
I have set my watchmen to guard you.
- *On your walls, Jerusalem,*
I have set my watchmen to guard you.

Day and night they will not cease to proclaim the name of the
Lord.
- *I have set my watchmen to guard you.*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
- *On your walls, Jerusalem,*
I have set my watchmen to guard you.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Luke 1:68-79

Ant. By this they will know that you are my disciples,
if you love one another.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet
of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation ____

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Ant. By this they will know that you are my disciples,
if you love one another.

INTERCESSIONS

Christ is the Good Shepherd who laid down his life
for the sheep. Let us praise and thank him as we pray:
- Nourish your people, Lord.

Christ, you decided to show your merciful love through
your holy shepherds,
- let your mercy always reach us through them.
Through your vicars you continue to perform the ministry of
shepherd of souls,
- direct us always through our leaders.
Through your holy ones, the leaders of your people,
you served as physician of our bodies and our spirits,
- continue to fulfill your ministry of life and holiness in us.
You taught your flock through the prudence and love of your
saints,
*- grant us continual growth in holiness under the direction of our
pastors.*

Our Father...

O God, you have made Saint Louis Guanella,
glorious for his remarkable love toward the poor,
grant us to serve you continually in the exercise of charity,
and to receive through your paternal providence
the inheritance of your children.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

DAYTIME PRAYER**HYMN**

Faith of our fathers! Faith and prayer
 Shall win all nations unto thee;
 And through the truth that comes from God,
 Mankind shall then indeed be free.
 Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
 We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! We will love
 Both friend and foe in all our strife:
 And preach thee too, as love knows how,
 By kindly deeds and virtuous life.
 Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
 We will be true to thee till death.

Music: Henry F. Hemy, 1818-1888
 Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863

PSALMODY**Midmorning**

Ant. O Father, as you sent me into the world,
 so I send my disciples.

Midday

Ant. Whoever welcomes you welcomes me,
 and the man who welcomes me
 welcomes him who sent me.

Midafternoon

Ant. We are fellow-workers with God;
 you are his harvest field,
 you are the temple he builds.

Psalm 118

I
 Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
 for his love endures for ever.

Let the sons of Israel say:
 "His love endures for ever."
 Let the sons of Aaron say:
 "His love endures for ever."
 Let those who fear the Lord say:
 "His love endures for ever."

I called to the Lord in my distress;
 he answered and freed me.
 The Lord is at my side; I do not fear.
 What can man do against me?
 The Lord is at my side as my helper:
 I shall look down on my foes.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
 than to trust in men:
 it is better to take refuge in the Lord
 than to trust in princes.

II
 The nations all encompassed me;
 in the Lord's name I crushed them. ____

They compassed me, compassed me about;
in the Lord's name I crushed them.
They compassed me about like bees;
they blazed like a fire among thorns.
In the Lord's name I crushed them.

I was hard-pressed and was falling
but the Lord came to help me.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he is my savior.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me.
The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die.

III

Open to me the gates of holiness:
I will enter and give thanks.
This is the Lord's own gate
where the just may enter.
I will thank you for you have answered
and you are my savior.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. ____

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord, grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light.

Go forward in procession with branches
even to the altar.
You are my God, I thank you.
My God, I praise you.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love endures for ever.

Midmorning

Ant. My Father, as you sent me into the world,
so I send my disciples.

Reading

1 Timothy 4:16

Watch yourself and watch your teaching.
Persevere at both tasks. By doing so you
will bring to salvation yourself and all who hear you.

This is the man the Lord has chosen as his servant.
- *He has called him to shepherd his inheritance Jacob.*

Midday

Ant. Whoever welcomes you welcomes me,
and the man who welcomes me

welcomes him who sent me.

Reading 1 Timothy 1 :12
I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me,
that he has made me his servant and judged me faithful.

I am not ashamed to proclaim the Gospel.
- *It is the saving power of God at work.*

Mid-afternoon

Ant. We are fellow-workers with God;
you are his harvest field, you are the temple he builds.

Reading 1 Timothy 3:13
Those who serve well gain a worthy place for themselves
and much assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.

Unless the Lord builds the house
- *Those who build it labor in vain.*

Let us pray.
O God, you have made Saint Louis Guanella,
glorious for his remarkable love toward the poor,
grant us to serve you continually in the exercise of charity,
and to receive through your paternal providence
the inheritance of your children.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER II

God, come to my assistance.
- *Lord, make haste to help me.*
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
- *As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.*

HYMN

Shepherd of souls, in love come, feed us,
Life-giving Bread for hungry hearts!
To those refreshing waters lead us
Where dwells that peace your grace imparts.
May we, the wayward in your fold,
By your forgiveness rest consoled.

Life-giving vine, come, feed and nourish,
Strengthen each branch with life divine;
Ever in you O may we flourish,
Fruitful the branches on the vine.
Lord, may our souls be purified
So that in Christ may we abide.

Sinful is man who kneels before you,
Worthy of you are you alone;
Yet in your name do we implore you.
Rich are the mercies you have shown.
Say but the word, O Lord divine,
Then are our hearts made pure like thine.

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 My life is at the service of the Gospel
God has given me this gift of his grace.

Psalm 15

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent
and dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice.
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue;

he who does no wrong to this brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbor,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honors those who fear the Lord;

he who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever.

Ant. 1 My life is at the service of the Gospel;
God has given me this gift of his grace.

Ant. 2 This servant proved himself faithful and wise;
the Lord entrusted the care of his household to him.

Psalm 112

Happy the man who fears the Lord,
who takes delight in all his commands:
His sons will be powerful on earth;
the children of the upright are blessed.

Riches and wealth are in his house;
his justice stands firm for ever.
He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honor.
The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.
With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
he will see the downfall of his foes. .

Open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory.

The wicked man sees and is angry.
grinds his teeth and fades away;
the desire of the wicked leads to doom.

Ant. 2 This servant proved himself faithful and wise;
the Lord entrusted the care of his household to him.

Ant. 3 My sheep will hear my voice;
and there shall be one fold and one shepherd.

Canticle

Revelation 15:3b-4

Mighty and wonderful are your works,
 Lord God Almighty!
 Righteous and true are your ways,
 O King of the nations!

Who would dare refuse you honor,
 or the glory due your name, O Lord?

Since you alone are holy,
 all nations shall come and worship in your presence.
 Your mighty deeds are clearly seen.

Ant. 3 My sheep will hear my voice;
 and there shall be one fold and one shepherd.. .

READING

1 Peter 5:1-4

To the elders among you I, a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's suffering and sharer in the glory that is to be revealed, make this appeal. God's flock is in your midst; give it a shepherd's care. Watch over it willingly as God would have you do, not under constraint; and not for shameful profit either, but generously. Be examples to the flock, not lording it over those assigned to you, so that when the chief Shepherd appears you will win for yourselves the unfading crown of glory.

Responsory

This is a man who loved his brethren
 and ever prayed for them.

*- This is a man who loved his brethren
 and ever prayed for them.*

He spent himself in their service,
- and ever prayed for them.

Glory to the Father...
*-This is a man who loved his brethren
 and ever prayed for them.*

CANTICLE OF MARY

Luke: 1:46-55

Ant. What you have done to the least of my brothers, you have done to me. Come, blessed of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
 my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
 for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
 the Almighty has done great things for me,
 and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
 in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
 he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
 and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father...

Ant. What you have done to the least of my brothers, you have
done to me. Come, blessed of my Father, receive the
kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world.

INTERCESSIONS

Jesus Christ is worthy of all praise, for he was appointed high
priest among men and their representative before God. We honor
him and in our weakness we pray:
- *Bring salvation to your people, Lord.*

You marvelously illuminated your Church through distinguished
leaders and holy men and women,
- let Christians rejoice always in such splendor.

You forgave the sins of your people when their holy leaders like
Moses sought your compassion,
- through their intercession continue to purify and sanctify your
holy people.

In the midst of their brothers and sisters you anointed your holy
ones and filled them with the Holy Spirit,
- fill all the leaders of your people with the same Spirit.

You yourself are the only visible possession of our holy pastors.
- let none of them, won at the price of your blood, remain far from
you.

The shepherds of your Church keep your flock from being
snatched out of your hand. Through them you give your flock
eternal life,
- save those who have died, those for whom you gave up your life.

Our Father...

O God,
you have made Saint Louis Guanella,
glorious for his remarkable love toward the poor,
grant us to serve you continually in the exercise of charity,
and to receive through your paternal providence
the inheritance of your children.
We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever. Amen.

NIGHT PRAYER

(After Evening Prayer II on Sundays)