December 15

SAINT ELEUTHERIUS
OF ILLYRICUM
BISHOP & MARTYR

The Introit. Sacerdotes Dei. Daniel iii. Tone VII.

O YE priests of the Lord, • bless ye the Lord: * [Choir] O ye holy and humble men of heart, • bless ye the Lord.

Ps. ibid. [Cantors] O all ye works of the Lord, • bless ye the Lord: * [Choir] praise him and magnify • him for ever.

[Choir] As it was in the beginning, is now, and • ever shall be, * world without end. Amen. Cantor and Choir repeat O ye priests, &c. as far as the Ps.

The Collect.

O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly solemnity of blessed Eleutherius, thy Martyr and Bishop: mercifully grant; that, as we now celebrate his birthday, so we may likewise rejoice in his protection. Through, &c.

¶ Commemoration is made of the Advent Feria.

The Epistle. II Corinthians i. 3-7.

BRETHREN: Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of
Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation: in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**The Gradual.** Psalm viii. Tone V (modified)

[Cantors] Thou • hast crown-ed him * [Choir] with glory and • worship, O Lord.

∀. [Cantors] Thou hast made him to have • dominion * [Choir] of the works of • thy hands, O Lord.

**The Alleluia.** Tone VI (modified)


∀. [Cantors] This is • a Priest * [Choir] whom the • Lord hath crown-ed. Cantors and Choir repeat second Alleluia, as above.

**The Holy Gospel.** S. Matthew xvi. 24-27.

At that time: Jesus said unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.
**The Offertory.** *Psalm lxxxix.* Tone II.

[**Cantors**] I have found David my ser-vant, † with my holy oil • have I anointed him: * [**Choir**] my hand shall hold him fast, and my • arm shall strengthen him.

**The Secret.** Sanctify, O Lord, the gifts which we dedicate to thee: that at the intercession of blessed Eleutherius thy Martyr and Bishop they may obtain for us thy gracious favour. Through, &c. *Commemoration is made of the Advent Feria.*

**The Communion.** *Psalm xxi.* Tone I *(modified)*

[**Cantors**] Thou hast • set, O Lord * [**Choir**] a crown of pure • gold upon his head.

**The Postcommunion.** May this communion, O Lord, cleanse us from guilt: and, at the intercession of blessed Eleutherius, thy Martyr and Bishop, make us partakers of thy heavenly healing. Through, &c. *Commemoration is made of the Advent Feria.*