

June 24

# BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## MASS OF THE DAY

### INTROIT

*De ventre matris mee*

*Is 49: 1, 2*

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**F** Rom my mother's womb \* the Lord called me by  
my name; and he made my mouth like unto a sharp  
sword; he protected me in the shadow of his hand,  
and he made me as his chosen ar- row.

### Psalm 92 (91)

1. It is good to give thanks *to the LORD*, \*  
to make music to your name, O *Most High*,  
to proclaim your loving mercy *in the morning*, \*  
and your truth in the watches of *the night*,  
on the tenstringed lyre *and the lute*, \*  
with the sound of song on *the harp*.

2. You have gladdened me, O LORD, *by your deeds*; \*  
for the work of your hands I shout *with joy*.

O LORD, how great *are your works*! \*  
How deep are your *designs*!

The senseless *cannot know* this, \*  
and the fool cannot *understand*.

3. Though the wicked spring *up like grass*, \*  
and all who do *evil thrive*,  
they are doomed to be eternally *destroyed*. \*  
But you, O LORD, are eternally *on high*.

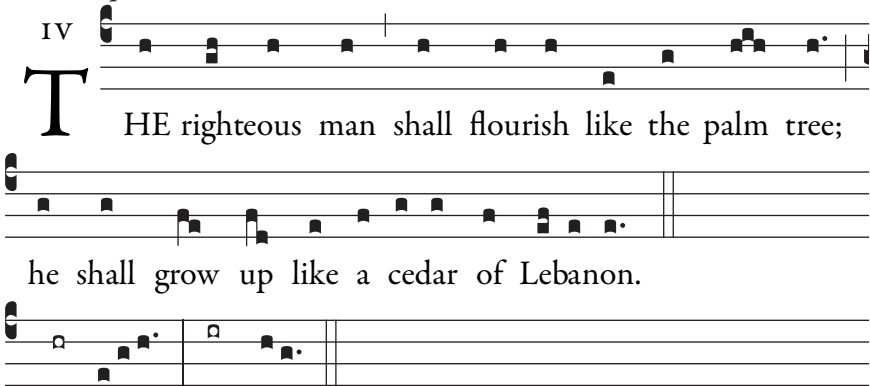
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#### OFFERTORY

*Iustus ut palma*

*Ps 92 (91): 13*

IV



**T** HE righteous man shall flourish like the palm tree;  
he shall grow up like a cedar of Lebanon.

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4. See, your enemies, O LORD, †  
see, your *enemies will perish*; \*  
all who do evil will *be scattered*.

## COMMUNION

*Tu, puer*

*Lk 1: 76*

II  
Y

OU, child, will be called the prophet of the Most

High; you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.

## Lk 1: 68-75, 77-79

1. 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*.

2. Through his holy prophets he promised of old †  
that he would save us *from our enemies*, \*  
from the hands of all *who hate us*.
  
3. 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*.
  
4. 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*.
  
5. 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*.

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