

3 November

Blessed Rupert Mayer, Priest

Rupert Mayer (1876-1945) was born in Stuttgart, Germany, ordained a diocesan priest in 1899, and a year later entered the novitiate of the Society of Jesus in Austria. In 1912 he was assigned to take care of immigrants in Munich. He formed a network of clergy and laity to cooperate in serving the migrants throughout the city, providing them food, clothing, shelter and jobs. He fearlessly opposed the rise of Communism, National Socialism, and Hitler in particular. After the war he returned to his parish in Munich, where he suffered a brain haemorrhage and died in November 1945.

From the Common of Pastors.

Collect

**O God, who made your Priest, Blessed Rupert Mayer,
a steadfast confessor of the faith
and a servant of the poor,
grant, we pray, through his intercession,
that fearless preachers of the Gospel
may be raised up in your Church
and that we may be given hearts open to the needs of others.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

COMMON OF PASTORS

Entrance Antiphon

Phil 2: 5, 8

Have among yourselves the same attitude
that is also yours in Christ Jesus.
He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross.

Prayer over the Offerings

**As we bring this oblation to your altar, O Lord,
and following the example of blessed N. (and N.) your Priest(s),
we offer your divine majesty with deep affection
all we possess and ourselves with it,
for your greater service
and for the salvation of our brothers and sisters.
Through Christ our Lord.**

Communion Antiphon (RM)

Jn 12: 26

Whoever serves me must follow me
and where I am there also will my servant be, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

**Through the power of the sacrament we have received, Lord Jesus,
lavish upon us the spirit of kindness
with which you filled blessed N. (and N.) your Priest(s),
that people may sense that,
to the least of your brothers and sisters,
you are also near.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.**

PREFACE I OF HOLY PASTORS (JESUIT PROPER)

The example of the Saints,
that we may more eagerly be spent because of the Gospel

V/. The Lord be with you.

R/. And with your spirit.

V/. Lift up your hearts.

R/. We lift them up to the Lord.

V/. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R/. It is right and just.

**It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.**

**For in the least Society of your Son, Jesus,
you have raised up many holy and blessed companions
that your glory might shine more brightly
and that we, too,
encouraged by their prayers and example,
may take up our cross
and may more eagerly spend ourselves and be spent
for the salvation of the human race
in union with Christ our Lord.**

**Through him the Angels praise your majesty,
Dominions adore and Powers tremble before you.
Heaven and the Virtues of heaven and the blessed Seraphim
worship together with exultation.
May our voices, we pray, join with theirs
in humble praise, as we acclaim:
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts ...**

PREFACE II OF HOLY PASTORS (RM)

The presence of holy Pastors in the Church

V/. The Lord be with you.

R/. And with your spirit.

V/. Lift up your hearts.

R/. We lift them up to the Lord.

V/. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R/. It is right and just.

**It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.**

**For, as on the festival of Saint N. you bid your Church rejoice,
so, too, you strengthen her by the example of his holy life,
teach her by his words of preaching,
and keep her safe in answer to his prayers.**

**And so, with the company of Angels and Saints,
we sing the hymn of your praise,
as without end we acclaim:**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .