

13 November

Saint Stanislaus Kostka, Religious

Memorial

Stanislaus Kostka (1550-1568) was born in Poland. In 1567 he was sent for studies to the Jesuit College in Vienna. In order to join the Jesuits, against the opposition of his family, Stanislaus walked the 750 kilometres to Germany, and with the blessings of Fr Peter Canisius, the Provincial Superior there, he was admitted to the Society of Jesus in Rome. In the novitiate, Stanislaus was blessed with mystical experiences. He died of illness on 15 August 1568.

Entrance Antiphon

Wis 4: 13-14

Having become perfect in a short while,
he reached the fullness of a long career;
for his soul was pleasing to the Lord,
therefore he quickly led him out of the midst of wickedness.

Collect

**O God, who loved Saint Stanislaus Kostka
for devoting himself to you with the ardour of youth,
grant that we too may redeem our time with eager service,
and run the way of your commands.
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.**

Prayer over the Offerings

**As we make sacrificial offerings at your altar, O Lord, give
us the spirit of devotion
that you instilled in Saint Stanislaus
so that we too, with a pure mind and a fervent heart,
may be renewed with the bread of angels.
Through Christ our Lord.**

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Sir 15: 3

He fed him with the bread of life and understanding,
and gave him the water of saving wisdom to drink.

Prayer after Communion

**Teach us, O Lord,
as we follow the example of Saint Stanislaus,
to advance toward you along a straight path
and to seek your strength in spiritual food.
Through Christ our Lord.**

PREFACE I OF RELIGIOUS (JESUIT PROPER)

Contemplating the joy of those already in the holy city

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 among the members of our Society,
of whatever grade or position, age or ministry,
you have raised up many Saints and Blessed,
allowing us the joy in this life
of contemplating even now the holy city,
the new Jerusalem, which is our mother.**

**Therefore, all creatures of heaven and earth
sing a new song in adoration,
and we, with all the host of Angels,
cry out, and without end we acclaim:**

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

PREFACE II OF RELIGIOUS (RM)

The sign of a life consecrated to God

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 Saints who consecrated themselves to Christ
for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven,
it is right to celebrate the wonders of your providence,
by which you call human nature back to its original holiness
and bring it to experience on this earth
the gifts you promise in the new world to come.**

**And so, with all the Angels and Saints,
we praise you, as without end we acclaim:**

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