

January 10

FEAST OF SAINT LEONIE AVIAT

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Introductory Rite

Saint Leonie Aviat received blessings from the Lord: she found grace before God her Savior. She belongs to the people that longs to see his face. [Ps. 23:5-6]

OPENING PRAYER

God of all goodness, you put in the heart of Saint Leonie Aviat an ardent desire to live humbly like Jesus, your Son. You taught her to surrender her will to yours and to have a constant charity toward all. Inspired by her example, may we, too, forget ourselves entirely so that we may serve you better and work for the happiness of others. Grant us, through her intercession, the grace we ask of you, through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

May the gifts we bring to your altar on this feast of Saint Leonie Aviat be acceptable to you, Lord. Grant that free from attachment to things of this world, we may seek you as our only good. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Communion Rite

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord; blessed is the one who hopes in God. [Ps. 33:9]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

By the power of this communion, Lord, guide us always in your love, as you guided Saint Leonie Aviat. May the work of salvation which you have begun in us reach perfection in the day of Christ Jesus who is Lord for ever and ever.

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Religious

First Reading

Colossians 3: 12-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Because you are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another; forgive whatever grievances you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you. Over all these virtues put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect. Christ's peace must reign in your hearts, since as members of the one body you have been called to that peace. Dedicate yourselves to thankfulness. Let the word of Christ, rich as it is, dwell in you. In wisdom made perfect, instruct and admonish one another. Sing gratefully to God from your hearts in psalms, hymns, and inspired songs. Whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 15: 2-3, 3-4, 5

R. You are my love, O Lord, you are my joy!

One who walks blamelessly and does justice; who thinks the truth in his heart and slanders not with his tongue.

R. You are my love, O Lord, you are my joy!

Who harms not his brother or sister, nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor; by whom the reprobate is despised, while he honors those who fear the Lord.

R. You are my love, O Lord, you are my joy!

Who lends not his money at usury and accepts no bribe against the innocent. The one who does these things shall never be disturbed.

R. You are my love, O Lord, you are my joy!

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11: 25

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the
kingdom.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18: 1-5... 10, 14

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The disciples came up to Jesus with the question, "Who is of greatest importance in the kingdom of God?" He called a little child over and stood him in their midst and said: "I assure you, unless you change and become like little children, you will not enter the kingdom of God. Those who make themselves lowly, becoming like this child, are of greatest importance in that heavenly reign. Anyone who welcomes one such child for my sake welcomes me. See that you never despise one of these little ones. I assure you, their angels in heaven constantly behold my heavenly Father's face. It is no part of your heavenly Father's plan that a single one of these little ones shall ever come to grief."

The Gospel of the Lord.