

Liturgy Alive of Saint ANTHONY of PADUA, Priest and Doctor

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Memorial

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Introduction

The Portuguese saint Anthony of Padua is one of the most venerated saints and possibly the most misused. In his ten years with the Augustinians, he applied himself to the Scriptures, but was then attracted to the radical evangelical life-style of the young Franciscan order. In Italy he became a very effective popular preacher and dedicated himself to his work with so much ardor that he died at the age of 36 at Padua. He did not only preach the gospel but lived it totally.

Opening Prayer

Lord our God,
St. Anthony was so filled
with your Son and his gospel
that he could not but make people enthusiastic
about the good news of Jesus Christ.
Let your Son and his word
spring to life in us, we pray you,
that we may live the life of Jesus
and proclaim him to all those around,

for he is our Lord for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,
in these gifts of bread and wine
we bring before you our readiness
to follow your Son Jesus Christ.
May he grow in us day after day
that we may live for one another
and that the gospel may become credible
in our world and in our times.

We ask you this through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,
you have spoken to us your word
and given us our food for the road
in your Son Jesus Christ.
Let his gospel be no empty word among us,
but a call and a challenge
to lead his life
and to spread his love among people.

We ask you this through Christ our Lord.