

**October 16  
St. Longinus  
the Centurion  
and Companions  
Martyr - Confessor  
(Red)**

**INTROIT  
(ENTRANCE ANTIPHON)  
*Ps. 63:11***

**The just shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall hope in Him: and all the upright in heart shall be praised. *Ps. 63:2.* Hear, O God, my prayer when I make supplication to Thee: deliver my soul from the fear of the enemy. (V.) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. (R.) As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, through all ages of ages. Amen. (V.) The just shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall hope in Him: and all the upright in heart shall be praised.**

**COLLECT**

**(PRAYER)**

**O God, Who didst chose the Roman soldier Longinus to offer Christ quenching of His thirst on the Cross, to witness the final moments of the earthly life of Thy Son, the great and awesome portents that appeared at His death, and to open Thy Son's side with his lance so that blood and water flowed from His side onto the face of Longinus thus curing him of an affliction of his eye, grant us, we beseech Thee, that our eyes will be opened to the know the Sacrificial Victim of the Cross, Who will again, today, become present and be offered on this Altar. (V.) Through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages of ages. (R.) Amen.**

**A LESSON FROM THE  
EPISTLE OF BLESSED**

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**PAUL THE APOSTLE TO  
TIMOTHY  
2 Tim. 2:1-10**

**2:1. Thou therefore, my son, be strong in Christ Jesus: 2:2. And the things which thou hast heard of me by many witnesses, the same commend to faithful men who shall be fit to teach others also. 2:3. Labour as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 2:4. No man, being a soldier to God, entangleth himself with secular businesses: that he may please him to whom he hath engaged himself. 2:5. For he also that striveth for the mastery is not crowned, except he strive lawfully. 2:6. The husbandman that laboureth must first partake of the fruits. 2:7. Understand what I say: for the Lord will give thee in all things understanding. 2:8. Be mindful that the Lord Jesus Christ is risen again from the dead, of the seed of David, according to my gospel: 2:9. Wherein I labour even unto**

**bands, as an evildoer. But the word of God is not bound. 2:10. Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with heavenly glory.**

**GRADUAL  
Ps. 123:7-8**

**Our soul hath been delivered, as a sparrow, out of the snare of the fowlers. V. The snare is broken, and we are delivered: our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.**

**LESSER ALLELUIA**

**Alleluia, alleluia. V. The white-robed army of martyrs praiseth Thee, O Lord. Alleluia.**

**+ THE CONTINUATION OF  
THE HOLY GOSPEL  
ACCORDING TO SAINT  
MATTHEW**

**Mat. 27:33-54**

**27:33.** And they came to the place that is called Golgotha, which is the place of Calvary. **27:34.** And they gave him wine to drink mingled with gall. And when he had tasted, he would not drink. **27:35.** And after they had crucified him, they divided his garments, casting lots; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: They divided my garments among them; and upon my vesture they cast lots. **27:36.** And they sat and watched him. **27:37.** And they put over his head his cause written: **THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.** **27:38.** Then were crucified with him two thieves: one on the right hand and one on the left. **27:39.** And they that passed by blasphemed him, wagging their heads, **27:40.** And saying: Vah, thou that destroyest the temple of God and in three days dost rebuild it: save

thy own self. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. **27:41.** In like manner also the chief priests, with the scribes and ancients, mocking said: **27:42.** He saved others: himself he cannot save. If he be the king of Israel, let him now come down from the cross: and we will believe him. **27:43.** He trusted in God: let him now deliver him if he will have him. For he said: I am the Son of God. **27:44.** And the selfsame thing the thieves also that were crucified with him reproached him with. **27:45.** Now from the sixth hour, there was darkness over the whole earth, until the ninth hour. **27:46.** And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying: Eli, Eli, lamma sabacthani? That is, My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me? **27:47.** And some that stood there and heard said: This man calleth Elias. **27:48.** And immediately one of them running took

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a sponge and filled it with vinegar and put it on a reed and gave him to drink. 27:49. And the others said: Let be. Let us see whether Elias will come to deliver him. 27:50. And Jesus again crying with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. 27:51. And behold the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top even to the bottom: and the earth quaked and the rocks were rent. 27:52. And the graves were opened: and many bodies of the saints that had slept arose, 27:53. And coming out of the tombs after his resurrection, came into the holy city and appeared to many. 27:54. Now the centurion and they that were with him watching Jesus, having seen the earthquake and the things that were done, were sore afraid, saying: Indeed this was the Son of God.

**OFFERTORY ANTIPHON**  
*Wis. 3:1-3*

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torment of malice shall not touch them: in the sight of the unwise they seem to die, but they are in peace, alleluia.

**THE SECRET**  
**(PRAYER OVER THE**  
**GIFTS)**

Graciously receive, O Lord, the gifts of Thy people in honor of Thy saints, Longinus and his two Companions, who, after the Crucifixion and death of Thy Son, stood watch at His burial and at the Sepulchre of the Lord, witnessed the All-Radiant Resurrection of Thy Christ, refused to bear false witness against the resurrection rejecting the Jewish gold offered for their false testimony, that Thou may have them intercede for us for our sanctification. [V.] Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and

reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages of ages. *[R.]* Amen.

[Preface of The Holy Cross]

COMMUNION ANTIPHON  
*Mat. 10:2-7*

That which I tell you in the dark, speak ye in the light; and that which you hear in the ear preach ye on the housetops.

POST-COMMUNION  
COLLECT  
(PRAYER AFTER  
COMMUNION)

We who have received Thy sacraments, O Lord, pray that, by the intercession of Thy blessed Martyrs Longinus the Centurion and his companions, who received Baptism from the Apostles and the water from heart of Thy Son, left Judea and

returned to their homes in Cappadocia preaching the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, winning great numbers of followers to Christ so that the Jewish elders persuaded Pilate to have them killed, Pilate casting the severed head of Longinus in the trash heap outside the walls of Jerusalem, where the Saint did appear to a blind widow whose son had died and did cure her of her blindness revealing her son in heaven, may we also see, know, and follow the true way of salvation. *[V.]* Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages of ages. *[R.]* Amen.

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