

The Feast of Sts. Perpetua and Felicitas, and Their Companions, Martyrs

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They shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.

In thy name shall they rejoice all the day,
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Glory be to the Father and to the Son

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Soli Deo Gloria!

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