

V/. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R/. **That we may be made worthy  
of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord,  
to pour thy grace into our hearts;  
that as we have known the Incarnation  
of thy Son Jesus Christ  
by the message of an angel,  
so by his ☩ Cross and Passion,  
we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection.  
Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We remain STANDING to sing the following hymn as the  
priest leaves the sanctuary:*

**"Thou art the Christ, O Lord,  
The Son of God, most high!"  
Forever be adored,  
That Name in earth and sky.  
In which, tho' mortal strength may fail,  
The saints of God at last prevail!**

**Oh, surely he was blest,  
With blessedness unpriced,  
Who taught of God, confessed  
The Godhead in the Christ!  
For of Thy Church, Lord, Thou didst own  
Thy saint a true foundation-stone.**

**Thrice fallen, thrice restored!  
The bitter lesson learnt,  
That heart for Thee, O Lord,  
With triple ardour burnt.  
The cross he took he laid not down  
Until he grasped the martyr's crown.**

**Oh bright triumphant faith!  
Oh courage void of fears!  
Oh love, most strong in death!  
Oh penitential tears!  
By these, Lord, keep us lest we fall,  
And make us go where Thou shalt call.**

**Communion Reflection:**

"And thus thou wilt be reminded of His pre-eminence, by the thought that a servant of Christ was caught up to the third heaven. For if Elias attained as far as the first heaven, but Paul as far as the third, the latter, therefore, has obtained a more honourable dignity. Be not ashamed of thine Apostles; they are not inferior to Moses, nor second to the Prophets; but they are noble among the noble, yea, nobler still. For Elias truly was taken up into heaven; but Peter has the keys of the kingdom of heaven, having received the words, "whatsoever thou shalt loose earth shall be loosed in heaven." Elias was taken up only to heaven; but Paul both into heaven, and into paradise (for it behoved the disciples of Jesus to receive more manifold grace), and "unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for man to utter." But Paul came down again from above, not because he was unworthy to abide in the third heaven, but in order that after having enjoyed things above man's reach, and descended in honour, and having preached Christ, and died for His sake, he might receive also the crown of martyrdom. But I pass over the other parts of this argument, of which I spoke yesterday in the Lord's-day congregation; for with understanding hearers, a mere reminder is sufficient of instruction." (St Cyril of Jerusalem, *Catechetical Lectures* 14:26)

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**Ss PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES**

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**Prayer Thought**

*Veneration of the two great Apostles, Peter and Paul, has its roots in the very foundations of the Church. They are the solid rock on which the Church is built. They are at the origin of her faith and will forever remain her protectors and her guides. To them Rome owes her true greatness, for it was under God's providential guidance that they were led to make the capital of the Empire, sanctified by their martyrdom, the center of the Christian world whence should radiate the preaching of the Gospel.*

**Introit Hymn**

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.**

**Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

*Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

#### THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

In the name of the Father, ✠  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The priest greets the people*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
**and also with you.**

#### Penitential Rite

*The priest invites the people to call to mind their sins and repent of them.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The priest pronounces the general absolution*

May almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**Kyrie, eleison, Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie eleison, eleison  
Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison.  
Christe eleison, eleison**

**Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie eleison, eleison.**

#### The Gloria in excelsis

**Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth, peace on earth,  
peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth, peace on earth,  
peace to people of good will.**

**As, when their converse closed and supper ended,  
taking the bread and wine they made thanksgiving,  
breaking and blessing, thus to have communion  
with Christ the living;**

**so may we here, a company of brothers,  
make this our love-feast and commemoration,  
that in his Spirit we may have more worthy  
participation.**

**And as they prayed and sang to thee rejoicing,  
ere in the night-fall they embraced and parted,  
in their hearts singing as they journeyed homeward,  
brave and true-hearted;**

**so may we here, like corn that once was scattered  
over the hill-side, now one bread united,  
led by the Spirit, do thy work rejoicing,  
lamps filled and lighted.**

#### Prayer after Communion

(STAND)

Let us pray.

*And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while, unless the silence has just been observed. Then the priest, with hands extended, says the Prayer after Communion; at the end of which the people acclaim: Amen.*

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body  
and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer  
you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us  
out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your  
praise and glory. Amen.**

(STAND)

#### THE CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*For the dismissal, the Priest faces the people and uses a form of blessing appropriate to the season.*

.....; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Before we conclude with the Recessional Hymn we recite 'The Angelus' (The Memorial of the Incarnation).*

#### The Angelus

V/. The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary;  
**R/. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

V/. Behold the handmaid of the Lord;  
**R/. Be it done to me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

V/. And the Word was made flesh;  
**R/. And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Priest: The mystery of faith:

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

*The Priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer thanking God for all he has done for us in Jesus Christ. At the end of the Doxology, all join in the Great Amen:*

**Amen.**

## THE COMMUNION RITE

### The Lord's Prayer

*The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer: (STAND)*

**Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

### The Agnus Dei (KNEEL)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

*The priest shows the consecrated Host to the people, saying:*

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called  
to the supper of the Lamb.

**✠ Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*An antiphon and/or hymns may be sung quietly as the people reverently receive Holy Communion.*

### Communion Hymn

**As the disciples, when thy Son had left them,  
met in a love-feast, joyfully conversing,  
all the stored memory of the Lord's Last Supper  
fondly rehearsing;**

**so may we here, who gather now in friendship,  
seek for the spirit of those earlier churches,  
welcome the one who stands and for an entrance  
patiently searches.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
you are seated at the right hand,  
the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth, peace on earth,  
peace to people of good will.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth, peace on earth,  
peace to people of good will. Amen. Amen.**

### The Collect

Let us pray.

O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion. 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. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (SIT)

### The First Reading Acts of the Apostles 12: 1-11

*(New Testament Page 110 in the Bibles) Herod begins to persecute the Church. St Peter is imprisoned and rescued by an angel of the Lord.*

### The Responsorial Psalm (from Psalm 34)

**R/. From all my terrors the Lord sets me free.**

I will bless the Lord at all times  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. ®

Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. ®

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. ®

The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around those who revere him, to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. ®

### The Second Reading 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18

*(New Testament Page 180 in the Bibles) Following many persecutions St Paul testifies to the Lord having rescued him from them all.*

### Gospel Acclamation (STAND)

**Alleluia, alleluia!** You are Peter; and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. **Alleluia!**

## The Gospel

Matthew 16: 13-19

*(New Testament Page 15 in the Bibles) The Lord asks the disciples who they say he is. St Peter confesses the Lord as the Son of the living God and is given the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*As the Gospel is announced the people respond:*

✠✠✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the conclusion of the Gospel Reading:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Homily

### The Nicene Creed

(STAND)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

*(all bow during the next three lines)*

**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### The Prayer of the Faithful

*Priest:* My brothers and sisters, we bring our intentions to the Father with that same faith of the Apostles, St Peter and St Paul; with the faith of the fisherman, on whom the Church is built, and the faith of the teacher of so many nations.

*Intercessor:* For the Church and her bishops that they may bear faithful the apostolic ministry entrusted to them with wisdom and a pastor's love.....

V/. Let us pray to the Lord.

R/. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the nations where Christ's voice is unknown, not heard, or ignored, that missionaries with the zeal of St Paul may bring them the Good News.....

For those who are seeking the truth, that they may be one with us in the Church that is Catholic and apostolic....

For fidelity and loyalty, that we may be truly committed to the Faith and eagerly share it with others....

For all those who are in pain or suffering at this time, either in hospital or at home, especially.....Jane, Cecilia, Joan Carrigan, Rene Hazlewood, Jean, Fr Joseph, Lilith, Peter, Rosie, Stacey, Isa, Wendy, Janet, Gren, David, Adam Viard...

For those who have died and come into the presence of our

heavenly Father, especially...Beau Brandie (*Priest*), Mike, Andy, Bill Barrett, Ethel Blake, Phyllis Burnett, Betty Green, Alan Goodridge, Doreen Hart, Bet Jones, Joyce Gunstone, Ivy MacFarlane, Florence Ononeme, Detcho Stoyanov, Jonny Thorp, Irwin Walker, Paul Woodfield...and for those whose anniversaries of death occur during this week, amongst them...**28th** Ella West, Margaret Sharp; **29th** Frederick Butler, Joan Whetstone; **30th** Tony Holman; **1st July** Lily Pell, Roy Newlton; **2nd** Olive Weir; **3rd** Florence Varney; **4th** David Thorn, Margaret Missenden...

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

**And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Priest:* Almighty God and Father, hear the prayers of this community, gathered in the faith of the apostles and helped by their intercession. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Offertory Hymn

**We sing the glorious conquest  
before Damascus gate,  
when Saul, the Church's spoiler,  
came breathing threats and hate;  
the rav'ning wolf rushed forward  
full early to the prey;  
but lo! the Shepherd met him,  
and bound him fast today.**

**O glory most excelling  
that smote across his path!  
O light that pierced and blinded  
the zealot in his wrath!  
O voice that spake unto him  
the calm, reproving word!  
O love that sought and held him  
the bondman of his Lord!**

**Lord, teach your church the lesson,  
still in her darkest hour  
of weakness and of danger,  
to trust your hidden pow'r:  
your grace by ways mysterious  
the wrath of man can bind,  
and in your boldest foeman  
your chosen saint can find.**

(STAND)

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Church.**

*The priest says the Prayer over the Gifts to which all respond:*  
**Amen.**

### The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Priest sings the Preface, at the end of which the People KNEEL... all join in the acclamation:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes,  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

*The Priest says the Eucharistic Prayer of Thanksgiving, recalling the command of the Lord Jesus, 'Do this in memory of me.'*