



**THE SOLEMNITY OF
Ss PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES**

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 unto 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.**

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.**

Vespers (Evening Prayer)

✕ O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

Now let the heavens with joy resound,

And earth the chant re-echo round;

Nor heaven nor earth too high can raise

The great Apostles' glorious praise.

Theirs was the steadfast faith of saints,

The unconquered hope that never faints,

The perfect love of Christ to know,

That lays the praise of this world low.

In them the Father's glory shone,

In them the Spirit's will was done;

The Son's glad praise to them is given,

With joy resound the courts of heaven.

To thee, Redeemer, now we cry,

That with this glorious band on high,

Through endless ages, by thy grace,

Thy servants also may have place.

Psalm 116B

Thanksgiving in the Temple

*"Through him [Christ], let us offer God
an unending sacrifice of praise" (Heb 13:15).*

Antiphon: I have prayed for you, Peter,
that your faith may not fail;
and when you have repented,
you must strengthen your brothers.

I trusted, even when I said: *

'I am sorely afflicted,'

Prayers and intercessions

We pray to Christ who built his Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets.

– *Lord, be with your people.*

Simon the fisherman was called by you to be a fisher of men:

call others today to share in his task.

– *Lord, be with your people.*

When the disciples feared that the ship was sinking, you commanded the sea and there was calm:

protect your Church in the midst of trouble, and give her the peace that the world cannot give.

– *Lord, be with your people.*

After your resurrection you gathered your Church around Peter:

gather all your people now into the unity for which you prayed.

– *Lord, be with your people.*

You sent Paul as an apostle to all men:

let your good news be preached today through all creation.

– *Lord, be with your people.*

You entrusted the keys of your kingdom to your Church:

open the gates of life to the dead who put their trust in you.

– *Lord, be with your people.*

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.

Let us pray.

Lord our God,

may the blessed apostles Peter and Paul
support us by their prayers.

Through them you first taught your Church
the Christian faith.

Provide us now, by their intercession,
with help for our eternal salvation.

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.

✠ May the Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

and when I said in my alarm: *

‘No man can be trusted.’

How can I repay the Lórd *

for his goodness to mé?

The cúp of salvátion I will ráise; *

I will cáll on the Lórd’s name.

My vóws to the Lórd I will fulfil *

befóre all his péople.

O précious in the éyes of the Lórd *

is the déath of his fáithful.

Your sérvant, Lord, your sérvant am Í; *

you have lóosened my bónds.

A thánksiving sácrifice I máke; *

I will cáll on the Lórd’s name.

My vóws to the Lórd I will fulfil *

befóre all his péople,

in the cóurts of the hóuse of the Lórd, *

in your mídst, O Jerúsalem.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be,

world without end.

Amen.

Antiphon: I have prayed for you, Peter,
that your faith may not fail;
and when you have repented,
you must strengthen your brothers.

Psalm-prayer:

Father, precious in your sight is the death of the saints, but precious above all is the love with which Christ suffered to redeem us. In this life we fill up in our own flesh what is still lacking in the sufferings of Christ; accept this as our sacrifice of praise, and we shall even now taste the joy of the new Jerusalem. Amen.

Psalm 125 (126)

Gladness and hope in the Lord

“Just as you are sharing in our sufferings,
so also will you share our consolations” (2 Cor 1:7).

Antiphon: I boast freely of my weakness,
so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

When the Lórd delivered Sion from bóndage, *

it séemed like a dréam.

Thén was our móuth filled with láughter, *

on our líps there were sóngs.

The héathens themséives said: ‘What márvels *

the Lórd worked for thém!’

What márvels the Lórd worked for ús! *

Indéed we were glád.

Delíver us, O Lórd, from our bóndage *

as stráams in dry lánd.

Thóse who are sówing in téars *

will síng when they réap.

They go óut, they go óut, full of téars, *

carrying séed for the sówing:

they come báck, they come báck, full of sóng, *

cárrying their shéaves.

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and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.

Antiphon: I boast freely of my weakness,
so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Psalm-prayer:

Lord Jesus, our life and resurrection, the tears you sowed in the sorrow of Good Friday brought the earth to flower on Easter morning. May you renew the wonders of your power in the Church, that after the sorrows of our exile we may come home to you in gladness. Amen.

**Canticle - Ephesians 1
God the Saviour**

Antiphon: You are the shepherd of God's people,
the prince of the apostles:
to you were given the keys
of the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed be the God and Father *
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ *
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.
He chose us in him *
before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy *
and blameless before him.
He destined us in love *
to be his sons through Jesus Christ,
according to the purpose of his will, †
to the praise of his glorious grace *
which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
In him we have redemption through his blood, *
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace *
which he lavished upon us.
He has made known to us †
in all wisdom and insight *
the mystery of his will,
according to his purpose *
which he set forth in Christ.
His purpose he set forth in Christ *
as a plan for the fullness of time,
to unite all things in him, *
things in heaven and things on earth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.

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Short Reading

1 Corinthians 15: 3-5,8

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was

raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve, and last of all to me.

Short Responsory

The apostles proclaimed the word of God and feared no one.

– *The apostles proclaimed the word of God and feared no one.*
They gave testimony to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
– *The apostles proclaimed the word of God and feared no one.*
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
– *The apostles proclaimed the word of God and feared no one*

**Canticle - Magnificat
My soul rejoices in the Lord**

Antiphon: Peter the apostle
and Paul the teacher of the nations
taught us your law, Lord.

☒ My soul doth | magnify the | Lord : and my spirit hath
re|joiced in | God my | Saviour.

2 For he | hath re|garded : the | lowliness | of his | hand-
maiden.

3 For be|hold from | henceforth : all gene|rations shall |
call me | blessed.

4 For he that is mighty hath | magnified | me : and | holy
| is his | Name.

5 And his mercy is on | them that | fear him :
through|out all | gene|rations.

6 He hath shew-ed | strength with his | arm : he hath scat-
tered the proud, in the imagi|nation | of their | hearts.

7 He hath put down the mighty | from their | seat : and
hath ex|alted the | humble and | meek.

8 He hath fill-ed the hungry with | good | things : and the
rich he | hath sent | empty a|way.

9 He re|membering his | mercy : hath | holpen his | serv-
ant | Israel.

10 As he promised | to our | forefathers : Abraham | and
his | seed for | ever.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son : and | to the |
Holy | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever | shall be :
world without | end. | A|men.

Antiphon: Peter the apostle
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