

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE

ENTRANCE HYMN

(sung to the tune of "All glory, laud and honour")

1. By all your saints still striving,
for all your saints at rest,
your holy name, O Jesus,
forevermore be blessed!
You rose, our King victorious,
That they might wear the crown
And ever shine in splendor
Reflected from your throne.
2. Praise for the light from heaven
And for the voice of awe;
Praise for the glorious vision
The persecutor saw.
O Lord, for Paul's conversion,
We bless Your name today;
Come shine within our darkness,
And guide us on our way.



GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and 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.

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 of the Father:
have mercy on us.

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.
Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 22: 3-16

It is time you were baptised and had your sins washed away while invoking the name of Jesus.

Paul said to the people, 'I am a Jew and was born at Tarsus in Cilicia. I was brought up here in this city. I studied under Gamaliel and was taught the exact observance of the Law of our ancestors. In fact, I was as full of duty towards God as you are today. I even persecuted this Way to the death, and sent women as well as men to prison in chains as the high priest and the whole council of elders can testify, since they even sent me with letters to their brothers in Damascus. When I set off it was with the intention of bringing prisoners back from there to Jerusalem for punishment.

'I was on that journey and nearly at Damascus when about midday a bright light from heaven suddenly shone around me. I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" I answered: Who are you, Lord? and he said to me, "I am Jesus the Nazarene, and you are persecuting me." The people with me saw the light but did not hear his voice as he spoke to me. I said: What am I to do, Lord? The Lord answered, "Stand up and go into Damascus, and there you will be told what you have been

appointed to do." The light had been so dazzling that I was blind and my companions had to take me by the hand; and so I came to Damascus.

'Someone called Ananias, a devout follower of the Law and highly thought of by all the Jews living there, came to see me; he stood beside me and said, "Brother Saul, receive your sight." Instantly my sight came back and I was able to see him. Then he said, "The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will, to see the Just One and to hear his own voice speaking, because you are to be his witness before all mankind, testifying to what you have seen and heard. And now why delay? It is time you were baptised and had your sins washed away while invoking his name" '.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 116:1-2. R] Mk 16:15

**R. Go out to all the world;
proclaim the Good News.**

1. Praise the Lord, all you nations.
acclaim him all you people. (R.)
2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 12:12-30

You together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

** Shorter Form, verses 12-14. 27.*

*Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts.* If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body,' would that mean that it is not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.'

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages.

Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf John 15:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord,
to go and bear fruit that will last.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

16:15-18

Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;

(All bow)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. We are gathering together unto him (x2)
Unto him shall the gath'ring of the people be.
We are gathering together unto him.

2. We are offering together unto him (x2)
Unto him shall the offering of the people be.
We are offering together unto him.
3. We are praying together unto him (x2)
Unto him shall the praying of the people be.
We are praying together unto him.

COMMUNION HYMNS

(https://hymnary.org/text/jesus_remember_me)

1. Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.
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when you come in to your kingdom. } 2

1. Faith of our Fathers! living still
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword:
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word.
*Faith of our Fathers! Holy Faith!
We will be true to thee till death.*
2. Our Fathers, chained in prisons dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free:
And blest would be their children's fate,
If we, like them, could die for thee!
3. Faith of our Fathers! faith and prayer
shall win all nations unto thee;
And through the truth that comes from God,
We all shall then be truly free.
4. Faith of our Fathers! we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife:
And preach thee too, as love knows how
By kindly deeds and virtuous life.

1. Cause me to come to your river, O Lord (x3)
Cause me to come, cause me to drink,
cause me to live.
2. Speak, Lord, your word, I am listening to you (x3)
Speak to my mind, speak to my will,
speak to my heart.
3. Feed me, O Lord, with your body and blood (x3)
Strengthen my mind, strengthen my will,
strengthen my heart

RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Ring out your joy, give glory to God,
Lift up your hearts and sing.
Let all creation tell of His name,
Praise Him for ever more!*

1. Blessed are you God of our fathers,
Glory and praise for ever more!
Blessed your great and glorious holy name
Glory and praise for ever more!
2. Blest in the temple of your glory,
Glory and praise for ever more!
Blessed your great and glorious holy name
Glory and praise for ever more!
3. Blessed are you who gaze into the depths,
Glory and praise for ever more!
Blessed your great and glorious holy name
Glory and praise for ever more!