

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES - SOLEMNITY

ENTRANCE HYMN

*Sing to the mountains sing to the sea
Raise your voices, lift your hearts
This is the day the Lord has made
Let all the earth rejoice*

1. I will give thanks to you my Lord
You have answered my plea
You have saved my soul from death
You are my strength and my song.
2. This is the day the Lord has made
Let us be glad and rejoice
He has turned all death to life
Sing of the glory of God.



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 12:1-11
Now I know the Lord really did save me from Herod.

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' - and the chains fell from his hands.

The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33: 2-9. R] v. 5

R. From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

1. 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. (R.)
2. 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. (R.)
3. 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. (R.)
4. 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. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy
4:6-8.17-18

All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mt 16:18

COMMUNION HYMNS

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:13-19
You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
(All bow)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead,
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. Take my hands and make them as your own
And use them for your kingdom here on earth
Consecrate them to your care
Anoint them for your service where
You may need your gospel to be sown.
2. Take my hands they speak now for my heart
And by their actions they will show their love
Guard them on their daily course
Be their strength and guiding force
To ever serve the Trinity above.

Take my hands, take my hands, O Lord.



1. Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
Your chosen pilgrim flock
With manna in the wilderness,
With water from the rock.
2. We would not live by bread alone,
But by Thy Word of grace,
In strength of which we travel on
In our abiding place.
3. Be known to us in breaking bread,
But do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
Your table in our heart.
4. Lord, dine with us in love divine;
Your body and your blood,
That living bread, that heav'nly wine,
Be our immortal food.

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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:  
How sweet would be their children's fate,  
If they, like them, could die for thee!
3. Faith of our Fathers! Mary's prayers  
To 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 words and virtuous life:

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. I'll sing a hymn to Mary,  
the Mother of my God,  
the Virgin of all virgins,  
of David's royal blood.  
*O teach me, holy Mary,  
a loving song to frame,  
when wicked men blaspheme thee,  
to love and bless thy name.*
2. The Saints are high in glory,  
with golden crowns so bright;  
but brighter far is Mary,  
upon her throne of light.
3. O that which God did give thee,  
let mortal ne'er disclaim;  
when wicked men blaspheme thee,  
I'll love and bless thy name.