

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

28th June 2020



OPENING HYMN

Into a world of darkness since the Fall,
New light had dawned, two champions heard the call:
Peter the rock, and Paul once known as Saul. Alleluia, Alleluia.

First Peter stared in wonder at the sight,
Jesus, transfigured, clothes in glorious light,
Then heard God praise His Son from heaven's height. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Beside a desert road a different sign,
Saul saw a blinding light in splendour shine
And Jesus told him, 'These you hurt are mine!' Alleluia, Alleluia.

On each a lifelong mission was conferred,
'Go tell the nations all that you have heard
Of God made known through Christ, th'incarnate Word.' Alleluia, Alleluia.

Their work accomplished, called to their reward,
One crucified, one martyred by the sword,
Their deaths bore witness to the risen Lord: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 12:1-11

Now I know the Lord really did save me from Herod.

PSALM RESPONSE: The angel of the Lord rescues those who revere Him.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.
And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-19

You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

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, (*as we say the words in italics, we 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

On this day, the first of days,
God the Father's name we praise;
Who, creation's Lord and spring
Did the world from darkness bring.

On this day th'Eternal Son
Over death His triumph won;
On this day the Spirit came
With His gifts of living flame.

O that fervent love today
May in ev'ry heart have sway,
Teaching us to praise aright
God, the source of life and light.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

As the congregation are unable to receive Holy Communion at this time, we are invited to pray a prayer of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

O Heart of Jesus pierced for me, pierce with Thy love this heart of mine,
Let me with humble Trust in Thee, within Thy Sacred Wounds recline;
For oh dear Lord I love that heart that broke for me on Calvary's tree,
Temptation ne'er again shall part my Saviour and His love from me.

I love on those sweet Wounds to think, which Jesus bore for my poor sake,
I love of that dear Blood to drink, which He from Mary's veins did take,
I love with solemn thoughts to come to meet my Monarch on His throne,
In this His lowly earthly home To love and call Him all my own.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O Peter, you were named by Christ the guardian shepherd of His flock:
Protect the Church He built on you to stand unyielding, firm on rock.

Your weakness Christ exchanged for strength; you faltered, but He made you true:
He knew the greatness of your love, and gave the keys of heaven to you.

Apostle of the gentiles, Paul, the greatest witness of them all,
You turned to Christ, the risen Lord, when out of light you heard Him call.

You journeyed far and wide to tell that Christ was risen from the dead;
That all who put their faith in Him would live for ever, as He said.

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