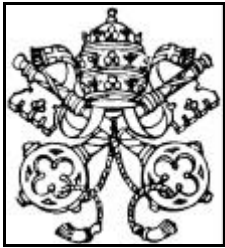


THE FEAST OF SS. PETER AND PAUL

The Sanctus
is from Mass II



XII-XIII. s.

1. **S** An-ctus, * Sán-ctus, Sán-ctus Dó-
minus Dé-us Sába-oth. Pléni sunt caéli et tér-ra
gló-ri-a tú-a. Hosánna in excél-sis. Bene-díctus
qui vé-nit in nó-mine Dómini. Hosánna in
excél-sis.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I - Roman Canon - see Mass book page 12.

Acclamation after the Consecration - see Mass book page 18

The Lord's Prayer - see Mass book page 21

Agnus Dei -from the Mass by Palestrina

K COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram *Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build*
aedificabo Ecclesiam meam. *My Church*

Communion Motet "Tu es Petrus" by Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build My Church; and the gates of the Underworld shall not prevail against that Church. And I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven. Whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

L POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Da nobis, Domine, hoc sacramento refectis, ita in Ecclesia conversari, ut, perseverantes in fractione panis Apostolorumque doctrina, cor unum simus et anima una, tua caritate firmati. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Grant us, O God, that refreshed by this Sacrament, we may so live in Thy Church that through our perseverance in the Breaking of the Bread and the Teaching of the Apostles, we may be One Heart and One Soul firmly grounded in Thy love.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO TAKE THIS SHEET HOME

PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THE MASS BOOK

We celebrate today a particular feast of the Roman Church. Peter, chosen by Christ to be the First among the Apostles; and Paul, chosen by Christ 'as one born out of due time', because he encountered Our Lord only after His Ascension, on the road to Damascus. Both Apostles were martyred in Rome during the persecution of the Emperor Nero in 67 AD. Peter exercised his authority as shepherd of Christ's flock (see *St. John's Gospel* ch. 21), and Paul exercised his authority as teacher and expounder of the mysteries of our faith (see *Acts of the Apostles* ch. 28). Their tombs, carefully guarded by the Roman Christians during the three long centuries of persecutions, were finally honoured by magnificent churches built in their honour by the first Christian Emperor, Constantine the Great. This feast, in which these Apostles are venerated together, is the celebration of the victory of Christian Rome over the darkness of paganism which had for so long oppressed the early Church. Since both Apostles were put to death in Rome at the same time, the Church emerging from the persecutions celebrated them on the same day at the Basilicas built over their tombs. Nevertheless, it is clear from the Liturgy of the day that Peter has the more prominent place, as befits the 'Prince of the Apostles'. We remember that both men were originally known by other names: Peter was Simon, and Paul was Saul. Simon was given his new name, meaning 'rock' by Our Lord, as we hear in the gospel of this Mass; while Saul's name was changed at the time of his baptism, to show his new identity in Christ. Peter's ministry was largely directed towards the Jewish converts to faith in Christ. However, since Paul is a Roman name, rather than a Jewish one, it indicates that his new role was especially to be the Teacher of the Gentile converts.

A INTROIT

Nunc scio vere, quia misit Dominus Angelum suum: et eripuit me de manu Herodis, et de omni expectatione plebis Iudaeorum. **Psalm.** Domine probasti me, et cognovisti me: tu cognovisti sessionem meam, et resurrectionem meam.

Now do I know truly that the Lord has sent His Angel: and has rescued me from Herod's hands, and from all that the Jewish people expected would take place. Psalm. Lord, Thou hast tested me and Thou knowest me; Thou knowest when I sit down and when I rise.

Introductory rite—see Mass book page 3.

**Kyrie & Gloria from Missa "Aeterna Christi Munera"
by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)**

B COLLECT

Deus, qui huius diei venerandam sanctamque laetitiam in apostolorum Petri et Pauli sollemnitate tribuisti, da Ecclesiae tuae eorum in omnibus sequi praeceptum, per quos religionis sumpsit exordium. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum...per omnia saecula saeculorum. Amen.

O God, who dost give us this solemn feast in joyful honour of the Apostles Peter and Paul, grant to Thy Church that she may in all things follow their teaching, from whom her beginning came.

C First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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 unremittently. 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.

Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

D GRADUAL

Constitues eos principes super omnem terram: memores erunt nominis tui, Domine. V. Pro patribus tuis nati sunt tibi filii: propterea populi confitebuntur tibi.

Thou shalt make them princes over the whole world: they will remember Thy name, O Lord. In place of Thy fathers, sons are born to Thee; therefore the peoples shall give praise unto Thee.

E Second Reading is taken from St. Paul's Epistle to Timothy

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.

Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

F GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram aedificabo Ecclesiam meam. *Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church.*

G GOSPEL—A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

At that time: when Jesus came into the district of Caesare'a Philip'pi, he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Eli'jah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Verbum Domini. **R. Laus, tibi Christe.**

CREDO III—see Mass book page 27 or 28

After the Bidding Prayers we sing this ancient prayer to Our Lady

We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God.

Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin.

7. **S** UB tú-um praesí-di-um confúgimus, * sáncta Dc- i
Génitrix : nóstras depre-ca-ti- ónes ne despí-ci-as in ne-ces-
si-tá-tibus : sed a per-í-cu-lis cúntis líbe-ra nos sem-
per, Vírgo glo-ri-ó-sa et be- ne-dícta.

Offertory Motet "Tu es Petrus" by Palestrina

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H PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Hostiam, Domine, quam nomini tuo exhibemus sacrandam, apostolica prosequatur oratio, nosque tibi reddat in sacrificio celebrando devotos.

Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

May the prayers of the Apostles accompany the offering of this victim, O Lord, which we present unto Thy Holy Name for its hallowing, and may it make us Thy devoted servants as we celebrate the sacrifice.

J PREFACE

Vere dignum et justum est, aequum et salutare, nos tibi semper et ubique gratias agere: Domine, sancte Pater, omnipotens aeternae Deus:

Quia nos beati apostoli Petrus et Paulus tua dispositione laetificant: hic princeps fidei confitendae, ille intellegendae clarus assertor; hic reliquiis Israel instituens Ecclesiam primitivam, ille magister et doctor gentium vocandarum.

Sic diverso consilio unam Christi familiam congregantes, par mundo venerabile, una corona sociavit.

Et ideo cum Sanctis et Angelis universis te collaudamus, sine fine dicentes:

It is truly meet and right and incumbent upon us for our salvation that we should always and everywhere give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God. Since by Thy providence the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul give us joy: Peter the first in confessing the faith; Paul who clearly explains how it is to be understood. Peter founded the infant Church from the faithful remnant of Israel, Paul was the teacher and instructor of the gentiles called into the Church. In diverse ways they gathered together the one family of Christ, and are equal in their renown and their martyr's crown. And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim Thy glory and join in their unending hymn of praise;