



The Introit: *Dicit Dominus Petro, John 21:18,19/Psalm 9:1* TONE VII



Antiphon: The Lord said to Peter: *

"When you were young,
 you girded yourself and walked where you would;
 but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, *
 and another will gird you
 and carry you where you do not wish to go;"

this he said to show *
 by what death he was to glorify God.

Psalm. The heavens declare the glory of God, *
 and the firmament shows his handiwork.

Gloria Patri. Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, ↓
 and to the Holy Spirit, *

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever,
 for all ages of ages. Amen. **Antiphon:**

The Kyrie Litany **or** Kyrie Gloria in excelsis

The Collects

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God, for all ages of ages. Amen

And/or

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God, for all ages of ages. Amen

And/or

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you, bring the nations into your fold, pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God, for all ages of ages. Amen

The First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16

Brethren: For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

The Gradual *Gloriosa* Psalm 87:2, with verses 1,2/3,4/5,6 TONE VI

The antiphon is chanted first by a cantor and then may be repeated by the congregation where indicated in the text.



Antiphon: Glorious things are spoken of you, *
O city of our God.

On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded; *
the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the
dwellings of Jacob.

Glorious things are spoken of you, *
O city of our God. **Antiphon**

I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; *
behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia:
in Zion were they born.

Of Zion it shall be said, "Everyone was born in her, *
and the Most High himself shall sustain her." **Ant.**

The LORD will record as he enrolls the peoples, *
"These also were born there."

The singers and the dancers will say, *
"All my fresh springs are in you." **Antiphon**

The Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:1-8

Brethren: In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Alleluia: **Esto fidelis, Revelation 2:10**



Be faithful unto death, says the Lord, *
and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel John 21:15-19

At that time...when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

The Nicene Creed

Offertory:

Constitues eos, Psalm 45:17,18

STONE III



You shall make them rulers over all the earth; *
they will make your Name to be remembered, O Lord, ↓
from one generation to another.

The Prayer over the gifts:

Almighty God, receive all we offer you on this feast of the apostles. Help us to know our own weakness and to rejoice in your saving power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for all ages of ages. Amen

Preface of Apostles *(or Sarum or Ambrosian below)*

It is truly right and just our duty and helpful to our salvation
Always, here and everywhere to give you thanks,
O Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternally God,
through the great Shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles
to preach the Gospel and teach all nations;
and promised to be with them always even to the end of the
ages...

Sarum:

For although in Your presence the festival of the blessed Apostles is continual, and the radiance of their heavenly conquest unceasing and eternal, You grant us nonetheless to repeat their festal celebrations with yearly recurrence, that there may be veneration for their passion from our piety, and that help may come to us by their all-holy intercession, through Christ our Lord.

Ambrosian:

It is truly right and just our duty and helpful to our salvation
Always, here and everywhere to give you thanks,
O Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternally God,
And to praise you most of all on this day
When with joy we celebrate the Apostles Peter and Paul.
You chose them both and set them apart:
You turned Saint Peter from his trade as a fisherman
To the preaching of your word;
And in Saint Paul your Church now rejoices
To have as her teacher of your commandments
The one who had been her fearsome persecutor.
To one you entrusted the keys of the kingdom of heaven;
The other you endowed with the understanding of your Law
For the calling of gentiles into the Church.
You made them both bright lights in the apostles' fellowship
And as witnesses to the faith and love of Christ
You have crowned them for all eternity
With the radiance of your glory.
And so, in thanksgiving for their gifts
We praise you, the source of all good things,
As with angels and saints we adore you and say:

Before the Pax Domini: Ss. Peter & Paul June 29

Priest: May Almighty God, Who has established your lives upon
the firm foundation of the Church's Faith, through the
wholesome witness of Saint Peter, grant you the gift of His
blessing.

People: Amen

Priest: And may He, Who has enlightened your minds through the most holy preaching of Saint Paul, protect you with His own most gracious defense.

People: Amen

Priest: That Peter, through the keys of the Kingdom of God, and Paul, through the preaching of the Word of God, may so encourage you, by their example and their prayers, that you may come to that heavenly fatherland, to which [upon this day] they came themselves, by cross and sword.

People: Amen

Priest: May the Lord God Almighty, Whose glorious Kingdom endures for ever, be pleased to bestow these blessings upon you; and...

Priest: The ✠ Peace of The Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Communion: *Dixit Petrus, Matthew 16:16,18*



Peter said to Jesus:

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." *

Jesus answered: "You are Peter,

and on this rock I will build my church."

The Postcommunion Collect

Heavenly Father, renew the life of your Church by the grace of these Holy Mysteries. May the breaking of the bread and the teaching of the apostles keep us united in your love; Through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen.*

The Solemn Blessing

The Lord has set you firm within his Church, which he built upon the rock of Peter's confession of faith: May he bless you with a faith that never falters. *Amen.*

The Lord has given you knowledge of the faith through the labors and preaching of Saint Paul: May his example inspire you to lead others to Christ by the manner of your life. *Amen.*

May the keys of Peter, and the words of Paul, their undying witness, and their prayers, lead you to the joy of that eternal home which Peter gained by his cross, and Paul by his sword. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

1. The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

3. Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed;
yet saints their watch are keeping,

 their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

4. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

The following may be sung in place of the Gradual Psalm:

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode;
on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

2. See! the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

3. Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner, light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

4. Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in the Redeemer's blood!
Jesus, whom their souls rely on, makes them kings and priests to God.
'Tis his love his people raises over self to reign as kings:
and as priests, his solemn praises each for a thank-offering brings.