

# Office Propers – Saints Philip & James

*These are the proper texts for the Office on the feasts of Apostles, which you may choose to substitute for the seasonal texts provided in the booklet.*

## Venite Antiphon:

Alleluia! The Lord is the King of the Apostles; O come, let us adore Him. Alleluia!

## Office Hymn:



A-men.

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,  
The Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing;  
And while due hymns of praise we pay,  
Our thankful hearts cast grief away.

In these the Father's glory shone;  
In these the will of God the Son;  
In these exults the Holy Ghost;  
Through these rejoice the heavenly host.

The Church in these her princes boasts,  
These victor chiefs of warrior hosts;  
The soldiers of the heavenly hall,  
The lights that rose on earth for all.

Redeemer hear us of Thy love,  
That, with this glorious band above,  
Hereafter, of Thine endless grace,  
Thy servants also may have place.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,  
The unconquered hope that never faints,  
The love of Christ that knows no shame,  
The prince of this world overcame.

## Psalm:

(139) O LORD, thou hast searched me out and known me : thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising, thou understandest my thoughts long before.

2 Thou art about my path, and about my bed : and spiest out all my ways.

3 For lo, there is not a word in my tongue : but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

4 Thou hast fashioned me behind and before : and laid thine hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me : I cannot attain unto it.

6 Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit : or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

7 If I climb up into heaven, thou art there : if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning : and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

9 Even there also shall thy hand lead me : and thy right hand shall hold me.

10 If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me : then shall my night be turned to day.

11 Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day : the darkness and light to thee are both alike.  
12 For my reins are thine : thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.  
13 I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made : marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.  
14 My bones are not hid from thee : though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.  
15 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect : and in thy book were all my members written;  
16 Which day by day were fashioned : when as yet there was none of them.  
17 How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God : O how great is the sum of them!  
18 If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand : when I wake up I am present with thee.  
19 Wilt thou not slay the wicked, O God : depart from me, ye blood-thirsty men.  
20 For they speak unrighteously against thee : and thine enemies take thy Name in vain.  
21 Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee : and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?  
22 Yea, I hate them right sore : even as though they were mine enemies.  
23 Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart : prove me, and examine my thoughts.  
24 Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me : and lead me in the way everlasting.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

### **Reading:**

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." And you would not, but you said, "No! We will speed upon horses," therefore you shall speed away; and, "We will ride upon swift steeds," therefore your pursuers shall be swift. A thousand shall flee at the threat of one, at the threat of five you shall flee, till you are left like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain, like a signal on a hill. Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you; therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him. Yea, O people in Zion who dwell at Jerusalem; you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when he hears it, he will answer you. And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself any more, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.

### **Responsory:**

O ye holy and righteous, rejoice in the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!  
[O ye holy and righteous, rejoice in the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!](#)  
God hath chosen you to Him to be His inheritance:  
[Alleluia, alleluia!](#)  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:  
O ye holy and righteous, rejoice in the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Benedictus Antiphon:**

As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you. Alleluia!

**Magnificat Antiphon:**

Daughters of Jerusalem, come forth and behold the Apostle with the diadem, wherewith the Lord hath crowned him. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Collect:**

O almighty God, Whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us perfectly to know Thy Son Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth and the Life: that, following the steps of Thy holy Apostles, Saint Philip and Saint James, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life: through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, throughout all ages world without end. Amen.

**Act of Spiritual Communion****Collect:**

Almighty Father, Whom truly to know is eternal life: teach us to know Your Son Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life; that we may follow the steps of Your holy Apostles Philip and James, and walk steadfastly in the way that leads to Your glory: through Jesus Christ, our Passover and our Peace, Who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages world without end. Amen.

**First Reading:**

A Reading from the former Letter of Saint Paul to the Church in Corinth.

I would remind you, brethren, in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast -- unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

**Psalm:**

The heavens are telling the glory of God ♦ and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
One day pours out its song to another ♦ and one night unfolds knowledge to another.  
They have neither speech nor language ♦ and their voices are not heard,  
Yet their sound has gone out into all lands ♦ and their words to the ends of the world.

## **Gospel:**

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint John.

Jesus said to Thomas, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me; or else believe me for the sake of the works themselves. "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; if you ask anything in my name, I will do it.