

Psalms, readings and collect

Date: 28th June – Sunday XIII/SS Peter & Paul

Obviously on Sundays, people will use the Act of Spiritual Communion; but for those who wish to say an evening office, provision is included here.

Office

Office hymn:

With golden splendour and with roseate hues of morn,
O gracious Saviour, Light of light, this day adorn,
Which brings to ransomed sinners hope of that far home
Where saints and angels sing the praise of martyrdom.

Lo, the Keybearer, lo the teacher of mankind,
Lights of the world and judges sent to loose and bind,
Alike triumphant or by cross or sword-stroke found,
In life's high Senate stand with victor's laurel crowned.

Good Shepherd, Peter, unto whom the charge was given
To close or open ways of pilgrimage to Heaven,
In sin's hard bondage held may we have grace to know
The full remission thou was granted to bestow.

O noble Teacher, Paul, we trust to learn of thee
Both earthly converse and the flight of ecstasy;
Till from the fading truths that now we know in part
We pass to fullness of delight for mind and heart.

Twin olive branches, pouring oil of gladness forth,
Your prayers shall aid us, that for all our little worth,
Believing, hoping, loving, we for whom ye plead,
This body dying, may attain to life indeed.

Now to the glorious Trinity be duly paid
Worship and honour, praise and service unafraid,
Who in unchanging Unity, one Lord sublime,
Hath ever lived as now and to unending time.

Psalm:

(66) O BE joyful in God, all ye lands : sing praises unto the honour of his Name, make his praise to be glorious.

2 Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works : through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies be found liars unto thee.

3 For all the world shall worship thee : sing of thee, and praise thy Name.

4 O come hither, and behold the works of God : how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.

5 He turned the sea into dry land : so that they went through the water on foot; there did we rejoice thereof.
6 He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the people : and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.
7 O praise our God, ye people : and make the voice of his praise to be heard;
8 Who holdeth our soul in life : and suffereth not our feet to slip.
9 For thou, O God, hast proved us : thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.
10 Thou broughtest us into the snare : and laidest trouble upon our loins.
11 Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads : we went through fire and water, and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.
12 I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings: and will pay thee my vows, which I promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth, when I was in trouble.
13 I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the incense of rams : I will offer bullocks and goats.
14 O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God : and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.
15 I called unto him with my mouth : and gave him praises with my tongue.
16 If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart : the Lord will not hear me.
17 But God hath heard me : and considered the voice of my prayer.
18 Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer : nor turned his mercy from me.
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.

(67) GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us : and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us:

2 That thy way may be known upon earth : thy saving health among all nations.
3 Let the people praise thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise thee.
4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad : for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.
5 Let the people praise thee, O God : let all the people praise thee.
6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase : and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
7 God shall bless us : and all the ends of the world shall fear him.
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 Ezekiel.

The LORD said to me, "Son of man, go, get you to the house of Israel, and speak with my words to them. For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel -- not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you. But the house of Israel will not listen to you; for they are not willing to listen to me; because all the house of Israel are of a hard forehead and of a stubborn heart. Behold, I have made your face hard against their faces, and your forehead hard against their foreheads. Like adamant harder than flint have I made your forehead; fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house." Moreover he said to me, "Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. And go, get you to the exiles, to your people, and say to them, `Thus says the Lord GOD'; whether they hear or refuse to hear."

Responsory:

Thou shalt make them princes in all lands.

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They shall remember Thy Name, O Lord.

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

Thou shalt make them princes in all lands.

Magnificat antiphon:

O most glorious Apostles, of holy Church the pillars, heralds of the Gospel, burning and shining lights: ye have enlightened the world.

Collect of the day:

Almighty God, Whose blessed Apostles Peter and Paul did glorify Thee in their death as in their life: grant that Thy Church, inspired by Thy teaching and example, and made one by Thy Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Holy Ghost, God, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Act of Spiritual Communion

Collect:

All powerful God, Your incarnate Word commands our obedience and offers us true life. Make our ears attentive to the voice of Your Son and our hearts generous in answering His call, that we may take up the Cross with trust in His promises; in and through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, 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 Letter of Saint Paul to the Church in Rome.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Psalm:

My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord: ♦ with my mouth will I
proclaim your faithfulness throughout all generations.

I will declare that your love is established for ever; ♦ you have set your faithfulness as
firm as the heavens.

Happy are the people who know the shout of triumph: ♦ they walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.

In your name they rejoice all the day long ♦ and are exalted in your righteousness.

For you are the glory of their strength, ♦ and in your favour you lift up our heads.

Truly the Lord is our shield; ♦ the Holy One of Israel is our king.

Gospel:

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows, "He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it. "He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives him who sent me. He who receives a prophet because he is a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward, and he who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he shall not lose his reward."