

February 22, 2021

Evening Prayer II for the Feast of the Chair of Peter, Apostle

God, come to my assistance.

— **Lord, make haste to help me.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

— **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Ant. 1 Do you love me, Peter? Lord, you know that I love you. Feed my sheep.

Psalm 116:10-19

I trusted, even when I said:

“I am sorely afflicted,”

and when I said in my alarm:

“No man can be trusted.”

**How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord’s name.**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfill  
before all his people.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.

**Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord’s name.**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfill  
before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**  
— as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Ant. Do you love me, Peter? Lord, you know that I love you. Feed my sheep.

Ant. 2 Peter was kept in prison, and the Church prayed unceasingly to God for him.

Psalm 126

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs.

**The heathens themselves said: "What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!"**

**What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap.

**They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves.**

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**— as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Ant. Peter was kept in prison, and the Church prayed unceasingly to God for him.

Ant. 3 You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

Ephesians 1:3-10

Praised be the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has bestowed on us in Christ  
every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

**God chose us in him  
before the world began  
to be holy  
and blameless in his sight.**

He predestined us  
to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ,  
such was his will and pleasure,  
that all might praise the glorious favor  
he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

**In him and through his blood,  
we have been redeemed,  
and our sins forgiven,  
so immeasurably generous  
is God's favor to us.**

God has given us the wisdom  
to understand fully the mystery,  
the plan he was pleased  
to decree in Christ.

**A plan to be carried out  
in Christ, in the fullness of time,  
to bring all things into one in him,  
in the heavens and on earth.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
— **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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#### BRIEF READING

Praised be the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
he who in his great mercy  
gave us new birth;  
a birth unto hope which draws its life  
from the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead;  
a birth to an imperishable inheritance,  
incapable of fading or defilement,  
which is kept in heaven for you  
who are guarded with God's power through faith;  
a birth to a salvation which stands ready  
to be revealed in the last days.

1 Peter 1:3-5

#### RESPONSORY

Tell all the nations how glorious God is.  
— **Tell all the nations how glorious God is.**

Make known his wonders to every people.  
— **How glorious God is.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
— **Tell all the nations how glorious God is.**

## CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. You are the shepherd of Christ's flock and the prince of the apostles; to you Christ has entrusted the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

Luke 1:46-55

**From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.

**He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.

**He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.**

He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:**

as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.

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## INTERCESSIONS

My brothers, we build on the foundation of the apostles. Let us pray to our almighty Father for his holy people and say:

**Be mindful of your Church, O Lord.**

Father, you wanted your Son to be seen first by the apostles after the resurrection from the dead, we ask you to make us his witnesses to the farthest corners of the world.

**Be mindful of your Church, O Lord.**

You sent your Son to preach the good news to the poor,  
help us to preach this Gospel to every creature.

**Be mindful of your Church, O Lord.**

You sent your Son to sow the seed of unending life,  
grant that we who work at sowing the seed may share the joy of the harvest.

**Be mindful of your Church, O Lord.**

You sent your Son to reconcile all men to you through his blood,  
help us all to work toward achieving this reconciliation.

**Be mindful of your Church, O Lord.**

Your Son sits at your right hand in heaven,  
let the dead enter your kingdom of joy.

**Be mindful of your Church, O Lord.**

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth,  
as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

Concluding Prayer

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that no tempests may disturb us,  
for you have set us fast on the rock  
of the Apostle Peter's confession of faith.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

— Amen.