

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
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MORNING PRAYER

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June 29, 2025

{ Solemnity – Peter and Paul, Apostles }



## *Invitatory*

*Stand and make sign of cross on lips with thumb*

Lord, open my lips.

— And my mouth will proclaim your praise.

*Psalm 95*

*A call to praise God*

*Encourage each other daily while it is still today (Hebrews 3:13).*

Come, let us worship the Lord, the king of apostles.

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Come, let us sing to the Lord

and shout with joy to the Rock who saves us.

Let us approach him with praise and thanksgiving

and sing joyful songs to the Lord.

— Come, let us worship the Lord, the king of apostles.

The Lord is God, the mighty God,

the great king over all the gods.

He holds in his hands the depths of the earth

and the highest mountains as well.

He made the sea; it belongs to him,

the dry land, too, for it was formed by his hands.

— Come, let us worship the Lord, the king of apostles.

Come, then, let us bow down and worship,

bending the knee before the Lord, our maker.

For he is our God and we are his people,

the flock he shepherds.

— Come, let us worship the Lord, the king of apostles.

Today, listen to the voice of the Lord:

Do not grow stubborn, as your fathers did

in the wilderness,

when at Meriba and Massah

they challenged me and provoked me,

Although they had seen all of my works.

— Come, let us worship the Lord, the king of apostles.

Forty years I endured that generation.

I said, “They are a people whose hearts go astray  
and they do not know my ways.”

So I swore in my anger,

“They shall not enter into my rest.”

— Come, let us worship the Lord, the king of apostles.

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.

— Come, let us worship the Lord, the king of apostles.

## *Morning Prayer*

### HYMN

The Apostles’ passion sanctifies  
and marks this day from other days:  
to Peter noble triumph came,  
to Paul, the palm and victor’s crown.

Their triumph in a bloody death  
has joined these men of equal worth;  
both followed God, their sov’reign guide,  
and faith in Christ won them the crown.

Thus Peter was the Apostles’ Prince,  
yet Paul received no less in grace:  
a chosen vessel, sanctified,  
he equaled Peter in his Faith.

When Simon chose to mount the cross  
reversed and hanging upside down,  
remembering the prophecy,  
he gave the honor due to God.

So Rome has raised to lofty heights

her worship and devoted faith,  
well founded on such holy blood,  
renowned for such prophetic voice.

How all the world comes running here  
with saints and angels from on high:  
the chosen city, where both dwelt,  
the nations' teacher and their head.

We ask of you, Redeeming Lord,  
grant all your servants, as they pray,  
to join the Apostles' company  
on this high feast and evermore. Amen.

*Metrical hymn, melody: DEO GRACIAS (AGINCOURT), 8 8 8 8; English ballad melody, Trinity College MS., 15th c.*

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*Sit or stand*

## PSALMODY

### *Antiphon 1*

I know the one whom I have trusted and I am certain that he, the just judge, has power to keep safe what he has entrusted to me until that Day.

*Psalm 63:2–9*

*A soul thirsting for God*

*Whoever has left the darkness of sin yearns for God.*

O Gód, you are my Gód, for you I lóng; \*  
for yóu my sóul is thírsting.  
My bódy pínes for yóu \*

like a dry, weary land without water.  
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary \*  
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life, \*  
my lips will speak your praise.  
So I will bless you all my life, \*  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, \*  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you. \*  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help; \*  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

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.

### *Antiphon*

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just judge, has power to keep safe what he has entrusted to me until  
that Day.

### *Antiphon 2*

God's grace in me has not been without fruit; it is always at work in  
me.

*Canticle – Daniel 3:57-88, 56*

*Let all creatures praise the Lord*

*All you servants of the Lord, sing praise to him (Revelation 19:5).*

Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord. \*  
Praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord. \*  
You heavens, bless the Lord.  
All you waters above the heavens, bless the Lord. \*

All you hosts of the Lord, bless the Lord.  
Sun and moon, bless the Lord. \*  
Stars of heaven, bless the Lord.

Every shower and dew, bless the Lord. \*  
All you winds, bless the Lord.  
Fire and heat, bless the Lord. \*  
Cold and chill, bless the Lord.  
Dew and rain, bless the Lord. \*  
Frost and chill, bless the Lord.  
Ice and snow, bless the Lord. \*  
Nights and days, bless the Lord.  
Light and darkness, bless the Lord. \*  
Lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.

Let the earth bless the Lord. \*  
Praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Mountains and hills, bless the Lord. \*  
Everything growing from the earth, bless the Lord.  
You springs, bless the Lord. \*  
Seas and rivers, bless the Lord.  
You dolphins and all water creatures, bless the Lord. \*  
All you birds of the air, bless the Lord.  
All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord. \*  
You sons of men, bless the Lord.

O Israel, bless the Lord. \*  
Praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Priests of the Lord, bless the Lord. \*  
Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.  
Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord. \*  
Holy men of humble heart, bless the Lord.  
Hananiah, Azariah, Mishael, bless the Lord. \*  
Praise and exalt him above all forever.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. \*  
Let us praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Blessed are you, Lord, in the firmament of heaven. \*  
Praiseworthy and glorious and exalted above all forever.

*Antiphon*

God's grace in me has not been without fruit; it is always at work in me.

*Antiphon 3*

I have fought the good fight; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith.

*Psalm 149*

*The joy of God's holy people.*

*Let the sons of the Church, the children of the new people, rejoice in Christ, their King (Hesychius).*

Síng a new sǫng to the Lórd,\*  
his práise in the assémbly of the fáithful.

Let Ísrael rejóice in its máker,\*  
let Zíon's sons exúlt in their kíng.  
Let them práise his náme with dǎncíng\*  
and make músic with tímbrél and hárp.

For the Lórd takes delíght in his péople.\*  
He crówns the póor with salvátion.

Let the fáithful rejóice in their glóry,\*  
shout for jóy and táke their rést.

Let the práise of Gód be on their líps\*  
and a twó-edged swórd in their hánd,

to déál out véngéance to the nátions\*  
and púnishment on áll the péoples;  
to bínd their kíngs in cháíns\*  
and their nóbles in fétters of íron;  
to cárry out the séntence pre-ordáined;\*  
this hórner is for áll his fáithful.

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.

*Antiphon*

I have fought the good fight; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith.

*Sit*

READING

*1 Peter 4:13-14*

Beloved, rejoice in the measure that you share Christ's sufferings. When his glory is revealed, you will rejoice exultantly. Happy are you when you are insulted for the sake of Christ, for then God's Spirit in its glory has come to rest on you.

RESPONSORY

They gave up their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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They went forth rejoicing because they have been found worthy to suffer insult,

— for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

— They gave up their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Stand*

GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Antiphon*

Simon Peter said: Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we believe and we are convinced that you are the Christ, the Son of God, alleluia.

*Luke 1:68-79*

*The Messiah and his forerunner*

*Make sign of cross*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*



he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,\*  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old †  
that he would save us from our enemies,\*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers\*  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:\*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear,\*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High;\*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
to give his people knowledge of salvation\*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God\*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,\*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

The Lord Jesus built his holy people on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. In faith let us pray:

— Bless your Church, O Lord.

You prayed that the faith of Peter would not fail,

strengthen the faith of your Church.

— Bless your Church, O Lord.

You appeared to Peter after your resurrection and you appeared to Saul on the road to Damascus,  
strengthen our faith, so that we may steadfastly proclaim that you have risen from the dead.

— Bless your Church, O Lord.

You chose Paul as an apostle to preach your message to the Gentiles,  
make us faithful preachers of your Gospel.

— Bless your Church, O Lord.

You mercifully forgave Peter's denials,  
forgive us all of our sins.

— Bless your Church, O Lord.

### *The Lord's Prayer*

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*

God our Father,  
today you give us the joy  
of celebrating the feast of the apostles Peter and Paul.  
Through them your Church first received the faith.  
Keep us true to their teaching.  
  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

— Amen.

*Dismissal*

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

— Amen.

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