

# SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH—JEBEL ALI

YEAR A, B, C

### INTRODUCTORY RITE

#### Entrance Antiphon

**These men, conquering all human frailty, shed their blood and helped the Church to grow. By sharing the cup of the Lord's suffering, they became the friends of God.**

#### Entrance Hymn

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.  
O my soul, praise him for this is your health and salvation.  
All you who hear, now to his altar draw near,  
join in profound adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, let us offer our gifts at his altar.  
Let not our sins and transgressions now cause us to falter.  
Christ our High Priest bids us all join in his feast,  
victims with him on the altar.

#### Greeting

**C:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** AMEN

**C:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** And also with you.

#### Penitential Rite

**C:** My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

*Pause for silent reflection. After a brief silence all say:*

**All:** I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

**C:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**P:** AMEN

#### The Kyrie

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

**P:** Lord, have mercy.

**C:** Christ, have mercy.

**P:** Christ, have mercy.

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

**P:** Lord, have mercy.

#### The Gloria

**All:** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth, Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

#### Opening 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.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading

12:1–11

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*Now I know the Lord really did save me from Herod.*

**K**ing Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of the Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. "Get up!" he said "Hurry!" — and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, "Put on your belt and sandals." After he had done this, the angel next said, "Wrap your cloak round you and follow me." Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street

when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. "Now I know it is all true," he said. "The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me."

This is the word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2–9. R̥ v. 5

**R̥** From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R̥**
2. Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **R̥**
3. Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. **R̥**
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around those who revere him, to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R̥**

#### Second Reading

4:6–8. 17–18

**A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy**

*All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.*

**A**ny life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Mt 16:18

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.

**Alleluia!**

#### Gospel

16:13–19

**C:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**C:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**All:** Glory to you, O Lord.

*You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*

**W**hen Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But you," he said "who do you say I am?" Then Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Christ," he said "the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Simon, son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



**I WILL GIVE YOU THE KEYS  
OF THE KINGDOM OF  
HEAVEN**

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offertory Hymn

*United in one body with Jesus Christ the Lord,  
we bring for you our offering  
of bread and wine, O God.*

1. We are the wheat of Christ.  
If we be ground in the mill of life,  
may we be found pure bread.
2. We are the grapes of Christ.  
If we be crushed in the wine-press of suffering,  
may we be found pure wine.

### The Offering

*(If no song is sung, then the people may make the responses to the prayer of offering given here.)*

**C:** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

**P:** Blessed be God for ever.

**C:** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

**P:** Blessed be God for ever.

**C:** Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**P:** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

### Prayer over the gifts

Lord,  
may your apostles join their prayers to our offering and help us to celebrate this sacrifice in love and unity.

### Eucharistic Prayer

**C:** The Lord be with you.

**P:** And also with you.

**C:** Lift up your hearts.

**P:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**C:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

### The Acclamation

**All:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### Memorial Acclamation

**C:** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**P:** Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.

### Communion Rite

**C:** Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

**C:** Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All:** For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

### Breaking of the Bread

**All:** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

**C:** This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**All:** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

### Communion Antiphon

Peter said: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus answered: You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church.

## Communion Hymn

1. Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless  
your chosen pilgrim flock  
with manna in the wilderness,  
with water from the rock.
2. We would not live by bread alone,  
but by your word of grace,  
in strength of which we travel on,  
to our abiding place.
3. Be known to us in breaking bread,  
but do not then depart.  
Saviour, abide with us and spread  
your table in our hearts.
4. Lord, dine with us in love divine;  
your Body and your Blood,  
that living bread, that heavenly wine,  
be our immortal food.



1. Faith of our fathers! living still,  
in spite of dungeon, fire and sword.  
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
whene'er we hear that glorious word!  
*Faith of our fathers, holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.*
2. Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,  
were still in heart and conscience free.  
How sweet would be their children's fate  
if they, like them, could die for thee!

### Prayer After Communion

Lord,  
renew the life of your Church with the power of this sacrament. May the breaking of bread and the teaching of the apostles keep us united in your love.

### Concluding Rite

## SOLEMN BLESSINGS

**C:** The Lord be with you.

**P:** And also with you.

**C:** Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.  
The Lord has set you firm within his Church, which he built upon the rock of Peter's faith. May he bless you with a faith that never falters.

**R:** Amen.

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

**R:** Amen.

**C:** 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 the sword.

**R:** Amen.

**C:** May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**R:** Amen.

**C:** The Mass is ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**P:** Thanks be to God.

### Recessional Hymn

1. We stand for God and for His glory,  
the Lord supreme and God of all.  
Against His foes we raise His standard,  
around the cross we hear His call.  
*Strengthen our faith, Redeemer,  
guard us when danger is nigh.  
To Thee we pledge our lives and service,  
strong in a trust that ne'er shall die. (2x)*
2. We stand for God, Jesus our master  
has saved the world with love untold.  
His law divine and truth unchanging  
in this our land their place must hold!

