

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;  
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

**Jn. 21:15-22**

✠ **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.**

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.” Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about him?” Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## SAINT PETER

APOSTLE and MARTYR



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### **Sentence**

Jesus said to Peter, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.”

### **Prayer of the day**

Almighty God, who by your Son Jesus Christ gave your apostle Peter many excellent gifts, and commanded him earnestly to feed your flock: enable, we pray, all bishops and pastors diligently to preach your holy word, and your people obediently to follow it, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Or*

Almighty Father, who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: build up your Church upon the rock of this faith, that in unity and peace we may proclaim one truth and follow one Lord, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **First Reading**

**Acts 12:1-11**

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

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, “Get up quickly.” And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, “Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.” He did so. Then he said to him, “Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.” Peter went out and followed him; he did not realise that what was happening with the angel’s help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It

opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, “Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.”  
Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 87 — A.P.B.A. page 313**

He has founded it upon a holy hill:  
and the Lord loves the gates of Zion  
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.  
Glorious things shall be spoken of you:  
O Zion, city of our God.  
I might speak of my kindred in Egypt or in Babylon:  
in Philistia, Tyre or Nubia, where each was born.  
But of Zion it shall be said:  
many were born in her,  
he that is Most High has established her.  
When the Lord draws up the record of the nations:  
he shall take note where everyone was born.  
And the singers and the dancers together:  
shall make their song to your name.

### **Second Reading**

**2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18**

**A reading from the second letter to Timothy**

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.  
Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**