

# THE SEE OF SAINT PETER



## VESPERS

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# HYMN

Johann Hermann Schein, 1586–1630

Let all on earth their voi - ces raise,  
Re - echo - ing heav'n's tri - umph - ant praise,  
To him who gave th'a - pos - tles grace  
To run on earth their glo - rious race!

Thou at whose word they bore the light  
Of gospel truth o'er heathen night:  
To us that heavenly light impart  
To glad our eyes and cheer our heart.

Thou at whose will to them was given  
To bind and loose in earth and heaven:  
Our chains unbind, our sins undo,  
And in our hearts thy grace renew.

Thou in whose might they spoke the word  
Which cured disease and health restored:  
To us its healing power prolong,  
Support the weak, confirm the strong.

And when the thrones are set on high  
And judgement's awesome hour draws nigh:  
Then, Lord, with them pronounce us blest  
And take us to thine endless rest!

Trans. Richard Mant, 1776–1848

## THE SEE OF ST PETER

## VESPERS

O God, come to our aid,  
O Lord, make haste to help us.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now  
and shall be for ever, amen. Alleluia!

### **HYMN**

**ANTIPHON 1:** 'Peter, \* do you love me?' 'You know I love you, Lord'. 'Feed my sheep'.

### Psalm 18



The heavens proclaim the glory of God  
and the firmament shows forth the work of his hands.  
Day unto day takes up the story  
and night unto night makes known the message.

No speech, no word, no voice is heard  
yet their span extends through all the earth,  
their words to the utmost bounds of the world.

There he has placed a tent for the sun;  
it comes forth like a bridegroom coming from his tent,  
rejoices like a champion to run its course.

At the end of the sky is the rising of the sun;  
to the furthest end of the sky is its course.  
There is nothing concealed from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just.

They are more to be desired than gold,  
 than the purest of gold  
 and sweeter are they than honey,  
 than honey from the comb.

So in them your servant finds instruction;  
 great reward is in their keeping.  
 But who can detect all his errors?  
 From hidden faults acquit me.

From presumption restrain your servant  
 and let it not rule me.  
 Then shall I be blameless,  
 clean from grave sin.

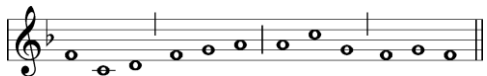
May the spoken words of my mouth,  
 the thoughts of my heart,  
 win favour in your sight, O Lord,  
 my rescuer, my rock!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
 and to the Holy Spirit,  
 as it was in the beginning, is now  
 and shall be for ever, amen.

**ANTIPHON 1:** ‘Peter, \* do you love me?’ ‘You know I love you, Lord’. ‘Feed my sheep’.

**ANTIPHON 2:** While Peter \* was in prison, the Church prayed unceasingly to God for him.

Psalm 32



*All:* Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
 for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,  
 with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.  
 O sing him a song that is new,  
 play loudly, with all your skill.

For the word of the Lord is faithful  
 and all his works to be trusted.  
 The Lord loves justice and right  
 and fills the earth with his love.

By his word the heavens were made,  
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.  
He collects the waves of the ocean;  
he stores up the depths of the sea.

Let all the earth fear the Lord,  
all who live in the world revere him.  
He spoke; and it came to be.  
He commanded; it sprang into being.

He frustrates the designs of the nations,  
he defeats the plans of the peoples.  
His own designs shall stand for ever,  
the plans of his heart from age to age.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen as his own.  
From the heavens the Lord looks forth,  
he sees all the children of men.

From the place where he dwells he gazes  
on all the dwellers on the earth,  
he who shapes the hearts of them all  
and considers all their deeds.

A king is not saved by his army,  
nor a warrior preserved by his strength.  
A vain hope for safety is the horse;  
despite its power it cannot save.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
In him do our hearts find joy.  
We trust in his holy name.

*All:* May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now  
and shall be for ever, amen.

**ANTIPHON 2:** While Peter \* was in prison, the Church prayed unceasingly to God for him.

### ANTIPHON 3



God \* chose us in his Son, and made us his



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### NT Canticle 10

(Ephesians 1: 3–10)



Blessed be the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us in Christ  
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

He chose us in him  
before the foundation of the world,  
that we should be holy  
and blameless before him.

He destined us in love  
to be his sons through Jesus Christ,  
according to the purpose of his will,  
( to the praise of his glorious grace,  
which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood,  
the forgiveness of our trespasses,  
according to the riches of his grace  
which he lavished upon us.

He has made known to us in all wisdom and insight  
the mystery of his will,  
according to his purpose  
which he set forth in Christ.

His purpose he set forth in Christ  
as a plan for the fullness of time,  
to unite all things in him,  
things in heaven and things on earth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now  
and shall be for ever, amen.

**REPEAT ANTIPHON**

**ANTIPHON 4:** You are Peter \* and on this rock I will build my church.

Psalm 115



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 fulfil  
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 fulfil  
before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now  
and shall be for ever, amen.

**ANTIPHON 4:** You are Peter \* and on this rock I will build my church.

## SCRIPTURE READING

## RESPONSORY

Tell of the glory of the Lord, announce it among the nations!  
*(repeat)*

Speak of his wonderful deeds to all the peoples:

Announce it among the nations!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Tell of the glory of the Lord, announce it among the nations!

## MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHON

You are \* the shepherd of the flock, the prince of the apostles: to you were given the keys of the kingdom of heaven.





# MAGNIFICAT

Canticle of Mary

(Luke 1:46–55)



My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength  
and scatters the proud-hearted.  
He casts the mighty from their thrones  
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy,  
the mercy promised to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his sons for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now  
and shall be for ever, amen.

**REPEAT ANTIPHON**

## INTERCESSIONS

**OUR FATHER**

*(said by the Superior)*

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

LET US BLESS THE LORD  
THANKS BE TO GOD

May the divine assistance remain always with us.  
And with our absent brothers and sisters. Amen.

