The Confession of St. Peter – January 18



Introit

I will speak of Your testimonies also be-/fore kings, And will not/be ashamed.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for-/ever;

With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all gene-/rations.

And the heavens will praise Your won-/ders, O Lord;

Your faithfulness also in the assembly / of the saints.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son*

and to the Holy / Spirit

as it was in the be / ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

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And will not / be ashamed.

(Antiphon, Ps 119:46; Psalm 89:1,5, NKJV)

Collect

Dear Father in heaven, as you revealed to the apostle Saint Peter, the blessed truth that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, strengthen us in that same faith in our Savior that we too may joyfully confess that there is salvation in no one else; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

First Reading: Acts 2:22-24, 32-33

Gradual

Let them exalt Him also in the assembly of the / people,

And praise Him in the company of the / elders.

Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His / goodness, And for His wonderful works to the chil- / dren of men!

(Psalm 107:32, 31)

(Psaim 107:32

Epistle: 1 Peter 1:1-9

Verse

Alle- / luia.*

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You are Peter, and build my church.

on this rock I will /

(Matthew 16:18)

Alle- / luia.

Tract

You are / Peter,

and on this rock I will / build My church,

and the gates of Hades shall not prevail a- / gainst it.

And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of / heaven,

and whatever you / bind on earth

will be bound in / heaven,

and whatever you / loose on earth

will be loosed in / heaven."

(Matthew 16:18-19)

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 16:13-19

Offertory

You are / Peter,

and on this rock I will / build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail a- / gainst it.

And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of / heaven,

(Matthew 16:18-19a)

Secret

We beseech Thee, O Lord, that through faith in Peter's confession of Christ we might receive pardon and offer you acceptable sacrificial prayers of thanksgiving; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.



Communion

Simon Peter an-/swered and said,

"You are the Christ, the Son of the / living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed / *this* to you,

but My Father who is in heaven.

(Matthew 16:16-17)

Postcommunion

May your sacrament fill us with joy, O Lord, that we may receive the fullness of Thy pardon; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

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