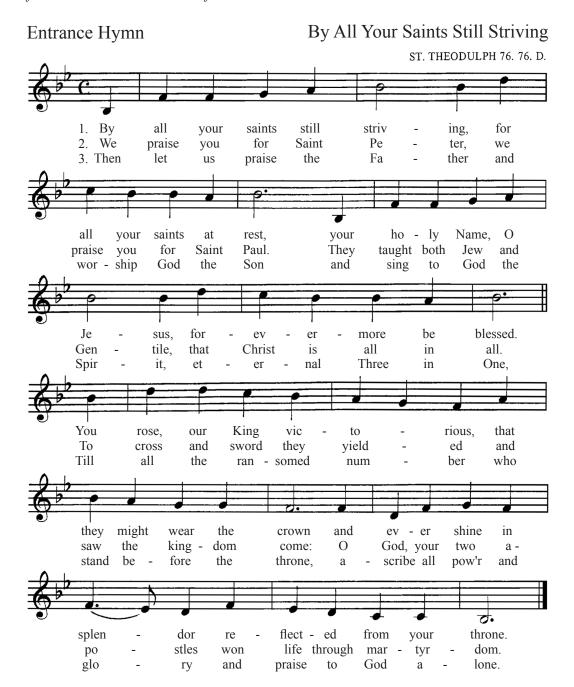
# st mary's catholic charch greenville, south carolina



saínts peter and paul 29 June 2023

### **Entrance Antiphon**

Blessed be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.



#### Penitential Act

#### Confiteor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

All strike their breast, saying:

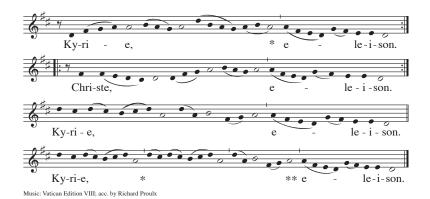
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

therefore 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.

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

#### People Amen.

# Kyrie





#### Gloria



First Reading Acts 12.1-11

In those days, King Herod laid hands upon some members of the Church to harm them. He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword, and when he saw that this was pleasing to the Jews he proceeded to arrest Peter also. It was the feast of Unleavened Bread. He had him taken into custody and put in prison under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each. He intended to bring him before the people after Passover. Peter thus was being kept in prison, but prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God on his behalf.

On the very night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter, secured by double chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while outside the door guards kept watch on the prison. Suddenly the angel of the Lord stood by him and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and awakened him, saying, "Get up quickly." The chains fell from his wrists. The angel said to him, "Put on your belt and your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Put on your cloak and follow me." So he followed him out, not realizing that what was happening through the angel was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first guard, then the second, and came to the iron gate leading out to the city, which opened for them by itself. They emerged and made their way down an alley, and suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter recovered his senses and said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people had been expecting."

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.** 





I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

Glorify the LORD with me, let us together extol his name. I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame. When the poor one called out, the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. Taste and see how good the LORD is; blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

## Second Reading

2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17-18

I, Paul, am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly Kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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## Gospel Acclamation



You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. *Response*.

Gospel

Matthew 16.13-19

Deacon: The Lord be with you. **People: And with your spirit.** 

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

# Homily



## Profession of Faith (spoken slowly and reverently)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

Bow profoundly during these two lines:

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

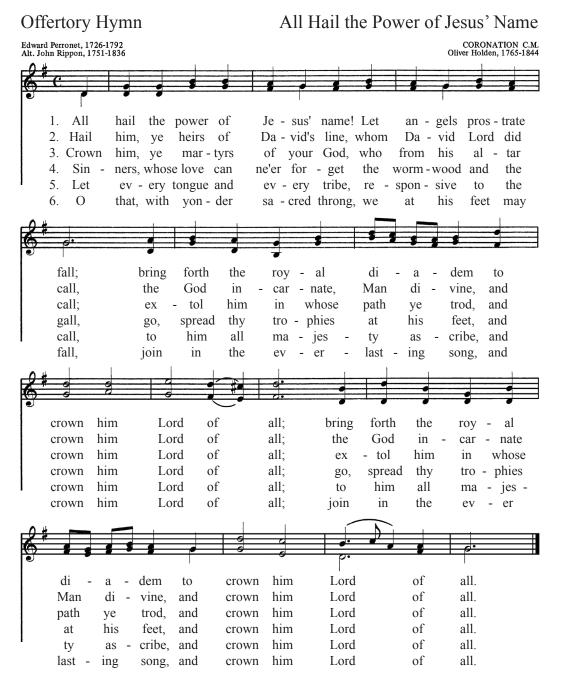
# The Bidding Prayers

#### The Collection

The offering is for the support of the parish and for Peter's Pence.

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Thou shalt make them princes in all lands: they shall remember thy Name, O Lord, from one generation to another.



## Offertory Anthem

Christus Vincit

Christus vincit. Christus regnat. Christus imperat. Gloria Patri et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Joseph Noyon, arr. Hancock

Christ conquers. Christ reigns. Christ commands. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As in the beginning, is now and always and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



Priest Pray, brethren,

that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

People May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands

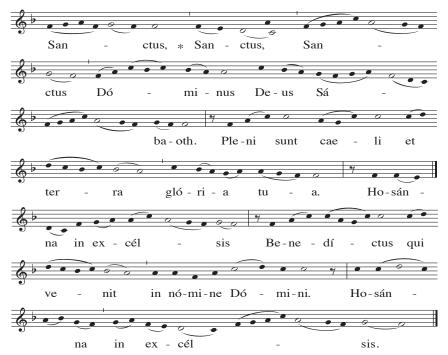
for the praise and glory of his name,

for our good

and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer Over the Offerings

# Sanctus



Music: Vatican Edition VIII; acc. by Richard Proulx



# Communion Rite

*Priest* At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

People 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.

*Priest* Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,

graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**People** For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

*Priest* Lord Jesus Christ,

who said to your Apostles:

Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,

look not on our sins,

but on the faith of your Church,

and graciously grant her peace and unity

in accordance with your will.

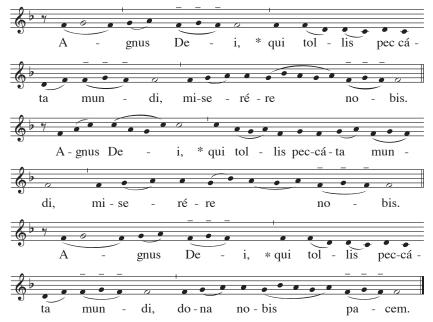
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

People Amen.

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People And with your spirit.

# Agnus Dei



Music: Vatican Edition XVIII; acc. by Richard Proulx



Priest Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

# Communion Antiphon

Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church.



#### AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, I love you above all things.
How I long to receive you with my brothers
and sisters at the table you have prepared.
But since I cannot at this moment receive you in
the holy sacrament of your Body and Blood,
I ask you to feed me with the manna of your Holy Spirit
and nourish me with your holy presence.
I unite myself completely to you;
never permit me to be separated from your love.
Amen.

#### Communion Motets

#### Tu es Petrus

Tu es Petrus et super hanc petram aedificabo ecclesiam meam et portae inferi non praevalebunt adversus eam. Et tibi dabo claves regni caelorum.

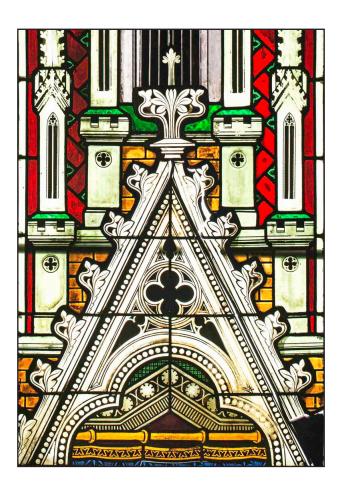
#### Jacob Clemens non Papa

You are Peter, and upon this Rock I will build My Church: and the gates of hell shall not overcome it. And I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

O Taste and See (Ps 34.8)

Ralph Vaughan-Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is. Blessed is the man who trusteth in thee.



## Communion Hymn

#### O What Their Joy



Words: Peter Abelard (1079-1142); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: O quanta qualia, melody from Antiphoner, 1681;

harm. John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

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Priest The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

*Priest* May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Deacon Go in peace.

**People** Thanks be to God.

During Mass at St Mary's, the priest and people face the same direction at the altar, a custom that was once universal in the Catholic Church but is now rare in the celebration of the modern liturgy. For an explanation of this practice, please visit our parish website, smcgvl.org, and look in the section called *Parish Links* for the essay entitled *Facing East to Pray*.



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Museum, Schwerin, Germany. (1629).

Page seven: Nicholas Poussin. Christ Presenting the Keys to Saint Peter. (c. 1636).

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# from the office of readings for saints peter and paul

The time came when he who had set me apart before I was born and called me by his favor chose to reveal his Son to me, that I might spread among the Gentiles the good tidings concerning him. Immediately, without seeking human advisers or even going to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before me, I went off to Arabia; later I returned to Damascus. Three years after that I went up to Jerusalem to get to know Cephas, with whom I stayed fifteen days. I did not meet any other apostles except James, the brother of the Lord. I declare before God that what I have just written is true.

Thereafter I entered the regions of Syria and Cilicia. The communities of Christ in Judea had no idea what I looked like; they had only heard that "he who was formerly persecuting us is now preaching the faith he tried to destroy," and they gave glory to God on my account.

Then, after fourteen years, I went up to Jerusalem again with Barnabas, this time taking Titus with me. I went prompted by a revelation, and I laid out for their scrutiny the gospel as I present it to the Gentiles—all this in private conference with the leaders, to make sure the course I was pursuing, or had pursued, was not useless. Not even Titus, who was with me, was ordered to undergo circumcision, despite his being a Greek.

Certain false claimants to the title of brother were smuggled in; they wormed their way into the group to spy on the freedom we enjoy in Christ Jesus and thereby to make slaves of us, but we did not submit to them for a moment. We resisted so that the truth of the gospel might survive intact for your benefit.

Those who were regarded as important, however (and it makes no difference to me how prominent they were—God plays no favorites), made me add nothing.

On the contrary, recognizing that I had been entrusted with the gospel for the uncircumcised, just as Peter was for the circumcised (for he who worked through Peter as his apostle among the Jews had been at work in me for the Gentiles), and recognizing, too, the favor bestowed on me, those who were the acknowledged pillars, James, Cephas, and John, gave Barnabas and me the handclasp of fellowship, signifying that we should go to the Gentiles as they to the Jews. The only stipulation was that we should be mindful of the poor—the one thing that I was making every effort to do.

- From a letter of the apostle Paul to the Galatians

# from the pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

The city of Rome is famous for its seven hills, all of which are on the east side of the Tiber River. Not counted among those seven hills are two others that are on the west side of the Tiber: the Vatican Hill and the Janiculum Hill. The Pontifical North American College, my alma mater, is the Roman seminary of the Catholic bishops of the United States, and it sits near the top of the Janiculum Hill, providing a spectacular view both of Saint Peter's Basilica and of the ancient heart of the Eternal City.

At their highest point above the City, the walls of the North American College are engraved with words painted red which tell of the place of Rome among Christians everywhere. In Latin, the inscription reads: O Roma felix quae duorum principum es consecrata glorioso sanguine, and in English these words mean: O happy Rome, you have been consecrated by the glorious blood of the two princes (of the Apostles). The princes in question, of course, are Saint Peter and Saint Paul

Since the early third century, the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul has been kept in Rome each year on 29 June, and the holy lives and faith-filled deaths of both Apostles are celebrated in this single liturgical commemoration of their martyrdom. That is why today the Church's altars and ministers are clothed in red as a sign of "the glorious blood of the two princes." This solemnity is not the only remembrance of Peter and Paul in the liturgy; on 25 January we keep the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, and on 22 February we celebrate the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. But on this day we remember them together as disciples of the Lord Jesus who gave their lives in witness to him and as Apostles who remained faithful to their vocations to teach, sanctify and govern the Church.

The fisherman from Galilee and the rabbi from Tarsus could not have been more unalike in their backgrounds, personalities and education. Simon was a rough and simple man who supported himself and his family by hard labor, and Saul was an intellectual given to deep study from his earliest years and who never married. But both of these men were called by the Lord Jesus to be his chosen instruments for the conversion of the world and the founding of his Church, and in their love for and faith in Christ, both men were changed and strengthened to spend their lives to the last drop of blood so that others would know the truth of the Gospel and the beauty of the life of grace.

The Entrance Antiphon for this great feast sings of their courage, in the hope that we will follow their example: "These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God."