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## THE FEAST OF SAINT PETER & SAINT PAUL



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The [Feast of Saints Peter and Paul](#)

### Eastern Christianity

For [Eastern Orthodox](#) and some [Eastern Catholic](#) Christians this feast also marks the end of the [Apostles' Fast](#) (which began on the Monday following [All Saints' Sunday](#), i.e., the second Monday after [Pentecost](#)).<sup>[3]</sup>

While not considered among the [twelve great feasts](#), it is one of five additional feasts ranked as a great feast in the Eastern Orthodox tradition and is often celebrated with an [all-night vigil](#) starting the evening before.<sup>[4]</sup> In the [Julian calendar](#), [29 June](#) falls on the [Gregorian calendar](#) date of 12 July from 1900–2099, inclusive.

In the Russian Orthodox tradition, [Macarius of Unzha's Miracle of the Moose](#) is said to have occurred during the Apostles' Fast and the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul that followed it.<sup>[5]</sup>

### Oriental Orthodox tradition



## Opening Acclamation:

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Gloria

1982 Hymnal #S236

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;**  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;**  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;**  
on the throne of you majesty, glory to you.

**Glory to you, seated between the cherubim;**

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

**Glory to you, beholding the depths;**  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;**

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

## Salutation

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray

## Collect of the Day:

**Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

## The Word of God *(please be seated)*

### The First Lesson - A Reading from Ezekiel 34:11-16

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and

will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm - Psalm 87**

**1 On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded; \*  
the Lord loves the gates of Zion  
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.**

**2 Glorious things are spoken of you, \*  
O city of our God.**

**3 I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; \*  
behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia:  
in Zion were they born.**

**4 Of Zion it shall be said, "Everyone was born in her, \*  
and the Most High himself shall sustain her."**

**5 The Lord will record as he enrolls the peoples, \*  
"These also were born there."**

**6 The singers and the dancers will say, \*  
"All my fresh springs are in you."**

### **The Second Lesson - A Reading from 2 Timothy 4:1-8**

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound

doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Lesson:**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
**John 21:15-19**

People: **Glory to you, Lord 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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to you, Lord Christ**

# Sermon

**Nicene Creed** *All say together* (CONTEMPORARY VERSION)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again 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.**

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

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## **Prayers of the People**

Leader: Holy God, by your spirit you gave birth to your church: may our many members be the one Body of Christ in this World, and then lead us by your Holy Spirit in the ways of truth and love. Come, Spirit of Truth,

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Holy God, you gave your disciples the ability to speak in languages of the people: may we also speak about your deeds of power and grace throughout the world, that all may know of your loving-kindness and saving mercy. Come, Spirit of Truth,

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Holy God, the earth is full of your creatures: may all who look to you be given their food in due season. Open your hand in the desolate places and fill the hungry with good things. Come, Spirit of Truth,

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Holy God, you poured out your Holy Spirit in your holy city Jerusalem: pour out your Spirit in our own towns and cities. Raise up modern day prophets and visionaries to call us to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Come, Spirit of Truth,

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Holy God, you give the gift of healing by your Spirit: bring healing and wholeness to all those on our hearts and minds this day, especially (the people add their petitions for prayers)..... In your might and compassion, renew the face of the Earth. Bring renewal to those in need. Come, Spirit of Truth,

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Holy God, you adopt us as your children, joint heirs with your Christ. In your unending loving-kindness we lift up to you:

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: *The Diocese of Southern Malawi – The Church of the Province of Central Africa*

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer: *St. Christopher's in Sun City.*

And we pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache peoples who called this area home.

May we continue to support one another in love and empathy.

Come, Spirit of Truth,

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

## Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

**All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

## Absolution

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## Exchange of the Peace

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you

**All And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

The Presider: *I appeal to you, friends, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

## Offertory

## Doxology

(Hymn #380 v. 3)

♪ **Praise God from whom all blessings flow**  
**Praise him all creature here below**  
**Praise Him above ye heavenly host**  
**Praise, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen ♪**

# The Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving

*EOW 2*

Presider *The Lord be with you.*

People **And also with you.**

Presider *Lift up your hearts.*

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

**People: You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.**

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

*Presider and People:*

*Hymnal #S128*

♪ **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 ♪**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

**Living among us, Jesus loved us.**

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

**He yearned to draw all the world to himself; yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.**



Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

**Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.**

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new Creation (+), the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

**In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Stephen and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.**

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, forever and ever. **AMEN**

And now as Jesus taught us, we pray: (*Contemporary Lord's Prayer*)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done**

**On earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**

**Now and forever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

(*Presider breaks the consecrated bread*)

Fraction Anthem

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,**

**Therefore let us keep the feast,**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

## **Invitation to Communion:**

Presider: These are the gifts of God for the People of God.

**People: Christ invites us all to be known and fed here.**

*Everyone is welcome and invited to come forward and receive the bread and wine in this church. Our bread is gluten/nut free. It is real wine. Please kneel or stand at the altar rail, and extend your hand to receive the bread. Because of ongoing Covid concerns we are intincting/dipping the bread only. No drinking from the chalice/cup. When the chalice comes to you, dip the bread in the wine, and consume it. If you prefer, you can eat the bread without the wine. You may receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine also; indicate your desire to have a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.*

## **Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, and Gratitude**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Presider: Let us pray:

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.**

**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world, and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **Benediction:**

Presider: And now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with all of you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

Deacon: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

**People: We are called to love and serve.**

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God's Spirit.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)**

In the [Coptic Orthodox Church](#) and the [Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church](#), the feast of saints Peter and Paul is also celebrated on the day 5 [Epip](#) which is also the end of the fast of the apostles in these traditions.<sup>[6]</sup>

Spiritual Christian tradition

Although the Canadian [Doukhobors](#), a [Spiritual Christian](#) denomination, do not [venerate saints](#), the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul has traditionally been a day of celebration for them. Since 1895, it has acquired a new significance as a commemoration of the "Burning of the Arms", the Doukhobors' destruction of their weapons, as a symbol of their refusal to participate in government-sponsored killing.<sup>[7]</sup> It is celebrated now by their descendants as simply "Peter's Day" (Russian: *Petro den.*), sometimes referred to as the "Doukhobor Peace Day".<sup>[8][9]</sup>

## **Western Christian tradition**

In the [General Roman Calendar](#), the celebration is a [solemnity](#). In earlier editions, it was [ranked](#) as a Double ([Tridentine Calendar](#)), Double of the First Class (e.g., [General Roman Calendar of 1954](#)), or First-Class Feast ([General Roman Calendar of 1960](#)). Prior to the [liturgical reforms of Pope Pius XII](#), this feast was followed by a common [octave](#). On this feast, newly created [metropolitan archbishops](#) receive from the [pope](#) the primary symbol of their office, the [pallium](#).<sup>[10]</sup>

It is a [holy day of obligation](#) in the [Latin Church](#), although individual conferences of bishops can suppress the obligation.<sup>[11]</sup> In England, Scotland and Wales the feast is observed as a holy day of obligation while in the United States and Canada, it is not. The Feast ceased being a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States in 1840.<sup>[12]</sup>

The [Church of England](#) celebrates the Feast of St Peter and St Paul on 29 June as a [festival](#).<sup>[13]</sup> The [Lutheran churches](#) celebrate 29 June as the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul; it holds the rank of a [lesser festival](#).<sup>[14]</sup>

The [Voice of the Martyrs](#), a [non-governmental organization](#) that aids [persecuted Christians](#), has designated 29 June as the "Day of the Christian Martyr", in honour of the martyrdom of Saints Peter and Paul, as well as all [martyrs for the Christian faith](#).<sup>[15]</sup>

Because of the importance of saints Peter and Paul to the Catholic Church, many Catholic-majority countries also observe their feast day as a public holiday. The feast is observed in [Rome](#) because St. Paul and St. Peter are [patron saints](#) of the Eternal City.<sup>[16]</sup> In the [Apulia](#) region of southeastern Italy, the feast of saints Peter and Paul was associated with the [Tarantella](#) dance since the middle ages. It was believed that the bite of the [tarantula wolf spider](#) caused of form of [manic behavior](#) which would result in death if the afflicted did not dance and could not be cured without the intercession of saint Paul. These panics were especially common near the feast day in the 16th and 17th centuries in [Galatina](#), where the basilica of Saint Peter and Paul is located.<sup>[17]</sup>

In [Malta](#) the solemnity is a public holiday and in [Maltese](#) is known as *L-Imnarja*. It is celebrated with festivals the preceding weekend in [Buskett Gardens](#) in [Rabat](#).<sup>[18]</sup>

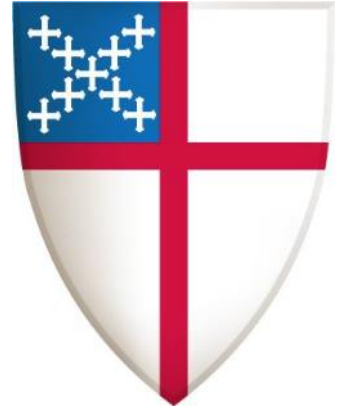
It is also a public holiday of the [Canton of Ticino](#), Switzerland, as well as parts of the Swiss cantons of [Lucerne](#) and [Graubünden](#).<sup>[19]</sup> It is a public holiday in Peru<sup>[citation needed]</sup> and in various municipalities of the Philippines.<sup>[citation needed]</sup> In Or-

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