



## TU ES PETRUS

O God, come to my aid.  
O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

**Antiphon: You are Peter, the rock where I build my Church.  
We are the Church, disciples of Christ the Lord.**

### Psalm 116

1. 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.

2. My vows to the Lord I will fulfill  
before all the people.  
O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of the faithful.

3. 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.

4. My vows to the Lord I will fulfill  
before all the people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

## Reading

Dice Jesús a Simón Pedro: «Simón de Juan, ¿me amas más que éstos?» Le dice él: «Sí, Señor, tú sabes que te quiero». Le dice Jesús: «Apacienta mis corderos». Vuelve a decirle por segunda vez: «Simón de Juan, ¿me amas?» Le dice él: «Sí, Señor, tú sabes que te quiero». Le dice Jesús: «Apacienta mis ovejas». Le dice por tercera vez: «Simón de Juan, ¿me quieres?» Se entristeció Pedro de que le preguntase por tercera vez: «¿Me quieres?» y le dijo: «Señor, tú lo sabes todo; tú sabes que te quiero». Le dice Jesús: «Apacienta mis ovejas. «En verdad, en verdad te digo: cuando eras joven, tú mismo te ceñías, e ibas adonde querías; pero cuando llegues a viejo, extenderás tus manos y otro te ceñirá y te llevará adonde tú no quieras». Con esto indicaba la clase de muerte con que iba a glorificar a Dios. Dicho esto, añadió: «Sígueme».

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." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that he had said to him a 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. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me." (John 21:15-19)

### If You Love Me

If you love me, feed my lambs; if you love me,  
tend my sheep; if you love me, come and fol-low me.

### Psalm 80

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help.

2. The mountain were covered with its shadow,  
the cedars of God with its boughs.  
It stretched our its branches to the sea,  
To the Great River it stretched our its shoots.

3. God of hosts turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
The vine your right hand has planted.

4. May your hand be on the one you have  
chosen,  
the one you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again;  
Give us life that we may call upon your name.

The feast of the **St. Peter's Chair** has its roots in the veneration the early Christians of Rome had for those who had shed their blood for Christ. In the 4<sup>th</sup> century, when the Christians were allowed to come out in the open, it grew to be the feast of the Fisherman of Galilee who was made the Pastor of the Church. This is therefore the feast of the *'Tu es Petrus'*, a reminder of Peter's mission, received from Christ : *'I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail, and once you have recovered, you in your turn must strengthen your brothers'*. (Lk 22:32)

*From the address of Paul VI to the Fathers of the 32d General Congregation:*

And why then do you doubt? You have a spirituality strongly traced out, an unequivocal identity and a centuries-old confirmation which was based on the validity of methods, which, having passed through the crucible of history, still bear the imprint of the strong spirit of St Ignatius. Hence there is absolutely no need to place in doubt the fact that a more profound commitment to the way up till now followed – to the special charism – will be the source of spiritual and apostolic fruitfulness. Yours are the difficulties of all today's apostles, those who experience the longing to proclaim the Gospel along with the difficulty of translating it into a language accessible to modern man. (...) We give you the confirmation of our confidence: we love you sincerely, and we judge that you are able to effect that renewal and new balance which we all desire."

### Prayer in silence

Let us summon the Spirit of God to sustain our Catholic Church in unity and peace through the teaching ministry of the Bishop of Rome.

Our response will be:



- Bless abundantly the apostolic ministry of Pope Benedict XVI and the Church's bishops that the people of God may be built up in love. Trusting in your guidance we pray: **Spirit of Unity...**

- Through the intercession and the protection of Mary, seat of Wisdom, may the Church throughout the world flourish in wisdom and grace. Trusting in your guidance, we pray: **Spirit of Unity...**

- May every Christian household be filled with the best spiritual gifts that dignify family life and strengthen the faith of each member. Trusting in your guidance, we pray: **Spirit of Unity...**

- Preserve in the Church's Theologians and catechists a dedication to the truths of faith that serves the well-being of Christian communities. Trusting in your guidance, we pray: **Spirit of Unity...**

- Keep alive in the hearts of all the followers of Christ a desire to be united in one faith, with one Shepherd, praising God at the one table of life. Trusting in your guidance we pray: **Spirit of Unity...**

Jesus taught us to call God our Father,  
and so we have the courage to say:

**Our Father, who are in heaven. Holy be your Name; your Kingdom come; your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Do not bring us to the test. But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Almighty God, let no disturbance ever shake us,  
whom you have built solidly on the rock of Peter's faith.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

May the Lord bless us and keep us from all harm;  
and may he lead us to eternal life. **A M E N.**

**CHANT: THERE IS ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM,  
THERE IS ONE GOD, WHO IS FATHER OF ALL.**