

Our Christian life will call on us at times to make a decision for or against Jesus, as for the apostles in today's gospel. We know with him we have the message of the deepest human love we are capable of.



Peter got the keys of heaven. We think that these are keys to let people into heaven. We often see pictures of Peter with a bunch of keys in his hand. Keys are given when a person is trusted – the privilege of getting the keys of the house. Jesus entrusts Peter with being able to unlock the kingdom of heaven.

It is not just the afterlife. The kingdom of heaven is what Jesus brings on earth. He gives each of us keys to unlock that door to his kingdom. We unlock the door from the inside. Pope Francis has said when Jesus knocks at the door, he is asking to be let out from inside each of us: 'I think about the times in which Jesus knocks from within so that we will let him come out.' (Address before the Conclave 2013).

Like Peter, we have the keys to let his message out – in our words and in what we do. The love of God is given to us to be shared in service, just as the word of God is given to us to be spoken both in our human words and in our lives.

I can imagine Peter each day going inside himself to pray and think over what Jesus had done for him in his life, and opening his heart so that the love and mission he had received, would be given for the community of disciples.

May I recognise your love in my life O Lord, and share this whenever I can, in word and deed.

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## Jesus' Story

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God Our Father loves every person, even when they don't feel good. He sent Jesus from Heaven to tell all the people about His Love. God The Father makes the sun shine on everybody, on the good and not so good. When chatting with his friends about God, Peter said "You are The One God sent." Peter became The Leader and Teacher for Jesus and was The First Pope.



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right and just.

## SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
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.

## AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.  
We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, .....  
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

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my  
blood has eternal life, says the Lord,  
and I will raise him up on the last day.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,  
the healing work of your mercy  
and graciously perfect and sustain us,  
so that in all things we may please you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.  
May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
Amen.

May he let his face shine upon you  
and show you his mercy. Amen.

May he turn his countenance towards  
you and give you his peace. Amen.

May the blessing of almighty God, the  
Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy  
Spirit come down on you and remain  
with you for ever.  
Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended.  
Thanks be to God.

will build my Church. And the gates of the  
underworld can never hold out against it.  
I will give you the keys of the kingdom of  
heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall  
be considered bound in heaven;  
whatever you loose on earth shall be  
considered loosed in heaven.' Then he  
gave the disciples strict orders not to tell  
anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## NICENE CREEED

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,  
All bow for following three 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.



## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters, .....  
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your  
hands for the praise and glory of his  
holy Church.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people  
by adoption through the one sacrifice  
offered once for all, bestow graciously on  
us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace  
in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

should he open, no one shall close,  
should he close, no one shall open.  
I drive him like a peg  
into a firm place;  
he will become a throne of glory  
for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 137:1-3, 6, 8

R. Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. [R]

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. [R]

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. [R]

## SECOND READING Romans 11: 33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
How rich are the depths of God - how  
deep his wisdom and knowledge - and  
how impossible to penetrate his motives  
or understand his methods! Who could  
ever know the mind of the Lord? Who  
could ever be his counsellor? Who  
could ever give him anything or lend him  
anything? All that exists comes from him;  
all is by him and for him. To him be glory  
for ever! Amen.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are Peter and on this rock  
I will build my Church.  
And the gates of the underworld  
can never hold out against it.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL Matthew 16: 13 - 20

The Lord be with you And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus came to the region of  
Caesarea Philippi he put this question  
to his disciples, 'Who do people say the  
Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say  
he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and  
others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'  
'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?'  
Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are  
the Christ', he said, 'the Son of the living  
God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah,  
you are a happy man! Because it was not  
flesh and blood that revealed this to you  
but my Father in heaven. So I now say  
to you: You are Peter and on this rock I

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my  
God. Have mercy on me, O Lord,  
for I cry to you all the day long.

## GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.  
The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body  
and blood:  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us.....  
Amen.

## THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer; you are seated  
at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



## OPENING PRAYER

O God, who cause the minds of the  
faithful to unite in a single purpose,  
grant your people to love what you  
command and to desire what you promise,  
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,  
our hearts may be fixed on that place  
where true gladness is found.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING Isaiah 22: 19 - 23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna,  
the master of the palace:  
I dismiss you from your office,  
I remove you from your post,  
and the same day I call on my servant  
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.  
I invest him with your robe,  
gird him with your sash,  
entrust him with your authority;  
and he shall be a father  
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and to the House of Judah.  
I place the key of the House of David  
on his shoulder;