

**Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
The Holy, Glorious, All-Praiseworthy
and Chief Apostles Peter and Paul.**



Tone 3—Matins Gospel IV

Tropar and Kondaks

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Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad for the Lord has won victory over death. By His death He conquered Death. He has become the first born of the dead and, delivering us from the depths of the grave, has granted great mercy to our world.

Tone4

O leaders of the Apostles and Teachers of the world, pray to the Lord of All to grant peace to the world and an abundant kindness to us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Tone3

Today You, O Merciful Lord, arose from the grave and rescued us from death. Today Adam sings in celebration and Eve rejoices. With them the prophets and patriarchs continually praise the might of Your divine power.

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

Tone2

O Lord, You have received the steadfast Preachers of the good news, the Leaders of Your Apostles, into the enjoyment of Your goodness and repose. You have accepted their labors and death before any other sacrifice, for only You know the secrets of our heart.

Prokimenon:

Sing Praise to God sing praise /
Sing praise to our King sing praise.

*Clap your hands all you people /
Cry to God with shouts of joy .*

Through all the world their voice resounds /
their message reaches to the ends of the earth.

Epistle: Romans [§93] 6:18-23
2 Corinthians [§193] 11:21-12:9

Alleluia verses:

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA
*In You O Lord I take refuge /
Let me never be put to shame*
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA
*God is to be extolled in the council of the holy ones /
great and awesome to all around Him*
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

Gospel: Matthew [§25] 8:5-13
Matthew [§67] 16:13-19

HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

O my soul, extol Peter the solid rock and Paul the chosen
vessel of Christ's Church.

With hymns we extol the most glorious Maiden and all holy
Mother of God who gave birth to the Creator of all
things visible and invisible

COMMUNION HYMN:

Praise the Lord from the heavens./
Praise Him in the highest.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Through all the world their voice resounds/
their message reaches to the ends of the earth.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

THE HOLY PREEMINENT APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL

Simon, son of Jonah and brother of Andrew, was first among the disciples to confess that Jesus was the Christ, the son of the living God. It was by Jesus that he was called Peter. Paul, Apostle of the gentiles, preached Christ crucified to the Jews and the Greeks. Both announced the Gospel of Jesus Christ in faith and love in the city of Rome and died martyrs under the emperor Nero. The first, as the tradition goes, was nailed to a cross with his head downward and was buried in the Vatican next to the Triumphal Way. The other received his punishment from the sword and was interred at the Ostian Way. Their triumph, equal in honor and veneration, is celebrated by the whole world on this day.
