

**JANUARY 18,  
THE CONFESSION OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE:  
MASS**

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

**A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a cripple, by what means this man has been healed, be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by him this man is standing before you well. This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, but which has become the head of the corner. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they wondered; and they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

*The Reader concludes*                      **The Word of the Lord.**

## Psalm 23

*At Said Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 23 as found in the red Prayer Book beginning on 612.

*(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)*

*At Sung Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 23 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
  
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
  
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his  
Name's sake.
  
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow  
of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of  
those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for  
ever.

### **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader reads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* We praise you, O God;  
we acknowledge you to be the Lord; \*  
the glorious company of apostles praise  
you.

*People* Alleluia.

*The Reader returns to his or her seat.*

*Please turn the page for the Gospel Lesson.*

## The Holy Gospel

*The Minister says*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

And also with you.

*Minister*

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew.

*People*

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesare'a Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

*The Minister says*

The Gospel of the Lord.