

13 SEPTEMBER
+ Dedication of the Church of the Resurrection C4
Forefeast
Hieromartyr Cornelius (Kornilios) the Centurian C1

VESPERS

Lord I have cried

Tone 6

O Lord, I have cried to you, listen to me;

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Note the voice of my plea when I cry to you.

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² Let my prayer be directed before you like incense,
the raising of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

O Lord, listen to me.

S6: O Lord, if you mark offences, who will stand?

But there is forgiveness with you.

The old law decreed that dedications should be honoured in splendour; even more should the new also be honoured. For as Isaiah proclaims, "The islands are made new for God." By this we understand the churches now built by the nations which receive a firm foundation from God. Therefore let us spiritually celebrate this present feast.

S5: O Lord, I have waited for you for your name's sake;

my soul has waited for your word,

my soul has hoped in the Lord.

O brothers, be renewed! After you have put away the old man, live in newness of life. Bridle everything from which death may come. Let us discipline all our members and hate every evil fruit of the tree. As we remember it, let us avoid our ancient errors so that the human race may be restored in this way. So the day of dedication is honoured.

S4: Let Israel hope in the Lord

from morning watch until night,

from morning watch.

O Christ, the pre-eternal Word, you set up your church as a tower of strength and founded it on the rock of the faith. Therefore it remains unshaken for ever in you, for you became unchangeably man in these latter times for its sake. Therefore we give thanks, praise you and say. "You are our King since before time began, now and for ever. Glory to you!"

Tone 4

S3: For there is mercy with the Lord
and abundant redemption with *him*.

He will redeem Israel from all his offences.

O Cornelius, when he saw your good works and divine pleading, Christ sent a holy angel to you, in order wholly to enlighten you. O rightly glorious saint he *also sent* the leader of the sacred apostles who renewed you with water and the Spirit together with all your household and taught you sublime things through the grace of the Spirit.

S2: Every nation, praise the Lord;
every people, acclaim him!

You were anointed with the oil of the priesthood. O divinely wise *saint*, you hurried to announce the preaching of salvation to every land. You uprooted the thorns of falsehood and planted the true faith in men's souls through the Spirit. Therefore, O Cornelius, we bless you in gladness as a God-pleasing hierarch and an invincible martyr.

S1: For his mercy is strengthened over us
and the truth of the Lord remains for ever.

The foolish were shown to be wise. O wise Cornelius, since you died and took up your home in grace according to the laws of nature, you have produced a spring of many wonders. O divinely inspired *saint*, you heal the sick and dispel evil spirits through the Holy Spirit.

Glory: Tone 6

O Lord, as we celebrate the memory of the dedication and glorify you, the Giver of holiness, we pray, "O good and almighty *Lord*, let the senses of our souls be hallowed through the pleas of the glorious passion-bearers."

Both now:

Today the tree has appeared. Today the old nation has perished. Today the faith is revealed by faithful rulers. Adam has recovered his fall

through the tree and again the demons tremble at the tree. O Almighty Lord, glory to you!

Entrance

Phos Ilarón

P/D: Wisdom! Stand upright!
 O Jesus Christ, joyful light of the holy glory
 of the immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father,
 when we come to the setting of the sun
 and see the light of evening,
 we praise God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

For it is right at all times to worship you
 with voices of praise,
 O Son of God *and* Giver of life.
 Therefore the world glorifies you.

Prokeímenon

Of the Day

Prophecy 1

Solomon dedicates the Temple.

From the Third Book of Kingdoms (8:22-23, 27-30)

Solomon stood up in front of the altar before all the assembly of Israel and he spread out his hands towards heaven.²³ He said: O Lord God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above and on the earth beneath, keeping covenant and mercy with your servant who walks before you with all his heart.²⁷ But will God indeed live with men on the earth? If the heaven and heaven of heavens will not be sufficient for you, how much less this house which I have built for your name?²⁸ Yet, O Lord God of Israel, you must look on my petition, to hear the prayer which your servant prays to you in your presence this day,²⁹ so that your eyes may be open towards this house day and night, even towards the place which you said: My name will be there, to hear the prayer which your servant prays at this place by day and night.³⁰ And you must listen to the prayer of your servant, and of your people Israel, which they will pray towards this place. You must hear in your dwelling-place in heaven, and you must act and be gracious.

Prophecy 2

The joy of Wisdom - Poetic

From the Book of Proverbs (3:19-34)

God by wisdom founded the earth, and by prudence he prepared the heavens. ²⁰ By understanding were the depths broken up, and the clouds dropped water. ²¹ O son, do not let them pass from you, but keep my counsel and understanding, ²² so that your soul may live, and there may be grace around your neck. It will be health to your flesh, and safety to your bones, ²³ so that you may go confidently in peace along all your ways and your foot may not stumble. ²⁴ For if you rest, you will be undismayed, and if you sleep, you will slumber sweetly. ²⁵ You will not be afraid of alarm coming to you, neither of approaching attacks from ungodly men. ²⁶ For the Lord will be over all your ways, and establish your foot so that you are not moved. ²⁷ Refrain from not doing good to the poor, whenever your hand may have power to help him. ²⁸ Do not say: Come back another time, tomorrow I will give, while you are able to do him good, for you do not know what the next day will bring. ²⁹ Do not plan evil against your friend, who lives near you and trusts in you. ³⁰ Do not be prepared to quarrel with a man without a cause, in case he does you some harm. ³¹ Do not obtain the rebukes of bad men, neither envy their ways. ³² For every offender is unclean before the Lord; neither does he sit among the just. ³³ The curse of God is on the houses of the ungodly, but the dwellings of the just are blessed. ³⁴ The Lord resists the proud, but he gives grace to the humble.

Prophecy 3

Wisdom building a house foreshadows Christ choosing the womb of Mary.

From the Book of Proverbs (9:1-11)

Wisdom has built a house for herself, and set up seven pillars. ² She has killed her sacrifices; she has mingled her wine in a bowl, and prepared her table. ³ She has sent out her servants, calling with a loud proclamation to the feast, as though in a hollow, saying: ⁴ Whoever is foolish, let him turn aside to me; and to those who want understanding she says: ⁵ Come, eat my bread, and drink wine which I have mingled for you. ⁶ Leave folly and seek; search for wisdom so that you may live. Improve understanding by knowledge. ⁷ The one who disciplines evildoers will obtain dishonour for himself. The one who rebukes an ungodly man will disgrace himself. ⁸ Do not rebuke evildoers, in case they hate you. Rebuke a wise man and he will love you. ⁹ Give an opportunity to a wise man, and he will be wiser:

instruct someone just, and he will receive more instruction. ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the counsel of holy ones is understanding, for to know the law is good understanding. ¹¹ For in this way you will live long, and years of your life will be added to you.

Ektení

Prayer

O Lord, allow us this night to be guarded from sin. Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers! Praised and glorified be your name for ever. Amen. O Lord, let your mercy be on us, for we have hoped in you. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes. Blessed are you, O Master; make me understand your statutes. Blessed are you, O Holy *One*; enlighten me with your statutes. O Lord, your mercy lasts for ever; do not overlook the work of your hands. To you belongs worship, to you belongs praise, to you belongs glory, to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

Plirotiká

Prayer

P: Peace be with you all. R: And with your spirit

D: Bow down your heads to the Lord. R: To you, O Lord.

P: For blessed and glorified is the power of your Kingdom, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.
Amen.

Apósticha

Tone 5

Hail, O life bearing cross! *You are* the invincible weapon of godliness; the gate of Paradise and the protection of the faithful. The cross is the might of the church and corruption is abolished through it. The power of death is crushed through it and we are raised from earth to heaven. The cross is the invincible weapon of peace, the enemy of demons, the glory of the martyrs and the haven of salvation which grants the world great mercy.

S1: Exalt the Lord our God
and worship at his footstool. Ps 98

Hail, O cross of the Lord! Through you the human race has been saved from the curse. The enemy is shattered by your exaltation. O cross, worthy of all honour, you are a sign of true joy; you are our help, you are the strength of kings. You are the power of just men. You are the majesty of priests. All who sign themselves with you are freed from danger. You are the rod of strength under which we like sheep are tended, the weapon of peace round which the angels stand in fear and the divine glory of Christ our God, who grants the world great mercy.

S2: God *was* our King in the past;

he has brought about salvation in the midst of the earth. Ps 73

Hail, O guide of the blind, physician of the sick and resurrection of the dead! Most precious cross, you raised us up when we were fallen into mortality. Through you corruption has been destroyed; through you incorruption has blossomed; we mortals are made divine and the devil is completely overthrown. As we see you exalted today by the hands of bishops, we exalt the one who was lifted high on you and we fall in worship before you. We freely draw great mercy from you.

Glory: Tone 2

O Lord, we glorify you as we celebrate the dedication of the most holy temple of your resurrection. You sanctified it and perfected it with your all-perfect grace. You are adored in it by the faithful with sanctifying, mystical and holy sacrifices which you receive bloodless and all-pure from the hands of your servants. You give great mercy and cleansing from sins to all those who rightly make offering.

Both now:

The cross of the Giver of life, a divine treasure hidden in the ground, was shown in the heavens to the pious emperor and spiritually revealed a decree of victory over the enemy. He hurried joyfully and divinely to see it on high with faith and love. He zealously lifted it from the bosom of the earth, for the salvation of the world and the salvation of our souls.

Song of Simeon

B/P: O Master, now let your servant depart in peace

according to your word,

² for my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared before all peoples,

³ a light of revelation for *the* nations
and *the* glory of your people Israel.

Triságion Prayers

Apolytíka

Tone 4

As you revealed from above the splendour of the heavens, so you revealed on earth the splendour of the house of your holy glory. O Life and Resurrection of all, make it stand firm for ever and accept in it the pleas which we continually offer you through the Theotokos.

Tone 4

O saint inspired by God, you became a partner of the apostles in their way of life and a successor to their thrones; you found the means for approaching divine vision. Therefore you have truly taught the word of truth and fought for the faith even to death. O hieromartyr Cornelius, pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

Tone 4

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Dismissal

ORTHROS

God is the Lord Ps 117

R: God is the Lord and has appeared to us.

Blessed is the one who comes in the Lord's name. *Ps 117*

S1: Thank the Lord, for he is good,
for his mercy lasts for ever.

S2: All the nations surrounded me,
but I opposed them in the Lord's name.

S3: This *is* the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful in our eyes.

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Small Litany

P: For yours is the might, and yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen*

Kathisma 1

Tone 4

Christ has enlightened all by his coming and restored the world by his divine Spirit. The souls of men are renewed, for a house has been raised up to the glory of the Lord where Christ our God renews the hearts of the faithful for the salvation of the human race. *X2*

Kathisma 2

Tone 4

O faithful, the feast of the dedication has come and proclaims that Christ's chosen are renewed. They chant hymns in faith with radiant faces to the Master from the depths of their hearts, for he is the Redeemer who renews us. *X2*

Small Litany

P: For blessed is your name, and glorified is your kingdom, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. *Amen*

Psalm 50

O God, have mercy on me in your abundant mercy
and wipe out my offence through your great compassion.

⁴ Wash me thoroughly from my lawless act
and cleanse me from my sin.

⁵ For I know my lawlessness
and my sin is always before me.

⁶ I have sinned against you alone
and done this evil before you

^{6b} so that you might be justified in your words
and overcome when you are judged.

⁷ For see, I was conceived in lawlessness
and my mother gave birth to me in sin.

⁸ For see, you have loved truth
and revealed to me the hidden and secret *things* of your wisdom.

⁹ You will sprinkle me with hyssop and I will be clean;
you will wash me and I will become whiter than snow.

¹⁰ You will make me hear about joy and gladness;
the humbled bones will rejoice.

¹¹ Turn your face from my sins
and wipe out all my lawlessness.

¹² O God, create a pure heart within me
and renew an upright spirit within me.

¹³ Do not banish me from your presence
or remove your Holy Spirit from me.

¹⁴ Restore the joy of your salvation to me
and make me firm with your directing Spirit.

¹⁵ I will teach the lawless your ways
and the ungodly will return to you.

¹⁶ O God, set me free from the guilt of blood;
O God of my salvation,
my tongue will rejoice in your justice.

¹⁷ O Lord, you will open my lips
and my mouth will proclaim your praise.

¹⁸ For if you had wanted sacrifice, I would have given it;

you will not be pleased with burnt offerings.

¹⁹ Sacrifice for God is a broken spirit;
God will not despise a broken and humbled heart.

²⁰ O Lord, be good to Zion in your pleasure
and let the walls of Jerusalem be built.

²¹ Then you will be pleased with a sacrifice of justice,
with an offering and burnt sacrifices;
then they will offer calves on your altar.

Kontákion

Tone 4

You have made the church a resplendent heaven to enlighten all the faithful. Therefore we stand in the midst of this holy house and cry to you, "O Lord, make firm this house."

Íkos

The Word lived among us in the flesh. The son of thunder informs us in the Scriptures, "We have truly seen his glory which the Son has with the Father with the grace of truth. To as many as have received him with faith, he gave authority to become children of God. They have been reborn, not by blood or human desire, but by the Holy Spirit." We stand in the House of God which has been built by our hands and sing, "O Lord, make firm this house."

Synaxáron

Today we remember the dedication of the Basilica of the Resurrection of Christ our God which took place in 335. The church included Golgotha and the Tomb. On the Thirteenth the new Israel celebrate the annual solemnity of the renewal of the Covenant in accordance with the Old Law.

On the same day we commemorate holy Cornelius the Centurion. He became the first-fruits of Gentiles in the Church.

We also remember:

Holy Peter of Agrea C9

Queen and Great Martyr Ketevan of Georgia C17

O God, have mercy on us through their holy prayers. Amen.

Katavasías

1: Moses inscribed the invincible weapon of the cross on the waters and marked a straight line before him with his staff. He divided the Red Sea and opened a path for Israel who went over dry shod. Then he marked a second line across the waters, united them in one and overwhelmed the chariots of Pharaoh. Therefore let us sing to Christ our God, for he has been glorified.

3: The rod of Aaron is an image of this mystery; it comes into bud to show who should be priest. So the wood of the Cross has now flowered in the Church that once was barren. It has filled her with strength and steadfastness.

4: O Lord, I have heard the mystery of your dispensation. I have considered your works and I glorified your divinity.

5: O three times blessed tree, on which Christ the King and Lord was stretched, the beguiler who tempted the human race with the tree fell because of you. He was caught in the trap set by God who was crucified on you in the flesh and grants peace to our souls.

6: Jonah stretched out his hands in the form of a cross within the belly of the whale and plainly prefigured your redeeming passion. He was cast out after three days and foreshadowed the mighty resurrection of Christ our God who was crucified in the flesh and enlightened the world by his rising on the third day.

7: The senseless decree of the wicked tyrant confused the people and breathed out threats and blasphemy hateful to God. Yet neither the fury of wild beasts nor the roaring of the fire could frighten the three children. As they stood together in the flame and were fanned by the wind that brought refreshment like the dew, they sang, "Blessed are you and praised above all, our God and the God of our fathers!"

8: Let us praise, bless and worship the Lord.
O children, equal in number to the Trinity, bless God the Father and Creator. Sing the praises of the Word who descended and changed the fire to dew and exalt above all for ever the most Holy Spirit who gives life to all.

Ode 9

My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour. R:

R: *You are* more honourable than the Cherubim
and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim.
You gave birth to God the Word without defilement;
O true Theotokos, we glorify you.

² For he has regarded his servant's humility;
see, from now all generations will call me blessed. R:

³ For the Almighty has accomplished great *things* for me
and his name is holy.

His mercy is from generation to generation
on those who fear him. R:

⁴ He has accomplished strength with his arm
and scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. R:

⁵ He has put down the mighty from *their* thrones
and exalted the humble.

He has satisfied the hungry with good *things*
and dismissed the rich with nothing. R:

⁶ He has helped his servant Israel
in remembering his mercy,
as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and his seed for ever. R:

9: O Theotokos, you are a mystical Paradise in which Christ blossomed.
Through him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth.
Now at its elevation we bow in worship before it and glorify you.

Small Litany

P: For all the powers of heaven praise you, and to you we send up glory, to
the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the
ages of ages. *Amen*

Exaposteilária

Tone 2

The Lord accomplished our salvation and renewed the whole creation by
being raised on the cross on Golgotha. He was laid in his life-giving tomb

and rose on the third day, for he is God. Together with the angelic choirs we celebrate the dedication of the brilliant and venerable Anastasis.

Tone 2

After he had willingly assumed our flesh for the renewal of the world, the Lord God accomplished salvation in the midst of the earth through the cross. He was laid in the tomb and rose on the third day. As a pledge of life we always have the divine Anastasis. We celebrate its dedication with the angels of God.

O Virgin, we joyfully say to you, “Hail, O saviour of Adam and Eve from the ancient curse! Hail, for through you human nature was raised to the heavenly glory of your Son and God! Hail, O Theotokos and Virgin Mary, for angels perpetually worship before the glory in heaven because of you.

Praises

Tone 4

Let everything with breath praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.

To you, O God, is due a song.

Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his powers.

To you, O God, is due a song.

S4: Praise him with cymbal and dance;
praise him with strings and flute.

Today the divine, holy, honourable and light bearing house of the resurrection of Christ is consecrated with splendour. His tomb gives divine life to the world, exudes a spring of immortality, pours out streams of miracles, overflows with the waters of grace and grants healing to those who praise it in faith.

S3: Praise him with tuneful cymbals;
praise him with joyful cymbals.

Let everything with breath praise the Lord.

Because we desire to see beforehand the holy sceptre of the cross carried high in the midst of the earth, let us purify our souls in advance. Since we

are illuminated with light, let our thoughts be radiant. As we shine with divine power, let us praise Christ who gives his holiness through the precious tree to those who cry out with faith and fervently sing praises to him.

Tone 1

S2: Exalt the Lord our God

and worship at his footstool. Ps 98

O Lord, Solomon of old offered up sacrifices and whole-burnt offerings of dumb beasts when he consecrated the temple. But since you, O Saviour, were well-pleased to abolish the shadows so that the truth might be known, the generations of men offer bloodless sacrifices to your glory. For you sanctify all things through the Holy Spirit as the Ruler of all creation.

Tone 4

S2: God *was* our King in the past;

he has brought about salvation in the midst of the earth. Ps 73

The church of the nations is renewed today through the precious and life-bearing blood which flowed from the all-pure, incorrupt side of Christ our God who was incarnate of the virgin. Therefore, O choirs of the faithful, let us assemble. Let us glorify the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the one God in being who sustains all things.

Glory: Tone 3

O human race, rise to your true self; become new instead of old. Celebrate the restoration of the soul while you still have life so that the way of all life may be restored to you. The old has passed away and, see, all things are new. Transformed by a change for the good, offer this as fruit to the feast. So the human race is renewed and the day of the dedication is honoured.

Both now:

O Christ our God, you accepted voluntary crucifixion for the resurrection of the human race. You stained your fingers with blood by the pen of the cross as with ink of royal purple, in your love for the human race, and signed as King the document of our remission. Do not turn away from us in our distress, for we are again far from you. O long-suffering Lord, have pity on your people who find themselves in the midst of evil. O only almighty *Lord*, rise and do battle with those who fight against us.

Great Doxology

Glory to you who have shown us the light!

glory to God in the highest!

Peace on earth and goodwill to men!

² We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
we glorify you, we thank you for your great glory,

³ O Lord King, heavenly God, almighty Father,
O Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,
and you, O Holy Spirit!

⁴ O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us,

for you take away the sin of the world.

⁵ Receive our prayer,
for you sit on the right of the Father,
and have mercy on us.

⁶ For only you are holy, only you are Lord,
O Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

⁷ I will bless you every day
and always praise your name for ever and ever. Ps 144

⁸ O Lord, allow us this day
to be guarded from sin.

⁹ Blessed are you, O Lord God of our fathers!
Praised and glorified be your name for ever. Amen. Daniel 3

¹⁰ O Lord, let your mercy *be* on us,
for we have hoped in you. Ps 32.

¹⁶ Blessed are you, O Lord!
Teach me your statutes. X3 Ps 118

¹² O Lord, you have been our refuge
from generation to generation. Ps 89

I said, "O Lord, have mercy on me;
heal my soul, for I have sinned against you." Ps 40

¹⁴ O Lord, I have fled to you;
teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Ps 142

¹⁵ For with you is the source of life
and in your light we will see light. Ps 35

¹⁶ Stretch out your mercy
to those who know you. Ps 35

Triságion

Apolytíkion

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LITURGY

Antiphon 1 Ps 91 Tone 5

S1: It is good to thank the Lord
and make melody to your name, O Most High.

R: At the prayers of the Theotokos, Saviour, save us!

S2: To announce your mercy in the morning
and your truth by night,

S3: For the Lord our God is upright
and there is no injustice in him.

S4: Glory: Both now:

Antiphon 2 Ps 92 Tone 2

S1: The Lord reigns *and* is clothed with majesty;
the Lord has put on power and clothed himself.

R: Save us, O Son of God. You are wonderful in your saints.
We sing to you, “Alleluia!”

S2: For he founded the world which will not be moved.

S3: O Lord, holiness is right for your house
to length of days.

S4: Glory: Both now:

Monogenes

Antiphon 3 Ps 94 Tone 4

S1: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord,
and shout with joy to God our Saviour.

R: As you revealed from above the splendour of the heavens, so you revealed on earth the splendour of the house of your holy glory. O Life and Resurrection of all, make it stand firm for ever and accept in it the pleas which we continually offer you through the Theotokos.

S2: Let us enter his presence with thanksgiving
and gladly cry to him with psalms,
for the Lord is a great God
and a high king over all the earth.

Entrance Ps 47

Great is the Lord and highly praised
in the city of our God *and* on his holy mountain. Ps 47
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Of the Church

Kontákion

Tone 4

O Christ our God, since you were willingly raised on the cross, grant mercies to your new community called by your name. Make firm our faithful rulers with your power and grant them victories over their enemies. May your help be a weapon of peace and an invincible trophy.

Triságion

Prokeimenon Ps 92 Tone 4

R: O Lord, holiness is right for your house to length of days.

S: The Lord reigns *and* is clothed with majesty.

Apóstolos

From the Letter to the Hebrews (3:1-4)

Holy brothers who share in a heavenly call, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession. ² He was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in God's house. ³ Yet Jesus has been counted worthy of as much more glory than Moses as the builder of a house has more honour than the house. ⁴ For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.

Alleluia Ps 86 Tone 1

S1: Its foundations are on the holy mountains.

S2: O City of God, glorious things are spoken about you.

Gospel

From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (16:13-19)

At that time when Jesus came into the district of Caesaréa Philíppi, he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Eli'jah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ 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."

Communion Ps 25

O Lord, I have loved the beauty of your house
and the place of your glorious tabernacle. Alleluia!