

dying destroyed our death, and by rising again hath restored us to life. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing a hymn to Thy glory, evermore saying: — *Sanctus*.

Communion (Matthew 16:18)

THOU ART PETER, and upon this rock I will build my Church. Alleluia.

Postcommunion

APPEASED by this Sacrifice, O Lord, in which Thou hast nourished Thy Church on heavenly food, do Thou so guide her that She may be steered with a firm hand and, while enjoying more liberty, may persist in wholeness of faith. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son: Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

Qui mortem nostram moriéndo destrúxit, et vitam resurgéndo reparávit. Et ideo cum Ángelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dominatió nibus, cumque omni militia coeléstis exércitus, hymnum glóriæ tuæ cánimus, sine fine dicétes: — *Sanctus*.

TU ES PETRUS, et super hanc petram ædificábo Ecclésiám meam. Alleluia.

REFECTIÓNE sancta enutrítam gubérna, quæsumus, Dómine, tuam placátus Ecclésiám: ut poténti moderatióne dirécta, et increménta libertátis accípiat et in religiónis integritáte persístat. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia ...

A POPE AND MARTYR of the second century appears in the Calendar today. The martyrs stand in clusters near our Risen Lord; they are the *Eagles* of which Jesus speaks in the Gospel as *gathering together* around their longed-for object (Mt. 24:28). Anicetus is not the only Pope whose martyrdom has to be celebrated during Paschal Time; others will come, adding to our Easter joy. The Saint who claims our attention today is one of those whose holy actions are shrouded in the venerable gloom of the Church, and yet his memory will

be held in veneration to the end of time, not only as being the eleventh successor of St. Peter in the See of Rome, but as having imitated him also in holiness of life. St. Polycarp came from Smyrna to Rome, in order to visit Anicetus and receive his advice. There have also been transmitted to us one or two instances of the zeal wherewith Anicetus defended the Church against the arch-heretics Valerian and Marcion. In a word, we know that Anicetus was a martyr, and that is enough to immortalize his name.

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Proper Prayers of the Mass in the Extraordinary Form

APRIL 17:
St. Anicetus,
Pope & Martyr

Prayers at the Foot of the Altar
(see red Missal, pp. 10-13)

Introit (John 21:15, 17)

SI DÍLIGIS ME, Simon Petre, pasce agnos meos, pasce oves meas. *Ps.* 29:2,3. Exaltábo te, Dómine, quóniam suscepisti me, nec delectásti inimicos meos super me. *V.* Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spíritui Sancto. Sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. — Si díliges me, Simon ...

IF THOU lovest Me, Simon Peter, feed My lambs; feed My sheep. *Psalm.* I will extol Thee, O Lord, for Thou hast upheld me: and hast not made my enemies to rejoice over me. *V.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. — If thou lovest Me, Simon ...

Collect

PRECES PÓPULI tui, quæsumus, Dómoine, cleménter exáudi: ut beáti Anicétus Mártiris tui atque Pontíficis, méritis adjuvémus, cujus passióne lætámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum: Qui tecum vivat et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus: per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

MERCIFULLY HEAR, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the prayers of Thy people; that we who rejoice in the martyrdom of blessed Anicetus, Thy Martyr and Bishop, may be helped by his merits. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son: Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

Lesson (I Peter 5 : 1–4, 10–11)

DEARLY BELOVED: the ancients therefore that are among you, I beseech, who am myself also an ancient, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ: as also a partaker of that glory which is to be revealed in time to come: feed the flock of God which is among you, taking care of it, not by constraint, but willingly, according to God: not for filthy lucre's sake, but voluntarily: neither as lording it over the clergy, but being made a pattern of the flock from the heart. And when the prince of pastors shall appear, you shall receive a never-fading crown of glory. But the God of all grace, Who hath called us unto His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little, will himself perfect you, and confirm you, and establish you. To Him be glory and empire for ever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA. *Ÿ.* (Mt. 16:18) Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church. Alleluia. (Ps. 44:17, 18) Thou shalt make them princes over all the earth: they shall remember Thy Name, O Lord. Alleluia.

Gospel (Matthew 16: 13–19)

AT THAT TIME, Jesus came into the quarters of Cæsarea Philippi, and He asked His disciples saying: Whom do men say that the Son of Man is? But they said: Some, John the Baptist, and other some, Elias, and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. Jesus saith to them: But whom

CARÍSSIMI: Seniôres, qui in vobis sunt, obsécro consénior et testis Christi passiónum, qui et ejus, quæ in futúro revelánda est, glóriæ communicátor: pás-cite qui in vobis est gregem Dei, providéntes non coác-te, sed spontáne secúndum Deum, neque turpis lucrí grátia, sed voluntárie; neque ut dominántes in cleris, sed forma facti gregis ex ánimo. Et, cum apparuerit princeps pastórum, percipiétis immarcescibilem glóriæ coronam. Deus autem omnis grátia, qui vocávit nos in ætérnam suam glóriam in Christo Jesu, módicum passus ipse perficiet, confirmábit solidábitque. Ipsi glória et impérium in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

ALLELÚIA, ALLELÚIA. *Ÿ.* Tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram ædificábo Ecclési-am meam. Allelúia. *Ÿ.* Constitues eos príncipes super omnem terram: mémores erunt nóminis tui, Dómine. Allelúia.

IN ILLO TÉMPORE: Venit Jesus in partes Cæsaráe Philíppi, et interrogábat discípu-los suos, dicens: Quem dicunt hómines esse Fílium hóminis? At illi dixerunt: Alii Joánnem Baptis-tam, álii autem Elíam, álii vero Jeremíam, aut unum ex prophétis. Dicit illis Je-sus: Vos autem quem me

esse dicitis? Respóndens Simon Petrus, dixit: Tu es Christus, Fílius Dei vivi. Respóndens autem Jesus, dixit ei: Beátus es, Simon Bar Jona: quia caro et sanguis non revelávit tibi, sed Pater meus, qui in cœlis est. Et ego dico tibi, quia tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram ædificábo Ecclési-am meam, et portæ ínferi non prævalébunt advérsus eam. Et tibi dabo claves regni cœlórum. Et quodcúmque ligáveris super terram, erit ligátum et in cœlis: et quodcúmque sólveris super terram, erit solútum et in cœlis.

Offertory (Jeremiah 1: 9–10)

ECCE DEDI verba mea in ore tuo: ecce constitui te super gentes et super regna; ut evéllas et déstruas, et ædifices et plantes. Allelúia.

OBLÁTIS munéribus, quæsumus, Dómine, Ecclési-am tuam benígnus illúmina; ut, et gregis tui proficiat ubíque succéssus, et grati fiant nómini tuo, te gubernánte, pastóres. Per Dóminum nostrum ...

VERE DIGNUM et justum est, æquum et salutáre: Te quidem, Dómine, omni témpore, sed in hac potíssimum gloriósius prædicáre, cum Pascha nostrum immolátus est Christus. Ipse enim verus est Agnus, qui ábstulit peccáta mundi.

do you say that I am? Simon Peter answered, and said: Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answering, said to him: Blessed art thou, Simon Bar Jona, because flesh and blood hath not revealed it to thee, but my Father who is in heaven: and I say to thee: That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it; and to thee I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth, it shall be loosed also in heaven.

BEHOLD I have given My words in thy mouth: lo, I have set thee over the nations, and over kingdoms, to root up, and to pull down, and to build, and to plant. Alleluia.

Secret

WE BEG THEE, O Lord, through the gifts which we have offered, in Thy kindness enlighten Thy Church: so that everywhere Thy flock may prosper and her Shepherds by Thy guidance be pleasing to Thy name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

Preface for Easter

IT IS TRULY meet and just, right and for our salvation, at all times to praise Thee, O Lord, but more gloriously at this time above others when Christ our Pasch was sacrificed. For He is the true Lamb Who took away the sins of the world: Who by