

called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord

### **Prayer over the Offerings**

Accept, O God of all mercy, these offerings of our service, and grant us, we pray, the gifts of your Holy Spirit, so that like Saint Peter Chanel we may prove unshakeable in the face of adversity. Through Christ our Lord.

### **Preface**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but in this time above all to praise you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

For he is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world; by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim: Holy, Holy, Holy...

### **Communion Song**

*[or Antiphon: Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit, alleluia.]*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Give strength, O Lord, to those who have shared this meal of salvation and joy, that following eagerly with Saint Peter Chanel in the footsteps of your Only Begotten Son, we may proclaim the Gospel of peace and truth. Through Christ our Lord.

## **ST PETER CHANEL**

### ***VOTIVE MASS***



## Opening Song

*[or Entrance Antiphon: Perpetual light will shine on your Saints, O Lord, and life without end for ever, alleluia.]*

## Opening Prayer

O God, who for the spreading of your Church crowned Saint Peter Chanel as the first martyr of your Church in Oceania, grant that, in these days of paschal joy, we may so celebrate the mysteries of Christ's death and resurrection, as to bear worthy witness to newness of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## Liturgy of the Word

### **First Reading** 1 Cor 1:18-25

The language of the cross may be illogical to those who are not on the way to salvation, but those of us who are on the way see it as God's power to save. As scripture says: I shall destroy the wisdom of the wise and bring to nothing all the learning of the learned. Where are the philosophers now! Where are the scribes! Where are any of our thinkers today? Do you see now how God has shown up the foolishness of human wisdom?

If it was God's wisdom that human wisdom should not know God, it was because God wanted to save those who have faith through the foolishness of the message that we preach. And so, while the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

### **Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 30: 3-4, 6-8, 16-17,

Response: Into your hands, O Lord, I entrust my spirit.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a mighty stronghold to save me,  
For you are my rock, my stronghold.  
For your name's sake, lead me and guide me. *[Resp]*

Into your hands I commend my spirit.  
It is you will redeem me, Lord.  
As for me, I trust in the Lord:  
Let me be glad and rejoice in your love. *[Resp]*

My life is in your hands, deliver me  
From the hands of those who hate me.  
Let your face shine on your servant.  
Save me in your love. *[Resp]*

### **Alleluia Verse**

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are they who stand firm when trials comes; when they have stood the test, they will win the crown of life. Alleluia!

### **Gospel:** Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men'. And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He