

27 April

**Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

**Memorial**

**Peter Canisius** (1521-1597) was born in Nijmegen, the Netherlands. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1543, the first Dutchman to do so. In 1547 he served as theological consultant at the Council of Trent. In 1548 he was assigned to the first Jesuit school in Messina. In 1549 he was sent to teach at the University of Ingolstadt, Germany. In 1552, he was transferred to Vienna, where he did pastoral ministries and began writing his famous *Catechism*. In 1556, he was appointed Provincial Superior of the newly created Upper German Province. Canisius was one of the giants of the young Society of Jesus. He is honoured as a Doctor of the Church for his heroic defense of Catholicism through teaching, preaching and writing.

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Jer 3: 15**

I will appoint over you shepherds after my own heart, says the Lord,  
who will shepherd you wisely and prudently.

**Collect (RM)**

**O God, who for the defense of the Catholic faith  
made the Priest Saint Peter Canisius  
strong in virtue and in learning,  
grant, through his intercession,  
that those who seek the truth  
may joyfully find you, their God,  
and that your faithful people  
may persevere in confessing you.  
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.**

**Prayer over the Offerings**

**Receive the gifts, O Lord,  
that we offer you in memory of Saint Peter,  
and open our lips  
that we may confess and praise your name.  
Through Christ our Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon**

**2 Cor 12: 15a**

I will most gladly spend and be utterly spent myself for your sakes.

**Prayer after Communion**

**God of our fathers,  
who through Saint Peter spoke to your scattered flock,  
grant that those who have believed in your Son  
and have been nourished at his sacred banquet  
may be worthy to remain true to his teaching  
and to be united in the breaking of the bread.  
Through Christ our Lord.**

## PREFACE I OF SAINTS (RM)

### The glory of the Saints

**V/. The Lord be with you.**

**R/. And with your spirit.**

**V/. Lift up your hearts.**

**R/. We lift them up to the Lord.**

**V/. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**R/. It is right and just.**

**It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.**

**For you are praised in the company of your Saints  
and, in crowning their merits, you crown your own gifts.  
By their way of life you offer us an example,  
by communion with them you give us companionship,  
by their intercession, sure support,  
so that, encouraged by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
we may run as victors in the race before us  
and win with them the imperishable crown of glory,  
through Christ our Lord.**

**And so, with the Angels and Archangels,  
and with the great multitude of the Saints,  
we sing the hymn of your praise,  
as without end we acclaim:**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .**

**PREFACE I OF HOLY PASTORS (JESUIT PROPER)**

The example of the Saints,  
that we may more eagerly be spent because of the Gospel

**V/. The Lord be with you.**

**R/. And with your spirit.**

**V/. Lift up your hearts.**

**R/. We lift them up to the Lord.**

**V/. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**R/. It is right and just.**

**It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.**

**For in the least Society of your Son, Jesus,  
you have raised up many holy and blessed companions  
that your glory might shine more brightly  
and that we, too,  
encouraged by their prayers and example,  
may take up our cross  
and may more eagerly spend ourselves and be spent  
for the salvation of the human race  
in union with Christ our Lord.**

**Through him the Angels praise your majesty,  
Dominions adore and Powers tremble before you.  
Heaven and the Virtues of heaven and the blessed Seraphim  
worship together with exultation.  
May our voices, we pray, join with theirs  
in humble praise, as we acclaim:  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts ...**

## **PREFACE II OF HOLY PASTORS (RM)**

### **The presence of holy Pastors in the Church**

**V/. The Lord be with you.**

**R/. And with your spirit.**

**V/. Lift up your hearts.**

**R/. We lift them up to the Lord.**

**V/. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**R/. It is right and just.**

**It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Christ our Lord.**

**For, as on the festival of Saint **N.** you bid your Church rejoice,  
so, too, you strengthen her by the example of his holy life,  
teach her by his words of preaching,  
and keep her safe in answer to his prayers.**

**And so, with the company of Angels and Saints,  
we sing the hymn of your praise,  
as without end we acclaim:**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .**

## **PREFACE OF HOLY MISSIONARIES (JESUIT PROPER)**

**Advancing the glory of God with our brothers in glory**

**V/. The Lord be with you.**

**R/. And with your spirit.**

**V/. Lift up your hearts.**

**R/. We lift them up to the Lord.**

**V/. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**R/. It is right and just.**

**It is truly right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.**

**For, in the members of the Society of Jesus  
already in glory with Christ,  
you give us examples of holiness and apostolic zeal,  
strong intercessors,  
and faithful companions in worship,  
so that, strengthened by such assistance,  
our Society may more effectively  
advance your glory throughout the world  
and devote itself more eagerly to its mission.**

**And so, we glorify you with the multitude  
of Saints and Angels,  
as with one voice of praise we acclaim:  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts ...**

## **PREFACE I OF RELIGIOUS (JESUIT PROPER)**

**Contemplating the joy of those already in the holy city**

**V/. The Lord be with you.**

**R/. And with your spirit.**

**V/. Lift up your hearts.**

**R/. We lift them up to the Lord.**

**V/. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**R/. It is right and just.**

**It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.**

**For among the members of our Society,  
of whatever grade or position, age or ministry,  
you have raised up many Saints and Blessed,  
allowing us the joy in this life  
of contemplating even now the holy city,  
the new Jerusalem, which is our mother.**

**Therefore, all creatures of heaven and earth  
sing a new song in adoration,  
and we, with all the host of Angels,  
cry out, and without end we acclaim:**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts ...**

## **PREFACE II OF RELIGIOUS (RM)**

### **The sign of a life consecrated to God**

**V/. The Lord be with you.**

**R/. And with your spirit.**

**V/. Lift up your hearts.**

**R/. We lift them up to the Lord.**

**V/. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**R/. It is right and just.**

**It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.**

**For in the Saints who consecrated themselves to Christ  
for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven,  
it is right to celebrate the wonders of your providence,  
by which you call human nature back to its original holiness  
and bring it to experience on this earth  
the gifts you promise in the new world to come.**

**And so, with all the Angels and Saints,  
we praise you, as without end we acclaim:**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .**