St. Anicetus was Pope when St. Polycarp, the disciple of St. John, came to Rome to consult about the date on which Easter should be kept. The reasons offered by St. Polycarp did not convince St. Anicetus, nor did the argument of Anicetus move St. Polycarp. St. Anicetus had such respect for St. Polycarp, who had known St. John the Evangelist, that although disagreeing on this matter of discipline, he allowed St. Polycarp to celebrate Mass in the presence of all the faithful in Rome. He was given the title of martyr, because of his sufferings for the Faith, although he was not put to death by his persecutors. He died about 161, and was buried in the Vatican near the tomb of the Apostles, where all the Popes of the first two centuries were buried. **INTROIT** John 21: 15-17 Si díligis me, Simon Petre, pasce Simon Peter, if thou lovest Me, feed My lambs, feed My sheep. Alleluia, alleluia. agnos meos, pasce oves meas. Allelúja, allelúja. (Ps. 29: 1) Exaltábo (Ps. 29: 1) I will extol Thee, O Lord, for te, Dómine, quóniam suscepísti me, Thou hast upheld me: and hast not

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made my enemies to rejoice over me. nec delectásti inimícos meos super me. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et beginning, is now, and ever shall be, semper, et in sécula seculórum. world without end. Amen. Simon Peter, Amen. Si díligis Me, Simon Petre, pasce agnos meos, pasce oves meas. if thou lovest Me, feed My lambs, feed Allelúja, allelúja. My sheep. Alleluia, alleluia. **COLLECT** Gregem tuum, Pastor ætérnæ placátus Eternal Shepherd, regard graciously inténde: et per beátum Anicetum, Thy flock, and keep it with an Martyrem atque Summum Pontíficem everlasting protection, by the tuum, perpétua protectione custodi; intercession of blessed Anicetus, Thy quem totíus Ecclésiæ præstitísti esse Martyr and Sovereign Pontiff, whom

Thou hast constituted shepherd of the

Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns

God, forever and ever.

whole Church. Through our Lord Jesus

with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

Dearly beloved, The ancients therefore

that are among you, I beseech, who am

revealed in time to come: feed the flock

of God which is among you, taking care

myself also an ancient, and a witness

of the sufferings of Christ: as also a

partaker of that glory which is to be

of it, not by constraint, but willingly,

it over the clergy, but being made a

when the Prince of pastors shall

appear, you shall receive a never

grace, Who hath called us into His

have suffered a little, will Himself

perfect you, and confirm you, and

establish you. To Him be glory and

Alleluia, alleluia. Thou art Peter, and

upon this rock I will build My Church.

make them princes over all the earth:

And Jesus came into the quarters of

disciples, saying: Whom do men say

that the Son of man is? But they said:

Elias, and others Jeremias, or one of

the prophets. Jesus saith to them: But

whom do you say that I am? Simon

Peter answered and said: Thou art

art thou, Simon Bar-Jona: because

Christ, the Son of the living God. And

Jesus answering, said to him: Blessed

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;

church, and the gates of hell shall not

prevail against it. And I will give to thee

the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And

whatsoever thou shalt bind upon earth,

earth, it shall be loosed also in heaven.

it shall be bound also in heaven: and

Behold I have given My words in thy

mouth: lo, I have set thee over the

whatsoever thou shalt loose upon

and upon this rock I will build my

Some John the Baptist, and other some

Cesarea Philippi: and he asked his

Alleluia. (Ps. 44: 17, 18) Thou shalt

they shall remember Thy Name, O

Lord. Alleluia.

empire for ever and ever. Amen.

according to God: not for filthy lucre's

sake, but voluntarily: neither as lording

pattern of the flock from the heart. And

fading crown of glory. But the God of all

eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you

pastórem. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sécula sæculórum.

EPISTLE 1 Peter 5: 1-4, 10-11 Caríssimi: Senióres, qui in vobis sunt, óbsecro consénior et testis Christi passiónum, qui et ejus, quæ in futúro revelánda est, glóriæ communicátor: páscite qui in vobis est gregem Dei, providéntes non coácte, sed spontánee

secúndum Deum, neque turpis lucri grátia, sed voluntárie; neque ut dominántes in cleris, sed forma facti gregis ex ánimo. Et, cum apparúerit princeps pastórum, percipiétis immarcescíbilem glóriæ corónam. Deus autem omnis grátiæ, qui vocávit nos in ætérnam suam glóriam in Christo Iesu, módicum passos ipse perfíciet, confirmábit solidabítque. Ipsi glória et impérium in saecula sæculórum. Amen. **GREATER ALLELUIA Matthew 16: 18** Allelúja, allelúja. Tu es Petrus, et super

hanc petram ædificábo Ecclésiam

terram: mémores erunt nóminis tui,

Constítues eos príncipes super omnem

meam. Allelúja. (Ps. 44: 17, 18)

GOSPEL Matthew 16: 13-19

Dómine. Allelúja.

In illo témpore: Venit Jesus in partes Cæsaréæ Philíppi, et interrogábat discípulos suos, dicens: Quem dicunt hómines esse Fílium hóminis? At illi dixérunt: Álii Joánnem Baptístam, álii autem Elíam, álii vero Jeremíam aut unum ex prophétis. Dicit illis Jesus: Vos autem quem me esse dícitis? 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 cælis est. Et ego dico tibi, quia tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram ædificábo

Ecclésiam meam, et portæ ínferi non prævalébunt advérsus eam. Et tibi dabo claves regni cælórum. Et quodcúmque ligáveris super terram, erit ligátum et in cælis: et quodcúmque sólveris super terram, erit solútum et in cælis. **OFFERTORY Jeremias 1: 9-10** Ecce, dedi verba mea in ore tuo: ecce, constítui te super gentes et super regna, ut evéllas et déstruas, et ædífices et plantes. Allelúja. **SECRET** Oblátis munéribus, quéssumus, Dómine, Ecclésiam tuam benígnus illúmina: ut, et gregis tui profíciat

ubíque succéssus, et grati fiant nómini

Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in

tuo, te gubernánte, pastóres. Per

unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per

PREFACE OF EASTER SEASON

salutáre, Te quidem, Dómine, omni

témpore, sed in hoc potíssimum,

gloriósius prædicáre, cum Pascha

enim verus est Agnus, qui ábstulit

resurgéndo reparávit. Et ídeo cum

moriéndo destrúxit, et vitam

cánimus sine fine dicéntes:

**COMMUNION Matthew 16: 18** 

Tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram

nostrum immolátus est Christus. Ipse

peccáta mundi. Qui mortem nostram

Ángelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et

cæléstis exércitus, hymnum glóriæ tuæ

Dóminatiónibus, cumque omni milítia

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et

ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum,

ædificábo Ecclésiam meam. Allelúja. **POSTCOMMUNION** Refectióne sancta enutrítam gubérna, quésumus Dómine, tuam placátus Ecclésiam: ut poténti moderatione 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 sæcula sæculórum.

nations, and over kingdoms, to root up, and to pull down, and to build, and to plant. Alleluia. By the offered gifts we beg Thee, O Lord: enlighten kindly Thy Church: so that Thy flock everywhere may be increasing, and the Shepherds, under Thy direction, may be pleasing to Thy Name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, certainly at all times to proclaim Thee, O Lord, but above all in this time more gloriously, when Christ our Pasch was sacrificed. For He is the true Lamb Who hath taken away the sins of the world: Who by dying hath 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 the hymn of Thy glory, evermore saying:

Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will

O Lord, we beseech Thee, graciously

govern Thy Church, which Thou hast

fed with a holy meal; so that, directed

by a mighty wisdom, she may progress

in liberty, and persist in the integrity of

faith. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with

Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, forever and ever.

build My Church. Alleluia.