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COMMUNION OF SAINTS (2)

### St. Andrew the Apostle [Nov 30]

Praise, Lord, for Thine apostle,
 The first to welcome Thee,
 The first to lead his brother
 The very Christ to see.
 With hearts for Thee made ready,
 Watch we throughout the year,
 Forward to lead our brethren
 To own Thine advent near.

# St. Thomas the Apostle (Didymus) [Dec 21]

All praise for Thine apostle,
 Whose short-lived doubtings prove
 Thy perfect twofold nature,
 The fullness of Thy love.
 On all who wait Thy coming
 Shed forth Thy peace, O Lord,
 And grant us faith to know Thee,
 True man, true God, adored.

### St. Stephen the Martyr [Dec 26]

4. Praise for the first of martyrs, Who saw Thee ready stand To aid in midst of torments, To plead at God's right hand. Share we with him, if summoned By death our Lord to own, On earth the faithful witness, In heaven the martyr's crown.

### St. John the Apostle and Evangelist [Dec 27]

 Praise for the loved disciple, Exile on Patmos' shore;
 Praise for the faithful record He to Thy Godhead bore,
 Praise for the mystic vision Through him to us revealed.
 May we, in patience waiting,
 With Thine elect be sealed.

#### The Holy Innocents [Dec 28]

Praise for Thine infant martyrs,
By Thee with tenderest love
Called early from the warfare
To share the rest above.
 O Rachel! cease thy weeping:
They rest from pains and cares.
Lord, grant us hearts as guileless
And crowns as bright as theirs.

### St. Matthias the Apostle [Feb 24]

8. Lord, Thine abiding presence
Directs the wondrous choice
For one in place of Judas
The faithful now rejoice.
Thy Church from false apostles
Forevermore defend,
And by Thy parting promise
Be with her to the end.

### St. Mark the Evangelist [April 25]

 For him, O Lord, we praise Thee, The weak by grace made strong, Whose labors and whose Gospel Enrich our triumph song. May we in all our weakness Find strength from Thee supplied, And all, as fruitful branches, In Thee, the Vine, abide.

# St. Philip and St. James (the Younger, son of Alphaeus) the Apostles [May 1]

10. All praise for Thine apostle, Blest guide to Greek and Jew, And him surnamed Thy brother Keep us Thy brethren true, And grant us grace to know Thee, The Way, the Truth, the Life; To wrestle with temptations Till victors in the strife.

### St. Barnabas the Son of Encouragement [June 11]

 The Son of Consolation, Moved by Thy law of love, Forsaking earthly treasures, Sought riches from above.
 As earth now teems with increase, Let gifts of grace descend, That Thy true consolations
 May through the world extend.

# Nativity of St. John the Baptist [Jun 24]

12. We praise Thee for the Baptist, Forerunner of the Word, Our true Elias, making A highway for the Lord. Of prophets last and greatest, We saw Thy dawning ray: Make us the rather blessed Who love Thy glorious day.

### Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle [Jan 25] St. (Simon) Peter the Apostle [Jun 29]

Praise for the light from Heaven,
 Praise for the voice of awe,
 Praise for the glorious vision
 The persecutor saw.
 Thee, Lord, for his conversion,
 We glorify today;
 So lighten all our darkness
 With Thy true Spirit's ray.

13. Praise for Thy great apostle,
The eager and the bold;
Thrice falling, yet repentant,
Thrice charged to keep Thy fold.
Lord, make Thy pastors faithful
To guard their flocks from ill,
And grant them dauntless courage,
With humble, earnest will.

# St. James the Elder (son of Zebedee, son of Thunder, brother of John) the Apostle [July 25]

14. For him, O Lord, we praise Thee, Who, slain by Herod's sword Drank of Thy cup of suffering, Fulfilling thus Thy word.
Curb we all vain impatience To read Thy veiled decree, And count it joy to suffer, If so brought nearer Thee.

# St. Bartholomew (Nathanael) the Apostle [Aug 24]

15. All praise for Thine apostle, The faithful, pure, and true, Whom underneath the fig tree Thine eye all seeing knew. Like him may we be guileless, True Israelites indeed, That Thy abiding presence Our longing souls may feed.

# St. Matthew (Levi) the Apostle and Evangelist [Sep 21]

16. Praise, Lord, for Him whose Gospel Thy human life declared, Who, worldly gains forsaking, Thy path of suffering shared. From all unrighteous Mammon O give us hearts set free, That we, whate'er our calling, May rise and follow Thee.

### St. Luke the Evangelist [Oct 18]

17. For that "beloved physician,"
All praise, whose Gospel shows
The healer of the nations,
The sharer of our woes.
Thy wine and oil, O Savior,
And bruised hearts deign to pour,
And with true balm of Gilead
Anoint us evermore.

# St. Simon (the Canaanite, the Zealot) and St. Jude (Thaddeus, Judas not Iscariot) the Apostles [Oct 28]

18. Praise, Lord, for Thine apostles, Who sealed their faith today: One love, one zeal impelled them To tread the sacred way. May we with zeal as earnest The faith of Christ maintain, And, bound in love as brethren, At length Thy rest attain.