

Veneration of the chains of the holy apostle Peter

JANUARY 16



1. When, for Christ, you were im-pri-soned, er - ror then was bound by you!
2. All the fa - mi - lies of na - tions once in ig - nor - ance were bound;
3. Je - sus, whom you scorned, de - ny - ing thrice as he was doomed to die,



With our whole heart we re - vere you as with faith your chains we view.
Through your chains and through your teach-ing, all the lost in Christ are found!
Has re - ceived your three - fold claim-ing; "Lord, I love You!" was your cry.



Find - ing strength for soul and bo - dy in these chains you bore of old,
In the vi - sion on the roof - top, which re - vealed God's sav - ing plan
There-fore in our hearts we name you bles - sed Pe - ter, man of grace.



As com - pan - ion of the an - gels we ac - claim you, Pe - ter bold!
You told Good News to the Gen-tiles, teach-ing them of God - made - Man.
In - ter - cede that we be faith - ful till we all may see God's face!

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Melody: *Ode to Joy* (Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827)