1) When Christ the Master and Savior spake the question to His choir of Twelve Apostles, saying unto them:

Whom do men say that I am, O friends? Then came the answer from Peter, who had receive grace from on high, as the most elect of Christ's disciples and the first; and he proclaimed Christ's Divinity, and cried out clearly:

Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God. And he is therefore rightly counted blest, since he truly received from the Heaven's heights.

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the divine revelation and authori - ty to bind and loose.

2) Thou who wast called from on high and not by man - kind,

when the earth - ly dark - ness had be - dimmed thy flesh - ly eyes,

and by this blind - ing, had brought to light and shown forth clearly

the dis - mal gloom - i - ness of im - pi - e - ty,

then the light from Heav - en shined its light - ning ra - diance

up - on the eyes of thy mind, O Paul, there - by re - veal - ing

to thee the beau - ty of god - ly pi - e - ty.
Hence, thou didst come to know the One that doth bring forth light out of darkness, yea, Christ our God.

Do thou therefore entreat Him to enlighten and to save our souls.

3) In very truth, thou wast called the Rock most rightly, whereupon the Lord hath strengthened the unshakeable Faith of the Church; for He made of thee a great chief shepherd over the rational sheep of His own flock.

Wherefore, in that He is good, He hath appointed thee
to hold the keys of the Heavens’ gates, to open unto all that with faith strive to enter in thereat.

Hence, as was meet and right, thou wast vouchsafed to be crucified like as Thy Master was.

Do thou therefore entreat Him to enlighten and to save our souls.

4) Bearing the Cross as thy boast, O proclaimer,

thou in all sincerity didst choose before all things the greatly yearned-after love of God, since it uniteth
all them that love to the One for Whom they long.

Wherefore thou wast even called the prisoner of Christ,

choosing temptations in all distress as being sweeter

than every manner of pleasure and delight,

and wast deemed worthy of an honored death,

and art now with thy Master, O blessed Paul.

Do thou therefore entreat Him
to enlighten and to save our souls.