

The Third Sunday of Pascha

The Introit *Misericordia Domini, Psalm /Ps. 5a,6a [2-4, 13, 14, 16]*

STONE VII



Antiphon: The loving-kindness of the LORD

fills the whole earth, al-le-luia *

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made,

Alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm.

Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *

it is good for the just to sing praises.

[Praise the LORD with the harp; *

play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

Sing for him a new song; *

sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *

happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

Our soul waits for the LORD; *

he is our help and our shield.

Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *

for in his holy Name we put our trust.

Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *

as we have put our trust in you.]

Gloria Patri. Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, ↓

and to the Holy Spirit, *

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever,

for all ages of ages. Amen **Antiphon:**

The Gloria or This is The Feast

The Collect:

Almighty God, who by the humility of your Son raised up a fallen world, grant lasting joy to your faithful people, that those whom you have saved from eternal death, may by your grace, enjoy unending happiness; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

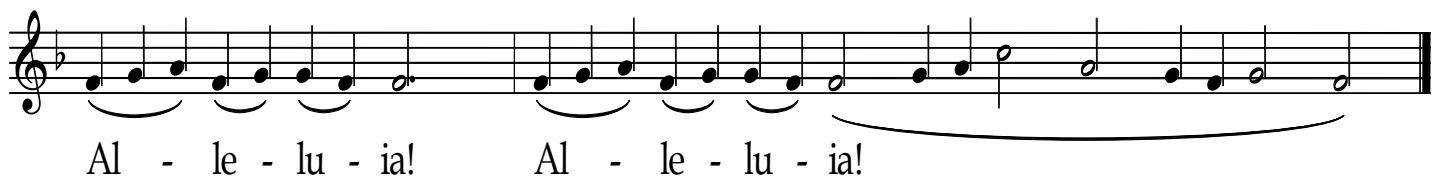
The First Reading: Acts 9:1-22

Brethren: Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is

praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." All who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?" Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

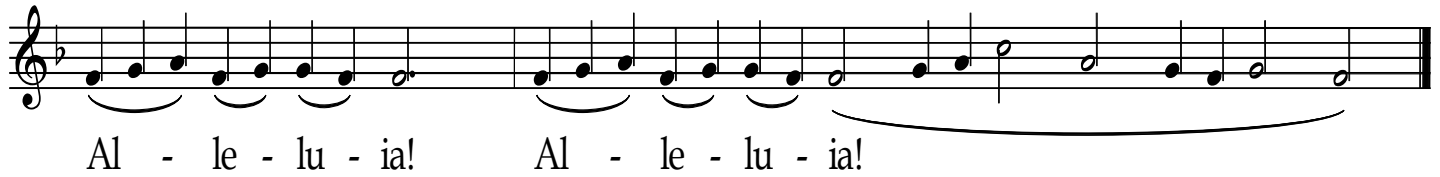
The First Alleluia Cognoverunt discipuli Dominum, Luke 24:35

ALLELUIA TONE I





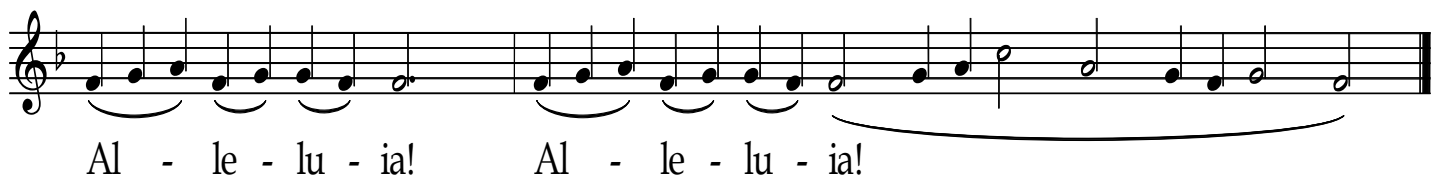
"They recognized the Lord, Alleluia, *
In the breaking of the Bread, Alleluia, Alleluia!



Epistle: 1 Peter 2:21-25

Brethren: Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

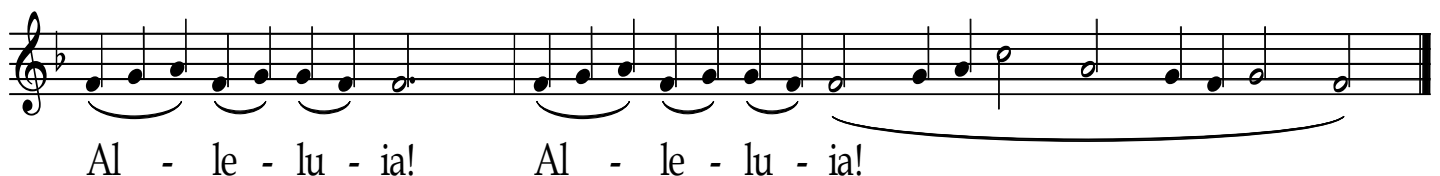
The Second Alleluia Ego sum pastor bonus, John 10:14 ALLELUIA I



TONE IX LAUDATE



I am the good shepherd. *
I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia



The Gospel: **John 10:11-16**

At that time... Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

The Nicene Creed

Offertory **Deus, Deus meus, Psalm 63: 1a, 2,4**



O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.

So will I bless you as long as I live *

and lift up my hands in your Name. Alleluia

The Prayer over the gifts:

O Lord, may this holy offering call down upon us your saving blessing that it may perfect in virtue what it expresses in mystery; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

The Preface of Pascha

It is truly right and just, our joy and helpful to salvation,
that we, always and everywhere give thanks to you,
O Lord, holy Father. Almighty and eternal God:

But especially in this season for the glorious resurrection of your
Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us,
and has taken away the sin of the world.

By his death he has destroyed death,
and by his rising to life again
he has won for us everlasting life.

And therefore with the angels and archangels, with thrones and
dominions, and with all the array of the heavenly choirs, we sing
this hymn to your glory, evermore acclaiming:

The Third Sunday of Pascha before the Pax Domini

Priest: May Almighty God, Who of His own free goodness and
mercy has created you, and through the Resurrection of
His only-begotten Son has given you the hope that you too
shall rise again, bestow His blessing upon you.

People: Amen.

Priest: May He, Who raised from the dead our Saviour Christ,
cause you to rise again from the sepulcher of sin and
human infirmity.

People: Amen.

Priest: That you may live in eternal happiness with Him Whom
you truly believe to have risen from the dead.

People: Amen

Priest: May the Lord God Almighty, Whose glorious Kingdom endures for ever, be pleased to bestow these blessings upon you; and...

Priest: The ✠ Peace of The Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

The Communion *Ego sum pastor bonus, John 10:14*



I am the good shepherd. *

I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia

The Postcommunion Collect:

O Lord our God, you have given us in these Holy Mysteries the grace of new life, grant that we may always rejoice in this gift; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

The Solemn Blessing

The Deacon: Bow down (your head) before the Lord.

The Priest continues with hands outstretched over the people:

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen*.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen*.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✠the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Or this

Priest The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*