

The Fifth Sunday of Pascha

The Introit **Cantate Domino Ps. 98:1, 3a / vs. 2 [3, 4, 5, 6, 11]** TONE VII



Antiphon: Sing to the LORD a new song, alleluia *
for he has done marvelous things. alleluia
His righteousness has he openly shown
in the sight of the nations. *
Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!

Psalm. With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

[The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown
in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness
to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth
have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.]

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 alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 16:16-40

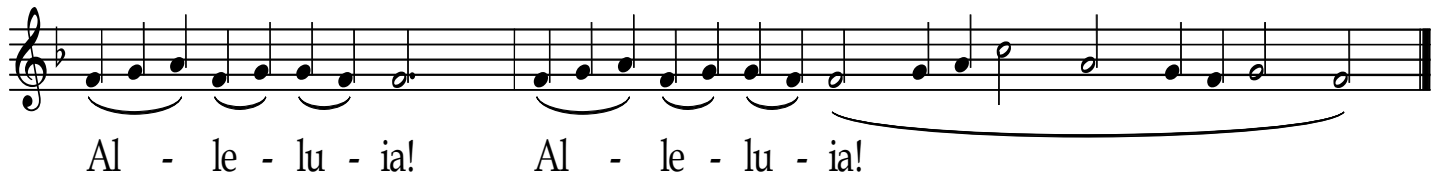
Brethren: One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the

innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God. When morning came, the magistrates sent the police, saying, "Let those men go." And the jailer reported the message to Paul, saying, "The magistrates sent word to let you go; therefore come out now and go in peace." But Paul replied, "They have beaten us in public, un-condemned, men who are Roman citizens, and have thrown us into prison; and now are they going to discharge us in secret? Certainly not! Let them come and take us out themselves." The police reported these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Roman citizens; so they came and apologized to them. And they took them out and asked them to leave the city. After leaving the prison they went to Lydia's home; and when they had seen and encouraged the brothers and sisters there, they departed.

The First Alleluia

Dextera Domini, Psalm 118:16

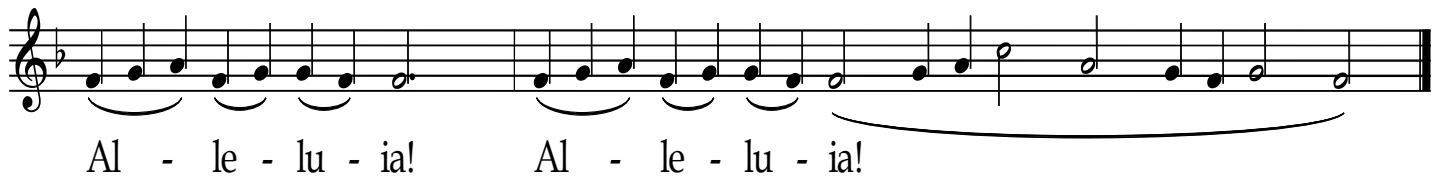
ALLELUIA TONE I



TONE IX: LAUDATE



"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

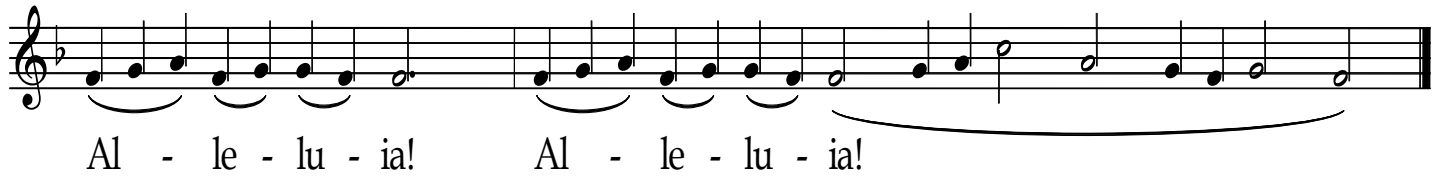


Epistle: James 1:17-21

Beloved, Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

The Second Alleluia *Christus resurgens , Romans 6:9*

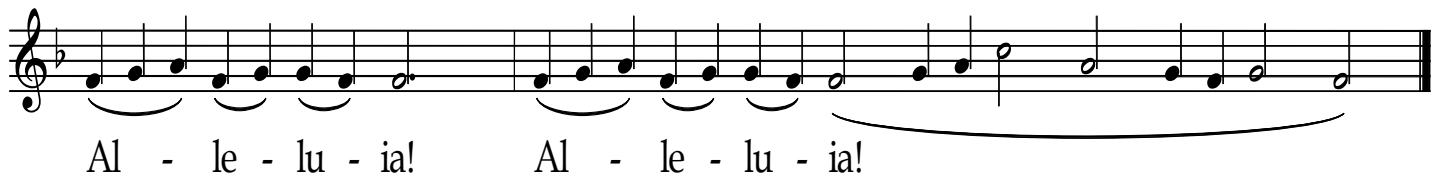
ALLELUIA I



STONE IX LAUDATE



Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.



The Gospel: *John 16:5-14*

At that time Jesus said: "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The Nicene Creed

Offertory *Jubilate Deo, Psalm 66: 1, 14*

STONE VII



Al-le-luia! Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me. Al-leluia

The Prayer over the gifts:

O Lord, who in this Sacred Mystery has made us partakers of your divine nature, grant that as we know your truth, so may we, by your grace worthily attain to it by a holy life; 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 Fifth 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 *Cum venerit Paraclitus* John 16:8

STONE VIII



And when the Spirit of truth comes, Alleluia*
he will prove the world wrong about sin and
righteousness and judgment: Alleluia

The Postcommunion Collect:

O Lord our God, stay present among us that through these gifts which we have received in faith we may be cleansed from sin and protected from all dangers; 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.*