

The Sixth Sunday of Pascha

The Introit *Vocem jucunditatis* Is. 48:20 / Ps. 66:1[4,5,14,15,18] TONE VII



Antiphon: De-clare this with a shout of joy,*
proclaim it, Alleluia!

Send it forth to the ends of the earth; *
say, "The LORD has redeemed his people!"
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Psalm. Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing the glory of his Name;
sing the glory of his praise.

[Come now and see the works of God, *
how wonderful he is
in his doing toward all people.

He turned the sea into dry land, ↓
so that they went through the water on foot, *
and there we rejoiced in him.

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

I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.]

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, direct all our actions by your holy inspiration and carry them on with your gracious assistance, so that every prayer and work of ours may begin with you, and by you, be happily ended; 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 20:17-38

Brethren: From Miletus Paul sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. When they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears, enduring the trials that came to me through the plots of the Jews. I did not shrink from doing anything helpful, proclaiming the message to you and teaching you publicly and from house to house, as I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus. And now, as a captive to the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me. But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God's grace. And now I know that none of you, among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom, will ever see my face again. Therefore I declare to you this day that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of

his own Son. I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. There was much weeping among them all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, grieving especially because of what he had said, that they would not see him again. Then they brought him to the ship.

The First Alleluia

Surrexit Christus, John 16

ALLELUIA TONE I

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

TONE IX: LAUDATE

Christ is risen from the dead, *
 and has shone light upon us;
 Whom he redeemed with his blood.

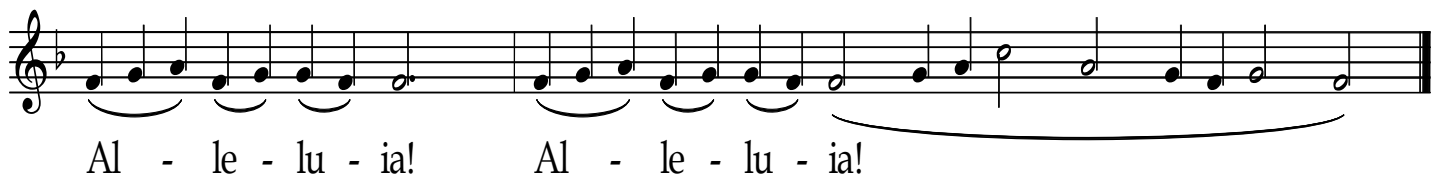
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Epistle: James 1:22-27

Beloved, Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Second Alleluia *Christus resurgens , John 16*

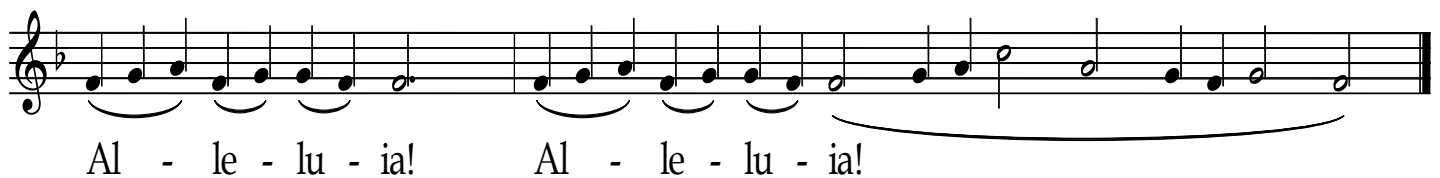
ALLELUIA I



STONE IX LAUDATE



I came from the Father and have come into the world; *
again, I am leaving the world, and am going to the Father.



The Gospel: *John 16:23-30*

At that time Jesus said: Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have

not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete. "I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures, but will tell you plainly of the Father. On that day you will ask in my name. I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father." His disciples said, "Yes, now you are speaking plainly, not in any figure of speech! Now we know that you know all things, and do not need to have anyone question you; by this we believe that you came from God."

The Nicene Creed

Offertory **Benedicite, Psalm 66: 7, 8, 18**

STONE VII



Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me. Al-leluia

The Prayer over the gifts:

Accept, O Lord, the prayers and sacrifice of your faithful people, that through these acts of love and duty, we may attain heavenly glory; 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 Sixth Sunday of Pascha before the Pax Domini

Priest: 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.

People: Amen

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

People: Amen

Priest: 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.

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 *Cantate Domino Psalm 96:2*



Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; Alleluia*
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
Alleluia, Al-leluia

The Postcommunion Collect:

Grant us, O Lord, who have been nourished and strengthened by your holy mysteries at the heavenly table, to desire that which is good and to obtain what we desire; 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:

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.*