

The Seventh Sunday of Pascha - The Sunday after The Ascension

The Introit *Exaudi, Domine, Ps. 27:10-12 / vs.1[2-5,8,9,18]* TONE VII



Antiphon: Hark-en to my voice, O LORD, when I call; alleluia *
have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Psalm. The LORD is my light and my salvation;↓
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

[When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries,
who stumbled and fell.

Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I asked of the LORD
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life;

Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation↓
with sounds of great gladness; *

I will sing and make music to the LORD

O tarry and await the LORD'S pleasure;↓
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the LORD.]

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 and Eternal God, grant that our wills may be always open and obedient to yours so we may serve you with a sincere heart; 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 1:15-26

Brethren: In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'Let his homestead

become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it'; and 'Let another take his position of overseer.' So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The First Alleluia **Regnavit Dominus, Psalm 47:8** ALLELUIA TONE I

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

STONE IX: LAUDATE

The Lord reigns over the nations; *
 God sits upon his holy throne.

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

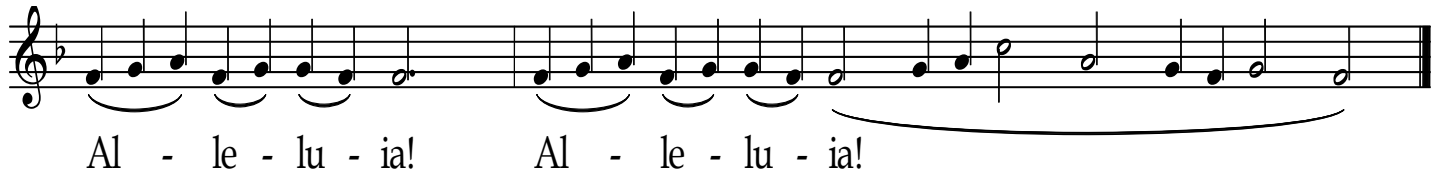
Epistle: I Peter 4:7-11

Beloved, the end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like

good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Second Alleluia *Non vos reliquam, John 14:18, 28*

ALLELUIA I



STONE IX LAUDATE

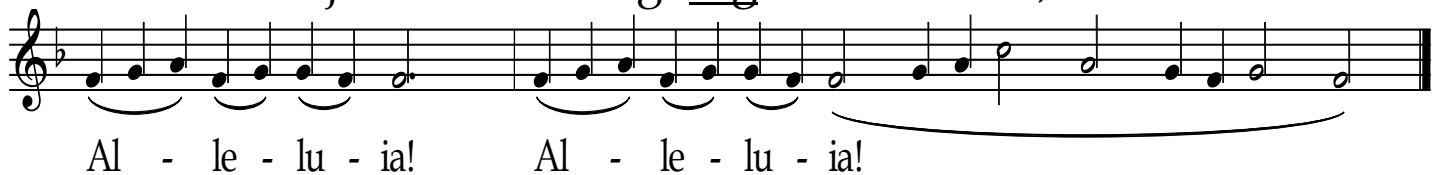


"I will not leave you orphaned; *

I am coming to you.

'I am going away, and I am coming to you.'*

rejoice that I am going to the Father,



The Gospel: *John 15:26-16:4*

At that time Jesus said: "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I have said these things to you to keep you from stumbling. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God. And they will do this because they have not known the Father or me. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them."

The Nicene Creed

Offertory *Ascendit Deus in jubilatione, Psalm 47: 5 (6-8)*

STONE VII



God has gone up with a shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn. Al-leluia

(Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.) *Antiphon*

The Prayer over the gifts:

O Lord, may this pure sacrifice cleanse us from sin and strengthen our minds with heavenly grace; 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 the Ascension

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: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Who after his resurrection appeared clearly to all his disciples, and before their eyes was raised up to heaven, so that he might grant us to be sharers of his divinity.

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 Seventh Sunday of Pascha before the Pax Domini

Priest: May Almighty God, Whose only-begotten Son entered into the highest Heaven, and opened for you the gate whereby you might ascend and be with Him, bestow His blessing upon you.

People: Amen

Priest: May He grant in mercy that, as our Saviour Christ, was seen by His disciples to be the living God when He rose from the dead, so also, when He comes to judge the world, He may be seen by you as your Advocate.

People: Amen

Priest: May you, who believe our Redeemer to be seated with the Father in Majesty, have a deep knowledge that He is always with you, even to the end of the world, according to His promise.

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 *Pater, cum essem cum eis John: 12, 13, 15*

TONE VIII



Father, while I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. Alleluia*

But now I am coming to you. Alleluia.

I am not asking you to take them out of the world, Alleluia.* but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.

Alleluia, Al-leluia

The Postcommunion Collect:

Grant us, O Lord, who have been filled with these holy gifts, to be ever thankful for them; 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.