

Judges 6:36-40

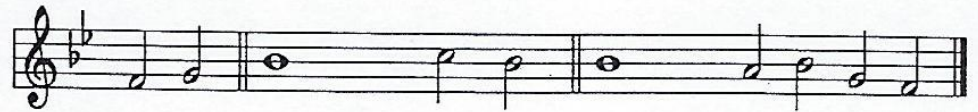
³⁶ So Gideon said to God, "If You will save Israel by my hand as You have said—³⁷ look, I shall put a fleece of wool on the threshing floor; if there is dew on the fleece only, and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall know that You will save Israel by my hand, as You have said." ³⁸ And it was so. When he rose early the next morning and squeezed the fleece together, he wrung the dew out of the fleece, a bowlful of water. ³⁹ Then Gideon said to God, "Do not be angry with me, but let me speak just once more: Let me test, I pray, just once more with the fleece; let it now be dry only on the fleece, but on all the ground let there be dew." ⁴⁰ And God did so that night. It was dry on the fleece only, but there was dew on all the ground.

Ephesians 2:19-22

¹⁹ Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

John 20:24-31

²⁴ Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." ²⁶ And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." ²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed." ³⁰ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

**Introit.**

Ant. I KNOW || Whom I have be- | liev- | ed:
and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I
have committed unto Him | a- | gainst | that | day.
|| There is laid up for me a crown of | **righteous-** | ness:
which the Lord, the righteous | Judge, | shall | give | me.
Psalm. O LORD, Thou hast searched me and | known | me:
Thou knowest my down sitting and | mine | up- | ris- | ing.
GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.
AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:
world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

Collect.

Grant, O Lord, unto Thy people at steadfastness in faith, that we might not be shaken by the doubts of the flesh, but ever be established in an unshakable hope in Christ Jesus, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle. Ephesians 2:19–22. Gospel. John 20:24–31.

Gradual.

|| Their sound went forth through all | the | earth:
and their words to the | end | of | the | world.
|| The heavens declare the glory of | God | - :
and the firmament showeth | His | hand- | i- | work.
|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. I have chosen you out of | the | world:
that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and your fruit
should remain. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

Psalm 101—*Misericordiam, et judicium*

Psalm Tone VI



Antiphon: I **WILL** - || sing of mercy | and | just- | ice; *

To You, O Lord, I | will | **sing** - | prais- | es.

|| 1 I will sing of mercy | and | just- | ice; *

To You, O Lord, I | will | **sing** - | prais- | es.

|| 2 I will behave wisely in a perfect way. (+) Oh, when will You | come | to | me? *

I will walk within my house with | a | **per-** - | fect | heart.

|| 3 I will set nothing wicked be- | fore | my | eyes; *

I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall | not | **cling** - | to | me.

|| 4 A perverse heart shall de- | part | from | me; *

I will not | know | **wick-** - | ed- | ness.

|| 5 Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, Him I | will | de- | stroy; *

The one who has a haughty look and a proud heart, Him I | will | **not** - | en- | dure.

|| 6 My eyes shall be on the faithful of the land, that they may | dwell | with | me; *

He who walks in a perfect way, | He | **shall** - | serve | me.

|| 7 He who works deceit shall not dwell with- | in | my | house; *

He who tells lies shall not continue | in | **my** - | pre- | sence.

|| 8 Early I will destroy all the wicked | of | the | land, *

That I may cut off all the evildoers from the cit- | y | **of** - | the | Lord.

GLO- RY - || be to the Father, and | to | the | Son, *

And to | the | **Ho-** - | ly | Ghost;

AS IT - || was in the begin -*ning*, (+) is now, and ev- | er | shall | be *
world with- | out | **end.** - | A- | men.

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