

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations." ⁶ Then said I: "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth." ⁷ But the LORD said to me: "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸ Do not be afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you," says the LORD. ⁹ Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant."

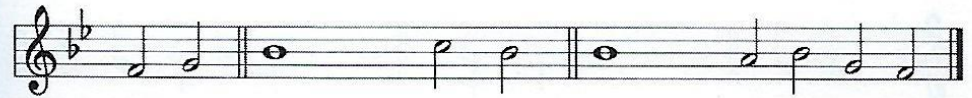
Acts 9:1-22

¹ Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. ⁴ Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." ⁶ So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." ⁷ And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰ Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. ¹² And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight." ¹³ Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard

from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake." ¹⁷ And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized. ¹⁹ So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰ Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. ²¹ Then all who heard were amazed, and said, "Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?" ²² But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ.

St. Matthew 19:27-30

²⁷ Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?" ²⁸ So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. ³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and the last first."



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 downsitting 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.

Merciful Lord, we beseech Thee to cast the bright beams of Thy light upon Thy Church, that it being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed Apostles, may so walk in the light of Thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle. Acts 9:1–22

Gospel. Matthew 19:27–30

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.

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 75. O Thou, Who Dost Accord Us
 the Highest Prize and Guerdon

Anon., (Latin, 11th Century)

7, 7, 6, 7, 7, 8.

Heinrich Isaac, 1490

1. O Thou, who dost ac - cord us The
 2. With whis - pered ac - cu - sa - tion Our
 3. For who, if Thou re - ject us, Shall
 4. O Tri - ni - ty most glor - ious, Thy

high - est prize and guer - don, Thou
 con - science tells of sin - ning In
 raise the faint - ing spi - rit? 'Tis
 par - don free be - stow - ing, De -

hope of all our race, Je - sus, do Thou af -
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ford us The gift we ask of par - don For
 a - tion, The work of grace be - gin - ning For
 lect us, With cleans - ed hearts to near it, Shall
 tor - ious, Thy love more tru - ly know - ing, We

all who hum - bly seek Thy face.
 souls from ev' - ry bur - den freed.
 be our task, our low - ly prayer.
 may with all Thy saints a - dore. A - men.