

Hosea 14:1-9

¹ O Israel, return to the LORD your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity; ² Take words with you, and return to the LORD. Say to Him, "Take away all iniquity; Receive us graciously, for we will offer the sacrifices of our lips.

³ Assyria shall not save us, we will not ride on horses, nor will we say anymore to the work of our hands, 'You are our gods.' For in You the fatherless finds mercy." ⁴ I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely, for My anger has turned away from him. ⁵ I will be like the dew to Israel; He shall grow like the lily, and lengthen his roots like Lebanon. ⁶ His branches shall spread; His beauty shall be like an olive tree, and his fragrance like Lebanon. ⁷ Those who dwell under his shadow shall return; They shall be revived like grain, and grow like a vine. Their scent shall be like the wine of Lebanon. ⁸ Ephraim shall say, "What have I to do anymore with idols? I have heard and observed him. I am like a green cypress tree; Your fruit is found in Me." ⁹ Who is wise? Let him understand these things. Who is prudent? Let him know them. For the ways of the LORD are right; The righteous walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them.

1 John 1:1-10

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—² the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us—³ that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And these things we write to you that

your joy may be full. ⁵ This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

St. John 21:19-24

¹⁹ This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me." ²⁰ Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?" ²¹ Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?" ²² Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me." ²³ Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?" ²⁴ This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true.

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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. 1 John 1:1-10

Gospel. John 21:19-24

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 92:5-15—*Bonum est confiteri*

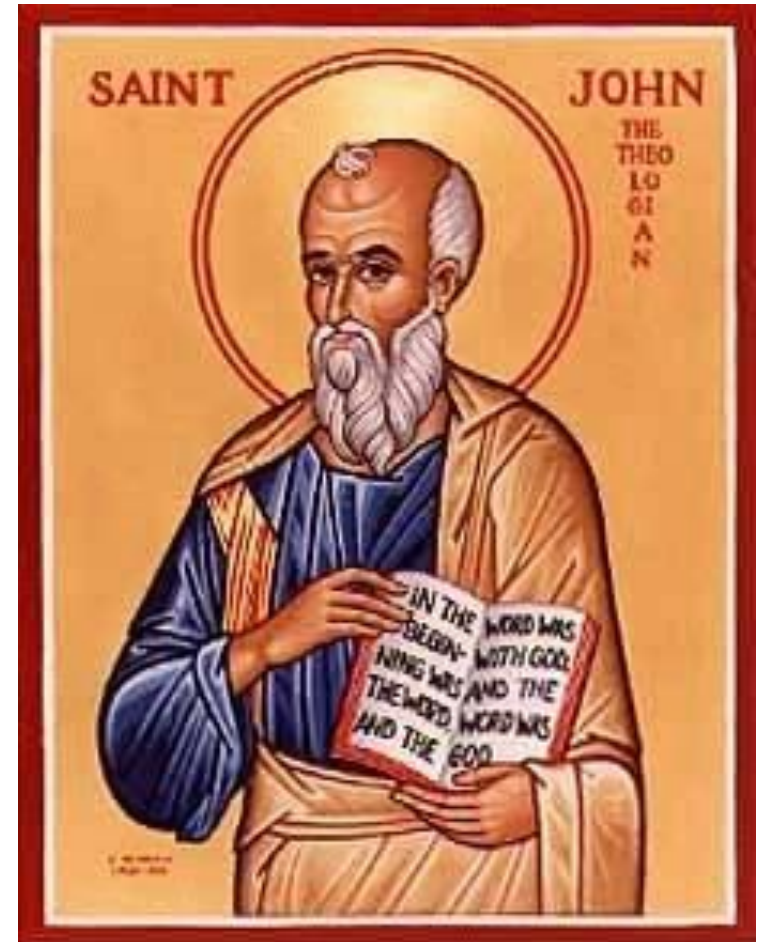
Psalm Tone VIII



Antiphon: IT IS || good to give thanks to the | Lord, | - *
And to sing praises to Your | name, | O | Most | High.
|| 5 O Lord, how great are Your | works! | - *
Your thoughts | are | ver- | y | deep.
|| 6 A senseless man does not | know, | - *
Nor does a fool | un- | der- | stand | this.
|| 7 When the wicked spring up like *grass*, (+) and when all the workers of
iniquity | flour- | ish, *
It is that they may be destroyed forever. 8 But You, Lord, are on high
| for- | ev- | er- | more.
|| 9 For behold, Your enemies, O Lord, for behold, Your enemies shall |
per- | ish; *
All the workers of iniquity | shall | be | scat- | tered.
|| 10 But my horn You have exalted like a wild | ox; | - *
I have been anoint- | ed | with | fresh | oil.
|| 11 My eye also has seen my desire on my | *en-e- ·* | mies; *
My ears hear my desire on the wicked who rise | up | a- | gainst | me.
|| 12 The righteous shall flourish like a | palm | tree, *
He shall grow like a cedar | in | Leb- | a- | non.
|| 13 Those who are planted in the house of the | Lord | - *
Shall flourish in the | courts | of | our | God.
|| 14 They shall still bear fruit in old | age; | - *
They shall be fresh | and | flour- | ish- | ing,
|| 15 To declare that the Lord is up *-right*; (+) He is my | rock, | - *
and there is no unright- | eous- | ness | in | Him.
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 ever | shall | be: *
world with- | out | end. | A- | men.
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Festival of St. John

71. Word Supreme, Before Creation

John Keble, 1856, cento

"Geistreiches Gesangbuch"
Darmstadt, 1698

1. Word Su - preme, be - fore cre - a - tion
2. Now 'tis come, and faith es - pies Thee,
3. Much he asked in lov - ing won - der,

Born of God e - ter - nal - ly,
Like an ea - glet in the morn
On Thy bos - om lean - ing, Lord.

Who didst will for our sal - va - tion
One in stead - fast wor - ship eyes Thee,
In the se - cret place of thun - der

To be born on earth and die,
Thy be - loved, Thy lat - est born,
An - swer kind didst Thou ac - cord,

Well Thy saints have kept their sta - tion,
In Thy glo - ry he des - cries Thee
Wis - dom for Thy Church to pon - der

Watch - ing till Thine hour drew nigh.
Reign - ing from the Tree of scorn.
Till the day of dread a - ward. A - men.

4. Lo, heav'n's doors lift up, revealing
How Thy judgments earthward move;
Scrolls unfolded, trumpets pealing,
Winecups from the wrath above;
Yet o'er all a soft voice stealing,
"Little children, trust and love."

Δ5. Thee, th' almighty King eternal,
Father of th' eternal Word,
Thee, the Father's Word supernal,
Thee, of both the Breath adored,
Heav'n and earth and realms infernal
Own one glorious God and Lord.