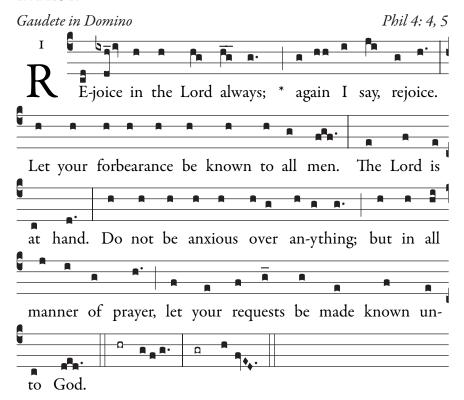
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

INTROIT



Psalm 85 (84)

O LORD, you have favored your land, *
 and brought back the captives of Jacob.

You forgave the guilt *of your* **peo**ple, * and covered all *their* **sins**.

You averted *all your* rage; * you turned back the heat of *your* anger.

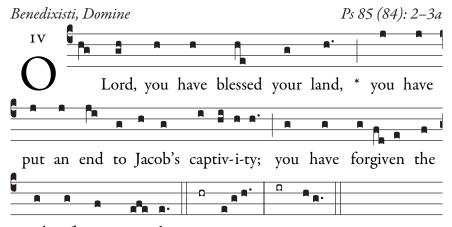
Bring us back, O God, our savior! *
 Put an end to your grievance against us.

Will you be angry with *us for*ever? * Will your anger last from age *to* age?

3. Will you not restore again our life, * that your people may rejoice in you? Let us see, O LORD, your mercy, * and grant us your salvation.

Glory be to the Father ...

OFFERTORY



guilt of your peo-ple.

Psalm 85 (84)

1. You forgave the guilt *of your* **peo**ple, * and covered all *their* **sins**.

You averted *all your* rage; * you turned back the heat of *your* anger.

2. Bring us back, O *God, our* savior!*

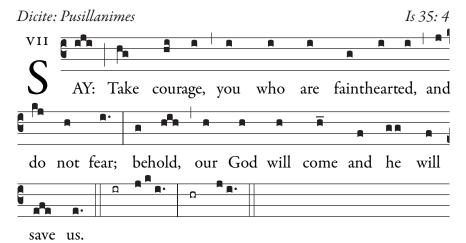
Put an end to your grievance *against* us.

Will you be angry with *us forever*? * Will your anger last from age *to* age?

- 3. Will you not restore a*gain our* **life**, * that your people may rejoice *in* **you**? Let us see, O *LORD*, *your* **mer**cy, * and grant us your *sal*vation.
- 4. I will hear what the LORD God speaks; †
 he speaks of peace for his people *and his* faithful, *
 and those who turn their hearts *to* him.

His salvation is near for *those who* **fear** him, * and his glory will dwell in *our* land.

COMMUNION



Is 35: 1-3, 5-7

- The desert and the parched land will exult; *
 the steppe will rejoice and bloom.
- 2. They will bloom with a*bundant* flowers, * and rejoice with joy*ful* song.

The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, * the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;

They will see the glory of the LORD, * the splendor of our God.

- 3. Strengthen the hands *that are* **feeble**, * make firm the knees that *are* **weak**,
- 4. Then will the eyes of the *blind be* **op**ened, * the ears of the deaf *be* **cleared**;
- 5. Then will the lame leap *like a stag*, * then the tongue of the dumb *will sing*. Streams will burst forth *in the desert*, * and rivers in *the steppe*.
- 6. The burning sands will become pools, * and the thirsty ground, springs of water;
 The abode where jackals lurk * will be a marsh for the reed and papyrus.

Glory be to the Father ...

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