

**Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> March:**

*Note to Organist:*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny, Readings from Year A)**

*Exception is made today for the Organ to play instrumental music.*

**Reflection:** We walk in the darkness of this world, often overwhelmed by fear and misgivings. But Christ, the Shepherd-King, the second David, lights up our way for us and cures our blindness as He leads us to His kingdom. Once our eyes have been opened through Christ, we are enabled to see the world through the Light of Christ. We ought to see the world according to the values and teachings of Christ; and not pander to the secular views of the world. Do we lead our lives by helping others see the light? Or do we continue to allow others to live in their blindness?



**Entrance:** Organ prelude & **389 O Christ, Bright Sun of Justice** (\*new)

**Entrance Ant.:** *Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*

**Ordinaries:** ICEL Chants of the Roman Missal, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ed. (from Mass XVI & XVIII)

**Psalm:** ***The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.***

**Gospel Acc.:** *Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!*

**Offertory:** **381 Behold, Before Our Wond'ring Eyes**

**Communion Ant.:** *The Lord anointed my eyes:  
I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.*

**Communion:** **855 O Lord I Am Not Worthy**

**Marian Anthem:** **Ave Regina Caelorum (Simple Tone)**

**Recessional:** Organ Postlude

**Conductor:**  
**Animator:**  
**Cantor:**  
**Organist:**  
**On Leave:**  
**New Songs:**  
**390 Eternal Lord of Love**  
**Mandatum novum**  
**753 Ubi Caritas, et amor**

**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> March:**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny, Readings from Year A)**

**Reflection:** Today we open ourselves to Christ's life-giving Spirit - the same Spirit that was the breath of life that God blew into the nostrils of Man when He created the world. If Christ lives in us, then we too will also have this Spirit of Life and share in the same resurrection of Jesus. We can see the miracles that God has planned for us through the story of Lazarus. We pray too for those who are to be given the new life of the Spirit in baptism this Easter: drinking the everlasting water of life (Samaritan Woman); seeing in the Light of Christ (the Blind Man); given a New Life in Christ (Lazarus).



**Entrance:** **379 The Glory of These Forty Days**

**Entrance Ant.:** *Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.*

**Ordinaries:** ICEL Chants of the Roman Missal, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ed.

**Psalm:** ***"With the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption."***

**Gospel Acc.:** *Glory and praise to you, O Christ!*

**Offertory:** **394 Again We Keep this Solemn Fast**

**Communion Ant.:** *Everyone who lives and believes in me  
will not die for ever, says the Lord.*

**Communion:** **857 Soul Of My Saviour**

**Marian Anthem:** **Ave Regina Caelorum (Simple Tone)**

**Recessional:** **Parce, Domine (Spare they people, Lord)**

**Conductor:**  
**Animator:**  
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# Sts. Peter & Paul Choir

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## Appreciation of Liturgical Music

*Qn: Isn't the selection of sacred music to accompany the Catholic Liturgy just a matter of taste?*

Nothing prevents us from preferring one form of music to another. What's more, nothing prevents us from preferring one form of popular religious song to another. But music that is suitable for sacred liturgy must be of a special sort. No longer can personal preference be the sole criterion. "

***"Not all musical forms can be considered suitable for liturgical celebrations,"*** says Pope John Paul II in his Chirograph on sacred music (2003). He quotes Pope Paul VI: ***"If music — instrumental and vocal — does not possess at the same time the sense of prayer, dignity, and beauty, entry into the sphere of the sacred and the religious is [thereby] precluded."***

In his general audience of February 26, 2003, Pope John Paul called on musicians to "make an examination of conscience so that the beauty of music and hymnody will return once again to the liturgy. It is necessary to purify worship of ugliness of style, careless forms of expression, ill-prepared music and texts, which are not worthy of the great act that is being celebrated."

**Qn: Why should we care?**

Celebrating the liturgy involves the whole person: intellect and will, emotions and senses, imagination, aesthetic sensibilities, memory, physical gestures, and powers of expression. Appropriate feeling is necessary for the communication and assimilation of religious truth. The Church's insistence on music of a unique sort is intended not merely to stimulate feelings in a general way, but to exemplify Christian truth and convey transcendent mysteries using an appropriate form of expression.

As Pope Benedict XVI has written, sacred music ***"elevates the spirit precisely by wedding it to the senses, and it elevates the senses by uniting them with the spirit"*** (Cardinal Ratzinger, *The Spirit of the Liturgy*, 150).

## Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> February: 5<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday

**Reflection:** In today's readings, we see 2 people who witness for themselves the glory of God – Isaiah's vision, and Peter's enormous catch. Immediately they are conscious of their sinfulness. Whenever the glory of God is present, immediately the darkness will be revealed. But we can take 2 options: to continue hiding in our darkness and shy away from the light, or allow the light to give us New Life. As God wants to transform us, do we allow Him to work in our lives and say "Here I am Lord"?



**Entrance:** Organ prelude & 481 Hail, Redeemer, King Divine

**Entrance Ant.:** *O Come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.*

**Ordinaries:** Mass VIII (*de Angelis*) – adaptation in English

**Psalm:** "Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord."

**Gospel Acc.:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! (Chant)

**Offertory:** 604 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

**Communion Ant.:** *Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men for he satisfies the thirsty soul and the hungry he fills with good things.*

**Communion:** 474 Jesus, The Very Thought of You

**Marian Anthem:** Ave Regina Caelorum (Simple Tone)

**Recessional:** Organ Postlude

**Conductor:** Chris  
**Animator:** Alice  
**Cantor:** Ann  
**Organist:** Andrew

**On Leave:** Val, Audrey, Margaret, Raymond

**New Songs:**  
 Parce, Domine (Spare they people, Lord)  
 755 What Wondrous Love is This

**Mandatum novum**

## Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> February: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (Rite of Election)

**Notes for the Organist:** No instrumental music during Lent except for when accompanying the singing at Mass. Exception is given for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

**Reflection:** The devil tempts Jesus in the desert and with the same obedience and loyalty to God as Moses had, Jesus denounces all that the devil promises. There is no God but the God of Israel, who brought our fathers out of Egypt from slavery to freedom. In gratitude for all that He has done for us, we praise and worship Him with our lives. There is no other God except for Him, and no other worthy of worship than Jesus our Lord – who through His love for us, has brought us out of slavery to sin, to freedom in the love of the Father.



**Entrance:** 378 Attende Domine

**Entrance Ant.:** *When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.*

**Ordinaries:** ICEL Chants of the Roman Missal, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ed. (from Mass XVI & XVIII)

**Psalm:** "Be with me, O Lord, in my distress."

**Gospel Acc.:** Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

**Offertory:** 382 This Season Calls Us (Conditor Alme Siderum)

**Communion Ant.:** *One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*

**Communion:** 619 Blessed by Your Sacrifice

**Marian Anthem:** Ave Regina Caelorum (Simple Tone)

**Recessional:** Parce, Domine (Spare they people, Lord)

**Conductor:** Ken  
**Animator:** Mashing  
**Cantor:** Helen  
**Organist:** Vincent

**On Leave:** Val, Raymond

**New Songs:**  
 755 What Wondrous Love is This  
 389 O Christ, Bright Sun of Justice  
 390 Eternal Lord of Love

**Mandatum novum**

753 Ubi Caritas, et amor

## Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> February: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

**Reflection:** We are called by the Father to a new homeland. It takes faith to follow Him, just as Abram did. And God keeps true to His promises. Through Jesus, we can see what awaits for us in our Promised Land. God will transfigure our bodies into the likeness of Jesus' glorified body. Abram had to learn to place his trust and faith in God – and Jesus tells us the same even though there are things we don't understand (like His transfiguration). Will you place your faith in God and not on the tangible things of this world?



**Entrance:** 382 This Season Calls Us (Conditor Alme Siderum)

**Entrance Ant.:** *Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.*

**Ordinaries:** ICEL Chants of the Roman Missal, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ed. (from Mass XVI & XVIII)

**Psalm:** "The Lord is my light and my help."

**Gospel Acc.:** Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**Offertory:** 391 Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days

**Communion Ant.:** *This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*

**Communion:** 687 Christ be Beside Me

**Marian Anthem:** Ave Regina Caelorum (Simple Tone)

**Recessional:** Parce, Domine (Spare they people, Lord)

**Conductor:** Ken  
**Animator:** Margaret  
**Cantor:** Val  
**Organist:** David

**On Leave:** Ann

**New Songs:**  
 755 What Wondrous Love is This  
 389 O Christ, Bright Sun of Justice  
 390 Eternal Lord of Love

**Mandatum novum**  
 753 Ubi Caritas, et amor

## Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> February: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny, Readings from Year A)

**Reflection:** Christ quenches our spiritual thirst with the living water: the love of God which is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. We pray for those who are preparing for this baptism. Today marks the first scrutiny for the elects - who in their enquiry period (Enquirers), catechesis period after their Rite of Acceptance (Catechumens), and after registering their names in the Book of Elects in the Rite of Election, now undergo a period of Scrutiny as an examen of their spiritual self. We should also participate in this examen as baptized Catholics, so that we can drink from the everlasting water -



**Entrance:** 380 Forty Days and Forty Nights

**Entrance Ant.:** *My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.*

**Ordinaries:** ICEL Chants of the Roman Missal, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ed. (from Mass XVI & XVIII)

**Psalm:** *O that today you would listen to his voice; 'Harden not your hearts.'*

**Gospel Acc.:** Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

**Offertory:** 386 From the Depths We Cry to Thee

**Communion Ant.:** *For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.*

**Communion:** 755 What Wondrous Love is This

**Marian Anthem:** Ave Regina Caelorum (Simple Tone)

**Recessional:** Misericordes sicut Pater (hymn for Jubilee of Mercy)

**Conductor:** Chris  
**Animator:** Alice  
**Cantor:** Helen  
**Organist:** Vincent

**On Leave:**

**New Songs:**  
 389 O Christ, Bright Sun of Justice  
 390 Eternal Lord of Love

**Mandatum novum**  
 753 Ubi Caritas, et amor