

**Reflection:** Is your faith as strong as David's which was stated in the 1<sup>st</sup> reading, David says of the Lord, "With him at my right hand, nothing can shake me." The Gospel mentioned that the 2 disciples did not recognize Jesus. Have we been blinded by the obstacles, indulging ourselves on the materialistic needs and pursues in our daily lives which prevent us from finding our true way of life? As we receive communion in our daily lives, let us remind ourselves that Jesus is with us always, guiding us through the instruments and signs that he has showered upon us.

**Entrance:** 458 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (SATB)

**Entrance Ant.:** *Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.*

**Ordinaries:** *Kyrie Mass XVI, Sanctus & Agnus Dei Mass XVIII*

**Psalm:** *Show us Lord, the path of life.*

**Offertory:** 699 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

**Communion Ant.:** *The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus  
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.*

**Communion:** 804 Lord, Who At Thy First Eucharist

**Recessional:** 411 Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise (SATB)

**Marian Anthem:** 416 Regina Caeli



**Conductor:** Ben  
**Cantor:** Helen  
**Organist:** Vincent  
**On Leave:**

**Reflection:** The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord, and He takes care to ensure that His sheep are well within the embrace of his love and protection. Although the world may have many distractions, those who focus on Jesus and His teachings will constantly be reminded of the Truth that He preaches and the love that He brings. Test the truth, and test the values of this world using Jesus as your standard and you will be liberated – as well as challenged to live the life that He prepares for us in the sheepfold.

**Entrance:** 415 Alleluia! Alleluia! (SATB)

**Entrance Ant.:** *The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.*

**Ordinaries:** *Kyrie Mass XVI, Sanctus & Agnus Dei Mass XVIII*

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

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

**Offertory:** 699 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (SATB)

**Communion Ant.:** *The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.*

**Communion:** 808 Shepherd Of Souls (SATB)

**Recessional:** 459 Rejoice, the Lord is King

**Marian Anthem:** 416 Regina Caeli



**Conductor:**  
**Cantor:**  
**Organist:**  
**On Leave:**

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## Understanding Church Documents

*Summary of De Musica Sacra (Sacred Congregation of Rites, 1958)*

(We continue from the previous newsletter on De Musica Sacra)

*De musica sacra* adds this about the proper use of instruments in the liturgy:

60. The following principles about the use of musical instruments in the sacred liturgy are recalled:

a) In view of the nature of the sacred liturgy, its holiness and its dignity, the use of any kind of musical instrument should in itself be perfect. It would therefore be better to entirely omit the playing of instruments (whether the organ alone or other instruments) than to permit it to be done indecorously...

b) It is also necessary to know the difference between sacred and profane music, it is to be noted as well, that there are musical instruments which by origin and nature--such as the classic organ--are directly fitted for sacred music: or others, as certain string and bow instruments, which are more easily adapted to liturgical use; while others, instead, judged by common opinion so proper to profane music that they are entirely unfit for sacred use.

70. Those musical instruments which by judgment and usage are used only for profane music must be absolutely prohibited in liturgical functions and pious exercises. *De musica sacra* also forbids the use of any sort of "automatic" instrument for liturgical music:

71. The use of "automatic" instruments and machines such as the automatic organ, the radio, phonograph, dictaphone, or tape recorder and other similar devices, are absolutely forbidden in liturgical functions or pious exercises, whether put to use inside or outside the church, or used only to transmit sacred discourses or music, or used to support or help the singing of the choir or faithful...

**Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> April: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – 3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny**  
**No Organ. No Gloria. No Alleluia.**

**Reflection:** Truly, Jesus is the resurrection. In one of the greatest miracles we hear of - The Resurrection of Lazarus - we are reminded that anyone who believes in Him, even though that person dies, will live. And those who are alive and believe in Him, will never die. As we get closer to Easter, we recall our own baptism and reflect on our Christian call to be saints. Let us also always play the role of Martha and Mary in our lives: bringing Jesus to our friends who have died (like Lazarus), so that He may give them new life again.



**Entrance:** 352 Lord Who Throughout 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:** Kyrie Mass XVI, Sanctus & Agnus Dei Mass XVIII

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

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

**Offertory:** 678 O God You Search Me (SATB)

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

**Communion:** 650 Christ Be Beside Me (SATB)

**Recessional:** 344 Parce Domine  
**Marian Anthem:** Ave Regina Caelorum

**Conductor:** Ken  
**Cantor:** Denyse  
**Organist:** Jacq  
**On Leave:** Ann

**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April: Palm Sunday**  
**No Gloria. No Alleluia. Organ Plays.**

**Reflection:** In the Jewish culture, Kings rode on horses when they embarked on war, and rode on donkeys when they enter a city bearing peace. By riding on the donkey, Jesus' message on His entry to Jerusalem is 2-fold – firstly, that He himself is the King of Israel, and secondly, that He is a king bearing peace to all. The palms are used as a sort of hero's welcome as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Welcome Jesus the King into your homes and into your hearts with your palms held high – acknowledging that He is King over all your life.



**Assembly:** Hosanna to the Son of David  
**Antiphon 1:** The children of the Hebrews, carrying olive branches...  
**Entering Church:** As the Lord entered the holy city (Fr. Samuel Webber)

**Entrance Ant.:** Six days before the Passover...  
 Hosanna in the highest!  
 Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy.

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

**Psalms:** "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

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

**Offertory:** 646 Be Thou My Vision

**Communion Ant.:** Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

**Communion:** 837 O Lord I Am Not Worthy (SATB)

**Recessional:** 344 Parce Domine  
**Marian Anthem:** Ave Regina Caelorum (Simple Tone)

**Conductor:** Ken  
**Cantor:** Chris  
**Organist:** Jacq  
**On Leave:** Ann, Denyse

**Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Vigil**

**Reflection:** By His death and resurrection Jesus accomplished his victory over death, so there is no reason to fear death anymore, since Jesus has proven that he has the power to raise us up after death. By His death and resurrection Jesus accomplished our victory over sin, since sin is the cause of death. By His grace he overcame sin and its consequences. Satan had conquered all human beings and he continues to do so, but Jesus' holiness overcame evil. The risen Jesus lives in His Church. Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist!



**Ordinaries:** Kyrie Mass XVI, Sanctus & Agnus Dei Mass XVIII

**Chants:** Litany of Saints  
 Springs of Water Bless the Lord  
 Veni Creator Spiritus  
 Vidi Aquam

**Offertory:** 406 Three Days (SATB)

**Communion Ant.:** Christ our Passover has been sacrificed; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia.

**Communion:** 407 At the Lamb's High Feast (SATB)  
 Ubi Caritas (Maurice Durufle)

**Recessional:** 401 Jesus Christ is Risen Today (SATB)

**Marian Anthem:** 416 Regina Caeli

**Choral Postlude:** Then Sings My Soul

**Conductor:** Ken  
**Cantor:** Chris, Denyse, Helen, Ann, Ben, Gabriel  
**Organist:** Jacq  
**On Leave:**

**Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Reflection:** In this season of renewal, we are like those early Christians who were "filled with a joy that cannot be described". St. Paul affirms us of the hope that we too will share in the example of Christ's resurrection. But does this new hope translate in us believing firmly of our resurrection, or is it some mystic fable? Look at the example of Thomas' doubting his fellow brothers in his community, and contrast that scenario with the newly baptized Christians and their lifestyle that's been described in the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. The traits of faith and belief must be reflected in the way we live our lives as well.



**Entrance:** 458 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

**Entrance Ant.:** Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

**Ordinaries:** Kyrie Mass XVI, Sanctus & Agnus Dei Mass XVIII

**Psalms:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

**Offertory:** 405 O Sons & Daughters

**Communion Ant.:** Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

**Communion:** 407 At the Lamb's High Feast (SATB)

**Recessional:** 411 Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise

**Marian Anthem:** 416 Regina Caeli

**Conductor:** Ken  
**Cantor:** Ann  
**Organist:** David  
**On Leave:**