

Saturday, 3rd June: Pentecost Vigil

Reflection: Today we celebrate the great day of Pentecost when Christ filled the church with the power of His Spirit and sent it into the world to bring His peace, joy and forgiveness to all mankind. Like the disciples, the Holy Spirit descends upon us and we are sent forth to renew the face of the earth. Allow the gifts of the Holy Spirit to come to you and remain in you – bearing fruit. Since God breathed His spirit (Genesis 1) into man and gave him life, live your life in the Spirit and have the courage to share it with others too.

Entrance: Organ prelude & 444 **Veni Creator Spiritus**

Entrance Ant.: *The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.*

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

Psalm: *Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own. (First Reading, Option 1)*

Gospel Acc.: *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

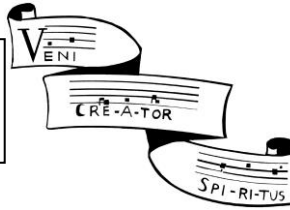
Offertory: 406 **Three Days (SATB)**

Communion Ant.: *On the last day of the festival, Jesus stood and cried out: If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink, alleluia.*

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

Recessional: 426 **Sing We Triumphant Hymns of Praise (SATB)**

Marian Anthem: 416 **Regina Caeli**



Conductor:

**Cantor:
Organist:**

On Leave:

New Songs:

Saturday, 10th June: Holy Trinity

Reflection: Our celebration today is a song of praise to God who has taken us up to share in the very life of the Trinity. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit is with us all! The glory of the Father was revealed through the Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. Can we also tap onto the grace of the Son to recognize who the Father is, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, become a clear sign of the saving love of the Trinity for others around us? How much love & peace have you given out?

Entrance: Organ prelude & 446 **All Hail, Adored Trinity**

Entrance Ant.: *Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.*

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

Psalm: *To you glory and praise for evermore.*

Gospel Acc.: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come.*

Offertory: 448 **Holy, Holy, Holy**

Communion Ant.: *Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.*

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

Recessional: 426 **Sing We Triumphant Hymns of Praise (SATB)**

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Spotlight on Composers

GIOVANNI PIERLUIGI da PALESTRINA (1525 – 1594)

Born in Palestrina (Praeneste, Rome), was an Italian composer of Renaissance music. He was the most famous 16th Century representative of the Roman School of music composition.

He had a tremendous influence on the development of Roman Catholic church music. He started as a choirboy in Rome and studied the organ. By the time he was in his early 20's, he was already an accomplished and well-respected member of church musicians, holding the office of maestro di cappella at the Julian Chapel (Rome) after his first published compositions made so favourable an impression with Pope Julius III.

His compositions are typified as very clear, with voice parts well-balanced and beautifully harmonized. It is probable that Palestrina was conscious of the needs of intelligible text in conformity with the Counter-Reformation movement and wrote his works towards this end.

His works were so prolific, they inspired subsequent composers: JS Bach & Gregorio Allegri.

Popular works: Sicut Cervus, Jesu Rex Admirabilis, Adoramus te Christe.



Saturday, 6th May: 4th Sunday of Easter

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.: *I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me.*

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 Antiphon: 416 Regina Caeli



Conductor:

Cantor:
Organist:

On Leave:

New Songs:

Saturday, 20th May: 6th Sunday of Easter

Reflection: The message that Jesus preaches is a deep and mysterious one and it is difficult to understand. To accept the love of Jesus, is to allow Him to live in us. Yet, we who are small and trivial are already living in Him, for it is by Him that we have life. And to live in Jesus, is to live in the Father. Therefore, it is a MUST to live a life of love – for the life we have comes from the Father, and He IS love. To live in love is a physical display that the Spirit is alive in us because the exchange of love between Father & Son, IS the Spirit. It is the Spirit that is the breath of God's life. And it is the same Breath of Life that God gave us in Genesis 1.

Entrance: 426 Sing We Triumphant Hymns of Praise (SATB)

Entrance Ant.: *Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.*

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

Psalm: *Cry out with joy to God all the earth.*

Gospel Acc.: *Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'*

Offertory: 405 O Sons & Daughters

Communion Ant.: *If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.*

Communion: 804 Lord Who At Thy First Eucharist Did Pray (SATB)

Recessional: 469 The King of Kings, Christ Jesus Reigns (SATB)

Marian Antiphon: 416 Regina Caeli



Conductor:

Cantor:
Organist:

On Leave:

New Songs:

Saturday, 13th May: 5th Sunday of Easter

Reflection: We are to exercise our royal priesthood and to offer the spiritual sacrifice which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God our Father. When Jesus says "I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life," it is a two-fold declaration. The first: "I AM" reminds us of the name that God gave himself – YHWH. He told Moses that His name was "I AM". The second is that Jesus says HE IS the Way, HE IS the Truth, and HE IS the Life. And if we believe in Him, we are given the responsibility to be "priests" to serve others in our midst. How can you live out this role in your social circles?

Entrance: 415 Alleluia! Alleluia! (SATB)

Entrance Ant.: *O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.*

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

Psalm: *May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.*

Gospel Acc.: *Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'*

Offertory: 405 O Sons & Daughters

Communion Ant.: *I am the true vine and you are the branches says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I In him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.*

Communion: 808 Shepherd Of Souls (SATB)

Recessional: 459 Rejoice, the Lord is King
Marian Antiphon: 416 Regina Caeli



Conductor:

Cantor:
Organist:

On Leave:

New Songs:

Saturday, 27th May: 7th Sunday of Easter

Reflection: Christ prayed in the Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is the source of the prayer and praise of the whole Church. The Spirit of God is resting on us as we offer this sacrifice of praise today. Acknowledging God and enjoying a state of communicating with Him would not be possible without the grace of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. It is what allows us to recognize the Father and the Son in our lives. Whoever it is that you feel drawn to pray to, and whatever it is that you pray for, know that even Jesus did the same so that His example will continue with us. How is your prayer life?

Entrance: 458 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (SATB)

Entrance Ant.: *O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.*

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

Psalm: *I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.*

Gospel Acc.: *I will not leave you orphans says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.*

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

Communion Ant.: *Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.*

Communion: 804 Lord Who At Thy First Eucharist Did Pray (SATB)

Recessional: 411 Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise
Marian Antiphon: 416 Regina Caeli



Conductor:

Cantor:
Organist:

On Leave:

New Songs: