

**Reflection:** Jesus obeyed His Father's will not only in word, but also in deed. Christ assures us that it is not too late to turn to God and to do His will. Being a Christian calls for us to live an active faith. St. Paul's letter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading encourages the church of Philippi to be humble and to think of other people's interests as well as the interest of the community. To be obedient to God's will in your life, there must first be humility, and the attitude of considering others to be better than yourself. What good is it to sing hymns & recite prayers, but not have the actions of your life as an offering to the Father?



**Entrance:** 570 All People That On Earth Do Dwell (SATB)

**Entrance Ant.:** *All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.*

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

**Psalm:** Remember your mercy, Lord.

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

**Offertory:** 455 Jesus The Very Thought Of You (SATB)

**Communion Ant.:** *Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.*

**Communion:** 572 Blessed By Your Sacrifice (SATB)

**Recessional:** 445 All Praise & Glad Thanksgiving (\*new, unison)

**Marian Anthem:** 485 Salve Regina (Simple Tone)

**Conductor:**

**Cantor:  
Organist:**

**On Leave:**

**Sectionals:**

- O Sacrum Convivium
- Ave Maria
- Angels We Have Heard On High
- Still Still Still
- O Come All Ye Faithful

## Announcements

### 1. Recording for SPP CHOIR

We're scheduling 2 recording sessions for the choir for the following selected pieces:

**Saturday, 23 Sept, 3pm**

- O Sacrum Convivium
- Ave Maria (with ison)
- Angels We Have Heard On High
- Still, Still, Still
- O Come, All Ye Faithful

**Saturday, 28 Oct, 2pm**

- Ave Maris Stella (with ison)
- Lead Me Lord
- Otche Nash
- God Be In My Head
- Lully Lulla Lullay

### 2. Choir Fellowship (Deepavali Public Holiday)

Let's get together and chill! BBQ at NSRCC (end of East Coast). The BBQ and chalet unit has been booked, and we're in the midst of planning the catering.

**Date:** Wednesday, 18 October 2017

**Time:** From 12noon till evening

**Place:** NSRCC Chalet 18N (10 Changi Coast Walk)

### 3. "Spread the Love" Christmas @ Assisi Hospice

We're heading to Assisi Hospice for Carolling this Christmas.

**Date:** Friday, 22 December 2017

**Time:** Carolling starts 7pm (gathering time to be informed)

**Address:** 832 Thomson Road, S(574627)



# September 2017 Year A

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## Sts. Peter & Paul Choir

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### Music History

Spotlight on Composers

### Tomas Luis de Victoria: Composer, Organist & Catholic Priest (1548 – 1611)

Tomas Luis de Victoria was born in Avila (Spain) in 1548 as the 7<sup>th</sup> of ninth children. He sang at the Cathedral choir of Avila from about 9 years old as well as studying the keyboard. He became gifted in singing, playing the organ, and subsequently in composition. He is known as one of the most significant composers of the counter-reformation in Spain and one of the best regarded composers of sacred music in the late Renaissance (a genre which he devoted himself exclusively). He was a priest, and worked tirelessly to teach the music for the liturgy to choirs in wherever he was stationed in.

As a young boy, he had developed a teacher-student relationship with St. Teresa of Avila, who was also at the Cathedral of Avila. Her writings, perspectives and teachings would influence Victoria's compositions for the mystical interpretations of Catholicism.

When he travelled to Rome, he studied under Palestrina for a period while also establishing himself as a composer, publishing many works and then having those works distributed to Germany, France, Austria, Belgium, and even to the New World: Mexico, Peru, and other parts of the Americas.

After his stint in Rome, he returned to the royal courts of Spain and worked to provide compositions for the liturgies. He enjoyed great patronage by King Philip II and was well esteemed by King Philip II's sister, Dowager Empress Maria.

His music is known for word-painting, for utilising 2 or more choirs, preferring simple lines and homophonic textures yet seeking rhythmic variety.

## Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September: 22<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Sunday

**Reflection:** The Prophet Jeremiah was reluctant to continue being a servant of the Lord (from the first reading) because of the suffering that he had to bear in the name of God. But he realizes that his love for God burns much stronger and deeper that he cannot continue hiding from God. In Jesus too we see how He had to face the realization and the difficulty of facing His cross. Yet He is able to choose what is justified in the Father's eyes and to turn away from temptation that may come even through the secular compassion of men. What is your cross? How are you facing it? Have you hidden from Him?



**Entrance:** 578 All Creatures of Our God and King (SATB)

**Entrance Ant.:** *Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.*

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

**Psalm:** *For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.*

**Gospel Acc.:** *May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.*

**Offertory:** 647 Lord of All Hopefulness (SATB)

**Communion Ant.:** *How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.*

**Communion:** 825 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (SATB)

**Recessional:** 462 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name (SATB)

**Marian Anthem:** 485 Salve Regina (Simple Tone)

**Conductor:**

**Cantor:  
Organist:**

**On Leave:**

**Sectionals:**

- Angels We Have Heard  
On High  
- Still Still Still

## Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> September: 23<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Sunday

**Reflection:** Persistence in seeking repentance – that is the underlying message that threads the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading & the Gospel. The Father gives us opportunities to repent, and when we don't He encourages people around us to be persistent in helping us see our detours and to guide us on the right path. Likewise, we too are tasked with the same responsibility as Ezekiel to help people around us get closer to Christ. Do not be afraid to speak of Christ's love for others, for you do not do it alone as He is with you. He was persistent until death for your salvation. Have you been afraid to be persistent?



**Entrance:** 463 Hail Redeemer King Divine (SATB)

**Entrance Ant.:** *You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.*

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

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

**Gospel Acc.:** *Your Word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.*

**Offertory:** 589 O God Beyond All Praising (SATB)

**Communion Ant.:** *Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.*

**Communion:** 717 Christians, Let Us Love One Another (SATB)

**Recessional:** 569 From All That Dwell Below The Skies (SATB)

**Marian Anthem:** 485 Salve Regina (Simple Tone)

**Conductor:**

**Cantor:  
Organist:**

**On Leave:**

**Sectionals:**

- Angels We Have Heard  
On High  
- O Sacrum Convivium  
- O Come All Ye Faithful

## Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> September: 24<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday

**Reflection:** "If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? ... He cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating." These words of the Philosopher in Ecclesiasticus acutely point out our clinging on to the feeling of self-righteousness: that we are justified, in the right; while others have wronged against us, or are lesser in their moral standards. But in the eyes of God, all men have fallen short of grace; but yet he still loves us to the extent of sacrificing his Son. Let go, be free, and share the mercy God has for you with others.



**Entrance:** 578 All Creatures Of Our God & King (SATB)

**Entrance Ant.:** *Give peace O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.*

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

**Psalm:** *The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

**Gospel Acc.:** *Speak Lord, your servant is listening;  
you have the message of eternal life.*

**Offertory:** 669 We Walk By Faith (SATB)

**Communion Ant.:** *How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.*

**Communion:** 717 Christians, Let Us Love One Another (SATB)

**Recessional:** 715 God Is Love (SATB)

**Marian Anthem:** 485 Salve Regina (Simple Tone)

**Conductor:**

**Cantor:  
Organist:**

**On Leave:**

**Sectionals:**

- O Sacrum Convivium  
- O Come All Ye Faithful  
- Gloria (Vivaldi)

## Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September: 25<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday

**RECORDING: 3PM - 4PM**

**Reflection:** God's love cannot be measured by any human standard. It might appear foolish to possess such love. What sensible employer will behave like the man in the Gospel? We might even be unsettled that those who worked hard for a longer period of time were paid "less" in some sense. Yet, God's generosity is presented even to the last-minute sinner who repents and is welcomed to God's kingdom. God's generosity baffles and challenges us. Can we present the same generosity to people in our lives? And especially to those we feel are not deserving of that generosity?



**Entrance:** 567 God We Praise You (SATB)

**Entrance Ant.:** *I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.*

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

**Psalm:** *The Lord is close to all who call him.*

**Gospel Acc.:** *Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!*

**Offertory:** 647 Lord Of All Hopefulness (SATB)

**Communion Ant.:** *You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.*

**Communion:** 836 Panis Angelicus (SATB)

**Recessional:** 715 God Is Love (SATB)

**Marian Anthem:** 485 Salve Regina (Simple Tone)

**Conductor:**

**Cantor:  
Organist:**

**On Leave:**

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