



**Reflection:** The first reading from Job reads like poetry, with several metaphors creating vivid images of what it means to be a pathetic labourer, as each one of us is. Why does God allow his children to live such poor lives? The Book for Job is the story of a good man who suffers total disaster. Job laments but does not give up faith. In the end, God reprimands Job's friends for failing to understand the meaning of Job's sufferings. Job had sensed that God is greater than traditional religion had depicted him. In a similar way, we hope to have faith as strong as Job's to see us through difficulty.

**Entrance:** 501 Take Up Your Cross

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

**Psalm:** *Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.*

**Gospel Acc.:** *I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.*

**Offertory:** 764 God Is Here As We His People

**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:** 650 Christ Be Beside Me

**Recessional:** 426 Sing We Triumphant Hymn of Praise (v.3 & 4)

**Marian Anthem:** Ave Regina Caelorum (chant)

**Conductor:** Ben

**Cantor:** Gabriel  
**Organist:** Ken

**On Leave:**

**Pre-Mass Chorale:**

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## Sts. Peter & Paul Choir

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### Liturgical Traditions... A Deeper Sense of Appreciation Ave Regina Caelorum

This anthem is sung from after Purification (February 2 or Candlemas) until Easter Vigil. Its earliest appearance was in the 12th century, although some also attribute this text to Herimann the Lame.

## Announcements

**1. Denyse Wedding – Sat 13 Jan 11am**

All are invited to sing at the Mass. Rehearsal at 9.30am on that Saturday in chapel.

**2. Calendar of Events for 2018 (up to first half of the year)**

Please see the hand out for the calendar for the year 2018.

**3. Recruitment for new members**

If you have friends who may be open to the experience of our community choir, please feel free to let them contact Kenneth Wee – 96885780 or email [kenweeyk@gmail.com](mailto:kenweeyk@gmail.com).

We are specifically looking for ladies. If they have sung in secondary school or college choirs in the 80's, 90's or 2000's, it would be a major plus!

**4. Voices of Singapore 2018 @ CHIJMES – Tuesday 13 March 7pm Concert**

We will be participating in the Community Choir segment. We have to purchase 30 tickets at \$10 each as part of our participation agreement. Please let Kenneth know by **13 January** if you need more tickets.



**Ave, Regina Caelorum,  
Ave, Domina Angelorum:  
Salve, radix, salve, porta  
Ex qua mundo lux est orta:  
Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,  
Super omnes speciosa,  
Vale, o valde decora,  
Et pro nobis Christum exora.**

V. Dignare me laudare te, Virgo sacrata.  
R. Da mihi virtutem contra hostes tuos.

Oremus: Concede, misericors Deus, fragilitati nostrae praesidium: ut, qui sanctae Dei Genitricis memoriam agimus; intercessionis eius auxilio, a nostris iniquitatibus resurgamus. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Hail, queen of heaven,  
Hail lady of the angels.  
Hail, root, hail the door,  
Through which the Light of the world is risen.  
Rejoice, glorious Virgin,  
Beautiful above all.  
Hail, O very fair one,  
And plead for us to Christ.

V. Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O sacred Virgin.  
R. Give me strength against thine enemies.

Let us pray: We beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to assist our infirmity: that like as we do now commemorate Blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, Mother of God; so by the help of her intercession we may die to our former sins and rise again to newness of life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> January: Epiphany

**Reflection:** The Father has sent Jesus as Light of the world so that all nations may be saved. Jesus' light is a light which the darkness will never overcome (John 1:5). It is man's innate reflex to move towards areas of brightness and light. But in our shame, weakness and guilt, sometimes we prefer to hide in the habit of darkness. Since the Light of Christ has been revealed to us, choose to bask in His light, and take up the challenge to also be the light of the world for others. Arise and shine out, for your light has come.



**Entrance:** 332 Angels from Realms of Glory

**Entrance Ant.:** *Arise Jerusalem and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting*

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

**Psalm:** *All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.*

**Gospel Acc.:** *We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.*

**Offertory:** 328 The First Noelle

**Communion Ant.:** *We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.*

**Communion:** 591 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence  
**Recessional:** 333 Songs of Thankfulness & Praise

**Marian Anthem:** 471 Alma Redemptoris Mater (Chant)

**Conductor:** Ken  
**Cantor:** Roger  
**Organist:** Jacq  
**On Leave:** Chris, David  
**Pre-Mass Chorale:** The Light of Christ  
This Holy Night  
Lully Lulla Lullay

## Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> January: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Reflection:** I was immediately brought to a realization that both the character of Jonah and Peter were starkly similar when I lined up the parallels of the first reading and the Gospel. Both can be strong headed and obstinate. Both can be clouded by their opinions and views and miss the message of God. Yet, both were frequently willing to set aside themselves to do the tasks that have been asked of them by God. Both loved God and were purposeful in their mission. While many of us share the same stubbornness to get things done our way, are we also open to God's call & mission?



**Entrance:** 746 The Church's One Foundation

**Entrance Ant.:** *O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.*

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

**Psalm:** *Lord make me know your ways*

**Gospel Acc.:** *The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the Good News.*

**Offertory:** 764 God Is Here As We His People

**Communion Ant.:** *Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.*

**Communion:** 563 O Jesus Joy of Loving Hearts  
**Recessional:** 426 Sing We Triumphant Hymn of Praise (v.3 & 4)

**Marian Anthem:** 471 Alma Redemptoris Mater (Chant)

**Conductor:** Ben  
**Cantor:** Helen  
**Organist:** David  
**On Leave:** Chris, Jacq  
**Pre-Mass Chorale:**

## Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> January: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Reflection:** From the Gospel, we can see that the disciples allowed themselves to be led by Jesus. Have we been listening "tentatively" enough to know whether it is God calling for us to do something and follow his ways? Or have we been praying in such that we only prayed for things to indulge our own desires? Let's share by listing 1 or 2 important things/issues in our lives at this moment, be it career, people, health, etc. and see at which level we place God in them. Let's pray fervently in our daily lives and allowed ourselves to be led by Him.



**Entrance:** 746 The Church's One Foundation

**Entrance Ant.:** *All the earth shall bow down before you, O God and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!*

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

**Psalm:** *Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.*

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

**Offertory:** 741 Holy Wisdom, Lamp of Learning

**Communion Ant.:** *You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.*

**Communion:** 650 Christ Be Beside Me  
**Recessional:** 333 Songs of Thankfulness & Praise

**Marian Anthem:** 471 Alma Redemptoris Mater (Chant)

**Conductor:** Ben  
**Cantor:** Gabriel  
**Organist:** Ken  
**On Leave:** Chris, Denyse  
**Pre-Mass Chorale:**

## Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> January: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Reflection:** Jesus teaches with authority and even unclean spirits obey him. His presence is healing. If you feel yourself torn by life's daily struggles, offer up your worries to him. As St Paul tells the Corinthians in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, we should rightly be free from all worry. This is what the Lord wants of us. One can devote himself entirely to the Lord only when there're no other distractions. When you feel your mind drifting away to earthly concerns, what methods do you use to bring your focus back onto Jesus again?



**Entrance:** 501 Take Up Your Cross

**Entrance Ant.:** *Save us O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.*

**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.:** *Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.*

**Offertory:** 714 Holy Wisdom Lamp of Learning

**Communion Ant.:** *Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.*

**Communion:** 650 Christ Be Beside Me  
**Recessional:** 333 Songs of Thankfulness & Praise  
**Marian Anthem:** 471 Alma Redemptoris Mater (Chant)

**Conductor:** Ken  
**Cantor:** Denyse  
**Organist:** Dorothy  
**On Leave:** Chris  
**Pre-Mass Chorale:**