

Saturday, 2nd December: 1st Sunday of Advent
YEAR B READINGS & PSALMS

Reflection: Our life is a long vigil, waiting for the Lord to be revealed in all his glory. We wait with longing and with "joyful hope", for his Spirit is with us, and we know that God is faithful to his promises. To usher in the season of Advent, as we progress and prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus at Christmas, we are reminded to constantly stay awake and be alert all the time.

Entrance: 278 On Jordan's Bank (SATB)

Entrance Ant.: *To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.*

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

Psalm: *God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

Gospel Acc.: *Let us see O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.*

Offertory: 646 Be Thou My Vision (SATB)

Communion Ant.: *The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield his increase.*

Communion: 841 Beautiful Saviour (SATB)

Recessional: 638 Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring (SATB)

Marian Anthem: 471 Alma Redemptoris Mater (Chant)



Conductor:

**Cantor:
Organist:**

On Leave:

Sectionals:

November 2017

Year A

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Music History

Spotlight on Composers

Johann Sebastian Bach: *Composer, Organist, Organ Builder, Innovator (1685 - 1750)*

J.S. Bach was born into a family of musicians in Eisenach, Central Germany. His father had been a prolific organist in the cathedral of his town, and his brothers were already accomplished church organists. Bach underwent tutoring by his father and uncle on the organ: both in playing as well as building and maintenance. However, despite this, his potential went unnoticed in his early years as sources citing his stepmother lamented no one was able to carry on his father's duties when the senior Bach passed on.

Bach continued his education when his eldest brother took him under his wing and he gradually gained in proficiency and reputation. His early career prospects were often tumultuous as his eccentricity and strong-headedness often landed him in trouble with his church paymasters.

He was influenced by the musicianship of Buxtehude (North Germany), as well as his studies of Palestrina (Italy). And he wrote almost extensively in the service of the Lutheran Church: developing organ & choral repertoire for church services. He had mastery over counterpoint and the development of the fugue, as well as improving the quality of the keyboard in its performance abilities. Many traits of music today may be linked back to Bach: from being a major influence to composers like Mozart & Beethoven, to the equal temperament of the keyboard, to chord progressions. The list is endless! All musicians owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Bach.



Announcements

1. Carolling Schedule

Please check the carolling schedule sent out via WhatsApp in the SPP Choir Chat.

2. "Spread the Love" Christmas @ Assisi Hospice

We're heading to Assisi Hospice to accompany the patients with Carols for Christmas.

Date: **Friday, 22 December 2017**

Time: Carolling starts 7pm (gathering time 6:15pm)

Address: 832 Thomson Road, S(574627)

3. Carolling for the SVDP Friends-In-Need (FINs)

As with last year, we'll be carolling for the St. Vincent de Paul Society's "Friends In Need" Christmas Lunch Party. We will also be rostering ourselves to visit the homes of FINs during the weekly home-visits by the SVDP members.

Date: **Likely to be Sunday 10 December, 12noon**

Time: Carolling for Lunch 12pm; Carolling for Home visits 7pm

Address: - Christmas Lunch @ SPP Church

- Home visits at Chinatown / Beach Road Area

4. Mary Mother of God (Vigil), 31 December 2017

As with last year, we'll be singing for the **5:30pm Mass** with the **Te Deum** for 31st December 2017. Fellowship as a choir will follow after the Mass.

Saturday, 4th November: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection: The chastisement of community leaders seem to be the central theme of the First Reading and the Gospel. The weakness of our humanity tend to find leaders falling prey to pride, their egos, misleading others for their agenda, or even for their profit. Jesus reminds us to test the truth, to discern for the right spirit of wisdom to lead us, to be humble in our faith and to seek God in earnest sincerity. Let us pray for our leaders, our elders and our teachers, that the gifts that God has granted them, may allow them to nurture others for the thirst, the awe and reverence for God in our lives.



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

Entrance Ant.: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

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

Psalms: Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

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

Offertory: 760 As We Gather At Your Table (SATB)

Communion Ant.: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Communion: 572 Blessed By Your Sacrifice (SATB)
Recessional: 445 All Praise & Glad Thanksgiving (SATB)

Marian Anthem: 485 Salve Regina (Simple Tone)

Conductor: KENNETH

Cantor: CHRIS
Organist: ANDREW

On Leave: Ann

Note: Wedding @ 1130am

Sectionals:

Saturday, 18th November: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection: Focusing on one's own lack of talents can become an obstacle to performing the task requested. Those with one talent are just as useful and important as those with many talents in doing God's work. Our true security and happiness is in God—who provides us with all that is necessary to establish the reign of God in the midst of our daily tasks. We each have our part to play: in the family, at the workplace, in organizations etc. Even if we do only a little for others, God will shower abundant blessings on us in this life and in the next. The giving of ourselves starts from the Love for others.



Entrance: 575 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You (SATB)

Entrance Ant.: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

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

Psalms: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acc.: Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.

Offertory: 455 Jesus the Very Thought of You (SATB)

Communion Ant.: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Communion: 839 Soul Of My Saviour (SATB)
Recessional: 737 God Whose Glory Reigns Eternal (SATB)

Marian Anthem: 485 Salve Regina (Simple Tone)

Conductor: KENNETH

Cantor: BEN
Organist: JACQ LIM

On Leave: Ann, Chris

Sectionals:

Saturday, 11th November: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection: The metaphor for Wisdom is seen in the "light" mentioned in the First Reading and the "lamp" in the Gospel. For those who "love her, she is readily seen", her light "does not grow dim", "quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them". Contrast that with the lamps of the bridesmaids who've run out of oil. Our preparation for the Lord requires our readiness: in nurturing our Wisdom for the matters in life, so that we wait for the coming of the Lord, than for the next thing on our schedule, for we never know when the Day of the Lord is to come.



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

Entrance Ant.: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

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

Psalms: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

Gospel Acc.: Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

Offertory: 760 As We Gather At Your Table (SATB)

Communion Ant.: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

Communion: 572 Blessed By Your Sacrifice (SATB)
Recessional: 445 All Praise & Glad Thanksgiving (SATB)

Marian Anthem: 485 Salve Regina (Simple Tone)

Conductor: KENNETH

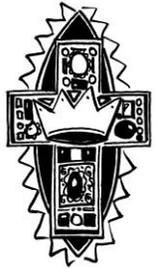
Cantor: ROGER
Organist: DOROTHY

On Leave: Ann, Jacq Lim

Sectionals:

Saturday, 25th November: CHRIST THE KING

Reflection: From the 1st reading, we see that the Lord is our shepherd, looking out for us whenever we are lost, hurt or weak; he is always near us, watching over us. The gospel states that when our Lord takes his seat on his throne of glory, he separates men as sheep and goats – Sheep, being those who have been showering their love and concern to others whereas goats have been rejecting those in need. Are we Sheep lending a hand to those in need or are we the Goat that just turns away? Let us remind ourselves that Jesus is our Lord and King - his ways are the centre of our lives.



Entrance: 461 Crown Him With Many Crowns (SATB)

Entrance Ant.: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

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

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

Gospel Acc.: Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Offertory: 455 Jesus the Very Thought of You (SATB)

Communion Ant.: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Communion: 806 Ave Verum Corpus (Chant)
Recessional: 468 To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King (SATB)

Marian Anthem: 485 Salve Regina (Simple Tone)

Conductor: KENNETH

Cantor: DENYSE
Organist: VINCENT

On Leave: Ann, Be, Jacq Lim, Roger

Sectionals: