



Reflection: The 1st reading (Deuteronomy) lists pages and pages of laws: to do's and do not's for the people of Israel. Generations later, interpretations of these laws became stricter and more zealous. Perhaps, misinterpreting the original intent.. When generations don't have the contextual understanding, and make interpretations literally, wisdom can be discounted from understanding and application. Consider that the Laws from Deuteronomy, stem from the Word of God. And in the Gospel, the Word of God (Jesus), persuades us that the primary Law of God is sincere, honest love.

Entrance: 566 Holy God We Praise Thy Name

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: *The just will live in the presence of the Lord..*

Gospel Acc.: *Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life; you have the message of eternal life.*

Offertory: 692 I Heard the Voice of Jesus

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

Communion: 390 My Song Is Love Unknown

Recessional: 618 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Marian Anthem: 485 Salve Regina

Conductor:

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Rites in the Liturgy

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation is the sacrament by which Catholics receive a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Through Confirmation, the Holy Spirit gives them the increased ability to practice their Catholic faith in every aspect of their lives and to witness Christ in every situation.

The effects of Confirmation are as follows:

- An increased portion of the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, knowledge, right judgement, understanding, courage, piety and fear of the Lord.
- A deepening and strengthening of the grace received at Baptism, which is considered the presence of God in the soul.
- A more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and a closer bond with the Catholic Church.
- The ability to take a greater, more mature role in the Church's mission of living the Christian faith daily and witnessing to Christ everywhere.
- A special mark, or character, on the soul that can never be erased.

Each person's ability to embrace these effects depends on his or her openness to the sacrament and willingness to accept it as God's personal gift. The Sacrament is usually ministered by the Bishop.

The rite of Confirmation, which often takes place during Mass, begins when the bishop extends his hands over the Confirmands and prays, "All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the Spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

1. Sat 18th Aug: Confirmation Mass

Archbishop William Goh will be celebrating Confirmation Mass at the Saturday 5:30pm Mass. Readings and psalm will follow 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Pre-Mass Music:

- Sweet Hour of Prayer

Post-Mass Music:

- Take My Life and Let It Be (Hayes)

2. Vivaldi's "Gloria" RV589

Rehearsals for this work will be held every Saturday till December. Please refer to the rehearsal schedule to keep track of the planned progress.

Audio tracks with texts specific for sections and voice parts will be posted in chat groups as the rehearsal progresses. Please practice at home during the week as Saturday rehearsals are meant to refine the music that the choir puts together.

Thank you for your dedication to studying and sharing this piece.



Saturday, 4th August: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection: We often see the symbolism of blood being used in the covenants of God: the sacrifice of Isaac (Genesis), the Passover with the Hebrews (Exodus), the blood used on the Book of the Covenant (1st Reading), Jesus' crucifixion (inference from today's Gospel). Even today, "blood" is used symbolically in binding commitments. Think of the first time the husband and wife consummate their marriage and the hymen is torn; or when the mother gives birth to her child. As we celebrate the covenant of Jesus in his Body and Blood, reflect on how we are keeping our covenants with God.

Entrance: 463 Hail Redeemer King Divine

Entrance Ant.: *O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.*

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

Psalm: *The Lord have them bread from heaven.*

Gospel Acc.: *I am the Way, the Truth and the Life says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.*

Offertory: 692 I Heard the Voice of Jesus

Communion Ant.: *You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.*

Communion: 564 O Salutaris Hostia

Recessional: 594 Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

Marian Anthem: 485 Salve Regina



Conductor:

**Cantor:
Organist:**

On Leave:

Pre-Mass Chorale:

Saturday, 18th August: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Confirmation Mass)

Reflection: The readings today invite and encourage us to empty ourselves of old understanding, so that new wisdom may develop. There are many names of Jesus, and the Word of God has also been called the Wisdom of God. Solomon is traditionally taken to be the author of Proverbs (the book of Wisdom), inspired by the gift of wisdom that God had given him. But his habitual sins caused his fall to suffer the wrath of God. Had he filled up his hunger for God (eat and drink of God), perhaps his wisdom would have sustained him and kept him in grace.

Entrance: 444 Veni Creator Spiritus

Entrance Ant.: Thus says the Lord: I will pour clean water upon you and I will give you a new heart; a new spirit I will put within you.

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

Psalm: *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

Gospel Acc.: *The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.*

Offertory: 646 Be Thou My Vision

Communion Ant.: *Rejoice in the Lord, all you who have been enlightened, who have tasted the gift from heaven and have been made sharers in the Holy Spirit.*

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Organist:**

On Leave:

Pre / Post Mass:
Sweet Hour of Prayer

Take My Life and Let It Be
(Hayes)

Saturday, 11th August: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection: This week, the theme of being fed by God continues with the encounter of Elijah on his journey to Mount Horeb with the Angel of God providing him bread and water. These stories of God feeding his people would be well known by the Israelites well before Jesus' time. And in the Gospels, we see Jesus recounting all the times that God had fed his people, while he prepares his discourse on the new Bread of Life. It remains a controversial teaching even in present day, and the same grouses for disbelief echo through the centuries. But in the Prayer over the Offerings, "by Your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation."

Entrance: 463 Hail Redeemer King Divine

Entrance Ant.: *Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.*

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

Psalm: *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

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

Offertory: 692 I Heard the Voice of Jesus

Communion Ant.: *O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.*

Communion: 564 O Salutaris Hostia

Recessional: 594 Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

Marian Anthem: 485 Salve Regina



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**Cantor:
Organist:**

On Leave:

Pre-Mass Chorale:

Saturday, 25th August: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection: The themes of the 1st Reading and the Gospel echo each other: We will serve the Lord, for he is our God. In the first reading, the people recount all the works and miracles that they have witnessed. And in the Gospel, it is Simon Peter who makes the stand that Jesus is the Holy One of God, although his Master had just concluded a very difficult preaching (John 6: Jesus the Bread of Life). Consider that Peter's encounters – from the great catch of fish, to the calming of the storm, and of Jesus walking on water – also nurtured him in his witness of God: mysterious but convincing.

Entrance: 586 Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

Entrance Ant.: *Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.*

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

Psalm: *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

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