

Reflection: The commandments given in Deuteronomy, as well as the many laws: should's and should not's during the time of Moses, and then increased in detail by the Judges of Israel, give us a complex & burdensome idea of "righteousness" as a person of God. Jesus came to simplify it. He gave us the real essence: that if we possess the love of God, and love for neighbour, we then possess the spirit needed to live out these ways of goodness. He reminds us that nurturing this spirit of Love for God and for Man supersedes even the deeds we make outwardly out of responsibility or culture habits.

Entrance: 590 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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*

Psalm: *I love you Lord my strength.*

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

Offertory: 667 Faith of Our Fathers

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

Communion: 856 Abide With Me
Recessional: 462 All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name

Marian Anthem: 485 Salve Regina

Conductor:
Cantor:
Organist:
On Leave:
Pre-Mass Chorale:

Announcements

1. Combined Rehearsals with the Orchestra Vivaldi's "Gloria" RV589

Please take note of the following dates where we will be having combined rehearsals with the Orchestra in SPP Church.

These sessions will be held on Saturdays after 5:30pm Mass, and a quick dinner.

Saturdays, 7:30pm – 9:30pm in the Church itself.

- November 3rd
- November 10th
- December 22nd
- December 29th

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

On the above dates, Nov 3 & 10; Dec 22:
We will meet **3:30pm** for Christmas Repertoire Practices



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Gloria in Excelsis Deo

The History of the Doxology

"Gloria in excelsis Deo" (Latin for "Glory to God in the highest") is a Christian hymn known also as the Greater Doxology (as distinguished from the "Minor Doxology" or Gloria Patri) and the Angelic Hymn /Hymn of the Angels. The name is often abbreviated to Gloria in Excelsis or simply Gloria.

The hymn begins with the words that the angels said when the birth of Christ was announced to shepherds, as recorded in Luke 2:14(in Latin). Other verses were added very early, forming a doxology.

Gloria in excelsis Deo is an example of the psalmi idiotici ("private psalms", i.e. compositions by individuals in imitation of the biblical Psalter) that were popular in the 2nd and 3rd centuries. Other surviving examples of this lyric poetry are the Te Deum and the Phos Hilaron.

In the 4th century it became part of morning prayers, and is still recited in the Byzantine Rite Orthros service.

The Latin translation is traditionally attributed to Saint Hilary of Poitiers (c. 300–368), who may have learned it while in the East (359–360); as such, it is part of a loose tradition of early Latin translations of the scripture known as the Vetus Latina

The Vulgate Latin translation of the Bible was commissioned only in 382. The Latin hymn thus uses the word excelsis to translate the Greek word ὑψίστοις (the highest) in Luke 2:14, not the word altissimis, which Saint Jerome preferred for his translation. However, this word is used near the end: tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe (you alone the Most High, Jesus Christ).

Saturday, 6th October: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection: The 1st reading and Gospels today remind us of the text that we often hear at wedding celebrations. Let us dwell deeper: in the 1st reading, we see that God had already made everything to satisfy Man (animals, fruits, fauna, wonders of nature) – yet, he gave him someone more: Eve his wife. Jesus reminds us of this significance: what God has united, let no man divide. How does this extend to our relationship with God? God has united us with him. God has given us everything, in addition to that – our families. And then in addition to that – his family: Jesus & the Holy Spirit.

Entrance: 571 Come Christians Join to Sing (*new)

Entrance Ant.: *Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.*

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

Psalm: *May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.*

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

Offertory: 683 How Firm A Foundation

Communion Ant.: *The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.*

Communion: 825 Lord Whose Love in Humble Service
Recessional: 463 Hail Redeemer King Divine

Marian Anthem: 485 Salve Regina

Conductor:

Cantor:
Organist:

On Leave:

Pre-Mass Chorale:

Saturday, 20th October: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection: Today the message of servanthood and a submission to our fellow brothers and sisters in society take central stage of the theme of the Mass. There are many spheres in society where the need for power and being superior take precedence: workplaces, politics, organizations, church ministries, and even in our homes, our families. But the bigger our responsibility, the greater the burden of service to those around us. Just as Jesus' responsibility was so great, he had to die to save Mankind from death. How are we to "die" for the people who rely / depend on us?

Entrance: 571 Come Christians Join to Sing

Entrance Ant.: *To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God: turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

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

Offertory: 667 Faith of Our Fathers

Communion Ant.: *Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.*

Communion: 856 Abide With Me
Recessional: 460 Jesus Shall Reign (*new)
Marian Anthem: 485 Salve Regina

Conductor:

Cantor:
Organist:

On Leave:

Pre / Post Mass:
Sweet Hour of Prayer

Take My Life and Let It Be
(Hayes)

Saturday, 13th October: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection: How prized are the things of this world? How much more value are the virtues that we know? The 1st reading exalts the worth of Wisdom. It is priceless, and no amount of money can acquire it. Because it is given by the grace of God. God IS Wisdom (Gifts of the Holy Spirit). Jesus challenges us in the Gospel, that whatever we value, whatever we own... it has no value in the eyes of God. Because even the Father had given his most beloved Son to us... Among the infinite many things, God had given us Wisdom, and also Salvation. Hence, Jesus' challenge: sell everything, and follow me. Because he himself had done the same.

Entrance: 571 Come Christians Join to Sing

Entrance Ant.: *If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you if found forgiveness, O God of Israel.*

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

Psalm: *Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.*

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

Offertory: 741 Holy Wisdom, Lamp of Learning

Communion Ant.: *The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.*

Communion: 825 Lord Whose Love in Humble Service
Recessional: 463 Hail Redeemer King Divine

Marian Anthem: 485 Salve Regina

Conductor:

Cantor:
Organist:

On Leave:

Pre-Mass Chorale:

Saturday, 27th October: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection: Jeremiah was a prophet in the 2nd period of exile. The people have suffered being servants and 3rd class citizens even in their own lands. Their masters worship foreign gods, and introduce mixed marriages and disregard for their culture. It is a painful period of a few hundred years. And that is what generations upon generations knew: pain, and suffering, the loss of liberty, religious freedom etc. But Jeremiah's message anticipates the miracle of Jesus healing the blind man. All will gather in the love of Jesus – even us who are blinded by the "foreign ways" of the modern world.

Entrance: 590 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (*new)

Entrance Ant.: *Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.*

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

Psalm: *What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

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

Offertory: 667 Faith of Our Fathers

Communion Ant.: *We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.*

Communion: 856 Abide With Me
Recessional: 460 Jesus Shall Reign (*new)

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