

Saturday, 30th March: 4th Sunday of Lent
No Gloria; Gospel Acclamation from Chant Book

Reflection: It is odd to see two readings of celebration while we are in the midst of Lent. Today marks Laetare Sunday ("Rejoice, Jerusalem", *Introit*) – and white is mingled with purple to give us the colour Rose – symbolizing that the end of Lent is near, and to look forward to the celebration of Easter. The Israelites have had 40 years of Lenten journey in the desert. And the prodigal son had his months of Lent away from his father's estate. When a sense of repentance is borne out of penance and purge, it calls for a great celebration because like the Passover, the person passes over from Sin to New Life.

Entrance: 347 In the Glory of These Forty Days

Entrance Ant.: *Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*

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

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

Gospel Acc.: *Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!*

Offertory: **Adoramus Te (Palestrina)**
678 O God You Search Me

Communion Ant.: *You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.*

Communion: **When I Survey the Cross (Rockingham)**
Recessional: 344 Parce Domine

Marian Anthem: Ave Regina Caelorum

Conductor:

Cantor:
Organist:

On Leave:

Announcements

1. Holy Week Mass schedule for SPP Choir

We are scheduled to serve at the following Masses during Holy Week:

- April 13: Palm Sunday, Saturday 5:30pm
- April 19: Good Friday, Friday 3pm (Attire: All Black)
- April 20: Easter Vigil, Saturday 7:30pm (Attire: Black / White Theme)

Please clear your schedules to serve the Holy Liturgy for the most solemn week of the year.

2. SPP CHOIR Annual Workshop & Retreat 2019

Our annual music retreat is on Wednesday, 1st May 2019.

9:30am – 5pm at CANA, Level 2, Waterloo Street.

We appreciate a contribution of \$20/person to help defray our costs for the event.

Register at: <http://bit.ly/sppcmay2019>



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What is the significance of Ash Wednesday and how we can lead Lent meaningfully.

There are many instances in the Old Testament and New Testament where people threw ashes on themselves and dressed themselves in sackcloth as an outward sign of penance or repentance. In our Catholic tradition, we imitate the same action that bears the same mark of repentance. This ancient practice can be dated to as early as the 7th or 8th century.

The ashes come from the burning of blessed palms that were distributed on Palm Sunday the year before. Old palms are collected and burnt while prayers and accompanying blessings prepare the ashes for their symbolic use during the liturgy.

While these ashes remind us that we ought to seek repentance, Jesus warns us that it is not the outward signs of repentance that are important, rather, it is the inward change of heart that matters more. While we embark on our Lenten journey with the beginning of Ash Wednesday, do let the teachings of Jesus open your heart to accept His way to New Life.

We may be inspired to include the following practices of piety during the period of Lent:

1. Weekly Confessions
2. Daily Mass
3. Daily Fasting & Prayer
4. Daily Rosary & Meditation
5. Daily reading of the Bible
6. Weekly Stations of the Cross

Perhaps we could also stop taking the Salvation of The World on our Shoulders. Jesus is the saviour of the world. We are just to help those with whom we have influence. And let us not forget, salvation starts with our own souls and family. Every time we get depressed about the pope, bishops, priests, religious and laity, get down on our knees and pray about it. Then, give it over to God, Mary and the Saints to take care of it. We only do whatever we can to peacefully reform and renew the Church. Then, we let God do the rest. We are not God. Invite people this lent to attend a Latin Mass: experience it for yourself also, and see the beauty of how God becomes the centre of the Liturgy, where Man and our community are partakers.

God is still in charge of the Church and the world. We are only His humble servants.

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Saturday, 2nd March: 8th Ordinary Sunday

Reflection: The parable from today's Gospel is a continuation of the Beatitudes that Jesus preached. The themes of forgiveness and mercy, from last week, extend to a message of suspending judgement upon others. But judge ourselves first. As with the First Reading (supposedly authored by Solomon), a person's character is seen through his actions, and through his conversations. His thoughts lay open to the gaze of others. If we were to join the dots – recalling the lessons of being followers of Christ, of detachment from this world, of mercy, and suspending judgement – perhaps these prepare us for Lent.



Entrance: 571 Come Christians Join to Sing

Entrance Ant.: *The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.*

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

Psalm: *It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.*

Gospel Acc.: *Open our heart O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.*

Offertory: 683 How Firm A Foundation

Communion Ant.: *I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.*

Communion: The Lord's My Shepherd (Bro. James Air)

Recessional: 569 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Marian Anthem: Ave Regina Caelorum

Conductor:

Cantor:

Organist:

On Leave:

Saturday, 16th March: 2nd Sunday of Lent

No Gloria; Gospel Acclamation from Chant Book

Reflection: We are called by the Father to a new homeland. It takes faith to follow Him, just as Abram did. And God keeps true to His promises. Through Jesus, we can see what awaits for us in our Promised Land. God will transfigure our bodies into the likeness of Jesus' glorified body. Abram had to learn to place his trust and faith in God – and Jesus tells us the same even though there are things we don't understand (like His transfiguration). Will you place your faith in God and not on the tangible things of this world?



Entrance: 346 Attende Domine (Latin Chant)

Entrance Ant.: *Of you my heart has spoken. Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek: hide not your face from me.*

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

Psalm: *The Lord is my light and my help.*

Gospel Acc.: *Glory and praise to you, O Christ!*

Offertory: **Stabat Mater (Kodaly)**
348 This Season Calls Us to Return

Communion Ant.: *I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.*

Communion: 837 O Lord I Am Not Worthy

Recessional: 344 Parce Domine

Marian Anthem: Ave Regina Caelorum

Conductor:

Cantor:

Organist:

On Leave:

Saturday, 9th March: 1st Sunday of Lent

No Gloria; Gospel Acclamation from Chant Book

Reflection: The devil tempts Jesus in the desert and with the same obedience and loyalty to God as Moses had, Jesus denounces all that the devil promises. There is no God but the God of Israel, who brought our fathers out of Egypt from slavery to freedom. In gratitude for all that He has done for us, we praise and worship Him with our lives. There is no other God except for Him, and no other worthy of worship than Jesus our Lord – who through His love for us, has brought us out of slavery to sin, to freedom in the love of the Father.



Entrance: 346 Attende Domine (Latin Chant)

Entrance Ant.: *When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.*

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

Psalm: *Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.*

Gospel Acc.: *Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!*

Offertory: **Stabat Mater (Kodaly)**
348 This Season Calls Us to Return

Communion Ant.: *One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*

Communion: 837 O Lord I Am Not Worthy

Recessional: 344 Parce Domine

Marian Anthem: Ave Regina Caelorum

Conductor:

Cantor:

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On Leave:

Saturday, 23rd March: 3rd Sunday of Lent

No Gloria; Gospel Acclamation from Chant Book

Reflection: "Do you suppose (they) who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other?". These words from the Gospel highlight to us how quick we are to interpret the sufferings of others as the burden of sin. Likewise, the Israelites had their own negative disposition against the people/tribes who inhabited the "Promised Land". They were given second chances in escaping the drought by inhabiting Egypt, and again, in their exodus to the Promised Land. Jesus advises us to focus on the end-goal: salvation. And our repentance is the response he seeks for the second chances that we receive.

Entrance: 347 In the Glory of these Forty Days

Entrance Ant.: *My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.*

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

Psalm: *The Lord is compassion and love.*

Gospel Acc.: *Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!*

Offertory: 348 This Season Calls Us to Return

Communion Ant.: *The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.*

Communion: **When I Survey the Cross (Rockingham) (*new)**

Recessional: 344 Parce Domine

Marian Anthem: Ave Regina Caelorum

Conductor:

Cantor:

Organist:

On Leave: