

A Coffee with Alessio



The Fifth Sunday of Easter- Year A

I hope your Easter season has gone well so far, and that you have been uplifted by the joyful music that you have provided in the liturgies for your parish and school communities during this joyful season of the liturgical year. This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of Ester, and in the Gospel reading we hear the following from Jesus:

“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me” (John 14:6).

Therefore, the message in this Sunday’s Gospel passage is very clear. There is no God the Father, without Jesus as God the Son, and vice-versa. Following on from this teaching, it is also clear that it is Jesus who keeps “us on the straight and narrow.” So, what hymns can we include in our Mass this weekend? Hymns that illustrate the theme of following Jesus. Verse 1 of “I am the Bread of Life”, fits in perfectly with the Gospel reading this Sunday. As I’ve mentioned to you before, that is a hymn that everyone should know. Also “I have loved you” by Michael Joncas (AOV1 #126; GA #402; CWBII #511) ties in with the Gospel, because it is talking about seeking the Face of the Lord. To me, the words used in that hymn are another way of expressing the sentiment of following Jesus. You can also continue to use hymns that are appropriate for the Easter season. We need to keep those “Alleluias” going.

So, I hope the music you provide this weekend will be uplifting, and most importantly relate to the theme of following Jesus.

To all our mothers and those who have a motherly role in our community, I wish you a very happy Mother's Day! I hope you get spoiled with lots of wonderful things, including a nice hot coffee and delicious cake!

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