

A Coffee with Alessio



Ascension Sunday

This Sunday we celebrate the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord into Heaven- another important solemnity in the Church's year. It is the first of four weeks of solemnities. Each of these solemnities that we celebrate over the next four weeks should be celebrated with grand and festive music!

In last week's column, I wrote about proclaiming the Good News. The Gospel this Sunday follows on from that theme. At the end of the Gospel reading this Sunday Jesus tells his apostles:

"Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19).

Jesus' command to his apostles two thousand years ago applies to us today. Through the work we do, we try to bring people to know the Lord and his love for them. If we take our music ministry seriously, then people will know that we mean business, and that selecting music for the Mass and preparing music for use in the Mass, is not something that can be done any old which-way.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! (AOV1 #191; CWB #619; CWBII #449; GA #371) ties in perfectly with the liturgy this Sunday (especially verse 2) and you can use this hymn again in a couple of weeks for Corpus Christi Sunday. In *Catholic Worship Book II*, there are several hymns suitable for Ascension Sunday, so why not look at it with your fellow musicians and look ahead to what you can learn for Ascension Sunday next year. It will be here before we know it.

I think a delicious pastry and coffee is in order this weekend, since we are celebrating an important solemnity!

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