

## *A Coffee with Alessio*



### **The Transfiguration of the Lord**

Two weeks this Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord (on Sunday 6 August). This feast will replace the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year A. I thought I would give you the heads up about this feast so that I could give you some musical suggestions to use for this particular feast. In *Catholic Worship Book* (1985), there is a wonderful hymn 'God, Your glory we have seen in your Son' (#695). The problem with this hymn is that it is not the easiest piece of music for a congregation to pick up after one go. So, you might look ahead to teaching it to your choir sometime, and then using it at various times throughout the year, so the people will catch on.

The *Daily Mass Book 2017* states: "This feast celebrates the divine radiance shining in Christ's human flesh and God's glory shining forth in the lives of Christians." So what hymns can we use that express this theme for this particular feast? Here is a list:

- Be Thou My Vision (AOV1 #9; CWB #733; CWBII #455)
- Blessed Jesus, at Your Word (CWB #626; CWBII #457; GA #531)
- Christ is the World's Light (CWB #643; CWBII #467)

- Eye has not seen (AOV1 #146; GA #466)
- Glory and Praise to our God (AOV1 #16; CWBII #491; GA #417)
- O raise your eyes on high and see (CWBII #434)
- Praise to the Holiest in the Height (CWB #791; CWBII #585; GA #410)
- Praise to You, O Christ, our Saviour (AOV1 #28; CWBII #587; GA #407)
- 'Tis good, Lord, to be here (CWBII #435)
- Rejoice! the Lord Is King (CWB #799; CWBII #377)
- Shine, Jesus Shine (AOV2 #59; CWBII #550)

These are just some suggestions from various hymnals that you could use for this feast day. Hopefully you will be familiar with some of these already. You will notice there is a mixture of traditional and contemporary music in this list. Remember, as I've said before there is room for both styles. So, as you have your coffee this week with your fellow musicians you can discuss with them what music you already know for this feast day, and if you have to learn something new, what would be the most practical and 'accessible' piece of music for the choir and people to learn in short period of time.

Enjoy your coffee!

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