

A Coffee with Alessio



The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday is the last Sunday in Ordinary Time before Lent begins next Wednesday. It will be the last Sunday of green vestments till June. We also farewell the Alleluia this weekend, as there is no Alleluia at all in our liturgy during the Season of Lent. As such I would suggest singing a couple of verses of one of the following hymns this Sunday as the recessional hymn:

- All Creatures of our God and King*
- Celtic Alleluia: Sending Forth* or
- Seek ye first the Kingdom of God.*

During Lent the Alleluia is replaced by one of the following four texts for the Gospel Acclamation:

- Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
- Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
- Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
- Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will give some references to musical settings of these acclamations next week. As I suggested last year, it's probably a good idea to use one setting throughout the whole of Lent. If you did this last year, you may like to try a new setting this year and use it alongside the setting you used last year. Remember, Lent is really a short period in the liturgical calendar. Forty days might seem a long time, but Easter will be here before we know it! So, don't make life too difficult for yourself.

So just as we are farewelling the Alleluia this week, I am also farewelling all the delectable delights of pastries, Italian biscuits and Baci chocolates. This coming Tuesday is pancake Tuesday. So, I'll need to get up early to have my pancakes before heading to school. I like those pancakes with berries, custard and cream poured on top. They are *mouth-watering!*

I hope you have a wonderful week, and you get to enjoy some delicious pancakes on Tuesday!

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