

A Coffee with Alessio



Ascension Sunday

In the second reading this Sunday from Saint Paul's letter to the Ephesians we will hear the following:

"And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some evangelists; to some pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-13).

Yes, indeed the Lord doesn't want us looking into the sky like the apostles (as we will hear in the first reading this Sunday). Instead, he has given each of us gifts and talents to share and to help others in their work. It can be very easy to say no to people when they ask us for help. But who knows, where and what that help will lead to. Similarly, with us as liturgical musicians the Lord has given us musical gifts to build up the Body of Christ on earth.

I told you last week that I would report about my coffee to you. This week my column is coming to you from Lot Six Zero- a café chain with a couple of outlets here in Perth. I had a flat white and a berry and frangipane loaf. It was a rather nice combination- and not too sweet. So, too our music should be a blend of old and new, familiar and becoming familiar with. This Sunday presents itself with many possibilities of choices of music- including those which would be well known by your congregation. What we would call the 'old favourites'. You know your congregation and its abilities, so make sure the music you choose will allow the members of the "gathered assembly" to contribute to the service of the Lord.

Wishing you a happy Ascension Sunday!

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