

A Coffee with Alessio



Saint John the Baptist

I know that I normally write about the feast for the upcoming Sunday or if the Friday happens to be a feast day I will write about that feast. I am going to just deviate from the routine today. So, apologies to those who were looking forward to a column on Trinity Sunday. This past week the weekday cycle returned to Ordinary Time, and the Sunday cycle will join the weekday cycle in a couple of weeks' time.

In four Sundays' time we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Birth of Saint John the Baptist. There are only three birthdays we celebrate in the Church. Those of Jesus at Christmas, Mary (8 September) and John the Baptist (24 June). I won't go into the specifics of the feast day in this column. I'll do that in four weeks' time. Rather, I would like to give you the heads up as to some possibilities of musical suggestions you can use for this feast day.

-God called great prophets to foretell (CWBII #430)

-On this high feast day (CWBII #431)

-Bless'd be the God of Israel (CWBII #187b)- the tune here is to that of 'I Heard the voice of Jesus say'. If you are unfamiliar with that tune, this text can be sung to the tune of 'O Little town of Bethlehem'.

-Fill Ev'ry Valley Up (AOVK #54)

-Prepare the Way of the Lord (CWB #794/ CWBII #250 / GA #250)

This feast is only celebrated on a Sunday every few years, so it's important to look ahead, and again where possible use texts to familiar hymn tunes.

Wishing you a happy Trinity Sunday and I hope you find a nice café where you can look at the suggested music in this column with your fellow musicians.

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