sundays of paschal tide

‘Proper’ of the Mass

Set to Gregorian Tones
With Organ Accompaniment

by

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In order to satisfy a number of requests, I have prepared this little “Sampler” of settings of the ‘Proper’ of the Mass. Those asking for these settings tell me they value:

1. Devotion to the Word of God, in particular, to the Book of Psalms as the “Prayerbook” of the Church.

2. A desire to “Sing the Mass” rather than to “Sing at the Mass.” The Proper parts of the Mass given in the Roman Missal represent the authentic piety of the Liturgy, and best nourish the spiritual needs of the faithful.

3. Sacred texts that focus on devotion to God, divine realities, the transcendent, the mysteries of the Liturgical Year, sin and repentance, and the gifts of grace.

4. Music that draws its inspiration from the traditional chant and polyphony of the Church.

5. Organ accompaniments that adorn and heighten the word of God, without being flashy or calling an inordinate attention to themselves.

6. Options that are simple enough for beginning cantors and choirs, and require a minimum of rehearsal time.

7. In addition, options that are more challenging, and call to mind the sound and atmosphere, evoke the “ethos,” of the traditional chants of the Graduale Romanum, while using the officially approved English texts.

To this end, I am including here some “sketches” of possibilities. If you, the recipient, have time, please assist with this project. Provide feedback as to your needs, what works and doesn’t work, what is not included here that you would like to see, and any other points of interest and concern.

A new translation of the Missale Romanum is expected soon. With the advent of this translation, will it be time to make available an English Gradual in the styles of traditional Catholic church music included herein?

I am eager to hear from you. Email works best for me.

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1. O Lord, you have searched me and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up. My journeys and my rest you scrutinize, with all my ways you are familiar. (R)

2. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. (R)

3. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. (R)

4. You are my God, and I give thanks to you; O my God, I exalt you. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his love endures forever. (R)
east er su nday
communion (A)

7. Christ has be- come our paschal sac- ri- fice; let us feast with the unleavened bread of

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sin- cer- i- ty and truth, alleluia, al- le- lu- ia.

psalm 117

1. The stone which the builders re-jected
has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes. (Ř)

2. This is the day the Lord has made;
let us be glad and rejoice in it.
O Lord, grant salvation!
O Lord, grant prosper-ity! (Ř)

3. Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord:
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
The Lord is God, and he has given us light. (Ř)

4. You are my God, and I give thanks to you;
O my God, I extol you.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his love endures forever. (Ř)
7. Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; * let us feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

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psalm 117

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Sunday 2 of Easter — Low Sunday

Introit

7. Like newborn children you should thirst for milk, on which your spirit can grow to strength,

Psalm 117

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2. This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.
   O Lord, grant salvation!
   O Lord, grant prosperity! (R)

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Sunday 2 of Easter -- Low Sunday

Communion

7. Jesus spoke to Thomas: Put your hand here, and see the place of the nails. Doubt no longer, but believe, alleluia.

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Psalm 117

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   Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
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Sunday 3 of Easter

Introit (A)

7. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy; praise the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise, alleluia.

1. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. (R)

2. This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. O Lord, grant salvation! O Lord, grant prosperity! (R)

3. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, I and he has given us light. (R)

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Sunday 3 of Easter

Communion

1. The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

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2. This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.
   O Lord, grant salvation!
   O Lord, I grant prosperity! (R)

3. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
   we bless you from the house of the Lord.
   The Lord is God, and he has given us light. (R)

4. You are my God, and I give thanks to you;
   O my God, I extol you.
   Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
   for his love endures forever. (R)

Psalm 117
Sunday 4 of Easter

Introit

1. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord; by the word of the Lord
the heavens were made, alleluia.

Psalm 117

1. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
   By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. (R')

2. This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.
   O Lord, grant salvation!
   O Lord, grant prosperity! (R')

3. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
   we bless you from the house of the Lord.
   The Lord is God, and he has given us light. (R')

4. You are my God, and I give thanks to you;
   O my God, I exalt you.
   Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
   for his love endures forever. (R')
Sunday 4 of Easter

Communion

1. The Good Shepherd is risen! He who laid down his life for his sheep, who died for his flock,

1. The stone which the | builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
   By the Lord has this been done; it is | wonderful in our eyes. (R')

2. This is the day the | Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.
   O Lord, grant salvation!
   O | Lord, / grant prosperity! (R')

3. Blessed is | he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.
   The Lord is | God, / and he has given us light. (R')

4. You are my God, and | I give thanks to you; O my God, I extol you.
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Sunday 5 of Easter
introit

1. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. (R)

2. This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. O Lord, grant salvation! O Lord, grant prosperity! (R)

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Sunday 5 of Easter
Communion

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Psalms 117

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Sunday 6 of Easter

Introit

Psalm 117

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   let us be glad and rejoice in it.
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   O Lord, grant prosperity! (R)

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   in the name of the Lord;
   we bless you from the house of the Lord,
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   O my God, I extol you.
   Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
   for his love endures forever. (R)

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Sunday 6 of Easter

Communion

1. If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord. The Father will send you the Holy
   Spirit, to be with you for ever, alleluia.

Psalm 117

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