

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been more than half a year since I've taken over the music director position in our church. I'm very pleased with the progress we made as a congregation, which now sings psalms and lots of beautiful, new and traditional songs of praise every week for our God's glory.

We have learned Gloria and we sing it now with confidence and joy. It is a great pleasure for me to hear your voices proclaiming your faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ. I know God is pleased with them too:)

I would like us to start learning The Lord's Prayer, which melody can be found on page 32 of our hymnal. We will be learning it before each mass over the next few weeks.

Speaking of our new hymnal, I hope by now you all became familiar with its format and can easily find the readings, psalms and songs we sing at masses.

You all may have noticed, we have two boards on both sides of the altar, with numbers of songs, for your convenience.

I kindly ask that you not leave the church before we finish singing two verses of the recessional hymn. It is a great opportunity for all of us, Christ's disciples, to praise Him. The closing hymn solemnly concludes the great Feast we receive at the table of The Lord. It should inspire us to go 'into the world' to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord. Please join in singing whenever you can:)

Lastly, the Adult Choir is growing. We have currently 20 members, who volunteer their wonderful voices and personalities. I would like to take the opportunity and thank all choristers for their commitment and vocal contribution to our weekly liturgy.

New members are always welcome. We are especially in need of men. We currently have four, but need more to balance out the sound. Please consider joining, even if you have never sung in choir before. All choristers receive free vocal training at rehearsals, which you can take advantage of.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer with Christ in your hearts and lives...

God Bless You.

*Kate Owen*