

He is Risen! Alleluia!

A combined choir of nine adult Schola Cantorum of the Pacific members and about 20 parish school students, violinists and guitarists sang or accompanied the noon Easter Sunday English Mass with Schola founder Fr. Ted Ley, SM, as celebrant, at Immaculate Conception Church in downtown Los Angeles.

Choristers sang the *Alleluia Easter Introit* using music from French organist/composer Eugène Gigout. That was followed by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina's *Kyrie* from the *Missa Aeterna Christi Munera* ("Eternal Gifts of Christ") and the *Gloria* in English from Christopher Walker's *Belmont Mass*.

The choir next sang the 8th century Latin Gregorian Easter Sequence *Victimae Paschali Laudes*, in which Mary Magdalene tells the Apostles Christ has risen from the tomb. Another Palestrina piece, *Jesu Rex Admirabilis* ("O Jesus, King most admirable," from the 12th century Hymn of St. Bernard of Clairvaux), along with Marianist Bro. Howard Hughes' *To This Table Lord, We Come*, and an anonymous Tudor anthem, *This is the Day* from Psalm 118, were sung during the Offertory and Incensing.

During the Eucharistic Liturgy, Marty Haugen's *Holy, Mystery of Faith*, and *Amen*, from his *Creation Mass* was followed by the chanted *Our Father* and *Embolism. A Choral Lamb of God*, written especially for Immaculate Conception choristers, by Fr. Ley, was sung by the combined choirs. Holy Communion songs included the congregational Gregorian *Regina Caeli Laetare* ("Queen of Heaven, Rejoice"); *Come O Jesus, Come into My Heart*, written by Fr. Ted especially for First Communicants, and the Harry Wheaton Howard *Ave Maria*.

The Recessional was the famous *Taizé Laudate* ("Praise the Lord all you nations," from Psalm 117) by Jacques Berthier, composed for the Ecumenical Monastery of Taizé, France.

Schola adults included: tenor conductor/choirmaster Vicente Bastidas; basses Michael Tabor and Marco Latini; altos Alisa Benitez and Gennesis Tadeo; and sopranos Christina van Ingen, Cynthia Bih, Marilu Reyes and Louinn Lota.