

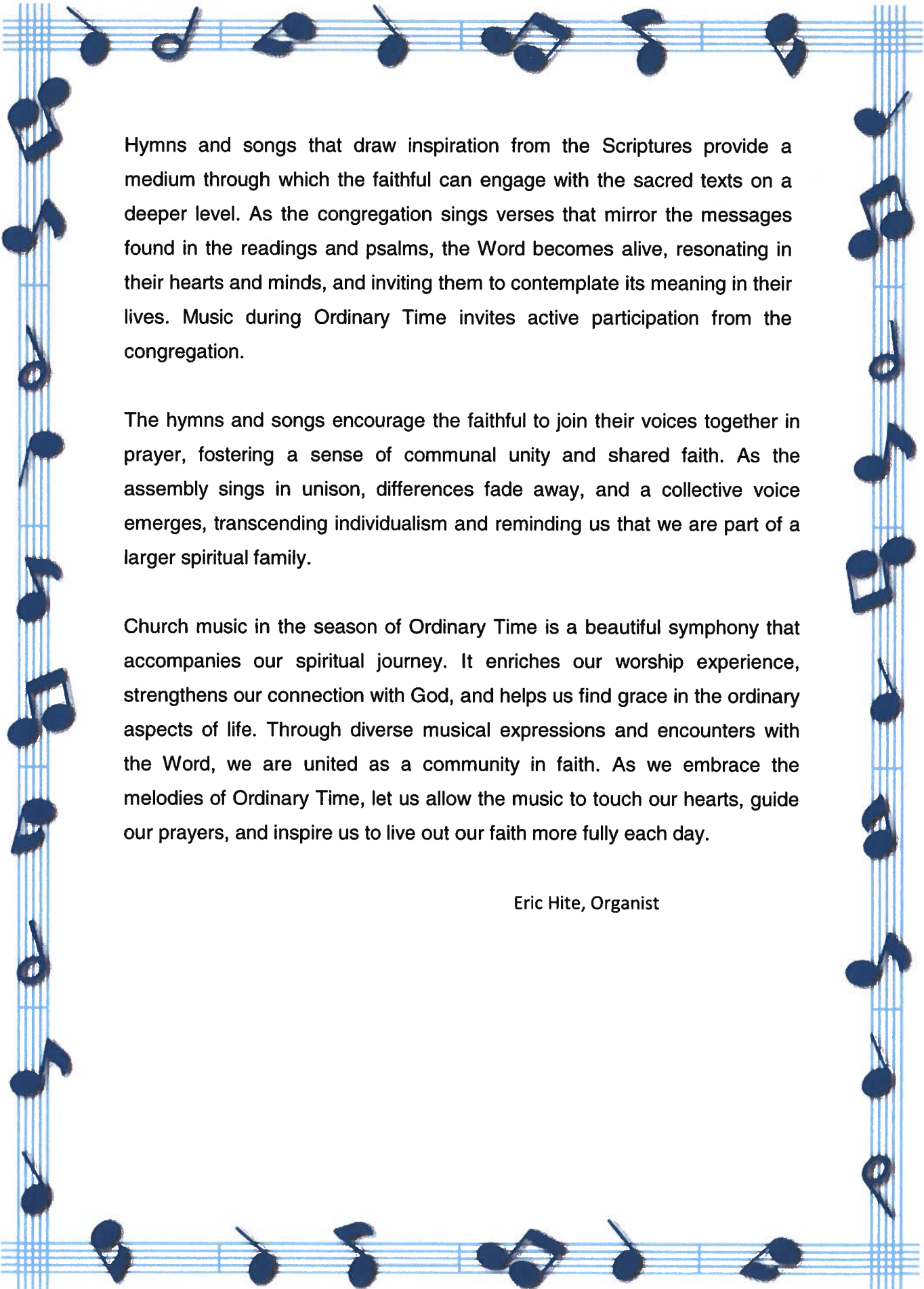


Celebrating the Melodies of Faith: Church Music in the Season of Ordinary Time

In the liturgical calendar, the season of Ordinary Time holds a special place as a time of spiritual growth and reflection. It is a season of deepening our relationship with God, exploring the mysteries of faith, and finding solace in the everyday rhythms of life. Within this liturgical framework, church music plays a vital role in enhancing the worship experience, stirring the soul, and fostering a sense of unity among the faithful. Music possesses a unique ability to touch the deepest recesses of our hearts and souls. It has the power to communicate emotions, convey profound messages, and inspire us in ways that words alone often cannot.

Within the context of the liturgy, music becomes a conduit through which we express our love, gratitude, and devotion to God. It helps to elevate our spirits, enabling us to connect with the divine and participate more fully in the sacred celebration. Ordinary Time, characterized by its green liturgical vestments, offers us an opportunity to delve into the ordinary aspects of life and discover the extraordinary within them. During this season, church music assumes a pivotal role in guiding us on this spiritual journey. It serves as a gentle reminder that even in the ordinary moments of our lives, God's presence can be found.

The melodies and lyrics of hymns and songs help us recognize the sacred in the midst of the mundane and find meaning in the routine. Scripture plays a vital role in shaping the liturgy, and church music serves as a vehicle for bringing the Word of God to life.



Hymns and songs that draw inspiration from the Scriptures provide a medium through which the faithful can engage with the sacred texts on a deeper level. As the congregation sings verses that mirror the messages found in the readings and psalms, the Word becomes alive, resonating in their hearts and minds, and inviting them to contemplate its meaning in their lives. Music during Ordinary Time invites active participation from the congregation.

The hymns and songs encourage the faithful to join their voices together in prayer, fostering a sense of communal unity and shared faith. As the assembly sings in unison, differences fade away, and a collective voice emerges, transcending individualism and reminding us that we are part of a larger spiritual family.

Church music in the season of Ordinary Time is a beautiful symphony that accompanies our spiritual journey. It enriches our worship experience, strengthens our connection with God, and helps us find grace in the ordinary aspects of life. Through diverse musical expressions and encounters with the Word, we are united as a community in faith. As we embrace the melodies of Ordinary Time, let us allow the music to touch our hearts, guide our prayers, and inspire us to live out our faith more fully each day.

Eric Hite, Organist



**The Historic Church of Saint Patrick
160th Anniversary Celebrations**

July-

50/50 - Sundays leading up to Aug 2nd

July 8 - Thrift n' Sip 2 @ Maumee Bay Brewing Company

July 9 - County Kilt Day

July 30 - St Pat's School members honored

August-

Aug 2 - Pints with the Pastors - Packo's at the Park (tickets \$15)

Aug 4 - HSP160 Golf Outing at Belmont CC

Aug 6 - 160th Mass and Brisket Picnic (tickets \$15)

Aug 8 - Family Night at the Mudhens (tickets \$10)

Save the Dates-

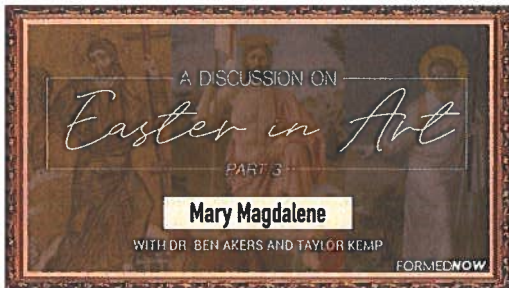
September - 50/50 - Sundays leading up to Oct 8th

**October 8 - Mass w/Bishop Thomas
Brunch with the Bishop @ Manhattan's (tickets \$30)**

October 29 - Organ Concert @ 3pm

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Week of July 16, 2023



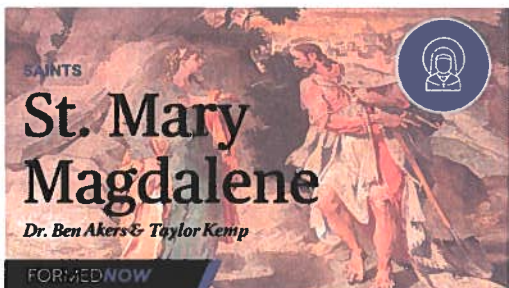
Easter in Art: Mary Magdalene (Part 3 of 3)

Learn about the "apostle to the apostles" in this discussion with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp. They take a look at a famous painting of Jesus's encounter with Mary Magdalene following the Resurrection.



Where are You? | Forgiven | Session 1

This captivating series explores Catholic themes of redemption, grace, and forgiveness through compelling storytelling and thought-provoking narratives. It offers a profound understanding of the transformative power of forgiveness and its significance in personal growth and spiritual renewal.



Saint Mary Magdalene

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp for a discussion on the life and witness of St. Mary Magdalene. Who was she, and why is she a saint? Find out in this conversation.

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