

John Lilburne's journal about the new instructions that the Sequence should be after the Alleluia. The 2000 GIRM had that the Sequence was to be after the Alleluia, but the 2002 GIRM has that it is to be before it.

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I received an email this morning about whether the Sequence should be before or after the Alleluia.

According to the 2000 *Institutio Generalis Missalis Romani*, n. 64:

The Sequence is optional, except on Easter Sunday and Pentecost. It is sung after the Alleluia.

This is an unofficial translation (which seems correct to me) of:

Sequentia, quae praeter quam diebus Paschae et Pentecostes, est ad libitum, cantatur post Alleluia.

The "after the Alleluia" part was not in the 1975 Roman Missal, n. 40. This simply had:

Sequences are optional, except on Easter Sunday and Pentecost.

I have not seen the *Order of Mass* in the 2002 Roman Missal which was published last week. Perhaps it has something there I am unaware of. But with this publication I believe the liturgical law now in force is that the Sequence should be after the Alleluia.

The Australian translation of the Lectionary for Mass has them in the opposite order for the Easter Sunday Mass (Volume 1, page 409):

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer
sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat

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strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to
reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see
upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before
you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we
know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal
sacrifice; let us feast with joy
in the Lord.
Alleluia

I expect that this is the order they appear in every lectionary in every Catholic church using the Roman Rite. So what will happen on Easter Sunday? Have people been studying the *Institutio Generalis* since its publication in 2000? Are they ready to implement its changes when the new Roman Missal is published? I guess people will see for themselves on Sunday.

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Today I find a different instruction in the 2002 Roman Missal, n. 64:

cantatur **ante** Alleluia.

The Latin word "ante" means "before". So the Sequence is to be before the Alleluia according to the 2002 General Instruction of the Roman Missal, not after it as in the 2000 GIRM.

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