



Liturgical Reminders for the Seasons of Lent and Easter

(taken from the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal [GIRM]*
and *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship [SL]*).

During the season of Lent:

1. The *Gloria* is not sung during Sunday liturgies (*GIRM* 53, *SL* 148).
2. The *Alleluia* is replaced by alternate acclamations with their proper verse, as found in the *Lectionary for Mass (GIRM 62, SL 163)*.
Examples of alternate acclamations include: *Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ!* or *Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*
3. “It is forbidden for the altar to be decorated with flowers. *Laetare* Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), solemnities, and feasts are exceptions” (*GIRM* 305).
4. “The playing of the organ and musical instruments is allowed only to support the singing. Exceptions are *Laetare* Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), solemnities, and feasts” (*GIRM* 313).

On Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday:

5. The Sequence is required (*GIRM* 64, *SL* 165). It is sung before the *Alleluia (GIRM 64)*. “The Sequence may be sung by all together, or in alternation between the congregation and choir and cantor, or by the choir or cantor alone. The text from the *Lectionary for Mass* may be used, or a metrical paraphrase may be sung, provided that it is found in an approved collection of liturgical songs” (*SL* 166).