



Music Notes

Visions of sugar plums, Madrid, Barcelona, the Alhambra and hopes of visiting the spot near Toledo where El Greco painted the *View of Toledo*, and Gaudi's *La Sagrada Familia* and so much more, are dancing in my head. In 2 days my dear friend Deanne O'Day and I are leaving for Spain and even a day in Morocco. I'm so grateful that I've lived long enough to finally see the country that I've been wanting to visit for years. The art, architecture, music, glorious, towering cathedrals, the architecture left behind by the Moors and all of the colors of the country and the language have always intrigued me.

There will be lots of music while we're gone, led by Jenn, Monica, Phil Nicolai and the choir (see last month's music notes) Thank you my amazing and talented musicians. When we return, it will be to the strains of *Gracias A La Vida* (thanks be to the life that has given me so much) by Violeta Parra a brilliant songwriter and activist who grew up in politically oppressed Chile. This song has been embraced for years by many of the great singers of the world, including Joan Baez. It was recorded in 2010 by Canadian Michael Buble and other artists as a fundraiser for Chilean earthquake relief. A new setting of the *Stabat Mater* by Memley will also be included in the May 27th service. May both of these intense works help us to remember those whose lives were taken through violence. The first Sunday in June is Pride Day and you can believe that I'll find some great music to help us celebrate Pride, especially this year with 'don't ask, don't tell' finally over and same sex marriage finally here.

One of them will definitely be *Ritmo*, again a song sung in Spanish praising the joys of love, dance and song. It's a great number. Flower Communion will be the choir's last Sunday for the season.

We wish you all a happy healthy Summer and send you our love and thanks for all you do to support the music of this church.

With love from the Choir and Barb.

