



On Easter Monday, April 9, Missa Sancti Patris Benedicti from Opus III/1, dedicated to the Holy Father, was firstly performed by the Chamber Choir Würzburg under the direction of Matthias Beckert within a pontifical service with Auxiliary Bishop Helmut Bauer. At this service the Catholic pilgrimage church St. Kilian Oberelsbach was crowded by guests from near and far.

Auxiliary Bishop Helmut Bauer had the "cheerful duty" to convey heartiest compliments and greetings of the Holy Father to the congregation. On the occasion of the ad limina visit of the Bavarian bishops, he could present the Benedict Mass of Rathgeber to the Holy Father.

In his celebratory sermon, he especially appreciates Rathgeber's accomplishments as person, musician and monk. He also encouraged the congregation to live according Rathgeber's motto: "to praise God in singing and music".

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