Liturgy and Music Planning Overview

For April 23, 2017
Which is the Second Sunday of Easter, Year A

Lectionary # 43

Readings: Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy), Year A
I: Acts 2:42-47
II: 1 Peter 1:3-9
G: John 20:19-31

For reflection:

Faith is an incredible gift. While none of us have seen Jesus in his human, physical form or have had the opportunity to witness the marks in his hands or place our hands in his side, we still believe in him. Although this does not preclude the possibility that our faith could be rooted in a very real encounter with Christ through prayer or in a relationship with another person, the fact remains: we have not seen Jesus when he walked the earth.

And so Jesus tells us: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

It is for this precious gift of faith that we should give thanks, for God has made it possible for us to believe in and know his Son without us ever having seen him. And just as with any gift from God, our faith deserves to be protected, nourished, and strengthened through prayer and modeling our lives after Jesus. Let us continue the joy of the Easter season by praising God for this wonderful gift of faith!

Planning your music:

Mass Setting: _________________

Opening Song suggestions:
O God, Behold Your Family Here #712
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service #706
Come, Christians, Join to Sing #578

Gloria? Yes, every week during Easter. It’s always preferable to sing the Gloria, but if you’re not ready to do so, it may be spoken. Be sure to let your presider know whether you will speak it or sing it.

Psalm: The psalm for this week is 118. See the arrangement at #331 in the Newman Hymnal.

Alleluia (from your chosen Mass setting) If the Mass setting you are using doesn’t contain an Alleluia, look at #M4, #M97-100. Select one you like and then use it for the whole season.

Alleluia verse:
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe!
Preparation of the Altar and Gifts – Song Suggestions:
Now We Remain #702
Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life #703
Center of My Life #638

Holy, Holy; Memorial Acclamation; Amen (all from your chosen Mass setting)

Lord’s Prayer (may be spoken or sung)

Lamb of God/Agnus Dei (from your chosen Mass setting)

Communion Song Suggestions:
Gift of Finest Wheat #134
I Received the Living God #143
This Is My Body #159

Closing Song Suggestions:
Easter Alleluia #511
Sing with All the Saints in Glory #517
Go Make of All Disciples #737