Liturgy and Music Planning Overview

For April 30, 2017
Which is the Third Sunday of Easter, Year A

Lectionary # 46

Readings: Third Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy), Year A
I: Acts 2:14, 22-33
II: 1 Peter 1:17-21

For reflection:

Two disciples in our Gospel today find themselves walking, “look downcast,” as Luke’s Gospel tells us. Why? Shouldn’t they be rejoicing? After all, the two women went to the tomb and found it to be empty on the third day after Jesus’ death. It’s exactly as he promised and a fulfillment of the prophecy that he would rise to new life. So why are they so sad and worried?

Christianity is a faith that does not rely on sight to prove itself. There are many themes of blindness/sight throughout the Gospels that bring us -- over 2,000 years after the death of Jesus -- some comfort in knowing that we can’t always see what’s plainly in front of us. The disciples bound for Emmaus were looking downcast because they had lost sight of Jesus. They only came to recognize him in the breaking of the bread, once he revealed himself to them.

Today, let’s pray that we might recognize Jesus in faith, in tradition, in Scripture, in others, and in ourselves.

Lord, help us to see you and to trust in the promise of your Resurrection.

Planning your music:

Mass Setting: ___________________

Opening Song suggestions:
This Is the Feast of Victory #502
To Were Bound for Emmaus #523
Christ the Lord is Risen Today #509

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 16. See the arrangement at #176 (refrain I) 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:
Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts – Song Suggestions:
Sleepers, Awake #508
Behold! I Make All Things New #506
Surrexit Christus #520

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:
As We Gather at Your Table #131
Draw Near #136
God’s Holy Mystery #145

Closing Song Suggestions:
O Sons and Daughters #516
Christ the Lord is Risen Today #518
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks #501