Liturgy and Music Planning Overview

For August 20, 2017
Which is the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Lectionary # 118

Readings: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
I: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
II: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
G: Matthew 15:21-28

For reflection:

God’s hope, as reflected in the readings today, is for all peoples to seek out God with great faith. Despite our diverse backgrounds, we are -- as one human race -- invited to recognize the universality of God’s call.

Questions for us to consider today: how do you approach God in faith with your requests and petitions? Do you think, or expect, that God will hear you and answer you or do you think you will be unheard? In today’s Gospel, Jesus praises a Canaanite woman for demonstrating great faith, and she did so simply through persistence. She pressed Jesus to express her desire and need; she was unwilling to leave his side until he answered her.

Lord, help us to have persistent faith even when we are challenged, that we might come to know you by seeking you.

Planning your Music

Mass Setting: _______________________

Opening Song suggestions:
Gather Us In #579
We Gather Together #580
All People That on Earth Do Dwell #594

Gloria? Yes, every week during Ordinary Time. 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 67. See the arrangement at #254 in the Newman Hymnal.

During Ordinary Time you may also use Psalm 145. See arrangements for Psalm 145 at #356-363 in the Newman Hymnal. You may be most familiar with #358 and #362. #359 is also very simple and can be learned easily.

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:
Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom
and cured every disease among the people.
Preparation of the Altar and Gifts – Song Suggestions:
God of Love #639
Christ Has No Body Now But Yours #762
We Walk by Faith #643

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:
Bread For the World #132
All Who Hunger #128
As We Gather at Your Table #131

Closing Song Suggestions:
We Are Your People #581
All the Earth #576
Sing of the Lord’s Goodness #612