Liturgical and Music Planning Overview

For August 27, 2017
Which is the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Lectionary # 121

Readings: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
I: Isaiah 22:19-23  
II: Romans 11:33-36  
G: Matthew 16:13-20

For reflection:

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

In a way, this is an important, back-to-basics question for us, one that’s especially relevant as we begin a new academic year on campus. A new season is upon us (somewhat; we’re still firmly ensconced in Ordinary Time!): it’s a time to set goals and priorities, to establish new relationships and strengthen existing ones; a time when we can pray, in true discernment, about the person we are and the person we want to become. It’s fitting that today’s Gospel opens with that same question from Jesus: Who do people say that the Son of Man is?

Jesus has promised to be with the Church for all time, first through the authority and leadership of Peter. How do you promise, in response, to be faithful to Christ throughout time? Who do YOU say that Jesus is, and how are you in relationship with him? Perhaps in your own way of conversational-style prayer, or maybe through acts of service to others and by going to Mass, we can come to address this question for ourselves: who do we say the Son of Man, the Son of God, is in our lives?

Lord, help us to know you and to be in friendship and conversation with you, that we might grow in faith by living according to the Gospel.

Planning your Music

Mass Setting: _______________________

Opening Song suggestions:
Jesus Christ, by Faith Revealed #563  
Gather Us Together #583  
We Are Called #689

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 138. See the arrangement at #352 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:
You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts – Song Suggestions:
Only This I Want #569
You Are the Way #717
There Is a Longing #708

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:
I Am the Bread of Life #144
Eucharistic Litany #150
Take and Eat #155

Closing Song Suggestions:
The Church’s One Foundation # 572
We Are the Light of the World #691
City of God #694