Liturgical and Music Planning Overview

For September 10, 2017
Which is the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Lectionary # 127

Readings: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
   I: Ezekiel 33:7-9
   II: Romans 13:8-10
   G: Matthew 18:15-20

For reflection:

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

It is difficult to walk more than a few feet on campus before seeing a gathering. A group of students reviewing for an exam or working on a project, a group chatting in a dining hall or after class, we find ourselves gathered together by assignment, class, or dorm. We formally gather in faith as a community for weekly Mass, but we spend informal gatherings in faith as well, perhaps without recognizing it. When we walk by Main Building with friends and can’t help but stare at the golden dome, when we light a candle in prayer at the Grotto, or when we practice and prepare for Mass, we gather in the presence of Jesus.

When have you been in a group and felt that God was present in your midst? How have you seen gatherings of the faithful turn into gatherings of faith? How can you gather intentionally to grow in your faith life? In what new ways can you make God present in your communities?

Lord, help us to gather together with the community of believers, that you may be made known to us in their presence.

Planning your Music

Mass Setting:

Opening Song suggestions:
We Are the Light of the World #691
Partners in the Mission #695
Make Us True Servants #744

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 #25. See the arrangement at #292, #293, or #294 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:
*God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.*

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts – Song Suggestions:
Hosea #466
The Servant Song #690
Tree of Life #478

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:
Pan del Cielo #156
Take and Eat This Bread #148
One Bread, One Body #152

Closing Song Suggestions:
Amazing Grace #660
There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy #676
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #654