Liturgical and Music Planning Overview

For September 17, 2017
Which is the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Lectionary # 130

Readings: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
I: Sirach 27:30 -- 28:7
II: Romans 14:7-9
G: Matthew 18:21-35

For reflection:

“Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord?”

The first reading from Sirach today contains a powerful and challenging question that proves relevant still today. Especially in the troubled times in our world, how can we expect healing when we fuel the fire of hatred and anger against one another?

We know that our God extends a hand of tender mercy to us again and again, even when we refuse to acknowledge our sinfulness. But we need to be honest -- matching hate with hate does not reflect Christ’s eternal love. As difficult as it can be, meeting hate with love (perhaps love that comes first from a foundation of respect and dialogue) is the only way to build the kingdom of God on earth.

Lord, you are kind and merciful, and so should we should be toward one another. Help us to pray for a greater capacity to forgive one another.

Planning your music:

Mass Setting: ___________________

Opening Song suggestions:
Sing of the Lord’s Goodness #612
Where Charity and Love Prevail #650
For the Healing of All Nations #658

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 103. See the arrangement at #308 (refrain II) 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:
I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:
love one another as I have loved you.

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts – Song Suggestions:
Come to Me #662
Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive #656
Remember Your Love #169

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 Come With Joy #142
Gift of Finest Wheat #134
I Received the Living God #143

Closing Song Suggestions:
Canticle of the Turning #772
Christ Has No Body Now But Yours #762
For the Healing of All Nations #658