Liturgy and Music Planning Overview

For November 26, 2017
Which is The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Lectionary # 160

Readings: The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
I: Ezekiel 34:11-12
II: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
G: Matthew 25:31-46

For reflection:

The imagery of the Lord as our shepherd appears in the first reading today, showing that we are cared for with such overwhelming love and guidance. God is personally invested in the wellbeing of each and every one of us. The Lord will show us the path, if we strive to listen to the Word. We have the perfect example of Christ, King of the Universe, who loved us to the point of death on the cross to guide us on the path to living a truly Christian life.

Do you recognize God’s guidance in your life? Have you been shepherded towards the right path for your life? Have you looked towards the model of Christ to guide you? How, on this feast day, can you better understand what Christ’s example has done for you?

Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, grant us life in you through your merciful love.

Planning your music:

Mass Setting: ____________________

Opening Song suggestions:
Jesus Christ, By Faith Revealed #563
At the Name of Jesus #557
To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King #560

Gloria? Yes, because even though Ordinary Time has come to an end, we always recite/sing the Gloria for Solemnity feasts!

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 23. See the arrangement at #190 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:
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts – Song Suggestions:
Only This I Want #569
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need #669
Jesus, Remember Me #494

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
Draw Near #136
Take and Eat This Bread #158

Closing Song Suggestions:
God, We Praise You #604
Lift High the Cross #742
Rejoice, the Lord is King #571