Liturgy and Music Planning Overview

For December 3, 2017
Which is the 1st Sunday of Advent, Year B

Lectionary # 2

Readings: 1st Sunday of Advent, Year B
I: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2b-7
II: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
G: Mark 13:33-37

For reflection:

Today’s readings are about readiness, and the directives are clear: stay awake; be prepared. Step out of the darkness you’ve been living in and walk in the light! Usually, Lent is the liturgical season credited for its challenge to us to give up our sinful ways and walk with Christ. However, today’s readings call our faith to action in a similar way. We don’t know when the Lord will come to dwell among us again, so we have to be ready.

This time of year is frenetic. Shed the unnecessary sinful patterns of your life that aren’t bringing you joy, and use Advent as a spiritual wake-up call. This Advent, pray to grow closer in relationship to Christ with each passing day. Let’s join in prayer to prepare for the coming of Christ into the world.

Lord, you call us to be vigilant in this Advent season; invite us to walk in the light as we prepare our hearts for you.

Planning your music:

Mass Setting: ________________

Opening Song suggestions:
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #410
Creator of the Stars of Night #420
The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns #428

Gloria? No, not during Advent.

Psalm: The psalm for this week is 80. See the arrangement at #267 in the Newman Hymnal.

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:
Show us Lord, your love;
and grant us your salvation.

**Preparation of the Altar and Gifts – Song Suggestions:**
My Soul in Stillness Waits #412
Ready the Way of the Lord #426
Wait for the Lord #415

**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:**
Draw Near #136
Lead Us to Your Light #417
As Grains of Wheat #141

**Closing Song Suggestions:**
Once Our Forebears Watched and Waited #424
Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn #414
Come, O Long Awaited Savior #413