Liturgy and Music Planning Overview

For December 10, 2017
Which is the 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B

Lectionary # 5

Readings: 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B
  I: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
  II: 2 Peter 3:8-14
  G: Mark 1:1-8

For reflection:

The readings today call for repentance, and John the Baptist is just the Spirit-fueled, determined man to do it. His call is to reform, repent, and be baptized in water...and to know that something greater is coming.

Entering into the waters of baptism moves us from sin into new life; the sin is left behind in darkness, and with water comes light and new life. The readings proclaimed in Advent are intended to prepare us for the coming of the Lord to dwell in the world and in our hearts. In order to be as prepared as possible, we need to acknowledge and confess our sins so as to make our hearts worthy of God’s dwelling place on earth. Consider going to confession in these last weeks of the semester to seek God’s forgiveness through the sacrament of Reconciliation. Growing closer to Jesus through abandoning our pride, selfishness, anger, and hurt is a beautiful opportunity that Advent affords. This year, prepare your heart. This year, Christmas will find you ready to welcome Jesus into your heart and 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:
Comfort, Comfort, O My People #418
People, Look East #429
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #410

*Gloria?* No, not during Advent.

*Psalm:* The psalm for this week is 85. See the arrangement at #273 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:
*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:*  
*All flesh shall see the salvation of God.*

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts – Song Suggestions:  
Wait for the Lord #415  
My Soul in Stillness Waits #412  
Watchman, Tell Us of the Night #430

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:  
Gift of Finest Wheat #134  
Bread for the World #132  
I Come With Joy #142

Closing Song Suggestions:  
On Jordan’s Bank #419  
O Come, Divine Messiah #416  
Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn #414