Liturgically and Music Planning Overview

For January 21, 2018
Which is the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Lectionary # 68

Readings: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
I: Jonah 3:1-5, 10
II: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
G: Mark 1:14-20

For reflection:

Jonah has survived the belly of the whale, and announces to Nineveh, “Repent!” The Ninevites hear him and respond with their conversion of heart. Jesus announces in Galilee, “Repent!” and gathers around him his first disciples, who turn away from their comfortable lives as fishermen to follow Christ. We, too, are called to conversion of heart, to respond to God’s word, to examine whether our comfortable lives actually enable us to follow Christ. Don’t we often resist the notion of repentance? Don’t we shrink from the idea of putting aside that which we’re familiar with, to try a new path?

Something compelled the Ninevites and Jesus’ first disciples to take a chance; to risk the known for the unknown. How might we take a risk this week in order to come a little closer to Christ in our lives? How might we begin to think about conversion and repentance as opportunities? As second chances?

Lord, help us to forge ahead into the unknown, that we may come to greater knowledge of you and your workings in our lives.

Planning your Music

Mass Setting: _______________________.

Opening Song Suggestions:
All Creatures of Our God and King #630
God, Whose Purpose is to Kindle #554
God of Day and God of Darkness #401
Day is Done #399 (see also #400, sung to the same tune as #399)

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 #198-203 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:
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent and believe in the Gospel.

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts Song Suggestions:
Hosea #466
Amazing Grace #660
Seek Ye First the Kingdom #680
Lord of All Hopefulness #671

Holy, Holy; Memorial Acclamation; Amen (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:
Any setting of Psalm 103 (#307-#310 – you will probably recognize #307 and #308, refrain 1, most easily)
Blest are They #693
Amen, El Cuerpo de Cristo #129
Taste and See #157

Closing Song Suggestions:
We are the Light of the World #691
Sent Forth by God’s Blessing #588
Go to the World #735
Go, Be Justice #739

For other ideas, consider exploring the selections under “Repentance,” “Discipleship,” and “Kingdom of God” in the Liturgical and Topical section of the Newman Hymnal (beginning at #831).