Liturgy and Music Planning Overview

For January 28, 2018
Which is the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Lectionary # 71

Readings: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
I: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
II: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
G: Mark 1:21-28

For reflection:

Both the first reading and Gospel speak about what it means to be a prophet, or to have authority to speak in God’s name. The people of Jesus’ time did not always recognize his authority to teach or to heal, and even today we can sometimes wonder how to tell whether someone who claims to speak with authority actually speaks for God, or only for themselves.

Do today’s readings give you any clues about to identify true healers or prophets? And what is our responsibility as baptized persons to speak the truth? How do we live with integrity and authority as disciples who can speak God’s truth in the world?

Lord, help us to seek truth, in ourselves and in others, so that we may be drawn ever nearer to you.

Planning your Music

Mass Setting: _______________________

Opening Song suggestions:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks  #501
Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior  #570
Gather Us Together  #583
We Are Your People  #581

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 Psalm 95. See arrangements at #292-294 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 people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen.

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts – Song Suggestions:
You are Mine  #667
Healer of our Every Ill  #666
Come to Me  #662
Amazing Grace  #660 (could also be used for Communion)

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:
Amazing Grace  #660 (could also be used for Preparation)
Lord of All Hopefulness  #671
Draw Near  #136
Any setting of Psalm 116 – found at #320-325

Closing Song Suggestions:
I Sing the Mighty Power of God  #629
Holy, Holy, Holy  #546
Canticle of the Turning  #772
Give Me Jesus  #558

For other ideas, consider exploring the selections under “Discipleship,” “Witness,” “Healing,” or “God’s Power” in the Liturgical and Topical section of the Newman Hymnal (beginning at #831).