Liturg and Music Planning Overview

For February 11, 2018
Which is the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Lectionary # 77

Readings: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
I: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
II: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1
G: Mark 1:40-45

For reflection

The first reading describes the severe restrictions that the religious law imposed on those with the disease of leprosy. Such background makes it even more moving to hear in the Gospel that Jesus “stretched out his hand” and “touched him” when he encountered a leper who had faith in Jesus’ power to heal. Though Jesus Christ does not walk among us in the same way he did during his time on Earth as God’s Son, fully human and fully divine, he still desires that we approach him in prayer with an open heart as the leper did.

For what are we willing to humble ourselves before Jesus, believing completely in his ability to work in our lives? Do we find it difficult to acknowledge that we need Jesus, and that he can still act in our lives and hearts today?

Lord, help us to humble ourselves so that we may welcome you into our hearts for the betterment of all people.

Planning your Music

Ash Wednesday is this coming Wednesday, February 14. Therefore sometimes this Sunday is called “Alleluia Sunday” because it is our last chance as a Church to sing Alleluias until the Easter Vigil. Songs marked with a * below have Alleluias in them, should you choose to use them!

Mass Setting: ________________________

Opening Song Suggestions:
*We Are Your People  #581 (a very familiar tune with perhaps less-familiar words!)
There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy  #676
Lord of All Hopefulness #671
Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old #677 (again, you will likely recognize this melody)

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 32. See arrangements at #215-216 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:**
A great prophet has arisen in our midst,  
God has visited his people.

**Preparation of the Altar and Gifts Song Suggestions:**
Amazing Grace #660
You Are Mine #667
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need #669
Come to Me #662

**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 arrangement of Psalm 34 (#157 and #220-227)*
Healer of Our Every Ill #666
All Who Hunger #128
Take and Eat #155
Take and Eat This Bread #158

**Closing Song Suggestions:**
*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus #596*
*All Creatures of Our God and King #630*
We Shall Rise Again #675
Sing of the Lord’s Goodness #612

For other ideas, consider exploring the selections under “Healing,” “Anointing,” “God’s Glory” or “God’s Power” in the Liturgical and Topical section of the Newman Hymnal.