Liturgical and Music Planning Overview

For March 18, 2018
Which is Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion

Lectionary # 37 and 38
Readings: Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
Procession: Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16
I: Isaiah 50:4-7
II: Philippians 2:6-11
G: Mark 14:1—15:47 (or, short version: Mark 15:1-39)

For reflection

Palm Sunday is the only liturgy of the year that actually begins with a Gospel reading. This reading takes place at the entrance to the church or chapel, or if you’re having a procession, from a different place entirely: outside, or maybe somewhere else in your hall. The theme of Holy Week is the Passion of the Lord, and so it begins with Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem. Since we know the whole story, we know how ironic it is that he is hailed as a king when he enters the city. We would like to think that, if we were there, we would not have been so fickle, and would have recognized (and steadfastly stood by our knowledge of) Jesus’ greatness.

Are there ways (big or small) in which we daily bow to the whims and opinions of our culture, our friends, the internet, the conventional wisdom that’s all around us?

Lord, draw us ever near to you, knowing that our redemption is in you alone.

Planning your Music

Mass Setting: _______________________

Opening Song suggestions:
All Glory, Laud and Honor #481
Ride On! Ride On in Majesty #482
At the Name of Jesus #557
Sing Hosanna #483

Gloria? No, not on the Sundays of Lent.

Psalm: The psalm for this week is Psalm 22. See arrangements at #187-188 (not 189 for today) in the Newman Hymnal.

Gospel Acclamation (from your chosen Mass setting – remember that the Alleluia is never sung during Lent!)
Verse before the Gospel:
Christ became obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts Song Suggestions:
Were You There  #498
What Wondrous Love is This?  #480
Take Up Your Cross  #697
Jesus, Remember Me  #494

Holy, Holy; Memorial Acclamation; Amen (from your chosen Mass setting)

Lord’s Prayer

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) (from your chosen Mass setting)

Communion Song Suggestions:
Jesus, the Lord  #492
What Wondrous Love is This?  #480
Arrangements of Ps. 34  #220-227 (“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord”)
Arrangements of Ps. 63  #245-249 (“My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord”)

Closing Song Suggestions:
Crux Fidelis  #721
Jesus, Remember Me  #494
O Cross of Christ, Immortal Tree  #495