Liturgy and Music Planning Overview

For February 25, 2018
Which is the 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year B

Lectionary # 26

Readings: 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year B
  I: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
  II: Romans 8:31b-34
  G: Mark 9:2-10

For reflection

Every year on the second Sunday of Lent, we hear the story of the Transfiguration from one of the Gospel writers. The disciples who experience this overwhelming event learn both about Jesus’ divinity and his humanity. He is both God’s beloved Son and a man who would have to die before his true role could be revealed or understood. Though “they were so terrified” that Peter hardly knew what to say, this uniquely powerful moment with Jesus must have opened their hearts to him in an entirely new way.

How do you hope you will be newly opened to Christ this Lent? How is he calling you to step apart with him as he invited the disciples to do?

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

Planning your Music

Mass Setting: _______________________

Opening Song Suggestions:
All You Who Seek a Comfort Sure  #659
Tree of Life  #478 (could be used for Opening and Closing)
God of Day and God of Darkness  #401
Where Charity and Love Prevail  #650

Gloria? No, not on the Sundays of Lent.

Psalm: The psalm for this week is Ps. 116. See arrangements at #320-325 in the Newman Hymnal. #320 uses the refrain for the day.

During Lent you may always use Psalm 51. See arrangements for Psalm 51 at #239-242 in the Newman Hymnal. You will find that #240 and 241 are easily learned. However, another familiar option can also be found in the Gather Hymnal, #53.

Gospel Acclamation (from your chosen Mass setting – remember that the Alleluia is never sung during Lent!)
Verse before the Gospel:
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts Song Suggestions:
Transform Us #477 (you will likely find this tune familiar, and the words are perfect for today)
Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley #464
Deep Within #462
Psalm 51, refrain II #240
Be Still, and Know that I am God #661

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

Lord’s Prayer (spoken or sung)

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

Communion Song Suggestions:
Draw Near #136
Take and Eat #155
Come to Me #662
Bless the Lord #655 (a simple Taize refrain that you can use with or without the verses)

Closing Song Suggestions:
Sent Forth by God’s Blessing #588
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #654
There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy #676
Take up Your Cross #697

For more ideas, consider the songs under the topic headings “Transfiguration,” “Renewal,” and “Sacrifice” in the Liturgical and Topical Index of the Newman Hymnal.