Liturgical and Music Planning Overview

For March 18, 2018
Which is the 5th Sunday of Lent, Year B

Lectionary # 35

Readings: 5th Sunday of Lent, Year B
I: Jeremiah 31:31-34
II: Hebrews 5:7-9
G: John 12:20-33

For reflection

As we approach Holy Week, the readings emphasize God’s promises to us. The hard truths of the second reading and the Gospel – that Jesus, the perfect and beloved Son, in suffering and dying for us, will glorify God – remind us that God is ever faithful to the promises he made to the prophet Jeremiah: “I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

How can we place our trust in God’s promise? As we approach the end of Lent, how can we call to mind the death and resurrection that fulfill God’s promise to 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 You Who Seek a Comfort Sure  #659
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  #654
There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy  #676
From Ashes to the Living Font  #460 (use verse for Year B, Sunday V in place of v. 3, as is suggested)

Gloria?  No, not on the Sundays of Lent.

Psalm: The psalm for this week is Psalm 51. See arrangements for Psalm 51 at #239-242 in the Newman Hymnal. The refrain for the day is “Create in me a clean heart, O God” (#240 and #242, refrain II).

Gospel Acclamation (from your chosen Mass setting – remember that the Alleluia is never sung during Lent!)
Verse before the Gospel:
*Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, there also will my servant be.*

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts Song Suggestions:
Deep Within #462
Have Mercy, Lord #465
Grant to Us, O Lord #470
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need #669

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:
Tree of Life #479
Now We Remain #702
Healer of our Every Ill #666
I Am the Bread of Life #144

Closing Song Suggestions:
What Wondrous Love is This #480
Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive #656
Amazing Grace #660
Christ Be Near at Either Hand #754

For more ideas, consider the songs under the topic headings “Covenant,” “God’s Faithfulness,” “Salvation,” and “Mercy” in the Liturgical and Topical Index of the Newman Hymnal.