For May 6, 2018
Which is the 6th Sunday of Easter, Year B

Lectionary # 56

Readings: 6th Sunday of Easter
   II: 1 John 4:7-10
   G: John 15:9-17

For reflection

“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God.”

All of the readings for this Sunday contain the common theme of the Gospels, that God is love and our call is to love all others as ourselves. John’s letter opens with the answer to why we should do so. Love is of God, and we strive to reveal God’s love to the world through love for others. There are a multitude of directives found in the Bible for how we are to live and act, but this statement gives us a simple why. We are called to reflect the love of God to others because of God’s all encompassing, all merciful, and everlasting love for each one of us.

How have we revealed Christ’s love to the world? When has it been difficult to extend to love of God to those we encounter?

Lord, help us to more perfectly reflect your love for us to all people.

Planning your Music

Mass Setting: _____________________

Opening Song Suggestions:
God of Love #639
Partners in the Mission #695
City of God #694
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks #501

Gloria? Yes, every week during the Easter Season.

Psalm: The psalm for this week is Psalm 98. See the arrangement at #303 Refrain II in the Newman Hymnal. During the Easter season you may also use Psalm 118. See arrangements for Psalm 118 at #327-331 in the Newman Hymnal.

Alleluia (from your chosen Mass setting)
Alleluia Verse:

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts Song Suggestions:

I Am the Vine #726
O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God #122
We Have Been Told #127
Set Your Heart on the Higher Gifts #647

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:

One Bread, One Body #152
Bread for the World #132
I Received The Living God #143
Now We Remain #702

Closing Song Suggestions:

God’s Blessing Sends Us Forth #586
How Can I Keep From Singing #704
O God, Beyond All Praising #645
We Are Called #689