

LITURGY & MUSIC PLANNING GUIDE YEAR B

April 19, 2009-June 28, 2009

Liturgical Formation & Information

1. Fifty Days, A 'Week' of Weeks¹

The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one "great Sunday." These above all others are the days for the singing of the Alleluia. The Sundays of this season rank as the paschal Sundays and, after Easter Sunday itself, are called the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Sundays of Easter. The period of fifty sacred days ends on Pentecost Sunday [after second Vespers].

2. Keep live plants alive in the Church Environment

Since the Easter season lasts fifty days, planning will encompass ways to sustain the decor until the fiftieth day of Pentecost. The use of living flowers and plants, rather than artificial greens, serves as a reminder of the gift of life God has given to the human community. Planning for plants and flowers should include not only the procurement and placement but also the continuing care needed to sustain living things.²

With this in mind, it is suggested to keep back some funds for "Easter flowers" until partway through the Easter season to maintain the festive living decorations all the way to Pentecost.

3. The Lectionary for Easter Season³

The Gospel readings for the first three Sundays recount the appearances of the risen Christ. The readings about the Good Shepherd are assigned to the Fourth Sunday. On the Fifth, Sixth,

and Seventh Sundays, there are excerpts from the Lord's discourse and prayer at the end of the Last Supper.

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, in a three-year cycle of parallel and progressive selections: material is presented on the life of the early Church, its witness, and its growth.

For the reading from the Apostles [second reading], the First Letter of Peter is in Year A, the First Letter of John in Year B, the Book of Revelation in Year C. These are the texts that seem to fit in especially well with the spirit of joyous faith and sure hope proper to this season.

4. Neophytes at Masses⁴

For adults [and children of catechetical age] who have received Christian initiation during the Easter Vigil, the whole of this period is given over to mystagogical catechesis.

Since the distinctive spirit and power of the period of postbaptismal catechesis or mystagogy derive from the new, personal experience of the sacraments and of the community, its main setting is the so-called Masses for neophytes, that is, the Sunday Masses of the Easter season.

All neophytes should endeavor to participate at Mass along with their godparents. The homily and, as circumstances suggest, the general intercessions should take into account the presence and needs of the neophytes.

5. "Every Day is Easter"- The Easter Octave

The first eight days of the Easter season make up the octave of Easter and are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord.

Singing the Easter sequence, *Victimae Paschali Laudes*, at Mass throughout the Easter Octave is **recommended**, though not required. The Sequence is a liturgical hymn that is sung [after the second reading] before the Gospel Acclamation on certain days.

¹ *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar* [hereafter *GNLY*], nos. 22-26.

² USCCB. *Built of Living Stones: Art, Architecture, and Worship, Guidelines of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops* [hereafter *BLS*]. November 16, 2000, nos. 125, 129.

³ *Lectionary for Mass, editio typica altera*, (1981), [hereafter *LM*] Introduction, no. 100.

⁴ *RCIA*, nos. 247-8.

At the end of Masses during the Easter Octave, the **dismissal, as at Easter, is sung** by the deacon or priest; to which the people respond in song, **“Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!”** It is also sung at the public recitation of Morning and Evening Prayer during the octave. This sung dismissal is also prescribed to end the Masses on Pentecost Sunday.

6. Easter Octave, Divine Mercy Sunday

The Second Sunday of Easter now bears the name, *“DOMINICA II PASCHÆ seu de divina Misericordia.”* [The Second Sunday of Easter, or Divine Mercy (Sunday)]

The Easter liturgy places the words of the psalm on our lips: ‘I shall sing forever of the Lord’s mercy’ (Ps 89).⁵

A booklet prepared by the religious Congregation of Marians of the Immaculate Conception, custodians of the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy, states the following:

*To be sure, the Holy Father [Pope John Paul II] was well aware that the visions of Christ received by St. Faustina, and the messages and disciplines flowing from them, remain in the category of private revelations. St. Faustina’s revelations add nothing new to this deposit of Faith, nor anything novel to the official liturgy of the Church. Thus, it remains true that no one is required by the Holy See, on Mercy Sunday, to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, or venerate the Image of The Divine Mercy, or do anything else that springs from St. Faustina’s revelations. No priest could be called a “heretic”, or in any way disobedient to liturgical law, for ignoring these things entirely.*⁶

⁵ Pope John Paul II. Encyclical letter, *Dives in Misericordia*, no. 8.

⁶ Robert Stackpole, STD. *Understanding Divine Mercy Sunday*. John Paul II Institute of Divine Mercy, National Shrine of The Divine Mercy, (Stockbridge, MA: 2003), p.6. www.divinemercysunday.com/UnderstandDM.pdf

⁷ *The Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy (BCL) Newsletter*, February 2003, p.7.

⁸ United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop’s Committee on the Liturgy, *God’s Mercy Endures Forever: Guidelines on the Presentation of Jews and Judaism in Catholic Preaching*. September, 1988; no. 29. <http://www.usccb.org/liturgy/godsmercy.shtml>

7. Mercy Sunday - Plenary Indulgence⁷

In order to ensure that the faithful would observe this day (Divine Mercy Sunday) with intense devotion, the Supreme Pontiff himself established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence. The plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions:

- sacramental confession
- Eucharistic communion
- and prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff

to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, **or who**, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite:

- the *Our Father* and the *Creed*, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. *Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!*).

Additional provisions are offered for those who are impeded from fulfilling these requirements, but wish to acquire the plenary indulgence. The full text of the decree may be found at: www.vatican.va/roman_curia/tribunals/apost_penit/documents/rc_trib_appen_doc_20020629_decree-ii_en.html.

8. Yom ha Shoah: “Holocaust Remembrance Day”

“On the Sunday closest to *Yom ha Shoah*, Catholics should pray for the victims of the Holocaust and their survivors.” The following serve as examples of petitions for the general intercessions at Mass.⁸ **[Dates for Yom ha Shoah in upcoming years; Monday April 20, 2009; Saturday April 10, 2010; Saturday April 30 2011.]**

- For the victims of the Holocaust, their families, and all our Jewish brothers and sisters, that the violence and hatred they

experienced may never again be repeated, we pray to the Lord.

- For the Church, that the Holocaust may be a reminder to us that we can never be indifferent to the sufferings of others, we pray to the Lord.
- For our Jewish brothers and sisters, that their confidence in the face of long-suffering may spur us on to a greater faith and trust in God, we pray to the Lord.

9. World Day of Prayer for Vocations (4th Sunday of Easter)

“Therefore in the Church, everyone whether belonging to the hierarchy, or being cared for by it, is called to holiness, according to the saying of the Apostle: ‘For this is the will of God, your sanctification’ [1 Thes. 4:3].”⁹

Special prayers are to be offered today for those discerning their vocation/state in life. Particular prayers should be offered for an increase in vocations to the ministerial priesthood and consecrated religious life in the diocese of Crookston.

10. Blessed Virgin Mary and the Month of May

The following is taken directly from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments’ document, *The Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy* (2001).

In the West, the practice of observing months dedicated to the Blessed Virgin emerged from a context in which the Liturgy was not always regarded as the normative form of Christian worship.

In many cases, the solution for such problems would seem to lay in harmonizing the content of the “Marian months” with the concomitant season of the Liturgical Year. For example, since the month of May largely

corresponds with the fifty days of Easter, the pious exercises practiced at this time could emphasize Our Lady’s participation in the Paschal mystery (cf. Jn. 19, 25-27), and the Pentecost event (cf. Acts 1, 14) with which the Church begins.

Our Lady journeys with the Church having shared in the Resurrection, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The fifty days are also a time for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation and of the mystagogy. The pious exercises connected with the month of May could easily highlight the earthly role played by the glorified Queen of Heaven, here and now, in the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

The directives of *Sacrosanctum Concilium* [*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*] on the need to orient the “minds of the faithful...firstly to the feasts of the Lord, in which, the mysteries of salvation are celebrated during the year”, and with which the Blessed Virgin Mary is certainly associated, should be closely followed.¹⁰

11. Feast of the Ascension

In a 1998 decision of the USCCB, confirmed by the Holy See in 1999, the ecclesiastical provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, DC, Atlanta and Nebraska have retained the celebration of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord on the Thursday, while **all other provinces have transferred this celebration to the Seventh Sunday of Easter.**¹¹

12. 7th Sunday of Easter readings

⁹ Second Vatican Council, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, *Lumen Gentium*, no. 39.

¹⁰ Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy: Principles and Guidelines* [hereafter *DPPL*]. December 17, 2001. nos. 190-191.

¹¹ *The Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy (BCL) Newsletter*; March 2001.

When the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on the Sunday [replacing the 7th Sunday of Easter], the second reading and Gospel from the Seventh Sunday of Easter may be read on the Sixth Sunday of Easter.¹²

13. Pentecost Novena

The weekdays after the Ascension until the Saturday before Pentecost inclusive are a preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit.¹³

The New Testament tells us that during the period between the Ascension and Pentecost “all...joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers” (Acts 1:14) while they awaited being “clothed with the power from on high” (Lk 24:49).

Where possible, the Pentecost novena should consist of the solemn celebration of vespers [on Pentecost Sunday]. Where such is not possible, the novena should try to reflect the liturgical themes of the days from Ascension to the Vigil of Pentecost.¹⁴

14. Pentecost Sequence

The Sequence is a liturgical hymn that is sung [after the Second Reading] before the Gospel Acclamation on certain days. On Pentecost Day the sequence, *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, is required.¹⁵

15. Sung Dismissal at Pentecost

At the end of Masses on Pentecost the dismissal, as at Easter, is sung by the deacon or priest; to which the people respond in song, “Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!”¹⁶

April 19th - Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Lectionary #44 (year B)

¹² see *Lectionary for Mass* no. 57. (readings for 6th Sunday of Easter see *Lectionary for Mass*, no. 61)

¹³ *GNLY*, no. 26.

¹⁴ *DPPL*, no. 155.

¹⁵ *The General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 2002, [hereafter *GIRM*] no. 64.

¹⁶ *Ceremonial of Bishops*, no. 373.

Yom ha Shoah: “Holocaust Remembrance Day”

“On the Sunday closest to *Yom ha Shoah*, Catholics should pray for the victims of the Holocaust and their survivors.” see #8 above. This year *Yom ha Shoah* is Monday April 20th.

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35 Luke paints a picture of the earliest Christian community. Holding all things in common followed from preaching of the resurrection as a way to care for the neediest members.

Psalm of the Day: Ps 118. This song of thanksgiving has become, in Christian practice, *the* song of the resurrection. Picture Jesus singing it as he comes out of the tomb!

2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-6. Written to support a struggling community—and to condemn those in the community who disagree with the writer’s interpretation of Christ—the First Letter of John describes fidelity to God and to the commandments as best expressed in love for God’s children.

Gospel: John 20:19-31. Jesus appears to the disciples on Easter in Jerusalem giving that deep peace which comes from being in union with God through forgiveness of sin. It ends with the story of Thomas’ faith.

Gathering Song: Easter Hymns

Songs for Celebration

13,14,15,23,47,60,95,104,122,179,237

Gather Comprehensive 422-452

Gather Comprehensive II 439-465

Responsorial Psalm: Ps.118 :2-4 / 13-15 / 22-23

[R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. /v.1

Give Thanks to the Lord (Alstott)

Give Thanks to the Lord (Guimont)

Give Thanks to the Lord (Smith)

Give Thanks to the Lord (Waddell/Gelineau)

This is the Day (Proulx)

This is the Day (Haugen)

This is the Day (Joncas)

This Day Was Made by the Lord (C. Walker)

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts:

Without Seeing You

We Walk By Faith

We Have Been Told
He Comes to Us as One Unknown
Eye Has Not Seen

Communion Processional:

Without Seeing You
The Harvest of Justice
In the Breaking of the Bread
Gift of Finest Wheat
Let Us Be Bread

Song of Sending Forth:

Easter Hymns
13,14,15,23,47,60,95,104,122,179,237
Gather Comprehensive 422-452
Gather Comprehensive II

“Especially in these times, the Church considers it to be one of her principal duties to proclaim the mystery of mercy, revealed in a supreme degree in the Person of Jesus Christ, and to bring mercy into life.” Pope John Paul II, Encyclical letter, *Dives in Misericordia*, n. 14.

April 26th - Third Sunday of Easter (B)
Lectionary #47

***Special Offering: Catholic Home Missions Appeal**

1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15,17-19. Luke presents Peter's Pentecost "sermon." Jesus is the fulfillment of the divine promises.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 4 . Though this is a psalm of lament , it is filled with great trust in God and is an appropriate expression of personal trust in God's presence and power.

2nd Reading: 1 Jn 2:1-5a. Jesus is not only our advocate when we sin, he is the expiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48. The story of the journey to Emmaus echoes the structure of the liturgy. It also exemplifies Luke's practice of setting Jesus' major teachings in the context of a meal.

Gathering Song: Easter Hymns

Songs for Celebration
13,14,15,23,47,60,95,104,122,179,237
Gather Comprehensive 422-452
Gather Comprehensive II

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 4 :2 / 4 / 7-8 / 9
[R. Lord, let your face shine on us. /v.7a]

Lord, let your face(Guimont)
Lord, let your face (Haugen)
Lord, let your face (Shiavone)
Lord, Let Your Face (Alstott)
Lord, Let Your Face (LeBlanc/Gelineau)

OR Easter Common Psalm: 118 *[R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. /v.1]*
*see 2nd Sunday of Easter above.

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts:

Bread, Blessed and Broken
In the Breaking of the Bread
We Walk by Faith
Now We Remain
Behold the Lamb (Willett)
I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

OR Silence/Instrumental/Choral

Communion Processional:

Taste and See
Look Beyond
Now in This Banquet
I Am The Bread Of Life
One Bread, One Body
Lord, We Share in This One True Bread

***Special Collection: Catholic Home Missions Appeal**

Song of Praise or Sending Forth:

Go Make of All Disciples
Go to the World!
That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright
Anthem
In Christ There Is No East or West

OR Easter Hymns listed above

May 3- Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)
Lectionary #50

“Good Shepherd Sunday”- World Day of Prayer for Vocations

1st Reading: Acts 4:8-12 Peter's proclamation of the Good News centers on the person and mission of Jesus--salvation is in Him.

Psalm of the Day: Ps 118: "This is the Day!" We celebrate Easter for all 50 days; right through until Pentecost!

2nd Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-2 The church is the incarnate promise of the coming kingdom--we are God's children now.

Gospel: John 10:11-18 Another of Jesus' 'I Am' statements in the Gospel of John: "I am the good shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep."

Gathering Song:

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
I Know That My Redeemer Lives
Shepherd of Souls
The King of Love My Shepherd Is
City of God

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118: *[R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. /v.22]*

also see suggestions for 2nd Sunday of Easter above.

The Stone Rejected by the Builders (Alstott)
The Stone Rejected by the Builders (Guimont)
The Stone Rejected by the Builders (Hopson)
The Stone Rejected by the Builders/La Piedra
Que Desecharon los Arquitectos (Krisman)
The Stone Rejected by the Builders (Proulx)
The Stone Rejected by the Builders
(Schiavone)
The Stone Which the Builders Rejected
(Farrell)

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts:

Gentle Shepherd
The Living God My Shepherd Is
The Lord is My Shepherd
You are Mine
God, Beyond all Names
Sweet Redeemer (Angrisano/Hart)

Communion Processional:

What Wondrous Love is This
We Will Rise Again (Haas)
Be Not Afraid
I Have Loved You
Shepherd Me, O God
Eye Has Not Seen

Song of Praise or Sending Forth:

Beautiful Savior
River of Glory (Schutte)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Let the Holy Anthem Rise
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
The God Who Sends Us Forth

May 10- Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

Lectionary #53

Secular Observance: Mother's Day.

*This may be a good Sunday to connect the Virgin Mother, Mary, and the Month of May in the Liturgy.

No more than 2 Marian pieces.

1st Reading: Acts 9:26-31 Barnabas described to the Apostles how Saul had seen the Lord Jesus on the road and been converted.

Psalm of the Day: Ps 22: Though a psalm of lament, (whose first verse was quoted by Jesus on the Cross), the verses selected for today express an invitation to all the ends of the earth to sing God's praise.

2nd Reading: 1 Jn 3:18-24 John calls on his communities to live the love they profess: "love one another in deed and in truth."

Gospel: John 15:1-8 Yet another of the 'I Am' statements from John's Gospel: "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit."

Gathering Song:

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty
Anthem

***Mary's Song (Rieth)**

I Know That My Redeemer Lives
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22:[R. *I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of the people. /v.26a*]

I Will Praise You, Lord/El Señor Es Mi
Alabanza (Alonso)

I Will Praise You, Lord (Alstott)

I Will Praise You, Lord (Guimont)

I Will Praise You, Lord (Reagan/Gelineau)

I Will Praise You, Lord (Warner)

OR Easter Common Psalm: 118 [R. *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. /v.1*]

*see 2nd Sunday of Easter above.

OR Easter Common Psalm: 66 [R. *Let All the Earth Cry Out*]

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts:

We Have Been Told
No Greater Love
Love One Another
Christians, Let Us Love One Another
Ubi Caritas/Where Charity & Love

***O Mother of Jesus**

***Regina Caeli/O Queen of Heaven**

OR Silence/Instrumental/Choral

Communion Processional:

Now We Remain
God Is Love
Be Not Afraid
Ubi Caritas/Where Charity & Love6
We Are Many Parts
Unless a Grain of Wheat

Song of Praise or Sending Forth:

***Canticle of the Turning**

Go Make a Difference

Go Make of All Disciples

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

All The Ends of the Earth (Dufford)

OR Easter Hymns listed above

May 17 - Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

Lectionary #56*

*It is also possible to use the readings for the 7th Sunday of Easter today (see Liturgical Formation & Information #12 above [page 4])

***Special Offering: Catholic Communication Campaign & Catholic University of America.**

1st Reading: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48. After his rooftop vision, Peter goes to preach to Cornelius and his family because, "God shows no partiality."

Psalm of the Day: Ps 98 God is enthroned not only as the ruler of Israel, but as sovereign over the whole

world for, "all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God."

2nd Reading: 1 Jn 4:7-10 We know what it means to love because God has first loved us and sent his Son into the world to give us life.

Gospel: John 15:9-17 Jesus gives the Great Commandment: " This I command you: love one another."

Gathering Song:

In Christ There is No East or West
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
Come Down, O Love Divine
Sing a New Church
What Wondrous Love Is This
Sing of the Lord's Goodness

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98: [R. *The Lord has revealed at the nations his saving power. /v.2b*]
El Señor Revela a las Naciones (Cortés)
The Lord Has Revealed (Alstott)
The Lord Has Revealed (Guimont)
The Lord Has Revealed (Joncas/Gelineau)
The Lord Has Revealed (Proulx)
The Lord Has Revealed (Schiavone)
The Lord Has Revealed (Smith)
The Lord Has Revealed (Warner)
The Lord Has Shown (Alstott/Fowler)

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts:

We Have Been Told
Love One Another
I Have Loved You
Christians, Let Us Love One Another
Ubi Caritas/Where Charity & Love

Communion Processional:

You are Mine
No Greater Love
One in Body, Heart, and Mind (C. Walker)
Faith, Hope and Love
Now We Remain
Life Giving Bread, Saving Cup
What Wondrous Love Is This

***Special Offering: Catholic Communication Campaign & Catholic University of America.**

Song of Praise or Sending Forth:

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
All The Ends of the Earth (Dufford)
Church of God, Elect and Glorious
The Strife is O'er, the Battle Won
Christ the Lord is Ris'n Today

Sunday May 24 - Ascension of the Lord

Lectionary #58B

Note: The texts from Year A may also be used today.¹⁷

Most parts of the United States have permanently moved the Ascension to the Seventh Sunday of Easter (see Liturgical Formation & Information #11 above [page 3])

The Ascension marks a "milestone" in the evolution of the Paschal Mystery. Christ must return to the Father, thus completing his physical work of earth, before the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit of God, which perpetuates his work in the hearts of believers. It is in today's Gospel that we hear perhaps the most chilling and hope-filled words of the Savior: "Behold, I am with you, even unto the consummation of the world."

Although this Sunday is nearest the observance of the national holiday of Memorial Day, it is not appropriate to sing national or patriotic songs, taking the focus off the Paschal Mystery. [see notes for tomorrow's observance below.](#)

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11: "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking in the sky? The Lord will return, just as you have seen him ascend, alleluia."

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 47: This enthronement psalm, dating probably to the reign of David and Solomon, has three sections: praise of God as: "most high," sovereign in heaven, and praise given to God on earth.

2nd Reading Eph. 4:1-13 You were also called to the one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

-- or -- *Year A Reading: Eph. 1:17-23 [God raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion./v.20]*

Gospel: Mark: 16:15-20 So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them.

Gathering Song:

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise
Hail Thee, Festival Day
Sing We Triumphant Hymns of Praise
Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

¹⁷ The 1998 Lectionary has added selections for Years B and C

-The Ascension of the Lord (#58) new second reading only; first reading and psalm remain the same

-Pentecost Sunday (#63) new second reading and Gospel; first reading and psalm remain the same

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing
The Church's One Foundation
Crown Him With Many Crowns

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 47: [R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.]

God Mounts His Throne (Alstott)
God Mounts His Throne (Chepponis)
God Mounts His Throne (Guimont)
God Mounts His Throne (Haugen)
God Mounts His Throne (Inwood)
God Mounts His Throne (Kreutz/Gelineau)
God Mounts His Throne (Proulx/Gelineau)
God Mounts His Throne (Schivovone)
God Mounts His Throne (Weckler)

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts:

All That is Hidden (B. Farrell)
Dwelling Place
We Walk By Faith
I Will Be With You
Jesus Shall Reign

Communion Processional:

All My Days
All the Ends of the Earth
How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place
We Remember
Eye Has Not Seen

Song of Praise or Sending Forth:

Hail Thee, Festival Day
Sing We Triumphant Hymns of Praise
We Are Called
Sing Out Earth and Skies
Lord, You Give the Great Commission
Go Make of All Disciples

Monday May 25 - MEMORIAL DAY

This day of remembrance was instituted in 1868 to honor soldiers who died in the Civil War, but it is now a day to remember all of the nation's war dead. While honoring those who fought to defend our national values, it might also be good to pray for all who died in wars, particularly the victims caught between opposing armies. On this day, many parishes will want to sing only patriotic songs, but it is best to include some that contain petitions for the nation as well as prayers for peace and justice.

Because the day is an Easter Weekday, no special texts may be used to replace the Mass of the day, but appropriate texts may be used for other (non-Eucharistic) services celebrated on this day.

Songs for the Liturgy

All the Ends of the Earth
All the Ends of the Earth (Dufford)

America the Beautiful
Anthem
Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race
Dona Nobis Pacem
For the Healing of the Nations
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
I Will Not Die (Conry)
In Christ There Is No East or West
Jesus, Shepherd of Our Souls
Let Justice Roll Like a River
Let There Be Peace on Earth
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
Voices That Challenge
We Are Called
World Peace Prayer
Your Love, O God, Has All the World Created

**Saturday Evening, May 30 -Vigil of Pentecost
(ABC)**

Lectionary #62

Pentecost Sequence: The Sequence is a liturgical hymn that is sung [after the second reading] before the Gospel Acclamation on certain days. **On Pentecost the sequence is required.**

The Sequence may be sung by all together, or in alternation between the congregation and choir and cantor, or by the choir or cantor alone. The text from the Lectionary for Mass may be used, or a metrical paraphrase may be sung, provided that it is found in an approved collection of liturgical songs (i.e. a Catholic hymnal).

1st Reading: There are 4 options, choose only one

1. Genesis 11:1-9 [Its name was called Babel, because the Lord confused the language of the whole earth. /v.9] --or--
2. Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b [The Lord descended upon Mount Sinai in fire. /v.18] --or--
3. Ezekiel 37:1-14 [I will put My Spirit within you, and you will come to life. /v.14] --or--
4. Joel 3:1-5 [I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind. /v.1]

Psalm of the Day Psalm 104: A hymn of praise to the Creator who also sustains the whole of creation especially through the gift of water (verses 10-18 and 27-35).

2nd Reading Romans 8:22-27 [We have the first fruits of the Spirit. /v.23]

Pentecost Sequence: best sung, though may be read
Gospel: John 7:37-39 [Rivers of living water shall flow. /v.38]

Gathering Song:

In Christ There is No East or West
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
Come Down, O Love Divine
Sing a New Church
What Wondrous Love Is This
Sing of the Lord's Goodness
Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race
Song of Gathering

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104:1-2 / 24-25 / 27-28 / 29-30 [R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. /see v.30]

Lord, Send Out Your Spirit (Alstott)
Lord, Send Out Your Spirit (Balhoff et al)
Lord, Send Out Your Spirit (Guimont)
Lord, Send Out Your Spirit (Haas)
Lord, Send Out Your Spirit (Harbor)

Lord, Send Out Your Spirit/Envía To Espíritu (Krisman)
Lord, Send Out Your Spirit (Lisicky)
Lord, Send Out Your Spirit (Olawski)
Send Forth Your Spirit (Walker)
Send Forth Your Spirit (Walker/Murray)
Send Forth You Spirit (Warner)
Send Out Your Spirit (Schoenbachler)

Pentecost Sequence:

Come, O Holy Spirit, Come (chant)
Come, O Holy Spirit (Alstott)
Sequence for Pentecost/Holy Spirit, Lord
Divine (Scagnelli)
Veni, Sancte Spiritus (Taize)
Holy Spirit, Come To Us (Taize)
Veni Sancte Spiritus (Walker)
Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest
Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest (arr. S. Hart)
Holy Spirit, God of Light
Ven, Oh Santo Espiritu

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts:

Spirit of God Within Me
Send Us Your Spirit
Creator Spirit, Lord of Grace
O Breathe On Me
Song over the Waters

Communion Processional:

We are Many Parts
One Bread, One Body
Send Down the Fire
Spirit Blowing Through Creation
Veni, Sancte Spiritus (Taize)
Holy Spirit, Come To Us (Taize)

Sung Dismissal at Pentecost: At the end of Masses on Pentecost the dismissal, as at Easter, is sung by the deacon or priest; to which the people respond in song, "Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Song of Praise or Sending Forth:

Anthem
Lord, You Give the Great Commission
City of God
Send Us as Your Blessing, Lord
Bring Forth the Kingdom
God Whose Purpose is to Kindle
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
Sing a New Church

Sunday May 31 - Pentecost (B)

Lectionary #63B

*Note: The texts from Year A may also be used today.*¹⁸

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 [They were all filled with the Holy Spirit. /v.4]

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 104: A hymn of praise to the Creator who also sustains the whole of creation especially through the gift of water (verses 10-18 and 27-35).

2nd Reading: I Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13 [There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.

--or-- Galatians 5:16-25 [The fruits of the Spirit]

Pentecost Sequence: best sung, though may be read

Gospel: John 20:19-23 [As the Father has sent Me, I also send you. Receive the Holy Spirit./v.21-22]

--or-- Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15 [When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, he will guide you to all truth.]

All other musical selections from Vigil of Pentecost above

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The Easter Season ends with Sunday Evening Vespers on Pentecost. Then the Season 'of the Year' or 'Ordinary Time' resumes with Monday of the Ninth Week.

Liturgical Formation & Information

June 2009

Q: Can we still call God 'Yahweh'?

A: Yes, but not in public prayer or song.

This information is almost a year old now, and we'll see changes to some very familiar songs from the music publishers.

¹⁸ The 1998 Lectionary has added selections for Years B and C

-Pentecost Sunday (#63) new second reading and Gospel; first reading and psalm remain the same

No 'Yahweh' in songs, prayers at Catholic Masses, Vatican rules

Aug-12-2008

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien

[Catholic News Service](#)

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- In the not-too-distant future, songs such as "You Are Near," "I Will Bless Yahweh" and "Rise, O Yahweh" will no longer be part of the Catholic worship experience in the United States. At the very least, the songs will be edited to remove the word "Yahweh" -- a name of God that the Vatican has ruled must not "be used or pronounced" in songs and prayers during Catholic Masses.

Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli of Paterson, N.J., chairman of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship, announced the new Vatican "directives on the use of 'the name of God' in the sacred liturgy" in an Aug. 8 letter to his fellow bishops.

He said the directives would not "force any changes to official liturgical texts" or to the bishops' current missal translation project but would likely have "some impact on the use of particular pieces of liturgical music in our country as well as in the composition of variable texts such as the general intercessions for the celebration of the Mass and the other sacraments."

John Limb, publisher of OCP in Portland, Ore., said the most popular hymn in the OCP repertoire that would be affected was Dan Schutte's "You Are Near," which begins, "Yahweh, I know you are near." Limb said the company would be contacting composers to "ask them to try to come up with alternate language" for their hymns. But he said hymnals for 2009 had already been printed, so the affected hymns would not include the new wording for at least another year.

You can read the rest of this article here:

<http://www.catholicnews.com/data/stories/cns/0804119.htm>

As you can imagine, OCP has a strong interest in both being faithful to the Church, and making things easier for their customers. They have a series of sites related to this issue. Start here: <http://www.ocp.org/directive08>

OCP writes:

"Unfortunately, at the time the directive was announced, the 2009 editions of our missals had already been printed and, in many cases, shipped. The 2010 editions will include revised versions of the songs with updated texts.

In the meantime, we are providing downloadable editions of the revised songs (**use links below**), along with free reprint permission through November 29, 2009. This permission is limited to private, non-commercial reprints (e.g. parish song sheets or worship programs). Missal subscribers will receive their 2010 books with the revised versions of the songs by November 29, 2009, and no further action will be necessary. Hymnal purchasers will be granted free reprint permissions—for revised songs only—for the life of their books."

They have made it very easy to get the revised songs for printing from the web.

Download songs (PDF)

[And the Father Will Dance](#) (Carey Landry)

[Como Busca la Cierva](#) (Xavier Gonzales Tescuano)

[Como Por Las Fuentes de Agua](#) (Perla Moré)

[El Rey De La Gloria](#) (Aldo Blanco Dávalos)

[I Lift Up my Soul](#) (Tim Manion)

[I Love You, Lord/Te Amo, Señor](#) (Julie and Tim Smith)

[In Praise of His Name](#) (Roc O'Connor)

[Let the King of Glory Come](#) (Michael Joncas)

[Like a Seal on Your Heart](#) (Carey Landry)

[Me Alegré](#) (Carlos Rosas)

[Sing a New Song](#) (Dan Schutte)

[The Lord is King](#) (Rory Cooney)

[Tu Eres Mi Hijo](#) (Patricio Gómez Junco)

[You are Near](#) (Dan Schutte)

[Yahweh](#) (now titled "God of My Salvation") (Gregory Norbet)

[Yahweh Is My Shepherd](#) (now titled "Shepherd of My Soul") (Millie Rieth)

[Yahweh, The Faithful One](#) (now titled "The Faithful One") (Dan Schutte)

As you see, they have already revised the texts of the songs and these revised texts will be printed in the annual books we get next year (for 2010) from OCP. Until then, you can print them and use them. Also, they have lots of other good information about specific songs and accompaniments.

Sunday June 7- Most Holy Trinity Solemnity Lectionary #165

In the opening prayer, we give thanks to the Father, who “sent your Word to bring us truth and your Spirit to make us holy,” for “through them we come to know the mystery of [divine] life.”

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40 [The Lord is God in heaven above and on earth below; there is no other. /v.39]

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 33:4-5 / 6,9 / 18-19 / 20,22 [R. *Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.* /v.12b]

2nd Reading: Romans 8:14-17 [You have received a Spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!". /v.15]

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 [Baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. /v.19]

Gathering Song:

All Creatures of Our God and King
All Hail, Adored Trinity
Come, Now, Almighty King
All Praise and Glad Thanksgiving
Sing Out, Earth and Skies
How Wonderful The Three In One
Canticle of the Sun
Farther Than the Farthest Sun
God, We Praise You
Holy, Holy, Holy (Sunday morning only)
Sing of the Lord's Goodness

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33

Blessed the People (Alstott)
Blessed the People (Guimont)
Blessed the People (Kelly/Gelineau)
Blessed the People (Kreutz)
Blessed the People (Hughes)
Blessed the People (Schiavone)
Happy Are the People (Haugen/Kodner)
Happy the People (Cooney)
Happy the People (Kelly/Gelineau)

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts:

Word of God, You Spoke Creation
Sing Praise to Our Creator
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You
God Beyond All Names
How Wonderful the Three-in-One
Dwelling Place
For the Beauty of the Earth
God, We Praise You

Communion Processional:

How Shall We Name God?
Dwelling Place
Taste and See
Taste and See (Angrisano)

Gift of Finest Wheat
Song of the Body of Christ/Canción del
Cuerpo de Cristo

Song of Praise/Sending Forth:

All Praise and Glad Thanksgiving
This Day God Gives Me
Go to the World
Go Make of All Disciples
Canticle of the Sun
Farther Than the Farthest Sun

Sunday June 14 - Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Solemnity Lectionary #168

Emerging in the thirteenth century in response to attacks on the real presence of Christ in the sacrament, this feast was first celebrated locally 1247; it was added to the calendar of the universal church in 1264. From the late fourteenth century, the most conspicuous aspect of this feast was a procession with the reserved sacrament that followed Mass. In Germany it became associated with a petition for good weather, and the procession included four stations at which the sacrament in the monstrance was offered in blessing in the four directions.

Today's readings focus our attention on the "blood of the covenant" prefigured in the sacrifices of the Law; and on Christ's redeeming presence among us as the sign of the new covenant in his blood. (see Mk 14:24)

1st Reading: Exodus 24:3-8 [Behold, the blood of the covenant, which the Lord has made with you. /v.8]

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 116 - This song of thanksgiving, originally sung by an individual, has become the song of the Church as it takes up the cup of salvation in the Eucharist to give thanks to God.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15 [The blood of Christ will cleanse your conscience. /v.14]

There is an optional Sequence for Corpus Christi, *Lauda Sion Salvatore*.

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26 [This is My body; this is My blood. /vv.22,24]

Gathering Song:

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (esp. verse: "There is plentiful redemption/in the blood that has been shed;")
At the Lamb's High Feast
Glory in the Cross (Schutte)
Come to the Lord (Angrisano/Tomaszek)
Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord
Alleluia, Sing to Jesus
What Wondrous Love Is This

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm

I Will Take the Cup of Salvation (Alstott)
I Will Take the Cup of Salvation/Alzaré la
Copa de la Salvación (Cortez)
I Will Take the Cup of Salvation (Guimont)
I Will Take the Cup of Salvation (Isele)
I Will Take the Cup of Salvation (Janco)
I Will Take the Cup of Salvation
(Murray/Gelineau)
Our Blessing Cup/El Cáliz que Bendicimos
(Alonso)
Our Blessing Cup (Haugen)
Our Blessing Cup (Hurd)
Our Blessing Cup (Weckler)
The Name of God (Haas)

The Eyes and Hands of Christ
Send Us as Your Blessing, Lord
Glory in the Cross (Schutte)
Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

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http://www.crookston.org/DOC_Worship_and_liturgy/index.html

Sequence: Lauda Sion

Unlike the sequences for Easter Sunday and Pentecost, this sequence is optional. People planning to use it should note how long it is; they might consider using the shorter form which begins with the verse "Lo! the angel's food is given." The *Canadian Catholic Book of Worship III* has a reworking of the text set to the *Pange Lingua* tune (#693), and the chant for the short form ("*Ecce Panis*") is in the *Liber Cantualis*. A setting of the short form of the sequence is available in *By Flowing Waters* (Paul Ford, The Liturgical Press), p.207. The following versions of the hymn may be used in their entirety or shortened by comparing the texts with the one found in the Lectionary.

Laud, O Zion
Praise, O Zion, Voices Raising

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts:

Life Giving Bread, Saving Cup
Jesus, Wine of Peace
Panis Angelicus/Holy and Living Bread
Send us Lord, About Your Altar
Ave Verum Corpus/
Adoro Te Devote/

Communion Processional:

Our Blessing Cup (Hurd)
Now We Remain
Taste and See
Look Beyond
Take and Eat
Take and Eat this Bread
Tantum Ergo/Come Adore
Song of the Body of Christ/Canción del
Cuerpo de Cristo

Some settings of the Psalm would also work

Song of Praise/Sending Forth:

Take Christ to the World (Inwood)
Now Thank We all our God
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Remember, you can always read or download this resource online,

http://www.crookston.org/DOC_Worship_and_liturgy/Music_Planning_Guide.html

Check out lots of other resources at:

http://www.crookston.org/DOC_Worship_and_liturgy/index.html