

The following pages contain information that will assist you in preparing your liturgy for the date below. The two pages which include music suggestions, Elaine Rendler's column, Paul Covino's ritual commentary, and the music planning template come from *Today's Liturgy*, a liturgy preparation guide published quarterly by OCP. The page which includes a suggested Introduction to Mass and General Intercessions comes from *Prayer of the Faithful*, a resource for liturgy preparation published annually by OCP.

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ABBREVIATIONS USED IN MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

①	 Corresponds to first reading	GP2	 <i>Glory & Praise</i> (Second Edition)
②	 Corresponds to second reading	H	 <i>Heritage Missal</i> (published yearly)
③	 Corresponds to Gospel reading	J, J2	 <i>Journeysongs</i> (hymnal) <i>Journeysongs</i> (Second Edition)
④	 Corresponds to entrance antiphon	MI	 <i>Music Issue</i> (published yearly)
⑤	 Corresponds to Communion antiphon	R, R2	 <i>Rise Up and Sing</i> (young people)
⑥	 Corresponds to responsorial psalm	SS1, SS2	 <i>Spirit & Song and Spirit & Song</i> (Volume 2) (young adults)
⑦	 Corresponds to the Gospel acclamation	TM	 <i>Today's Missal</i> (published three times yearly)
BB	 <i>Breaking Bread</i> (published yearly)	UC	 <i>United in Christ/Unidos en Cristo 2006-08, music resource</i>
CM	 <i>Companion Missal</i> (published yearly)	VOZ	 <i>One Faith/Una Voz</i> (hymnal)
CPC2	 <i>Choral Praise Comprehensive</i> (Second Edition)	✠	 Trinitas (octavo)

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Psalm 118:137, 124

Lord, you are just, and the judgments you make are right. Show mercy when you judge me, your servant.

FIRST READING

Wisdom 9:13–18b (129C)

No one understands heaven or earth completely, but God sends wisdom and the Holy Spirit to light up the paths of those who search for the way.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 90:3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 14–17

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

SECOND READING

Philemon 9–10, 12–17

While Paul was in prison, he begged Philemon to receive back the runaway slave, Onesimus, as a beloved brother and partner in Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 119:135

Let your face shine upon your servant; and teach me your laws.

GOSPEL

Luke 14:25–33

Jesus taught his followers the hard lesson of the cross: good accounting, careful planning, anticipating changes, decision making, and finishing the job.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Psalm 41:2–3

Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God. My soul is thirsting for the living God.

Today's Gospel can be a bit disturbing! "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." Are these the words of the Jesus we know and love?

Several resources tell me that the hate text shouldn't be taken literally. It is manner of speaking, an ancient way of expressing priorities, of saying, "Put me first!" You may remember the story of Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 22:2) when Abraham was asked to sacrifice his son. What kind of God would demand that a parent kill a child? The intent of Scripture was to show how Abraham put God first, even before his son. Jesus is asking that same loyalty of his followers today, and no hatred of relatives was intended.

This week is the sixth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. To bring some unity to worship celebrations, OCP is including some of the more popular songs from *Spirit and Song 1 & 2*, which has become so popular with the younger generation, in *Breaking Bread* and *Music Issue*. You will find Steve Angrisano's "Come to the Lord" (339) most appropriate for this Sunday, so difficult for many. Included in the suggestions is Sarah Hart's "Go in Peace" (664), a song of comfort and commendation. If a commendation is not feasible in your situation, use "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (446), a paraphrase of today's responsorial psalm, Psalm 90.

— Elaine Rendler

MUSIC SUGGESTIONS*

See page 72 for abbreviations

ENTRANCE SONG Gathering or Processional

Healing River of the Spirit BEACH SPRING BB/MI 676

How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION BB/MI 727 CM 82 J 404 J2 716

In This Place (Thomson) BB/MI 308 R2 302 SS1 122 NTY 18

⑤ I Am the Light of the World (Hayakawa) BB/MI 604 H 327

UC 587 GP2 658 J 602 J2 664 SS1 118 VOZ 624 OCP 9331TL

Be Still, My Soul FINLANDIA BB/MI 679 J2 575

At the Name of Jesus (C. Walker) BB/MI 740 H 297 GP2 424

J2 483 SS1 100 VOZ 512 NTY 5 OCP 10150TL

Glory in the Cross (Schutte) BB/MI 722 H 292 J2 523 SS2 313

VOZ 439 OCP 11484TL

RESPONSORIAL PSALM and GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Respond & Acclaim (Alstott) 132–133

A Lectionary Psalter (Schiavone) 161, 251

⑥ Psalm 90: In Every Age (Smith) BB/MI 787 H 135 CPC2 54

GP2 228 J2 66 VOZ 203

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Come to the Lord (Angrisano/Tomaszek) BB/MI 339 SS1 151

NTY 66 OCP 12085TL

Christ in the Rubble (SEPTEMBER HOPE/Colgan/Glen) BB/MI 480

J2 726 OCP 11663TL

⑥ In Every Age (Whitaker) BB/MI 472 J2 727 SS2 242

NTY 134 OCP 11579TL

COMMUNION SONG

⑤ Psalm 42: As the Deer Longs O WALY WALY BB/MI 491 H 342

UC 306 CPC2 415 J 407 J2 696 VOZ 337

On Eagle's Wings (Joncas) BB/MI 437 CM 132 H 434 UC 594

CPC2 418 GP2 598 J 532 J2 704 R 55 R2 217 SS1 195

VOZ 630 NTY 27 OCP 10410TL

Psalm 42/43: As the Deer Longs (Hurd) BB/MI 769 H 119

UC 164 CPC2 32 GP2 207 J 754 J2 42 VOZ 175

The Cry of the Poor (Foley) BB/MI 541 CM 121 H 510 UC 780

CPC2 510 GP2 203 J 635 J2 847 SS1 63 VOZ 836 NTY 278

OCP 9498TL

SONG OF PRAISE or SENDING FORTH

Go in Peace (Hart/Liles) BB/MI 664 SS2 239 OCP 20129TL

The Strife Is O'er VICTORY BB/MI 607 CM 70 H 268 UC 631

CPC2 283 GP2 384 J 451 J2 431 VOZ 665

Shall We Gather at the River HANSON PLACE BB/MI 549 H 523

CPC2 469 J 726 J2 786

Take Up Your Cross ERHALT UNS, HERR BB/MI 723 CM 79 H 291

UC 672 CPC2 304 J 253 J2 524 VOZ 708

Anthem (Conry) BB/MI 513 H 406 UC 669 CPC2 459 GP2 578

J 614 J2 761 VOZ 705

⑤ I Am the Light of the World (Hayakawa) BB/MI 604 H 327

UC 587 GP2 658 J 602 J2 664 SS1 118 VOZ 624 OCP 9331TL

CHORAL and INSTRUMENTAL

As a Doe (Kendzia) OCP 5900TL

Teach Me, O God (C. Walker) OCP 11395TL

'Ke Bona Leseli (Bridge) OCP 72769TL

*For additional music suggestions, visit liturgy.com.

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Time _____ Name of Presiding Minister _____

CALL TO WORSHIP

Music Rehearsal/Liturgical Catechesis _____

Introduction, see *Prayer of the Faithful*, page 75 _____

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance/Gathering Song _____

Rite of Sprinkling or Penitential Rite _____

Glory to God _____

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading _____

Responsorial Psalm _____

Second Reading _____

Gospel Acclamation _____

Gospel _____

Homily/Preaching _____

Dismissal of the Catechumens and Elect _____

General Intercessions, see *Prayer of the Faithful*, page 75 _____

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Music for Preparation of the Gifts _____

Eucharistic Acclamations _____

Holy _____

Memorial Acclamation _____

Great Amen _____

Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer _____

Lamb of God _____

Communion Processional _____

Psalm or Hymn of Praise/Instrumental or Silence _____

CONCLUDING RITE

Sending Forth _____

Choral Anthem of the Day _____

Prelude/Postlude _____



BAPTISMAL CROSS

Onesimus, a slave's name, means "useful." We are each called by God to be useful to the divine plan. The baptized Onesimus is equal to any one of us. Because of Jesus, we are all brothers and sisters in God's family. We are not the same; each of us is unique and has different gifts of the Spirit, but we all serve "in our place" the wisdom of God's intentions. Our baptismal cross is the key to a true disciple of the one master, Jesus. He says: "Follow me!" Do you take up your cross?

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time,
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Today's Gospel, which speaks about the cost of discipleship, provides a fitting context for celebrating the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens. The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (OCP 12113TL, 800-LITURGY, ocp.org) provides two forms for the Rite of Acceptance: the first is used when only unbaptized candidates for Christian initiation are entering the period of the catechumenate (41–74) and the second is used when baptized but previously uncatechized adults who are preparing for confirmation and/or Eucharist or reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church are also being welcomed (505–529). It is important to respect the difference between these two groups; unbaptized candidates become catechumens on their way to celebrating the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Eucharist, while baptized candidates for confirmation and/or Eucharist or reception into

the full communion of the Catholic Church are already one with us through baptism and are not considered catechumens. If you are unfamiliar with these distinctions or if you have other questions about the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA), read *The RCIA: Transforming the Church* by Thomas Morris (Paulist Press, 800-218-1903, paulistpress.com), *Becoming a Catholic Christian* by Julia Upton (OCP 6073TL) or *The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: A Pastoral-Liturgical Commentary* by J. Michael McMahon (OCP 44100TL). You could also attend a seminar through the Beginnings and Beyond Institute. They are offered in different parts of the country by the North American Forum on the Catechumenate (202-884-9758, naforum.org).

Liturgy of the Hours: Begin week three of the psalm cycle.

— Paul Covino

Introduction to the Celebration

The cost of discipleship is high,
but the reward promised by God is worth the price.

Penitential Rite

Lord Jesus, you call disciples to believe in you. Lord, have mercy.
Christ Jesus, you call disciples to leave their possessions. Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you call disciples to follow you freely. Lord, have mercy.

Presiding Minister

General Intercessions

The Holy Spirit speaks in our hearts
and bids us voice our concerns to God.

Leader

- A** That bishops, pastors and pastoral councils
be guided by the Spirit of wisdom in all their decisions,
we pray to the Lord:
- B** That national and local leaders
withstand the urges of special interests and seek the common good,
we pray to the Lord:
- C** That those charged with keeping the peace,
especially law enforcement and military personnel,
carry out their responsibilities with thoughtful compassion,
we pray to the Lord:
- That those who cherish freedom from tyranny and slavery
ensure freedom for everyone,
we pray to the Lord:
- D** That the members of this assembly learn wisdom of heart
and peacefully carry it into the world,
we pray to the Lord:
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Presiding Minister

Eternal God, you watch over our brief lives.
Hear the prayers we offer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.