

Psalm 33
The Psalm Earth Is Full of the Goodness

Refrain

The Earth is full of the goodness of God,
The goodness of our God.

1. Your words, O God, are truth indeed,
And all your works are ever faithful;
You love justice and right,
Your compassion fills all creation.
2. See how the eye of God is watching,
Ever guarding all who wait in hope,
To deliver them from death
And sustain them in time of famine.
3. Exult you just in the Lord,
For praise is the song of the righteous!
How happy the people of God,
The ones whom God has chosen!
4. Our soul is waiting for God,
For God is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, o God, be upon us
Who place our hope in you.

*Text: Psalm 33:1,4-5,12,18-19,20,22; Para. By Marty Haugen.
Tune: Marty Haugen
C. 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.*

Psalm 34
Taste and See

Refrain

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord,
The goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
His praise ever in my mouth.
Glory in the Lord forever,
And the lowly will hear and be glad.
2. Glory in the Lord with me,
Let us together extol his name.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me
And delivered me from all my fears.
3. Look to him that you might be radiant with joy,
And your faces free from all shame.
The Lord hears the suffering souls,
And saves them from all distress.

Psalm 103
The Lord Is Kind and Merciful

Refrain

The Lord is kind and merciful,
The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all my being bless his name;
Bless the Lord, and forget not his benefits.
2. He pardons all your iniquities, and comforts
your sorrows,
Redeems your life from destruction
And crowns you with his kindness.
3. Merciful, merciful, and gracious is our God;
Slow to anger, abounding in kindness.

Text: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4; Para. By Marty Haugen. Tune: Marty Haugen. C.1983, GIA Publications, Inc.

Psalm 112
The Just Man

Refrain

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

1. Happy the man who fears the Lord,
Who takes delight in his commands.
His sons will be powerful on earth;
The children of the upright are blessed.
2. Riches and wealth are in his house;
His justice stands firm forever.
He is a light in the darkness for the upright;
He is generous, merciful and just.
3. The good man takes pity and lends,
He conducts his affairs with honor.
The just man will never waver,
He will be remembered forever.
4. He has no fear of evil news;
With a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.
With steadfast heart he will not fear;
He will see the downfall of his foes.
5. Open-handed, he gives to the poor,
His justice stands firm forever.
His head will be raised in glory.

Psalm 128
Blest Are Those Who Love You

Refrain

Blest are those who love you,
Happy those who follow you,
Blest are those who seek you, O Lord.

1. Happy all those who fear the Lord,
And walk in God's pathway;
You will find what you long for ---
The riches of our God.
2. Your spouse shall be like a fruitful vine
In the midst of your home,
Your children flourish like olive plants
Rejoicing at your table.
3. May the blessings of God be yours
All the days of your life,
May the peace and the love of God
Live always in your heart.

Text: Psalm 128:1-2,3,5; Para. By Marty Haugen. Tune: Marty Haugen. C. 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

Psalm 128
Happy Are Those

Refrain

Happy are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways.

1. Happy are you who fear the Lord,
Who walk in his ways!
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
Happy shall you be, and favored.
2. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
In the recesses of your home;
Your children like olive plants
Around your table.
3. Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the
Lord.
The Lord bless you from Zion;
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
All the days of your life.
4. May you see your children's children.
Peace be upon Israel.

Psalm 145
I Will Praise Your Name

Refrain

I will praise your name, my King and my God.
I will praise your name, my King and my God.

1. I will give you glory, my God and King,
And I will bless your name forever.
Every day I will bless and praise
Your name forever.
2. The Lord is full of grace and mercy.
He is kind and slow to anger.
He is good in all his works
And full of compassion.
3. Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord,
And let all the faithful bless you.
Let them speak of your might, O Lord,
The glory of your kingdom.
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words,
And always near, his name is holy.
He lifts up all those who fall,
He raises up the lowly.

Text: Psalm 145:1-2,8-9,10-11,13b-14; Para. By David Haas. Tune: David Haas. C. 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.

Psalm 148
Praise the Lord from the Heavens

Refrain

Praise the Lord from the heavens, alleluia.

1. Praise the Lord from the heavens,
Praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all his angels,
Praise him, all his host.
2. Praise him, sun and moon,
Praise him, shining stars.
Praise him, highest heavens
And the waters above the heavens.
3. Let them praise the name of the Lord.
He commanded: they were made.
He fixed them forever,
Gave a law which shall not pass away.

4. Praise the Lord from the earth,
All creatures and all oceans.
Fire and hail, snow and mist,
Stormy winds that obey his word.
5. All mountains and hills,
All fruit trees and cedars,
Beasts, wild and tame,
Reptiles and birds on the wing.
6. All earth's kings and peoples,
Earth's princes and rulers;
Young men and maidens,
Old men together with children.
7. Let them praise the name of the Lord
For he alone is exalted.
The splendor of his name
Reaches beyond heaven and earth.
8. He exalts the strength of his people.
He is the praise of all his saints,
Of the sons and daughters of Israel,
Of the people to whom he comes close.

*Text: Psalm 148: Verses trans. C.1963,1986, The Grail
Tune: Howard Hughes. C. 1979, GIA Publications, Inc.*



Bridegroom and Bride

1. God, in the planning and purpose of life,
Hallowed the union of husband and wife;
This we embody where love is displayed,
Rings are presented and promises made.
2. Jesus was found, at a similar feast,
Taking the roles of both waiter and priest,
Turning the worldly towards the divine,
Tears into laughter and water to wine.
3. Therefore we pray that his spirit preside
Over the wedding of bridegroom and bride,
Fulfilling all that they've hoped will come true,
Lighting with love all they dream of and do.
4. Praise then the Maker, the Spirit, the Son,
Source of the love through which two are made
one.
God's is the glory, the goodness, and grace
Seen in this marriage and known in this place.

*Text: John L. Bell. C.1989, Iona Community, GIA Publication,
Inc., agent. Tune: SLANE.*

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife;
Such a heart as joys in love.
2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a light as shows a feast;
Such a feast as mends in length;
Such a strength as makes his guest.
3. Come, my joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a joy as none can move;
Such a love as none can part;
Such a heart as joys in love.

*Text: George Herbert, 1593-1632
Tune: THE CALL, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958*

I Have Loved You

Refrain

I have loved you with an everlasting love.
I have called you and you are mine.

1. Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his light and his peace.
2. Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his joy and his hope.
3. Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his care and his love.

*Text: Jeremiah 31:3, Michael Joncas. Tune: Michael Joncas. C.
1979, New Dawn Music.*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!
2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise;

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

*Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933. Tune: HYMN TO JOY, arr.
from Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827.*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy precious love.
3. Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788. Tune: HYFRYDOL, Rowland
H. Prichard.*

Love Is the Sunlight

1. Love is the sunlight shaped of your splendor,
Love is the starbright born of your hand,
Blessing of heaven graciously given,
Radiant with glory from your command.
2. Love is the spacious quiet of shadows,
Love is the gracious shade of release,
Mist of the morning, midday adorning,
Cool with the twilight breath of your peace.
3. May we in gladness grow in your sunshine,
May we in sadness rest in your shade,
Giving and gaining, ever remaining,
One in the marriage your love has made.

*Text: Borghild Jacobson. C. 1981, Concordia Publishing House
Tune: BUNESSAN, Gaelic.*

Love One Another

Refrain

Love one another, for love is of God.
Love one another, for God is love.

1. God loved the world so much
He sent us his only son.
That all who believe in him
Might have eternal life.
2. Since God has given his love to us,
Therefore let us love one another.
If we love one another,
God will love us, and live in us in perfect
love.
3. Everyone who loves is begotten of God
And knows him as the Father.
But they who do not love do not know God,
For God is love.
4. Let not your hearts be troubled,
For love has no room for fear.
In love all fear is forgotten,
For God is here with us.
5. God is love,
And they who abide in love,
Abide in God,
And God in them.

*Text: I John 4. Tune: James J. Chepponis. C. 1983, GIA
Publications, Inc.*

May Love Be Ours

1. Not for tongues of heaven's angels,
Not for wisdom to discern,
Not for faith that masters mountains,
For this better gift we yearn:

Refrain

May love be ours, Lord; may love be ours.
May love be ours, O Lord.

2. Love is humble, love is gentle,
Love is tender, true, and kind;
Love is gracious, ever patient,
Generous of heart and mind ---
3. Never jealous, never selfish,
Love will not rejoice in wrong;
Never boastful nor resentful,
Love believes and suffers long ---
4. In the day this world is fading,
Faith and hope will play their part;
But when Christ is seen in glory,
Love shall reign in every heart:

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926. C. 1985, Hope Publishing Co.

Tune: Michael Joncas, B. 1951, C. 1988, GIA Publications, Inc.

No Greater Love

Refrain

There is no greater love, says the Lord,
Than to lay down your life for a friend;
There is no greater love, no greater love,
Than to lay down your life for a friend.

1. As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.
Live on in my love.
You will live in my love if you keep my
commands,
Even as I have kept my Father's
2. All this I tell you that my joy may be yours
And your joy may be complete.
Love one another as I have loved you:
This is my command.
3. You are my friends if you keep my commands;
No longer slaves but friends to me.
All I heard from my Father, I have made known
to you:
Now I call you friends.

4. It was not you who chose me, it was I who
chose you,
Chose you to go forth and bear fruit.
Your fruit must endure, so you will receive
All you ask the Father in my name.

Text: John 15:9-17; Michael Joncas. Tune: Michael Joncas, b. 1951. C. 1988, GIA Publications, Inc.

Set Me Like a Seal on Your Heart

Refrain

Set me like a seal on your heart,
like a seal on your arm.
Set me like a seal on your heart.
How right it is to love you.

1. For love is stronger than death,
Stronger even than hell.
The flash of it is a flash of fire,
A flame of Yahweh Himself.
2. Come, then, my love;
Come, my beloved.
No flood can quench our love,
For love, if real, has no end.

Text based on Song of Songs 8, adap. Carey Landry. Music by Carey Landry. C. 1977, North American Liturgy Resources.

Set Your Heart on the Higher Gifts

Refrain

Set your heart on the higher gifts,
On the things that come from your Maker in heaven.
These three gifts are all that remain: --
Faith, hope and love, and the greatest is love.

1. If I speak with the tongues of the living,
And of angels,
But speak without love,
I am only brass without song,
An empty noise on the wind.
2. And if I understand every mystery,
Having wisdom,
But think without love,
Had I faith to scatter the hills,
I am nothing at all.
3. And if I should renounce all my riches,
Feed the hungry,
Give over my life;
Without love my profit is loss,
My caring finds no reward.

Text: I Cor. 12:31-13:13. Tune: Steven C. Warner. Adapt. Text and music C. 1992, 1994, World Library Publications.

The Greatest Gift

Refrain

There are three things that last: faith, hope, and love;
And the greatest gift is the gift of love.

1. If I speak with the tongue of an angel
But I do not love,
I am just a voice making noise.
I am nothing, nothing at all.
2. And if I have the faith to move mountains,
But I do not love,
Even faith as mighty as this,
It will profit nothing at all.
3. If I give all I have to the lowly,
But I do not love,
Even if I give up my life,
It will gain me nothing at all.

Music by James V. Marchionda. Text and music C. 1982 by World Library Press.

We Will Serve the Lord

Refrain

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord;
Together our journey, walk with our God.
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
May our lives together be a blessing to God.

1. Hands quick to welcome, hearts to embrace
The lonely and all those in need!
2. Rest for the weary, home for the lost.
May Christ be the love that we share!
3. Manna from heaven, food for the earth.
May we be bread for the world!

Text and music by David Haas. GIA Publications, Inc.

When Love Is Found

1. When love is found and hope comes home,
Sing and be glad that two are one.
When love explodes and fills the sky,
Praise God and share our Maker's joy.
2. When love has flowered in trust and care.
Build both each day that love may dare
To reach beyond home's warmth and light,
To serve and strive for truth and right.
3. When love is tried as loved-ones change,

Hold still to hope though all seems strange,
Till ease returns and love grows wise
Through listening ears and opened eyes.

4. When love is torn and trust betrayed,
Pray strength to love till torments fade,
Till lovers keep no score of wrong
But hear through pain love's Easter song.
5. Praise God for love, praise God for life,
In age or youth, in calm or strife.
Lift up your hearts let love be fed
Through death and life in broken bread.

Text: Brian Wren, b. 1936. Tune: O WALY WALY, English

Where True Love and Charity Are Found *Ubi Caritas*

Refrain

Where true love and charity are found,
God is always there.

(Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est.)

1. Since the love of Christ has brought us all together,
Let us all rejoice and be glad, now and always.
Let everyone love the Lord God, the living God;
And with sincere hearts let us love each other now.
2. Therefore when we gather as one in Christ Jesus,
Let our love enfold each race, deed, every person.
Let envy, division and strife cease among us;
May Christ our Lord dwell among us in every heart.
3. Bring us with your saints to behold your great
beauty,
There to see you, Christ our God, throned in great
glory;
There to possess heaven's peace and joy, your truth
and love,
For endless ages of ages, world without end.

*Text: Latin, Th C.: tr. Richard Proulx, b. 1937. C. 1975, 1986,
GIA Publications, Inc. Tune: UBI CARITAS*

Wherever You Go

1. Wherever you go I shall go.
Wherever you live so shall I live.
Your people will be my people.
And your God will be my God too.
2. Wherever you die I shall die
And there shall I be buried beside you.
We will be together forever,
And our love will be the gift of our life.

Text: Ruth 1:16, 17; Gregory Norbert, b. 1940. Tune: Gregory Norbert, arr. By Mary David Callahan, b. 1923. C. 1972, 1980, The Benedictine Foundation of the State of Vermont, Inc.

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### **A Nuptial Blessing**

#### Refrain

May God bless you, hold and keep you;  
May God's mercy shine on you,  
Guide your work and guard your resting,  
Keep your love forever new.

1. May God satisfy your longing,  
Be refreshment at your table,  
And provide your daily bread,  
Guard your going and your coming,  
Be the solace in your silence:  
Life within the lives you wed.
2. May God join your hopeful spirits,  
Fill your hearts with truth and courage,  
Trust to share both joy and tears,  
Teach love to your children's children,  
May your household learn to witness  
Living faith through all your years.
3. May God make your home a refuge  
Where you warmly welcome strangers  
And the lowly find a place;  
Make you caring, kind companions,  
Help you meet the needs of neighbors  
Finding Christ in every face.

*Text: Vicki Klima, adapt. Michael Joncas and George Szews.  
Music by Michael Joncas. C. 1989 by GIA Publications, Inc.*

### **An Ephesian Prayer**

May the Lord, our God, bless you with love.  
May the Lord, our God, fill you with peace.  
May he lead you and guide you,  
May he love you with compassion.  
May God bless you and hold you;  
May he always live in you.

1. From the wealth of his glory  
May you have power through his spirit  
To be strong within yourselves  
And to build your lives on love.

2. From the wealth of his glory,  
May you know his love --  
The breadth, the length, the height,  
And the depth --  
The love of Jesus Christ.

*Text based on Ephesians 3:16-19. Words (adapt.) And music by James V. Marchionda. C. 1980, World Library Publications, Inc.*

### **Blessing the Marriage**

1. That human life might richer be,  
That children may be named and known,  
That love finds its own sanctuary,  
That those in love stay not alone.

#### Refrain

Praise, praise the Maker, Spirit, Son,  
Blessing this marriage now begun.

2. As two we love are wed this day  
And we stand witness to their vow,  
We call on God, the Trinity,  
To sanctify their pledges now.
3. Parents and families they leave,  
Their own new family to make;  
And, sharing what their pasts have taught,  
The shape it for the future's sake.
4. This is as God meant it to be,  
That man and woman should be one  
And live in love and love through life,  
As Christ on earth has taught and done.
5. Then, bless the bridegroom, bless the bride,  
The dreams they dream, the hopes they share;  
And thank the Lord whose love inspires  
The joy their lips and ours declare.

*Text: John L. Bell, C. 1989, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent. Tune: SUSSEX CAROL.*

### **Hear Us Now, Our God and Father**

1. Hear us now, our God and Father;  
Send your Spirit from above  
On this Christian man and woman,  
Who here make their vows of love!  
Bind their hearts in true devotion,  
Endless as the seashore's sands,  
Boundless as the deepest ocean,  
Blest and sealed by your own hand.

2. Give them joy to lighten sorrow;  
Give them hope to brighten life.  
Go with them to face the morrow;  
Stay with them in every strife.  
As your Word has promised, ever  
Fill them with your strength and grace,  
So that each may serve the other,  
Till they see you face to face.
3. May the grace of Christ our Savior,  
And the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favor  
Rest upon them from above.  
Thus may they abide in union  
With each other and the Lord,  
And possess in sweet communion  
Joys which earth cannot afford.

*Vss. 1-2: Harry N. Huxhold. Vs. 3: John Newton, alt. VSS. 1-2 C. 1978, Augsburg Fortress. Tune: HYFRYDOL, by Rowland H. Prichard.*

### May the Light of Christ

1. May the peace of Christ always live in your hearts,  
And walk in the light of the Lord.  
May you know the support of family and friends,  
And comfort all who need your care.

#### Refrain

May the light of Christ always shine in your hearts;  
May you live in God's love.

2. May the Lord be with you in your daily work,  
And know that the Lord is at your side.  
May you find your strength in the faith of the  
Church,  
And be God's witness to the world.
3. May your lives be enriched with a happy home,  
And love grow stronger every day.  
May the Lord bless you with many happy years,  
And enter God's kingdom in peace.

*Text adapted from Rite of Marriage. Music by James J. Chepponis. C. 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.*

### Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom his world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms,  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

2. O may this gracious God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
Preserve us in his grace,  
And guide us in distress,  
And free us from all sin,  
Till heaven we possess.
3. All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Spirit blest,  
Who reigns in highest heaven,  
Eternal, Triune God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

*Text: Martin Rinkart, 1586-1649, Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878. Tune: NUN DANKET, by Johann Crueger, 1598-1662.*

### O Perfect Love

1. O perfect Love, all human thought transcending,  
Humbly we seek the promise you have won.  
That theirs may be the love which knows no ending,  
And you forevermore will make them one.
2. O perfect Life, be now their full assurance  
Of tender charity and steadfast faith,  
Of patient hope and quiet, brave endurance,  
With childlike trust that fears not pain nor death.
3. Grant them the joy which brightens earthly sorrow.  
Grant them the peace which calms all earthly strife,  
And to life's day the glorious unknown morrow  
That dawns upon eternal love and life.

*Text: Dorothy B. Gurney, 1858-1932. Tune: Joseph Barnby, 1836-1896.*

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Gift of Finest Wheat

Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;
Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice,
So when you call your family, Lord,
We follow and rejoice.

2. With joyful lips we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude,
That you should count us worthy, Lord,
To share this heavenly food.
3. Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
Our oneness in the Lord?
4. The mystery of your presence, Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell.
5. You give yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name
In truth and charity.

Text: Omer Westendorf, Music: Robert E. Kreuz, 1922-1996. C. 1977, Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

God Is Love

Refrain

God is love, and all who live in love, live in God.

1. God is light, in God there is no darkness.
Come live in the love of the Lord.
2. Come to the Lord, receive the light,
And live in the love of the Lord.
3. We are called to be God's own children,
To live in the love of the Lord.
4. All of you are one, united in Jesus,
to live in the love of the Lord.

*Text: I John 1:5, 3:2, 4:15, Psalm 33:6, Galatians, 3:28.
Tune: David Haas. C. 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.*

Take and Eat

Refrain

Take and eat; take and eat;
This is my body given up for you.
Take and drink; take and drink;
This is by blood given up for you.

1. I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
I am the seed that died to be reborn;
I am the bread that comes from heaven above;
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.

2. I am the way that leads the exile home;
I am the truth that sets the captive free;
I am the life that raises up the dead;
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.
3. I am the Lamb that takes away your sin;
I am the gate that guards you night and day;
You are my flock: you know the shepherd's
voice;
You are my own: your ransom is my blood.
4. I am the cornerstone that God has laid;
A chosen stone and precious in his eyes;
You are God's dwelling place, on me you rest;
Like living stones, a temple for God's praise.
5. I am the light that came into the world;
I am the light that darkness cannot hide;
I am the morning star that never sets.
Lift up your face, in you my light will shine.
6. I am the first and last, the Living One;
I am the Lord who died that you might live;
I am the bridegroom, this my wedding song;
You are my bride, come to the marriage feast.

*Text: verses by James Quinn, SJ; refrain text by Michael Joncas.
Music by Michael Joncas. C. 1989, GIA Publications, Inc.*

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Ave Maria

Ave Maria! gratia plena, dominus tecum, benedicta tu
in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.

Latin, 13th Cent. (Translation below)

Hail Mary: Gentle Woman

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women, and blest is the fruit of
your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and
at the hour of death. Amen.

Refrain

Gentle woman, quiet light,
Morning star, so strong and bright,
Gentle Mother, peaceful dove,

Teach us wisdom; teach us love.

1. You were chosen by the Father;
You were chosen for the Son.
You were chosen from all women
And for woman, shining one.
2. Blessed are you among women,
Blest in turn all women, too.
Blessed they with peaceful spirits.
Blessed they with gentle hearts.

Text: Hail Mary, based on Luke 1:28; Carey Landry. Music by Cary Landry. C. 1975, 1978, Carey Landry and National Association of Liturgy Resources.

Beloved, Let Us Love

Beloved, let us love: for love is of God;
In God alone love has its true abode.

Beloved, let us love: for those who love,
They only, are God's children from above.

Beloved, let us love: for love is rest,
And those who do not love cannot be blessed.

Beloved, let us love: for love is light,
And those who do not love still live in night.

Beloved, let us love: for only thus shall we see
God, the Lord, who first loved us.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, based on I John 4:7,8. Music by Donald Busarow. C. 1991 Morning Star Music Publishers.

Panis Angelicus (Bread of the Angels)

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum
Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum.
O res mirabilis man ducat Dominum,
Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis.

Translation:

The bread of angels becomes man's bread; the bread from heaven puts an end to the types. What marvellous happening is this; the poor, the servant, the lowly feeds upon his Lord.

Text from ASacris solemniis by St. Thomas Aquinas. Trans. by Joseph Connelly. Music by Cesar Franck, 1822-1890.

The Gift of Love

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
2. Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.
3. Come, spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed.
By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

Text based on I Corinthians 13. American Folk Tune: O WALY, WALY. Arr. By Hal H. Hopson. C. 1972, Hope Publishing Co.

Time for Joy

Time for joy, time for cheer,
That is why we all are here.
To see the union of two we love
Led and blessed by God above.

As the church is loved by Christ,
So the man now must love his wife.
And as the church for Christ is to live,
So the wife her life to her husband she'll give.

From the beginning of time it has not been good
For man to be alone.
And now before our eyes we see the blessed plan,
The marriage of a woman and a man.

Time for joy, time for cheer,
That is why we all are here.
To see the union of two we love,
Led and blessed by God.

The mystery of ages will now again be done,
That two can come as two and leave as one.

Words and music by Gerry Limpic. C. 1978 Skyhook Music.