

Sing to the Lord!

Weekly notes on the rich musical traditions of the Catholic Church

Starting this week, I am pleased to bring you “Sing to the Lord,” a collection of thoughts, information and an invitation to participate more fully in the rich musical life of our church. Maybe this is something you are deeply passionate about; maybe music is of little consequence to you. Either way, I invite you to join me in learning more about the people, cultures, ideologies and traditions which have influenced the musical expressions of our catholic faith.

This week, I offer you a little taste of where we will begin on our journey; a song called “Ashir Shirim” (I Will Sing Songs to God), which is a wedding song from the time of Jesus. Can you imagine this being played during the wedding feast at Cana? The song has been reconstructed and performed by an ethnomusicological team and is performed here by the San Antonio Vocal Arts Ensemble. I have included a link to an NPR radio story on the process which was undertaken by the group who produced this project- it’s fascinating and I recommend listening to it.

I look forward to embarking on this historical journey. I hope you’ll join me!

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Links:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=0fpgQ21HYy4

www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=1234688

Where:

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