

Old Testament Readings for Weddings

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OPTION NO. 1

Genesis 1:26-28, 31

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Then God said: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground." God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying: "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth." God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



OPTION NO. 2

Genesis 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So the LORD God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all the wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man. So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The LORD God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman,' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

OPTION NO. 3

Tobit 8:5-7

A reading from the book of Tobit.

On their wedding night Sarah got up, and she and Tobiah started to pray and beg that deliverance might be theirs. He began with these words: "Blessed are you, O God of our fathers; praised be your name forever and ever. Let the heavens and all your creation praise you forever. You made Adam and you gave him his wife Eve to be his help and support; and from these two the human race descended. You said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone; let us make him a partner like himself.' Now, Lord, you know that I take this wife of mine not because of lust, but for a noble purpose. Call down your mercy on me and on her, and allow us to live together to a happy old age."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



OPTION NO. 4

Song of Songs 2:8-10, 14, 16; 8:6-7

A reading from the Song of Songs.

Hark! my lover—here he comes springing across the mountains, leaping across the hills. My lover is like a gazelle or a young stag. Here he stands behind our wall, gazing through the windows, peering through the lattices. My lover speaks; he says to me, "Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one, and come!" For see, the winter is past, the rains are over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of pruning the vines has come, and the song of the dove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines, in bloom, give forth fragrance. Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one, and come! "O my dove in the clefts of the rock, in the secret recesses of the cliff, let me see you, let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet, and you are lovely." My lover belongs to me and I to him. He said to me: Set me as a seal on your heart, as a seal on your arm; for stern as death is love, relentless as the nether world is devotion; its flames are a blazing fire. Deep waters cannot quench love, nor floods sweep it away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



OPTION NO. 5

Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16

A reading from the book of Sirach.

Happy the husband of a good wife, twice-lengthened are his days; a worthy wife brings joy to her husband, peaceful and full is his life. A good wife is a generous gift bestowed upon him who fears the LORD; be he rich or poor, his heart is content, and a smile is ever on his face. A gracious wife delights her husband, her thoughtfulness puts flesh on his bones; a gift from the LORD is her governed speech, and her firm virtue is of surpassing worth. Choicest of blessings is a modest wife, priceless her chaste person. Like the sun rising in the LORD'S heavens, the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalms for Weddings

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Music by Nolan Patrick Reilly, ©2020



OPTION NO. 1

Psalm 33:12, 18, 20-21, 22

The earth is full of the good-ness of the Lord.

The musical notation is a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final whole note. The lyrics are written below the notes.

- 1. Blessed the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his heritage. Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love.*
- 2. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. He is our help and our shield. In him do our hearts find joy. We trust in his holy name.*
- 3. May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.*



OPTION NO. 2

Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

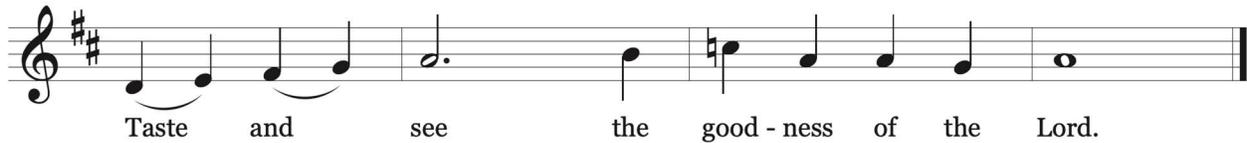
I will bless the Lord at all times.

The musical notation is a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final whole note. A slur covers the notes for 'at all times'. The lyrics are written below the notes.

- 1. I will bless the Lord at all times; praise of him is always in my mouth. In the Lord my soul shall make its boast; the humble shall hear and be glad.*
- 2. Glorify the Lord with me; together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free.*
- 3. Look toward him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This lowly one called; the Lord heard, and rescued him from all his distress.*
- 4. The angel of the LORD is encamped around those who fear him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.*

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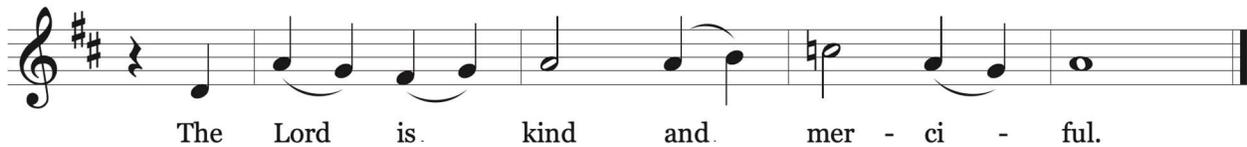
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OPTION NO. 4

Psalm 103:1-2, 8, 13, 17-18



1. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

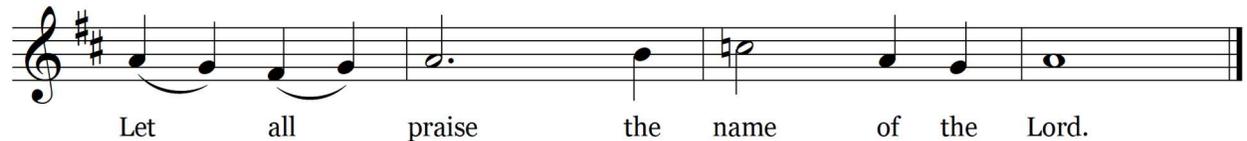
2. The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy. As a father has compassion on his children, the Lord's compassion is on those who fear him.

3. But the mercy of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear, upon children's children his justice, for those who keep his covenant, and remember to fulfill his commands.



OPTION NO. 5

Psalm 148: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12



1. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights. Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts.

2. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all shining stars. Praise him, highest heavens, all the waters above the heavens.

3. Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, beasts, both wild and tame, reptiles and birds on the wing.

4. Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and judges of the earth, young men and maidens as well, the old and the young together.

New Testament Readings for Weddings

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OPTION NO. 1

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



OPTION NO. 2

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, (love) is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

OPTION NO. 3

Ephesians 5:2, 25-32

Short Form A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us. Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So (also) husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "For this reason a man shall leave (his) father and (his) mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



OPTION NO. 4

1 Peter 3:1-9

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Likewise, you wives should be subordinate to your husbands so that, even if some disobey the word, they may be won over without a word by their wives' conduct when they observe your reverent and chaste behavior. Your adornment should not be an external one: braiding the hair, wearing gold jewelry, or dressing in fine clothes, but rather the hidden character of the heart, expressed in the imperishable beauty of a gentle and calm disposition, which is precious in the sight of God. For this is also how the holy women who hoped in God once used to adorn themselves and were subordinate to their husbands; thus Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him "lord." You are her children when you do what is good and fear no intimidation. Likewise, you husbands should live with your wives in understanding, showing honor to the weaker female sex, since we are joint heirs of the gift of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered. Finally, all of you, be of one mind, sympathetic, loving toward one another, compassionate, humble. Do not return evil for evil, or insult for insult; but, on the contrary, a blessing, because to this you were called, that you might inherit a blessing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



OPTION NO. 5

1 John 4:7-12

A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamations for Weddings

The Lectionary for the Mass

Music by Richard Farrant



OPTION NO. 1



Al - le - lu ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse: God is love, let us love one another as God has loved us.



OPTION NO. 2



Al - le - lu ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse: If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love.



OPTION NO. 3



Al - le - lu ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse: He who lives in love, lives in God, and God in him.

Gospel Readings for Weddings

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OPTION NO. 1

Matthew 22:35-40

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

One of the Pharisees, a scholar of the law, tested Jesus by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



OPTION NO. 2

Mark 10:6-9

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: "From the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother (and be joined to his wife), and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OPTION NO. 3

John 2:1-11

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." (And) Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



OPTION NO. 4

John 15:9-12

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OPTION NO. 5

John 15:12-16

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Entrance and Retiring Processional Music

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or you would like more options, please contact the Director of Music.*



Canon in D by Johann Pachelbel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Af372EQLck>

Prince of Denmark's March by Jeremiah Clarke

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXqzc5bB2BE>

Rondeau – Jean-Joseph Mouret

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WHyeBtNAtA>

Hornpipe by G.F. Handel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I0HUPhK8qmA>

Bist du bei mir - Johann Sebastian Bach

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIIHNeIlsGM>

Phoenix Processional by Dan Locklair

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zuzhI8thXoU>

Trumpet Tune in D Major by David Johnson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zuzhI8thXoU>

Rhosymedre – Ralph Vaughan Williams

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQIu6xDyiwM>

Sortie by Denis Bedard

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-LQV9_wTqY

Marche Triomphale - Sigfried Karg-Elert

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AKYYMFrsLlA>

Communion Music

*If you have a piece in mind that is not listed,
or you would like more options, please contact the Director of Music.*

During the Wedding Mass, a solo or a hymn may be sung during the distribution of Communion.

*If there is a presentation of flowers to Mary after Communion,
Ave Maria will be sung during that portion of the liturgy.*



SOLO REPERTOIRE AND HYMNODY

Panis Angelicus – César Franck

Ave Maria – Franz Schubert

Ave Maria – Charles Gounod

Ave Maria -

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life – Ralph Vaughan Williams

Be Thou My Vision – *Slane*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling – *Hyfrydol*

The King of Love, My Shepherd Is – *St. Columba*

Lord of All Hopefulness - *Slane*

Draw Nigh and Take the Body of Your Lord – *Song 46*

Hidden Here Before Me – *Adoro te devote*