

Antiphons For the Celebration of Marriage

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NOTE

The texts may be used interchangeably, e.g. Entrance Antiphon A may be used with Communion Antiphon B.

MUSIC NOTE

The settings are based on the Ordinary Time II Antiphons.

FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE — A

Entrance Antiphon

cf. Psalm 19 (20): 3,5

May the Lord send you help from the ho - ly place and — give you sup - port from Sion.

May he — grant you your heart's de - sire and ful - fill every one of your de - signs.

Psalm 104 (105): 1–11, 43–45

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

O sing to him, sing his praise;
tell all his wonderful works!

Be proud of his holy name,
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.

Consider the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.
Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, the judgments he spoke.

O children of Abraham, his servant,
O sons of the Jacob he chose.
He, the Lord, is our God:
his judgments prevail in all the earth.

He remembers his covenant for ever,
his promise for a thousand generations,
the covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath he swore to Isaac.

He confirmed it for Jacob as a law,
for Israel as a covenant for ever.
He said: 'I am giving you a land,
Canaan, your appointed heritage.'

So he brought out his people with joy,
his chosen ones with shouts of rejoicing.

And he gave them the land of the nations.
They took the fruit of other men's toil,
that thus they might keep his precepts,
that thus they might observe his laws.

Glory be...

Alternative Psalm verses

Psalm 64 (65):2-3. 5-13

FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE — A

Communion Antiphon

Ephesians 5:25, 27

Christ loved the Church and handed him - self ov - er for her,

to pre - sent her as a holy and spotless bride for him-self.

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Psalm 127 (128)

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper;
your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children †
in a happy Jerusalem!
On Israel, peace!

Glory be...

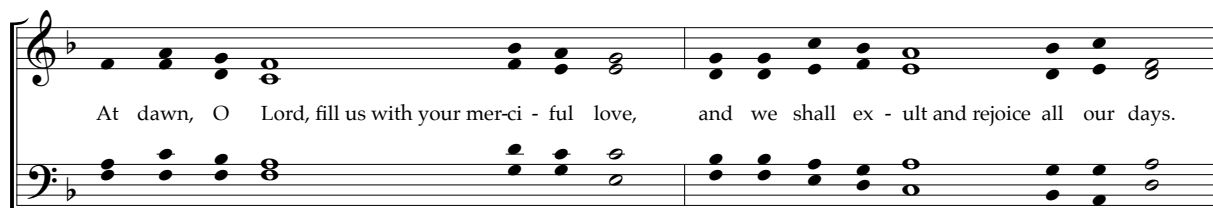
Alternative Psalm verses

Psalm 102 (103)

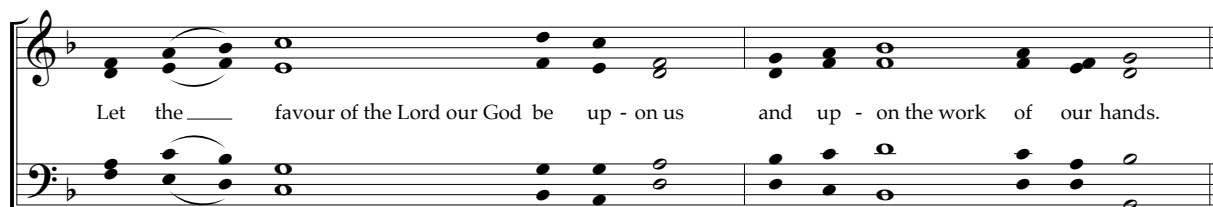
FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE — B

Entrance Antiphon

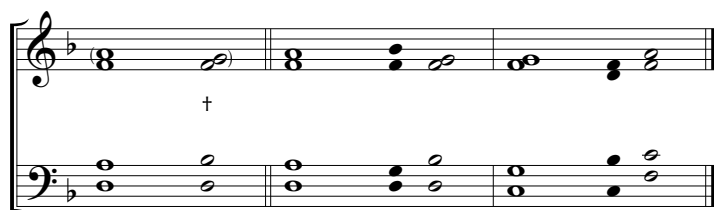
cf. Psalm 89 (90): 14, 17



At dawn, O Lord, fill us with your mer-ci - ful love, and we shall ex - ult and rejoice all our days.



Let the favour of the Lord our God be up - on us and up - on the work of our hands.



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Psalm 36 (37): 3–7a, 16, 18, 23–26

If you trust in the Lord and do good,
then you will live in the land and be secure.
If you find your delight in the Lord,
he will grant your hearts desire.

Commit your life to the Lord,
trust in him and he will act,
so that your justice breaks forth like the light, †
your cause like the noon-day sun.
Be still before the Lord and wait in patience;

The just man's few possessions
are better than the wicked man's wealth.
He protects the lives of the upright,
their heritage will last for ever.

The Lord guides the steps of a man
and makes safe the path of one he loves.
Though he stumble he shall never fall
for the Lord holds him by the hand.

I was young and now I am old, †
but I have never seen the just man forsaken
nor his children begging for bread.
All the day he is generous and lends
and his children become a blessing.

Glory be...

Alternative Psalm verses

Psalm 33 (34): 1–11

FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE — B

Communion Antiphon

John 13: 34

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another

as I have loved you, says the Lord.

†

Psalm 102 (103)

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion,
who fills your life with good things,
renewing your youth like an eagle's

The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgment for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons.

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.

He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him;
for he knows of what we are made,
he remembers that we are dust.

As for man, his days are like grass;
he flowers like the flower of the field;
the wind blows and he is gone
and his place never sees him again.

But the love of the Lord is everlasting†
upon those who hold him in fear;
his justice reaches out to children's children
when they keep his covenant in truth,
when they keep his will in their mind.

The Lord has set his sway in heaven
and his kingdom is ruling over all.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,†
mighty in power, fulfilling his word,
who heed the voice of his word.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his hosts,
his servants who do his will.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his works,†
in every place where he rules.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord!

Glory be...

Alternative Psalm verses

Psalm 118 (119): 1-16

FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE — C

Entrance Antiphon

cf. Psalm 144 (145): 2, 9

I will bless you day after day, O Lord, and praise your name for ever and ever,
 for you are kind to all and compassionate to all your creatures.

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Psalm 144 (145)

I will give you glory, O God my King,
 I will bless your name for ever.

I will bless you day after day
 and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
 his greatness cannot be measured.

Age to age shall proclaim your works,
 shall declare your mighty deeds,
 shall speak of your splendour and glory,
 tell the tale of your wonderful works.

They will speak of your terrible deeds,
 recount your greatness and might.
 They will recall your abundant goodness;
 age to age shall ring out your justice.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
 slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
 compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
 and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
 They shall speak of the glory of your reign
 and declare your might, O God,

to make known to men your mighty deeds
 and the glorious splendour of your reign.
 Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
 your rule lasts from age to age.

The Lord is faithful in all his words
 and loving in all his deeds.
 The Lord supports all who fall
 and raises all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all creatures look to you
 and you give them their food in due time.
 You open wide your hand,
 grant the desires of all who live.

The Lord is just in all his ways
 and loving in all his deeds.
 He is close to all who call him,
 who call on him from their hearts.

He grants the desires of those who fear him,
 he hears their cry and he saves them.
 The Lord protects all who love him;
 but the wicked he will utterly destroy

Let me speak the praise of the Lord, †
 let all mankind bless his holy name
 for ever, for ages unending.

Glory be...

FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE — C

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 33 (34): 2, 9

I will bless the Lord at all times, praise of him is always in my mouth.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Psalm 33 (34)

I will bless the Lord at all times,
 his praise always on my lips;
 in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
 The humble shall hear and be glad.
 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.
 Look towards him and be radiant;
 let your faces not be abashed.
 This poor man called; the Lord heard him
 and rescued him from all his distress.
 The angel of the Lord is encamped
 around those who revere him, to rescue them.
 Taste and see that the Lord is good.
 He is happy who seeks refuge in him.
 Revere the Lord, you his saints.
 They lack nothing, those who revere him.
 Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
 but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.
 Come, children and hear me
 that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
 Who is he who longs for life
 and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?

Then keep your tongue from evil
 and your lips from speaking deceit.
 Turn aside from evil and do good;
 seek and strive after peace.
 The Lord turns his face against the wicked
 to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
 The Lord turns his eyes to the just
 and his ears to their appeal.
 They call and the Lord hears
 and rescues them in all their distress.
 The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
 those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
 Many are the trials of the just man
 but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
 He will keep guard over all his bones,
 not one of his bones shall be broken.
 Evil brings death to the wicked;
 those who hate the good are doomed.
 The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
 Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.
 Glory be...