

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

The Wedding Ceremony, whether it takes place during the Celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass or a Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word, consists of four passages of Scripture. One passage comes from the Old Testament, one from the Psalms (the readings in this document), one from the New Testament (excluding the Gospels), and one from the Gospels.

If your wedding takes place during the Easter Season, the first reading may be taken from the New Testament reading options instead of the Old Testament. It is exceedingly recommended to have the Responsorial Psalm sung, and the ordinary music ministers of the Church will know how this is done. If, for exceptional reasons, it is determined that the Responsorial Psalm will be read, the wedding couple may pick up to four (4) lectors. The First Reading, the Responsorial Psalm (if not sung), and Second Reading are available to be read by the laity (non-ordained). The Gospel is reserved to the Priest or Deacon, and therefore will only be read by them. The petitions, or prayers of the faithful may be read by a member of the Laity, unless a deacon is present. None of these are mandatory, but available options for members of the family and friends to take part in the liturgy.

The order of the readings are not to be changed and go as follows:

1. First Reading
2. Responsorial Psalm
3. Second Reading
4. Gospel Reading

It is not mandatory, but *highly recommended* that the lectors be Catholic. Please have them attend the rehearsal so that they may practice. If they are lectors in their church, they do not need to attend the rehearsal, unless they wish to practice. The priest/deacon will provide a print out of the readings and petitions at the rehearsal for the lectors. **The lectors will NOT use the practice papers during the liturgy. The readings and petitions will be in a binder for the liturgy.** The lectors should understand that they **only** read the parts in the black that appear on the following pages. No other words should be added or any words be removed. The readings are to be read as provided. No introductory or dismissal words should be added or subtracted.

If you have any questions, please contact the priest or deacon at your earliest convenience.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – OPTION 1

R. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Blessed the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his heritage.
Yes, the Lord's eyes are upon those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love.

R. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

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.

R. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord.

R. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – OPTION 2

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – OPTION 3

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

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.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord's compassion is on those who fear him.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

But the mercy of the Lord is everlasting
upon those who hold him in fear,
upon children's children his righteousness,
for those who keep his covenant.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – OPTION 4

R. Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord's commands.

Blessed the man who fears the Lord,
who takes great delight in his commandments.
His descendants shall be powerful on earth;
the generation of the upright will be blest.

R. Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord's commands.

Riches and wealth are in his house;
his righteousness stands firm forever.
A light rises in the darkness for the upright;
he is generous, merciful, and righteous.

R. Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord's commands.

It goes well for the man who deals generously and lends,
who conducts his affairs with justice.
He will never be moved;
forever shall the righteous be remembered.
He has no fear of evil news.

R. Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord's commands.

With a firm heart, he trusts in the Lord.
With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
he will see the downfall of his foes.

R. Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord's commands.

Openhanded, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness stands firm forever.
His might shall be exalted in glory.

R. Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord's commands.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – OPTION 5

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways!

By the labor of your hands you shall eat.

You will be blessed and prosper.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Your wife like a fruitful vine

in the heart of your house;

Your children like shoots of the olive.

around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

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.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – OPTION 6

R. How good is the Lord to all.

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

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

R. How good is the Lord to all.

All your works shall thank you, O Lord,
and all your faithful ones bless you.

The eyes of all look to you
and you give them their food in due season.

R. How good is the Lord to all.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and holy in all his deeds.

The Lord is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth.

R. How good is the Lord to all.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – OPTION 7

R. Let all praise the name of the Lord.

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

R. Let all praise the name of the Lord.

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

R. Let all praise the name of the Lord.

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
beasts, both wild and tame,
creeping things and birds on the wing.

R. Let all praise the name of the Lord.

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all judges of the earth,
young men and maidens as well,
the old and the young together.
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted.

R. Let all praise the name of the Lord.

His splendor above earth and heaven.
He exalts the strength of his people.

R. Let all praise the name of the Lord.