

## **Responsorial Psalm in a Catholic Wedding**

Following the first reading in a Catholic wedding, the community sings or recites the Responsorial Psalm, taken from the book of Psalms in the Old Testament. Seven psalms have been chosen as particularly suitable for the celebration of weddings. The book of Psalms is an ancient book of 150 prayers written as song. Some of the psalms were written as early as 900 years before the birth of Jesus. The Church continues to use the psalms as a prayerful response to the Word of God proclaimed in the first reading. Generally responsorial psalms are structured so that there is a refrain sung by the whole congregation with verses led by a cantor.

### **PSALMODY**

**PSALM 33:12, 18, 20-21, 22**

**C1**

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

Blessed the nations whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.  
But see, the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear him,  
upon those who hope for his kindness.

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

Our soul waits for the Lord,  
who is our help and our shield,  
For in him our hearts rejoice;  
In his holy name we trust.

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

May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us  
Who have put our hope in you.

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

*R: I will bless the Lord at all times. OR Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
    his praise shall be ever in my mouth.  
Let my soul glory in the Lord;  
    the lowly will hear me and be glad.

*R: I will bless the Lord at all times. OR Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

Glorify 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.

*R: I will bless the Lord at all times. OR Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,  
    and your face may not blush with shame.  
When the poor one called out, the Lord heard,  
    and from all his distress he saved him.

*R: I will bless the Lord at all times. OR Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

The angel of the Lord encamps  
    around those who fear him, and delivers them.  
Taste and see how good the Lord is;  
    Blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

*R: I will bless the Lord at all times. OR Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

*R: The Lord is kind and merciful. OR The Lord's kindness is everlasting for those who fear him.*

Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.

*R: The Lord is kind and merciful. OR The Lord's kindness is everlasting for those who fear him.*

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,  
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

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

*R: The Lord is kind and merciful. OR The Lord's kindness is everlasting for those who fear him.*

But the kindness of the Lord is from eternity  
to eternity towards those who fear him,

And his justice towards children's children  
among those who keep his covenant.

*R: The Lord is kind and merciful. OR The Lord's kindness is everlasting for those who fear him.*

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

Blessed the man who fears the Lord,  
    who greatly delights in his commands.  
His prosperity shall be mighty upon the earth;  
    the upright generation shall be blessed.

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

Wealth and riches shall be in his house;  
    his generosity shall endure forever.  
Light shines through the darkness for the upright;  
    he is gracious and merciful and just.

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

Well for the man who is gracious and lends,  
    who conducts his affairs with justice;  
He shall never be moved;  
    the just one shall be in everlasting remembrance  
An evil report he shall not fear.

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

His heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.  
His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear  
    til he looks down upon his foes.

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

Lavishly he gives to the poor;  
    his generosity shall endure forever;  
his horn shall be exalted in glory.

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

*R: Blessed are those who fear the Lord. OR See how the Lord blesses those who fear him.*

Blessed are you who fear the Lord,  
    who walk in his ways!  
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;  
    blessed shall you be, and favored.

*R: Blessed are those who fear the Lord. OR See how the Lord blesses those who fear him.*

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine  
    in the recesses of your home;  
Your children like olive plants  
    around your table.

*R: Blessed are those who fear the Lord. OR See how the Lord blesses those who fear him.*

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.

*R: Blessed are those who fear the Lord. OR See how the Lord blesses those who fear him.*

**PSALM 145:8-9, 10, 15, 17-18 C6**

*R: The Lord is compassionate towards all his works*

The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Lord is good to all  
and compassionate towards all his works.

*R: The Lord is compassionate towards all his works*

Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord,  
and let your faithful ones bless you.

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

*R: The Lord is compassionate towards all his works*

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and holy in all his works

The Lord is near to all who call upon him,  
to all who call upon him in truth.

*R: The Lord is compassionate towards all his works*

*R: Let all praise the name of the Lord.*

Alleluia.

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.*

You mountains and all you hills,  
    you fruit trees and all your cedars;  
You wild beasts and all tame animals,  
    you creeping things and winged fowl.

*R: Let all praise the name of the Lord.*

Let the kings of the earth and all peoples,  
    the princes and all the judges of the earth,  
Young men too, and maidens,  
    old men and boys,  
Praise the name of the Lord,  
    for his name alone is exalted.

*R: Let all praise the name of the Lord.*

His majesty is above earth and heaven,  
    and he has lifted his horn above the people.

*R: Let all praise the name of the Lord.*