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**Cover:** A young woman conducting choir singers singing Christmas carols in, Aberystwyth, Wales, UK. Photo by Keith Morris/Alamy Stock Photo.



# Praying with the Songs We Sing

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One morning I was praying with John Bell’s song, “The Summons.” (BB/MI 383) When I came to the second half of verse 3, the words jumped out at me—so much so that I re-read them: “... *Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?*”

As I read them again, I came to see that a question was being asked of me: are you willing to serve some of the most marginalized people in our society, and are you willing to do this “unseen,” without the need for attention to be drawn to you as you are doing so? As a hospital chaplain, I minister to many people who feel alienated and marginalized, and who are not only sick, but are hurting emotionally. Some feel abandoned by their own families and some, at times, by God—perhaps not to the extent that people with leprosy have felt abandoned and rejected, but their feelings of alienation are very real. Much of the time, especially when I am visiting with a patient, I am doing “*such as this unseen*,” since there is no one else present. I am not going in as a known musician; I am simply the Chaplain at the hospital, seeking to humbly serve another at the point of their greatest need. How freeing this is! And daily I “*admit and give thanks for what [the Lord] means in my life and I in [the Lord]*” through quiet prayer and ministering in God’s presence.

This is an example of what I mean by “praying with the songs we sing.” So many of the songs and hymns we sing are packed with meaning. So many are direct passages of Scripture, or interpretations of the words of Scripture. We learn the songs and sing them at liturgy, but how often do we take the time to actually pray with them in silence?

As I do when I pray with actual passages of Scripture, (and please understand that using songs is only an occasional alternative to using the direct passages of Scripture), I use a simplified form of *Lectio Divina*, a method of praying with God’s Word. Here are the steps I recommend...



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## MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

See [page 66](#) for an abbreviation key.

For additional music suggestions,  
visit [liturgy.com](http://liturgy.com) and [ocp.org/liturgy-podcast](http://ocp.org/liturgy-podcast).

### ENTRANCE

Take Up Our Cross (Stephan) GP3 383 J3 502 S&S 354 UC 559  
OCP 21076  
Lift High the Cross CRUCIFER A 320 BB/MI 712 CP2 305 CP3 314  
GP2 444 GP3 384 H 305 J2 522 J3 500 R2 163 UC 569 VOZ 707  
Glory in the Cross (Schutte) A 204 BB 156 CP3 313 GP3 289 H 304  
J2 523 J3 375 S&S 170 SS2 313 VOZ 439 OCP 11484  
How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION A 253 BB/MI 719 CP3 319  
J2 716 J3 683  
All Are Welcome (Haugen) A 35 BB/MI 414 CP2 462 CP3 499  
GP3 570 H 436 UC 609  
O God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE A 381 BB/MI 443 CP2 419  
CP3 449 GP2 613 GP3 612 H 557 J2 705 J3 672 UC 731 VOZ 627  
Holy, Holy, Holy NICAEA A 242 BB 207 CP2 299 CP3 306 GP2 414  
GP3 358 H 299 J2 469 J3 448 R2 162 R3 115 TM 37 UC 421  
VOZ 505 OCP 30106572  
Christ before Us SUO GAN A 121 BB/MI 409 GP3 586 H 473 J3 640  
OCP 20463  
In This Place (Thomson) A 282 BB/MI 308 CP3 517 GP3 467 H 367  
J3 770 NTY 18 R2 302 R3 295 S&S 219 SS1 122  
Christ in Me Arise (Thomson) A 123 BB/MI 513 GP3 573 H 427  
S&S 278 UC 579 OCP 30104536

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM AND GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Respond and Acclaim* (Alstott) 134–135  
*Lectionary Psalter* (Schiavone) 161, 251  
*Spirit and Psalm* (Díaz) 292–295

### PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

As the Deer (B. Farrell) A 870 BB 117 OCP 30137379  
In Every Age (Whitaker) A 275 BB/MI 466 CP3 473 GP3 653 H 452  
J2 727 J3 696 NTY 134 S&S 317 SS2 242 OCP 11579  
Psalm 42: As the Deer Longs O WALY WALY, ALT. A 440 BB/MI 488  
CP2 415 CP3 440 GP3 590 H 348 J2 696 J3 663 VOZ 337  
Eye Has Not Seen (Haugen) A 174 BB/MI 461 CP2 439 CP3 469  
GP3 645 H 448 UC 691  
Be Still, My Soul FINLANDIA A 85 BB/MI 687 CP3 361 GP3 419  
H 364 J2 575 J3 547  
Your Only Son (Paris) J3 391 NTY 188 S&S 174 SS2 311  
For Your Glory (Maher) S&S 297

### COMMUNION

As the Deer Longs (B. Hurd) A 668 BB/MI 764 CP2 32 CP3 32  
GP2 207 GP3 149 H 119 J2 42 J3 44 UC 105 VOZ 175 OCP 9103  
Keep in Mind (Deiss) A 304 BB/MI 675 CP2 350 CP3 368 GP2 492  
GP3 434 H 354 J2 589 J3 559 UC 258 VOZ 330  
Shepherd Me, O God (Haugen) A 472 BB/MI 457 CP2 11 CP3 474  
GP3 642 H 445 S&S 128 SS1 59 UC 680  
The Cry of the Poor (Foley) A 522 BB/MI 620 CP2 510 CP3 559  
GP2 203 GP3 526 H 541 J2 847 J3 829 NTY 278 R3 248 S&S 340  
SS1 63 UC 616 VOZ 836 OCP 9498  
Gift of Finest Wheat BICENTENNIAL A 198 BB/MI 323 CP2 484  
CP3 526 GP2 525 GP3 487 H 385 J2 803 J3 791 UC 543 VOZ 807  
There Is a Balm in Gilead BALM IN GILEAD A 550 BB/MI 455 CP2 440  
CP3 470 GP2 634 GP3 654 H 451 J2 723 J3 688 UC 683 VOZ 723  
OCP 4536  
In Memory of You/Ave Verum (Peloquin) A 900 BB/MI 349  
On Eagle's Wings (Joncas) A 398 BB/MI 436 CP2 418 CP3 447  
GP2 598 GP3 606 H 550 J2 704 J3 671 NTY 27 R2 217 R3 218  
S&S 333 SS1 195 UC 733 VOZ 630 OCP 10410

This week the U.S. celebrates Patriot Day, also known as 9/11 or September 11. The annual observance commemorates those who were killed or injured during the terrorist attack on the United States in 2001. It is not a public holiday. It is not a day to go shopping or sleep in as we do on public holidays. It is more akin to a “holy” day. More appropriately it can be a day of prayer and remembrance for those who died and for their families. Or it can be a day of prayer for peace on our earth, reconciliation among peoples, and hope in God. Musicians might take advantage of this opportunity to gather neighborhoods together whether through a prayer service or a concert. The music for today’s liturgy has been selected with the readings in mind but also with Patriot Day-9/11 as well.

Take stock of your community. Is it in need of healing, of hope, of lament, of moving on, of tribute to the fallen, of prayer for public servants? Depending on where you live, your community may have some immediate needs similar to the people remembered at Ground Zero. Read through the texts of your music selections for the liturgy to decide.

Today is the feast of the birth of Mary, celebrated by the Church since the sixth century. A service for peace or in remembrance of 9/11 would be most appropriate in her name.

Last, but not least, it’s Grandparents Day. See [page 40](#) for a blessing for grandparents. — *Elaine Rendler-McQueeney*

In Every Age (Smith) A 686 BB/MI 782 CP2 54 CP3 51 GP2 228  
GP3 168 H 136 J2 66 J3 67 VOZ 203  
My Soul Is Thirsting (Brown) GP2 487 GP3 436 OCP 10009  
Like a Deer (Psalm 42) (Crandal) S&S 67

### SONG OF PRAISE OR SENDING FORTH

Let There Be Peace on Earth (Jackson/Miller) A 317 BB/MI 526  
CP2 449 CP3 481 GP2 655 GP3 672 H 422 J2 739 J3 703 R2 221  
R3 213 UC 552 VOZ 719  
A Mighty Fortress EIN’ FESTE BURG A 24 BB/MI 440 CP2 421  
CP3 450 GP2 617 GP3 616 H 492 J2 709 J3 674 UC 747 VOZ 641  
Stand by Me (Kendzia) A 501 BB/MI 633 GP3 629 H 563 J3 653  
S&S 352 OCP 12093  
For the Beauty of the Earth DIX A 185 BB/MI 587 CP2 383 CP3 404  
GP2 704 GP3 705 H 463 J2 642 J3 609 NTY 139 R2 293 R3 171  
UC 653 VOZ 602  
Sing with All the Saints in Glory HYMN TO JOY A 487 BB/MI 611  
CP3 507 GP3 774 H 542 J2 789 J3 759  
Lead Me, Lord (Becker) A 307 BB/MI 630 CP2 398 CP3 432 GP2 715  
GP3 760 H 533 J2 659 J3 733 NTY 19 R2 284 S&S 221 SS1 107  
UC 575 VOZ 619 OCP 8831  
Healing River of the Spirit BEACH SPRING A 235 BB/MI 689 CP3 362  
GP3 422 H 365 J3 545  
For the Healing of the Nations ST. THOMAS (TANTUM ERGO) A 187  
BB/MI 427 CP3 463 GP3 517 H 565 J3 844  
Hallelujah Is Our Song (Hart) A 899 BB 171 GP3 720  
Sweet Redeemer (Angrisano/Hart) NTY 222 S&S 353 SS2 417  
OCP 11976

### POSTLUDE

Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Hearts (D. Hurd) OCP 4621  
Deep Peace (Bridge) OCP 20744  
Peace I Leave with You (Helvey) OCP 30130620

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Time \_\_\_\_\_ Priest Celebrant \_\_\_\_\_

Music Rehearsal/Liturgical Catechesis \_\_\_\_\_

Introduction, see *Prayer of the Faithful*, page 69 \_\_\_\_\_

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Chant \_\_\_\_\_

Blessing and Sprinkling of Water/Penitential Act \_\_\_\_\_

Gloria \_\_\_\_\_

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Responsorial Psalm \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Gospel Acclamation \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel \_\_\_\_\_

Homily \_\_\_\_\_

Dismissal of the Catechumens and Elect \_\_\_\_\_

Universal Prayer, see *Prayer of the Faithful*, page 69 \_\_\_\_\_

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts \_\_\_\_\_

Eucharistic Acclamations \_\_\_\_\_

Holy, Holy, Holy \_\_\_\_\_

The Mystery of Faith \_\_\_\_\_ Amen \_\_\_\_\_

### The Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

Lamb of God \_\_\_\_\_

Communion Chant \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm or Hymn of Praise/Instrumental or Silence \_\_\_\_\_

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

Sending Forth \_\_\_\_\_

Choral Anthem of the Day \_\_\_\_\_

Prelude/Postlude \_\_\_\_\_

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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Psalm 119 (118):137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

### FIRST READING

Wisdom 9:13–18b (129C)

No one understands heaven or earth completely, but God sends wisdom and the Holy Spirit to light up the paths of those who search for the way.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 90:3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 14, 17

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

### SECOND READING

Philemon 9–10, 12–17

While Paul was in prison, he begged Philemon to receive back the runaway slave, Onesimus, as a beloved brother and partner in Christ.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 119:135

Let your face shine upon your servant; and teach me your laws.

### GOSPEL

Luke 14:25–33

Jesus taught his followers the hard lesson of the cross: good accounting, careful planning, anticipating changes, decision making, and finishing the job.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

cf. Psalm 42 (41):2–3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

*Or*

John 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.