

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

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Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32 (33): 12. 18. 20–21. 22. R. cf. 5b

R. The Lord fills the earth with his love.

12 They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own.

18 The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love. R.

20 Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.

21 In him do our hearts find joy.
We trust in his holy name. R.

22 May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. R.

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Usually the first reading in the wedding service is followed by a psalm. This is known as the 'Responsorial Psalm' because it is a way of saying 'Yes, we agree, and we are right behind what that first reading has said'. There are many musical versions of psalms available. The texts come from 'The Book of Psalms' or songs which are part of our Jewish-Christian heritage, at the heart of the Old Testament. We know Jesus himself prayed the psalms. We in our day use these words of our ancestors to respond to the reading from scripture. Someone may sing the psalm verses, and the congregation have a refrain to sing. The *Order of Christian Matrimony* gives you seven choices of psalm. However you may have a psalm that has particular resonance for you, and which you find most fitting for your readings and Gospel, enhancing the whole celebration.

For Reflection

- Look through each psalm choice, and see which speaks most about God's love for you, the love you have for one another, and how God blesses your love. You can ask the same questions of your psalm choice.