

Scripture and Hymns

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The following readings are particularly appropriate for use in the service of Christian marriage.

Old Testament

- Gen. 1:26–31 Humankind created in the image of God
Gen. 2:18–24 Bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh
Ruth 1:16–17a Where you go, I will go
1 Sam. 18:1–4 Jonathan made a covenant with David
Prov. 3:3–6 Trust the Lord with all your heart
Eccl. 4:9–12 Two are better than one
Song 2:8–13 Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.
Song 8:6–7 Set me as a seal upon your heart
Jer. 31:31–34 The Lord will make a new covenant

Psalms

The following psalms are appropriate for singing or reading in the service.

- Ps. 8 Mortals crowned with glory and honor
Ps. 67 May God be gracious to us
Ps. 95:1–7 O come, let us sing to the Lord
Ps. 100 Make a joyful noise to the Lord
Ps. 103:1–5, 15–18 Bless the Lord, O my soul
Ps. 117 Great is God's steadfast love
Ps. 121 Lift up my eyes to the hills
Ps. 128 Happy is everyone who fears the Lord
Ps. 136:1–9, 26 O give thanks, for God is good
Ps. 145 I will exalt you, O God my King
Ps. 148 Praise the Lord

Ps. 150 Everything that breathes praise the Lord

Epistles

Rom. 12:1–2 Present your bodies as a living sacrifice
Rom. 12:9–18 Let love be genuine
1 Cor. 13:1–13 Faith, hope, love, . . . the greatest is love
Gal. 3:27–28 You have clothed yourselves with Christ
Eph. 5:21–33 Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ
Phil. 4:4–9 Rejoice in the Lord always
Col. 3:12–17 Clothe yourselves with love
1 John 4:7–12 Let us love one another . . . God is love
Rev. 19:1, 5–9 Rejoicing at the marriage of the Lamb

Gospels

Matt. 5:1–10 The Beatitudes
Matt. 5:13–16 Salt of the earth, light of the world
Matt. 7:24–27 A wise man built his house on rock
Matt. 19:3–6 No longer two, but one flesh
Matt. 22:35–40 Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind
Mark 10:6–9 What God has joined, let no one separate
John 2:1–11 The wedding at Cana
John 15:1–17 Jesus, the true vine

HYMNS, PSALMS, AND SPIRITUAL SONGS

Procession

- GTG 15; PH 455 All Creatures of Our God and King
GTG 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
GTG 18 Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator
GTG 611; PH 464 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
GTG 35; PH 482 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
GTG 645; PH 483 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Hymns of Praise

- GTG 385; PH 220 All People That on Earth Do Dwell (Ps. 100)
GTG 267; PH 150 Come, Christians, Join to Sing
GTG 475; PH 356 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
GTG 14; PH 473 For the Beauty of the Earth
GTG 327; PH 229 From All That Dwell Below the Skies
(Ps. 117)
GTG 12; PH 263 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
GTG 371; PH 218 New Songs of Celebration Render (Ps. 98)
GTG 650 O Beauty Ever Ancient
GTG 638; PH 214 O Come and Sing Unto the Lord (Ps. 95)
GTG 25; PH 162 O Lord, Our God, How Excellent (Ps. 8)
GTG 33; PH 481 Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show
(Ps. 150)
GTG 35; PH 258 Praise Ye the Lord (Ps. 150)
PH 226 Sing Praise Unto the Name of God (Ps. 113)

Following the Declaration of Intent and Vows

- GTG 450; PH 339 Be Thou My Vision
GTG 395; PH 454 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word
GTG 761; PH 343 Called as Partners in Christ's Service
GTG 282; PH 313 Come Down, O Love Divine
GTG 686; PH 275 God of Our Life

GTG 65; PH 281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
PH 321 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine
GTG 816; PH 282 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee
GTG 69; PH 525 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky/Here I Am, Lord
GTG 285; PH 314 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song
GTG 205 Live in Charity/Ubi caritas
PH 374 Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace
GTG 722; PH 426 Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak
GTG 753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
GTG 308 O God in Whom All Life Begins
GTG 666; PH 474 O Splendor of God's Glory Bright
GTG 27 Sacred the Body
GTG 187; PH 387 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
GTG 697; PH 391 Take My Life
GTG 707; PH 392 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord
GTG 312 Take Us as We Are, O God
GTG 757; PH 434 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples
GTG 685 Unseen God, Your Hand Has Guided
GTG 316 Where Charity and Love Prevail