

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33(34): 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R. 2a or 9a

R. I will bless the Lord at all times.

or

R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

2 I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
3 in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. R.

4 Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
5 I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. R.

6 Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
7 This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. R.

8 The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around those who revere him, to rescue them.  
9 Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. R.

## Responsorial Psalms

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.