

Litany of Thanksgiving and Dedication for Music

Leader: The people of God have sung songs and played instruments from the beginning of time.

- We sing in times of ceremony (*2 Samuel 6:5*)
- We sing because our God is so great and so good (*Psalms 33:2-3*)
- We sing in times of celebration (*Psalms 81:1-3*)
- We sing because it pleases God (*Psalms 149:1,4*)
- We sing as an expression of our joy and thanksgiving (*Psalms 92:1-4*)
- We sing in times of uncertainty and distress (*Matthew 26:29-30*)
- And we sing because it is part of our new life in Christ (*Colossians 3:16*)

We are thankful to God for the glorious gift of music and for giving us the ability to sing, to play, to listen, and to respond.

**People: We are thankful for the gift of music that
instructs our minds,
strengthens our spirits,
and stirs our souls.**

Leader: We are thankful for old songs that keep us connected with saints and traditions of our past.

Choirs Only: We are thankful for songs from our culture that express our heritage in familiar melodies and rhythms.

People: We are thankful for songs from other cultures that open us to the variety of ways in which the faithful offer praise around the world.

Leader: We are thankful for new songs, and new ways of singing old songs, that reach our hearts in new ways.

People: We are thankful for the musicians who faithfully lead us in song, and bless our worship each week with their talents and offerings.

Choirs Only: We are thankful for the instruments with which we have been blessed, and for the resources to care for them.

**All: As we begin a new year of choirs and singing and playing and learning,
May the music that we sing and hear
inspire our hearts in times of joy and sorrow,
and enable us to sing in one voice as Christ's
gathered people,
joining in harmony with all who
worship our Lord.**

Let us pray together:

Eternal God, our praises join with the heavenly choirs and the music of the universe. Let our music encourage our praise as we lift our singing to your throne.

Trusting in Jesus Christ, we dedicate our music, in all its many forms, to the glory of God. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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