GATHERING

How Can I Keep from Singing

St. Francis Xavier Parish
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 13-14

1. My life flows on in endless song. A
2. Through all the tumult and the strife I
3. What though my joys and comfort die? The
4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A

bove earth’s lamentation I hear the clear though
hear that music ringing. It finds an echo
Lord my savior liveth. What though the darkness
fountain ever springing! All things are mine since

far-off hymn That hails a new creation,
in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.
I am his! How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm While to that Rock I’m
clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,

How can I keep from singing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899, alt.
Tune: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; Robert Lowry, 1826-1899; harm. by Robert J. Batastini, b-1942

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GLORIA

Glor-ry to God. Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace, on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

Final (1st time to Refrain) Coda

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103 The Lord is Kind and Merciful

The Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful; the Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful. Slow to an-ger, rich in kind-ness, the Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

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PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Verse 1
1. Long before the mountains came to be and the land and sea and stars of the night,
through the endless seasons of all time, you have always been, you will always be.

Refrain
In ev'ry age, O God, you have been our refuge.

Verses 2, 3
2. Destiny is cast, and at your silent word we return to dust and scatter to the wind.
A thousand years are like a single moment gone,
as the light that fades at the end of day.

3. Teach us to make use of the time we have. Teach us to be patient even as we wait.
Teach us to embrace our ev'ry joy and pain,
to sleep peacefully, and to rise up strong.

Text: Based on Psalm 90:1–4, 12, Janêt Sullivan Whitaker, b.1958
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COMMUNION SONG

Gift of Finest Wheat

Refrain

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With
gift of fin - est wheat; Come give to us, O
sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

Verses

1. As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They
2. With joy - ful lips we sing to you Our
3. Is not the cup we bless and share The
4. The mys - t’ry of your pres - ence, Lord, No
5. You give your - self to us, O Lord; Then

know and heed his voice; So when you call your
praise and grat - i - tude, That you should count us
blood of Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one
mor - tal tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -
self - less let us be, To serve each oth - er

fam - ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.
wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav’n - ly food.
loaf, de - cline Our one - ness in the Lord?
not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
in your name In truth and char - i - ty.

Tune: BICENTENNIAL, CM with refrain; Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996
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Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
3. The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
5. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,

I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.
How precious did that grace appear! The hour I first believed!
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

Text: St. 1–4, John Newton, 1725–1807; st. 5, attr. to John Rees, b.1859
Tune: NEW BRITAIN, CM; Virginia Harmony, 1831; harm. by Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921

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