

Disciples Sing

“Sing” is one of the most commonly used words in the Bible. God’s people are supposed to sing. “Serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful song” (Psalm 100:2). Singing is the elemental form of worship. It’s what Moses and Israel did in response to their saving passage through the Red Sea; it is what David and the people did as they brought the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem; it is what Jesus and his disciples did the night before he died (the Last Supper wasn’t a “quiet” Mass). Liturgical music should lead us into song, and we should sing throughout the liturgy and beyond.

Inspired by sung participation, the body of the Word Incarnate goes forth to spread the Gospel with full force and compassion. In this way, the church leads men and women “to the faith, freedom and peace of Christ by the example of its life and teaching, by the sacraments and other means of grace. Its aim is to open up for all men a free and sure path to full participation in the mystery of Christ.

In other words, singing and discipleship go together. Disciples are moved to worship and then motivated to service particularly and powerfully through their sung participation in worship.

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