

# St. Thomas More Wedding Music Selections 2021

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## Processional

### ***Magnificat (Sherman)***

Refrain:

*With all my heart I raise my voice to proclaim your greatness, O God.*

*My spirit rejoices in God my saviour; in your love you have done great things for me.*

You have looked with favor on your lowly servant and holy is your name.

From his day on all will call me blest in every age to come,

You have shown the strength of your saving arm, you have scattered the bold and the proud.

You have cast down the mighty from their thrones, you have lifted up the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with all that is good, and the rich you have sent away empty.

You have remembered your promise of mercy and love and have promised to keep it forever.

## Opening Hymn

### ***For the Beauty of the Earth (Dix – verses 1, 2 and 4)***

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to you we raise  
This our grateful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to you we raise  
This our grateful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to you we raise  
This our grateful hymn of praise.

### ***Gather the People (Schutte)***

Refrain:

*Gather the people, enter the feast.  
All are invited, the greatest and least.  
The banquet is ready now to be shared.  
Join in the heavenly feast that God has prepared.*

Around this table we dine as kin, beloved family of God.  
We share the Body of Christ, the Lord. Here we become what we eat.  
Around this table we tell great tales, the wondrous stories of grace.  
We hold the mem'ry of Christ the Lord. So we become what we eat.

Around this table God's bounty falls on all who hunger and thirst.  
We drink the fullness of Christ the Lord. So we become what we eat.

## **Gather Your People (Hurd)**

Refrain:

*Gather your people, O Lord.*

*Gather your people O Lord.*

*One bread, one body, one spirit of love.*

*Gather your people, O Lord.*

Draw us forth to the table of life: Brothers and sisters,  
Each of us called to walk in your light.

We are parts of the body of Christ, Needing each other,  
Each of the gifts the Spirit provides.

No more harm on the mountain of God: Swords into plowshares.  
Free us, O Lord, from hardness of heart.

Wash us Lord, in the waters of life: Waters of mercy,  
Waters of hope that flow from your side.

## **Glory and Praise to Our God (Schutte)**

Refrain:

*Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days.*

*Many are the blessing he bears to those who trust in his ways.*

We, the daughters and sons of him who built the valleys and plains,  
praise the wonders our God has done in every heart that sings.

In his wisdom he strengthens us, like gold that's tested in fire.  
Though the power of sin prevails, our God is there to save.

Every moment of every day, our God is waiting to save,  
always ready to seek the lost, to answer those who pray.

## **God Created Earth and Heaven (Beethoven, verses 1 and 4)**

God created earth and heaven,  
God commanded light to me.  
Separated light from darkness,  
Set the bounds for land and sea.  
While God's Spirit on the waters  
In his love did gently brood.  
Life on earth began to quicken  
And God saw that it was good.

In God's image we were fashioned,  
Male and female God did make.  
Gave us care of all creation,  
In God's work do we partake.  
Sing with joy the Father's glory,  
Sound the praises of the Son.  
Ever bless the Holy Spirit,  
God eternal, three in one.

### **God Who Blesses New Beginnings (Hyfrydol)**

God, who blesses new beginnings, send your Spirit from above.  
On this Christian man and women, who here make their vows of love.  
Bind their hearts in true devotion endless as the seashore's sands,  
Boundless as the deepest ocean, blest and sealed by your own hands.

Give them joy to lighten sorrow! Given them hope to brighten life!  
Go with them to face the morrow. Stay with them in ev'ry strife.  
As your Word has promised ever, fill them with your strength and grace.  
so that each may serve the other till they see you face to face.

May the grace of Christ, our Saviour, And the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favour rest upon them from above.  
May they live in lasting union with each other and the Lord;  
Finding joy in hearts' communion: joy to share in lives outpoured.

### **O Bless the Lord (Michaels)**

Refrain:

*O bless the Lord, the God of our salvation,  
Rock of strength and a refuge sure.  
O bless the Lord, the God of every nation,  
Over all the earth.*

O bless the Lord, highest heavens above! Bless the Lord! Glorify His name!  
Sun in the day, moon and stars in the night, worship and praise!

Let all the earth sing with joy to the Lord, all the seas, creatures of the deep!  
Mountains and hills, birds and beasts in the fields, worship and praise!

Let all the nations on earth bless the Lord, for the Lord governs all the world  
Let all the rulers on earth bless the Lord! Worship and praise!

Let all the people on earth bless the Lord! Young and old, glorify his name!  
Let ev'ry voice sing with joy to the Lord: "Glory and praise!"

## ***When Love is Found (O Waly Waly)***

When Love is found and hope comes home,  
sing and be glad that two are one.

When love explodes and fills the sky,  
praise God and share our Maker's joy.

When love has flowered in trust and care  
build both each day, that love may dare  
To reach beyond homes warmth and light  
to serve and strive for truth and right.

When love is tried as loved ones change,  
hold still to hope though all seems strange,  
Till ease returns and love grows wise  
through listening ears and opened eyes.

When love is torn and trust betrayed,  
pray strength to love till torments fade,  
Till lovers keep no score of wrong,  
but hear through pain love's Easter song.

Praise God for love, praise God for life  
in age or youth, in husband, wife.  
Lift up your heart let love be fed  
through death and life in broken bread.

## Offertory

### ***Christ Be Our Light (Farrell)***

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

Refrain

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

### ***Companions on the Journey (Landry)***

Refrain:

*We are companions on the journey,  
Breaking Bread and sharing life;  
And in the love we bear is the hope we share  
For we believe in the love of our God.  
We believe in the love of our God.*

No longer strangers to each other,  
No longer strangers in God's House;  
We are fed and we are nourished  
By the strength of those who care.

We have been gifted with each other,  
And we are called by the Word of the Lord:  
To act with justice, to love tenderly,  
And to walk humbly with our God.

We will seek and we shall find;  
We will knock and the door will be opened;  
We will ask and it shall be given,  
For we believe in the love of our God.

We are made for the glory of our God,  
For service in the name of Jesus;  
To walk side by side with hope in our hearts,  
For we believe in the love of our God.

### ***Servant Song (McGargill)***

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road.  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night time of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to god in heaven, we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

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## ***The Summons (Kelvingrove)***

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known?  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean? And do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## ***We are Many Parts (Haugen)***

Refrain:

*We are many parts, we are all one body.  
And the gifts we have we are given to share.  
May the Spirit of love, make us one indeed.  
One, the love that we share; one, our hope in despair, one, the cross that we bear.*

God of all, we look to you,  
we would be your servants true,  
let us be your love to all the world.

So my pain is pain for you,  
in your joy is my joy too,  
all is brought together in the Lord!

All you seekers great and small,  
seek the greatest gift of all  
if you love then you will know the Lord!

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### ***Wherever You Go (Weston Priory)***

Wherever you go I shall go.  
Wherever you live so shall I live.  
Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God too.  
Wherever you die I shall die,  
And there shall I be buried beside you.  
We will be together forever, and our love will be the gift of our life.

## Communion

### ***Behold the Lamb (Willett)***

Those who were in the dark are thankful for the sunlight;  
we who live, we who die are grateful for his gift, thankful for his love.

Refrain:

*Behold the Lamb of God.  
All who eat, all who drink shall live;  
and all, all who dwell in God, shall come to know his glory.*

Peaceful now, those whose hearts are blessed with understanding.  
Of the wheat, of the wine united with his word and the love we share.

Gentle one, Child of God, join with us at this table.  
Bless our lives; nourish all who hunger for this feast; shelter them with peace.

Lord of all, give us light. Deliver us from evil.  
Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that blow; cradle us with love.

### ***Bread for the World (Farrell)***

Refrain:

*Bread for the world: a world of hunger.  
Wine for all peoples: people who thirst.  
May we who eat be bread for others.  
May we who drink pour out our love.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life,  
broken to reach and heal the wounds of human pain.  
Where we divide your people, you are waiting there  
on bended knee to wash our feet with endless care.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the wine of peace,  
poured into hearts once broken and where dryness sleeps.  
Where we are tired and weary, you are waiting there  
to be the way which beckons us beyond despair.

Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to your feast,  
at which the rich and pow'rful have become the least.  
Where we survive on others in our human greed,  
you walk among us begging for your ev'ry need.

## **Bread of Life (Cooney)**

Refrain:

*I myself am the bread of life,  
You and I are the bread of life,  
Taken and blessed, broken and shared by Christ  
That the world might live.*

This bread is spirit, gift of the Maker's love,  
and we who share it know that we can be one:  
A living sign of God in Christ.

Here is God's kingdom, given to us as food.  
This is our body, this is our blood:  
A living sign of God in Christ.

Lives broken open, stories shared aloud,  
become a banquet, a shelter for the world:  
A living sign of God in Christ.

## **Bread of Life (Farrell)**

Refrain:

*Bread of life, hope of the world  
Jesus Christ, our brother:  
Feed us now; give us life  
Lead us to one another.*

As we proclaim your death, as we recall your life,  
we remember your promise to return a gain.

The bread we break and share was scattered once as grain:  
just as now it is gathered, make our people one.

We eat this living bread, we drink this saving cup:  
sign of hope in our broken world, source of lasting love.

Hold us in unity, in love for all to see;  
that the world may believe in you, God of all who live.

You are the bread of peace, you are the wine of joy,  
broken now for your people, poured in endless love.

## ***I am the Bread of Life (Toolan)***

I am the Bread of life,  
You who come to me shall not hunger;  
and who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

Refrain:

*And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up  
on the last day.*

The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live for ever, you shall live for ever.

Unless you eat of the  
flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood,  
and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you.

I am the Resurrection,  
I am the life.  
If you believe in me,  
even though you die, you shall live forever.

Yes, Lord, I believe that  
you are the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
who have come into the world.

## ***One Bread One Body (Foley)***

Refrain:

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all.  
One cup of blessings which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man no more.

Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one for all.

### ***Seed Scattered and Sown (Feiten)***

Refrain:

*Seed scattered and sown, wheat gathered and grown  
Bread broken and shared as one the living Bread of God.  
Vine fruit of the land, wine works of our hands  
One cup that is share by all, the living cup  
The living bread of God.*

It's not the bread we break a sharing in our Lord.  
Is not the cup we bless the Blood of Christ out poured?

The seed which falls on rock will wither and will die.  
The seed within good ground will flower and have life.

As wheat upon the hills was gathered and was grown,  
So may the church of God be gathered into one.

### ***Table of Plenty (Schutte)***

Refrain:

*Come to the feast of heaven and earth.  
Come to the table of plenty.  
God will provide for all that we need,  
Here at the table of plenty.*

O, come and sit at My table where saints and sinners are friends.  
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of My love.

O, come and eat without money. Come to drink without price.  
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life.

My bread will ever sustain you through days of sorrow and woe.  
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood the depths of your soul.  
Your fields will flower in fullness; your homes will flourish in peace.  
For I, the giver of home and harvest, will send my rain on the soil.

## ***Ubi Caritas (Rosania)***

Refrain:

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.*

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.*

We gather together in the love of Christ;  
Let each one be glad in him and rejoice.  
Our God is alive, the God of love is near;  
So love one another with a heart sincere.

We, the many, become one body as the Spirit binds,  
And we seek to be one in Christ and one in heart and mind.  
Let all quarrels, all division, all our conflict cease;  
Then will Christ truly dwell among us as our Lord of Peace.

Then, joined with the blessed, filled with hope and grace,  
Dear Lord, in great glory may we see your face.  
Our joy none can measure, joy that knows no end,  
Resounding from endless age to age. Amen.

## **Signing of the Register**

### ***Ave Maria (Gounod or Schubert)***

Ave Maria, gratia plena:  
Dominus tecum,  
benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.  
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,  
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,  
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae, Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee,  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

### ***Bridal Prayer (Copeland)***

Here in this holy place, as we stand before the Father, and stand before the Son;  
Here in this quiet hour, in the presence of the Spirit, our lives become as one.  
To listen when He calls us, and follow where He leads;  
To be the kind of servants He needs –  
Here in these sacred vows, we pledge our lives together,  
To love and serve in Jesus' name, Amen.

### ***By My Side (Porter)***

Stand by my side, offer you hand as I am off'ring you;  
To have and to hold. Together we'll grow into  
The image of the Father, reflecting love in one another.  
For on this day, and for all time I choose you.

With faith as our guide, and hope in our eyes, we share these words to day.  
The promises made will strengthen s on our way.  
The journey that's beginning is built on love that has no end  
With God in our lives and you standing by my side.



## ***Covenant Hymn (Cooney/Daigle)***

Wherever you go, I will follow,  
Wherever you live is my home  
Though days be of blessing or sorrow  
Though house be of canvas or stone  
Though Eden be lost to the past  
Though mountains before us be vast  
Wherever you go I am with you  
I never will leave you alone.

Whatever you dream, I am with you  
When stars call your name in the night.  
Though shadows and mist cloud the future  
Together we bear there a light  
Like Abram and Sara we stand  
With only a promise in hand  
But lead where you dream, I will follow  
To dream with you is my delight.

And though you should fall, you will find me  
When no other friend can you claim  
Thoses foes beat you down or betray you  
And others desert you in shame  
When home and dreams aren't enough  
And you run away from my love  
I'll raise you from where you have fallen  
Faithful to you, is my name.

Wherever you die, I will be there  
To sing you to sleep with a psalm.  
To soothe you with tales of our journey  
Your fears and your doubts I will calm  
We'll live, when journeys are done,  
Forever in mem'ry as one  
And we will be buried together  
And waken to greet a new dawn.

Wherever you go I will follow  
Behold the horizon shines clear  
The possible gleams like a city  
Together we've nothing to fear  
So speak with words bold and true  
The message my heart speaks to you  
You won't be alone, I have promised  
Wherever you go, I am here

### ***For Life and All Its Richness (Klusmeier)***

For life and all its richness we thank you, God, this day.  
We celebrate the joy of love! Make true the vows we say.  
We seek the kind of marriage that sets each other free.  
We pray for faith and courage to live creatively.

Let tears and laughter grace us; let years add to our joy,  
our giving, growing deeper as oneness we enjoy.  
God, let our living, making, love a tender giving be,  
and all our life together be shared most joyfully.

God let our love have purpose, reflection of your own,  
a love that lives for giving like that in Jesus shown.  
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### ***Live to be Holy (Lawton)***

Where is the place that you go? Where is the beauty you show?  
Where will the blossoms still bring fragrance to the earth? When will the stars start to shine?  
When will the rain wash the vine? When will I hear your sweet voice, your beautiful voice?

Refrain:

*Live to be holy, Live as if only someone is calling you deep in your heart.  
Live to be holy, humble and lowly. Love will find you and dwell in your hear.*

When will the dove take to flight or hide in the covert by night?  
When will the winter be past so the scent of the flowers will last?  
Set me like a seal on your heart. Set me like a seal on your arm;  
Then I will hear your sweet voice, your beautiful voice.

### ***Panis Angelicus (Franck)***

Panis angelicus  
fit panis hominum;  
Dat panis coelicus  
figuris terminum:  
O res mirabilis!  
Manducat Dominum  
Pauper, servus et humilis.  
Te trina Deitas  
unaque poscimus:  
Sic nos tu visita,  
sicut te colimus;  
Per tuas semitas  
duc nos quo tendimus,  
Ad lucem quam inhabitas.  
Amen.

The angelic bread  
becomes the bread of men;  
The heavenly bread  
ends all prefigurations:  
What wonder!  
The Lord is eaten  
by a poor and humble servant.  
Triune God,  
We beg of you:  
visit us,  
just as we worship you.  
By your ways,  
lead us where we are heading,  
to the light in which you dwell.  
Amen.

### ***Paul's Prayer (Fabing)***

This is what I pray for from our Father's hand,  
From Him ev'ry fam'ly takes its life and its name.  
Out of His glory may He give to you  
Power through His Spirit present always.

May He give you power for your hidden self  
To grow strong, grow strong that Christ may live in your hearts.  
Then through faith in Him planted deep in love,  
You will know with all the saints his glory.

You will have the strength, then, building now on love,  
Strength to grasp the length and breadth, the height and the depth,  
Until knowing Christ's love which is beyond all knowing,  
You are filled with utter fullness God's love.

Glory be whose power working in us now can do  
More than we can ask or we can imagine.  
Glory be to Him, then; age to age His praise be  
In His Church and in Christ Jesus. Amen.

### ***Set Me as a Seal (Maher)***

Refrain:

*Set me as a seal on your heart.*

*Set me as a seal on your soul.*

*For strong as death is love,*

*Unyielding as the grave.*

*Nothing will quench its flame.*

Kiss me, my love that your name be on my lips.  
You intoxicate my being with the fragrance of your presence.  
How beautiful you are, my darling.  
Show me your face, let me hear your voice,  
Sweet as the dew in the early morn,  
Like a lily among the thorns.

I looked for you, the one my heart loves;  
I looked for you, but did not find you.  
Searched through the night until I rested in your sight.  
Now I will never let you go.  
'Cause you have stolen my heart, my sister, my bride;  
You've stolen my heart with one glance in your eyes.  
Your lips so sweet, adorned with honey.  
My hands, they drip with myrrh.

### ***Wedding Prayer (Ault)***

Father, as we stand before You and our friends today,  
There is joy within our hearts and much for which we pray.  
Bless us as we gather here to pledge our love,  
And then bless us as we seek to share this love with other men.

We have shared your life and love, and how we send you on,  
Knowing that the love you promise here will keep you strong.  
Share with us if ever there is something we can do;  
Know that you are loved and love will always be our prayer for you.

Father, bless our families, keep them in Your care;  
“Fill them with Your love and joy” would be our fondest prayer.  
If the love we pledge today could ever be assessed to be  
But half the love they’ve given us, then we are blessed.

To the Father, Son and Spirit praise and glory be.  
May our lives reflect their love for eve’ryone to see.  
May our love be always strong as that which makes them one.  
May they grant their blessing to this union just begun.

### ***Wedding Song (There is Love) (Stookey)***

He is now to be among you at the calling of your hearts.  
Rest assured this troubador is acting on His part.  
The union of your spirits here has caused Him to remain,  
for whenever two or more of you are gathered in His name,  
There is love. There is love.

Oh, a man shall leave his mother, and a woman leave her home.  
They will travel on to where the two will be as one.  
As it was in the beginning, is now until the end,  
woman draws her life from man  
and gives it back again and there is love.  
Oh, there’s love.

Well then what's to be the reason for becoming man and wife?  
Is it love that brings you here or love that brings you life?  
For is loving is the answer then who's the giving for?  
Do you believe in something that you've never seen before?  
Oh, there’s love. There is love.

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