

## **EPISODE 12 – Music and the Mass (Part 1)**

1. How does our singing at Mass represent the song of heaven?
  - I have attended Masses where just about every prayer is sung and every opportunity to sing is taken advantage of. I have also attended Masses where there is no music or singing. To be sure there is the Eucharist at both of these extremes and that is of utmost importance, however, the feeling within me is that there is something missing in my prayer, in my joy, when there is no music.
  - However, music is something I love and I cannot speak for everyone in this, but the scriptures tell us that there is singing in heaven (Revelation 5:8-13), and we know from tradition that singing has been part of the liturgy from the beginning (Matthew 26:30) with Jesus and his disciples singing at the Last Supper.
  - So whether I participate in the singing or not, it is a prayer that will be offered at the Mass, it is a song of heaven, it is my song, and it warms my heart, fuels my love of God, and gives me such joy and peace.
2. Since singing combines word and breath. What biblical images does this combination bring to mind?
  - Jesus is the Word of God and the Holy Spirit is the breath of God, so combining them in song is expressing the love that each member of the Trinity has for each other. We were created in love to participate in this love, so for me singing draws me up into the eternal love of God.