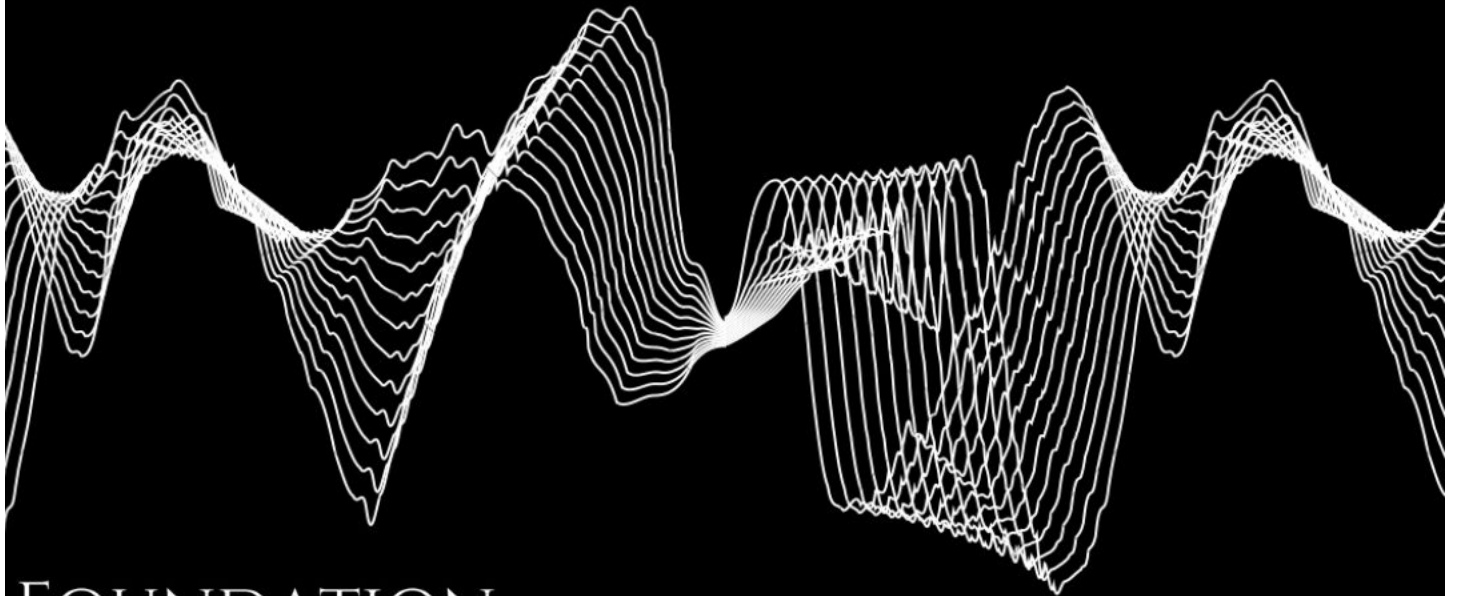


SACRED SONGS

MUSICIANS SHARE SONGS THAT HAVE
TOUCHED THEM



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Gathering - Creation sings the Father's song

In the beginning God's breath sang the world into being.

This is the same breath in our lungs and song in our hearts today.

God, who came and took life among us, sharing the pulse of our hearts.

God lived and died and overcame death, sharing in the rhythm of humanity.

God who offered a vision of life so powerful, if we let it sweep us up it will have us dancing to a heavenly rhythm which can overcome all death and renew the world.

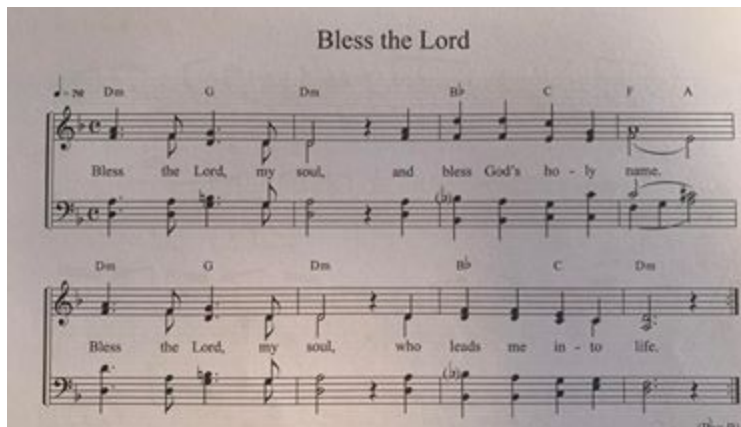
Teach us to dance to the beat of your love.

O God, we come to celebrate that your song is present deep within us, and at the heart of all life.

Forgive us when we forget your gift of love. Awaken us to the love that Christ offers, and draw us into your presence.

We celebrate the miracle and wonder of the song of life, the unfolding melodies and purposes of God, forever at work renewing ourselves and the world.

Bless the Lord - led by Richard and Family



Job 37: 14-16

Hear this, Job.

Pause *where you are*, and ponder the wonders of God.

Do you know how God orchestrates these marvels?

How He makes the clouds flash with lightning?

Do you know how *those same* clouds are hung up in the sky *or how they move*?

Do you know the wonders of God, who is perfect in His knowledge *of such things*?

James Dorman shares The Lamb (Tavener)



Matthew 18, 19-20

19 And remember this: if two *or three* of you come together as a community *and discern clearly* about anything, My Father in heaven will bless that discernment. **20** For when two or three gather together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.

James Edmonds shares the Flamenco piece 'Algerias' (Manolo Sanlucar)



1 Samuel 16

23 And whenever the evil spirit came upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand, and Saul would be relieved and feel better, and the evil spirit would depart from him.

Colin Smith shares music by Camel (a prog rock band)



In bringing us out of ourselves Music can also awaken us to the needs of others. Let's listen to the song Mary sang when she heard she would carry the child of God. This is the same song God has inspired since the world has needed it to be sung.

Luke 2

Mary: My soul lifts up the Lord!

47 My spirit celebrates God, my Liberator!

48 For though I'm God's humble servant,
God has noticed me.

Now and forever,

I will be considered blessed by all generations.

49 For the Mighty One has done great things for me;
holy is God's name!

50 From generation to generation,
God's lovingkindness endures
for those who revere Him.

51 God's arm has accomplished mighty deeds.
The proud in mind and heart,
God has sent away in disarray.

52 The rulers from their high positions of power,
God has brought down low.

And those who were humble and lowly,
God has elevated with dignity.

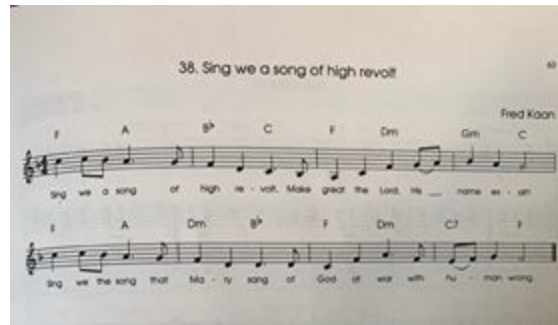
53 The hungry—God has filled with fine food.
The rich—God has dismissed with nothing in their hands.

54 To Israel, God's servant,
God has given help,

55 As promised to our ancestors,
remembering Abraham and his descendants in mercy forever.

Now holding Mary's song in our hearts, let us sing together.

James Edmonds leads us in singing 'Sing we a song of high revolt'



*Sing we a song of high revolt;
make great the Lord, his name exalt!
Sing we the song that Mary sang
of God at war with human wrong.*

*Sing we of him who deeply cares
and still with us our burden bears.
He who with strength the proud disowns,
brings down the mighty from their thrones.*

*By him the poor are lifted up;
he satisfies with bread and cup
the hungry ones of many lands;
the rich must go with empty hands.*

*He calls us to revolt and fight
with him for what is just and right,
to sing and live Magnificat
in crowded street and council flat.*

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God send us out into the world

And fill us with your song

Turn our ears to the pulse of life in your creation

Make us hear the voices that disquiet us

And spur us on to see all lifted up in dignity and equality

Sharing the song of life together in sacred communion

God show us the power of your song.

Reveal your majesty and remind us we are not the centre of the universe.

Help our feet to dance to your music and lead us to renew the world in your grace and peace.

Peace be with you in the name of God who is power, pulse and song.

And also with you.

Let us go in peace.