

# MUSIC MINISTRIES

A primary goal of all liturgical preparation is to **encourage the full, conscious and active participation of the assembly in liturgy**. Naturally, this goal is a primary goal of our music ministries.

Liturgy is the root support for all of the other work of the Church. Good celebrations foster and nourish faith, but poor celebrations may weaken and destroy it. This is why we must prepare liturgies with thoughtful care. Music is an integral component of liturgical celebrations. Even in prayer services which are not liturgical, music—especially participatory music—can be a powerful element.

Cantors, choirs and instrumentalists exist **to enhance, assist and encourage the singing of the congregation, leading sung prayer**. They are also there **to add beauty and solemnity to the liturgy**. At times the music ministries may sing or play works alone that are more demanding or not in the assembly's repertoire—even then serving a ministerial role benefiting the assembly.

## OUR JOB DESCRIPTION DURING PRAYER AND LITURGY:

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| ✘ welcome    | ✘ nourish   |
| ✘ pray       | ✘ share     |
| ✘ serve      | ✘ stimulate |
| ✘ shape      | ✘ unveil    |
| ✘ strengthen | ✘ express   |
| ✘ heighten   | ✘ assist    |
| ✘ encourage  | ✘ celebrate |

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