

Hymn of the Week

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Mary, Woman of the Promise

Text: Mary Frances Fleischaker, 1988.

Music: DRAKES BROUGHTON: Edward Elgar, 1878 (Public domain).

GRATIA PLENA: Alfred V. Fedak, 1988.

PROMISE: Thomas Pavlechko, 1988.

GRATIA PLENA (“full of grace”) was composed for this text. Both text and tune were winners in the Marian hymn competition sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lansing, Michigan, and The Hymn Society in 1988.

PROMISE – This tune received an honorable mention in the Marian hymn competition.

Topics: Biblical Names (Mary), Wisdom

Scriptural reference: Luke 1:26–38, 2:35

Publications

The Alfred V. Fedak Hymnary (Selah, 1990)

Celebrating the Eucharist (Liturgical Press, 2004)

Catholic Book of Worship III (1994)

New Songs of Rejoicing (Selah, 1994)

Wellspring (Selah, 2004)

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Mary, woman of the promise,
vessel of your people's dreams,
through your open, willing spirit
waters of God's goodness streamed.

Mary, song of holy wisdom
sung before the world began,
faithful to the Word within,
you carried out God's wondrous plan.

Mary, morning star of justice,
mirror of the Radiant Light,
in the shadows of life's journey,
be a beacon for our sight.

Mary, model of compassion,
wounded by your offspring's pain,
when our hearts are torn by sorrow,
teach us how to love again.

Mary, woman of the Gospel,
humble home for treasured seed,
help us to be true disciples,
bearing fruit in word and deed.

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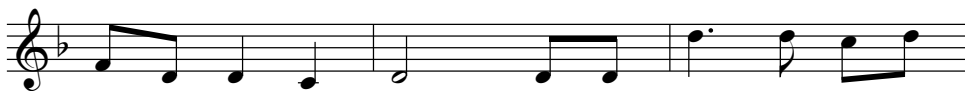
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