

## WoodSong Harmonies

Joy's gifts of spirituality, music and creativity inspired the creation of "WoodSong Harmonies." The harmonies contain simple lyrics and melodies which can be quickly learned and sung individually or simultaneously to provide immediate harmony. They are perfect for the non-musician and can be used as a centering exercise to enable one to experience more deeply the power of healing as spirit, mind and body are gently moved into harmony with God.

*It was said of Francis that*

*"a sweet melody of the spirit bubbling up inside him would become a tune on the outside, the thread of a divine whisper which his ears heard secretly would break out in a song of joy."*

## Recordings

WoodSong has choral, instrumental and music for reflection available for your personal enrichment and inspiration. Hopefully they will become the spiritual soundtracks of your life. A complete listing of our offerings can be found on our website:

[www.woodsong.us](http://www.woodsong.us)

*Financial blessings from these creations help to support our Outreach Ministry.*

You are the holy Lord  
who does wonderful things;

You are love, charity,  
You are wisdom,  
You are humility,

You are patience,  
You are beauty,  
You are rest,

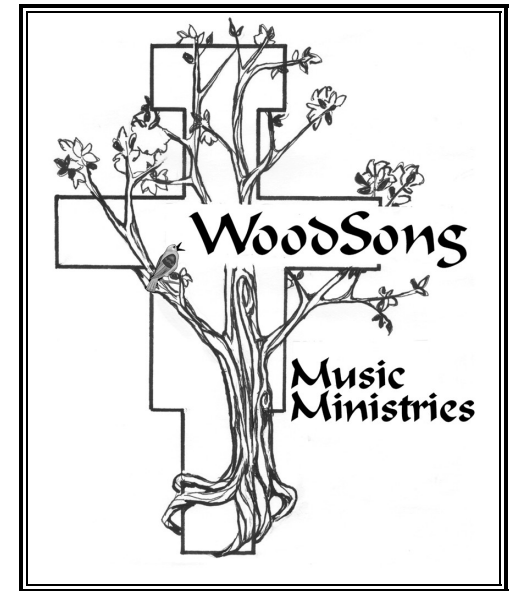
You are gladness and joy,  
You are our hope,  
You are justice,

You are strength,  
You are refreshment,  
You are mercy,

You are all our sweetness,  
You are our eternal life:

Great and wonderful Lord,  
Almighty God,  
Merciful Saviour.

*Excerpts from "The Praises of God"  
by St. Francis of Assisi*



St. Francis proclaimed,

"For what are the servants of  
God  
but minstrels  
who should lift up the hearts  
of all  
and move them  
to spiritual gladness?"

We are minstrels  
of the Lord !

*"In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God."*

*John 1:1*

The very breath of God is found in music. With music comes joy! St. Francis was totally immersed in and consumed by this joy. Joy is essential for holistic living. Unlike happiness which comes and goes like the weather, joy is a wellspring running deep within our being. It fills us with abundant love, brings hope to our hearts, transforms suffering into compassion and gives wings to our spirits!

*"My being proclaims your greatness,  
my spirit finds joy in you, O God."*

*Luke 1:46*

Are you longing for inner peace and refreshment? Come and rest in the heart of God through prayer and song in the spirit of Saints Francis and Clare.

## **WoodSong Prayer Harmony**

**3rd Wednesday of the month  
September – May  
7:00 – 8:00 pm  
Queen of Angels Chapel**

*Canned food items for those less fortunate  
and free will offering for WoodSong  
are most appreciated.*

*"Most High, glorious God,  
yours are the praises,  
the honor and all blessing.  
To you alone, Most High,  
do they belong!"*

*St. Francis' "Canticle of the Sun"*

Experience the healing power of music. Come and be spiritually refreshed through choral singing that draws one into the harmony of God, energizes one's entire being and lingers in the heart.

## **WoodSong Chorale**

**Wednesday (Sept. - May)  
6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Queen of Angels Chapel**

We Welcome: Teens and adults of any faith

Requirement: The desire to sing

Rewards: Spiritual rejuvenation  
Inner harmony and peace  
Release of tension & stress  
Healing in spirit, mind and body  
Tremendous prayer support

Our **WoodSong Chorale** participates in:

- 2 annual concerts
- Jubilee liturgy in June
- Musical visitations to God's lonely and forgotten ones in nursing homes, hospitals, shelters, etc. so that they, too, can experience joy and love.

**Joy Sloan** began this ministry in 1999 with the hope of:

- offering spiritual enrichment and healing through music;
- bringing people to a greater love of the liturgy and the scriptures through a captivating musical style/sound;
- bringing God's love and joy to the lonely and forgotten;
- composing music that energizes one's entire being and lingers in the heart;
- establishing a "Sacred Sound Center" where one can transcend humanity and commune with the Divine through the power of music and sound.



## **WOODSONG MUSIC MINISTRIES**

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