In All Things, Love

Love one another; as I have loved you, so you are to love one another.



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As we celebrate music today, let us remember that it is one of the many gifts that God has shared as a sign of his love for us.

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