

Year B Lectionary Music

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Songbook abbreviations:

AA	Alleluia Aotearoa
FFS	Faith Forever Singing
HioS	Hope is Our Song
CoCs	Community of Christ Sings
TiS	Together in Song
SotK	Songs of the Kingdom
SiS	Scripture in Song (4 Volumes)
HFTC	Hymns For Today's Church

CD: "Carol our Christmas" published by New Zealand Hymnbook Trust, 24 carols from Aotearoa. A companion to the book of the same name with 52 carols from Advent to Epiphany.

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Music ideas for Lighting the Advent Candles

Be still and know that I am God

Can be sung in response to the candle-lighting each week.

Hope is a light Dan Damon

[Light a candle bright and tall](#) DIX aka 'As with gladness, men of old'

Aotearoa New Zealand Advent Songs:

We wait for you *Alleluia Aotearoa*

Come now where we least expect you MICHAEL, Carol our Christmas songbook

A suitable gradual hymn

You are born in us again Carol our Christmas songbook

A lovely, lyrical advent song for a NZ summer.

Look towards Christmas, Advent is here Jillian Bray, *Alleluia Aotearoa*

Child of joy and peace CoCs #9

Peace child CoCs #35

Advent 1 (B): “Stay awake”

O Come, O Come Emmanuel BYU Vocal Point

This could be used to set the tone for worship, by listening or viewing before the service begins, or as a post-Communion reflection. The congregation could then sing it as a closing hymn as well.

For Psalm 80:

Turn and restore us from Shout for Joy by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan. *If you want a little bit of country rock this version of the psalm might get the people moving! It could be played as lively exit (or entrance) music.*

Traditional material for Advent 1(B):

Let all mortal flesh keep silence PICARDY

All my hope on God is founded MICHAEL

All my hope on God is founded
who will all my trust renew,
through all change and chance will guide me,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
God alone,
call my heart to be your own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray our trust;
what with care and toil we fashion,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness lasts forever,
depths of wisdom, passing thought;
splendour, light, and life attending,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore
from this store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of God's own Son.
Christ yet calls
one and all:
those who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges, adapted (after Joachim Neander)

Lord of creation to you be all praise OR, (starting with v2) **Lord of all power I give you my will** HFTC. *You could make this more inclusive by singing 'God of...' if you prefer.*
Long ago prophets knew THEODORIC *Lyrics can be found online.*

Here's an inclusive version of verse 2:

God in time, God on earth,
thus is God's human birth:
Jesus comes, as a man,

born himself of woman,

God divinely human: Ring bells, ring...

It's also easier to sing 'People, sing' rather than 'Sing, choirs, sing' as most places don't have choirs.

Here I am Lord

[Awake from your slumber/City of God](#) Dan Schutte

Lively with excellent words, however, it is easier to sing if you omit the bridge passage.

The king of glory comes TiS #279

A lively, Israeli-style tune.

[Aotearoa New Zealand Advent Songs](#)

We wait for you *Alleluia* Aotearoa Songbook

Come now where we least expect you MICHAEL *Carol our Christmas* Songbook

A suitable gradual hymn.

You are born in us again *Carol our Christmas* Songbook

A lovely, lyrical advent song for a NZ summer.

Advent 2 (B): “Prepare the way”

Music suggestions for other Sundays in Advent will often be appropriate. Jeff Shrowder has a variety of creative ideas for Advent and Christmas [here](#).

Hymn text of the week:

[Down by the Jordan](#) Carolyn Winfrey-Gillette LOBE DEN HERRN aka ‘Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the king of creation’. *This hymn, which would be suitable for opening worship (at a lively pace!)*

For the Isaiah reading:

[Comfort, comfort all my people](#) Robin Mann, TiS #647

[Awake from your slumber/City of God](#) Dan Schutte
Lively with excellent words, however, it is easier to sing if you omit the bridge passage.

For Psalm 85:

[Let us build a house](#) Marty Haugen
This would be suitable for a reflection, or something to play before the service.

[Put peace into each other’s hands](#) Fred Pratt Green ST COLUMBA aka ‘The king of love my shepherd is’

For the Epistle:

Wait for the Lord Taizé chant
This could be played during Communion, or as a quiet meditation before the service begins.

For the Gospel:

Prepare the way for love
For the young, or young at heart.

Wild and lone the prophet’s voice ABERYSTWYTH aka ‘Jesus lover of my soul’

Down by the Jordan

[Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord](#) Godspell

For the offertory or as a Recessional:

[Sing with joy you Advent people](#) French Carol tune IRIS aka ‘Angels from the realms of glory’.

If you use this hymn, be aware that in the refrain, the long melody on one syllable falls on the first part of the word "Joyful", and the congregation would need to know this before the service begins. David Wood has given us something really apt for the season. You could also certainly use this as an opening hymn.

If you would like a list of more traditional material, please look at [Jeff Schrowder's page](#).

Some of you may like to use this summer carol to a well-known tune:

Lord of our Summer Christmas

This Christmas we will celebrate under a summer sky,
when kowhai trees burst out in leaf and bellbirds sing on high,
and under giant ferns a lazy stream is rippling by.

Chorus:

O Lord of our summer Christmas, come, come again,
O Christ of all seasons, come again.

This Christmas we will celebrate upon a sunny shore,
when waves are lapping on the beach and giant breakers roar,
and sand is soft beneath our feet and seagulls wheel and soar.

This Christmas we will celebrate among the lofty trees,
when red pohutukawa flowers are sighing in the breeze,
and sunset touches red and gold upon the silver seas.

This Christmas some will celebrate in wind and rain and snow
in places poor and dirty, where we would not want to go.
O Lord, may all your children everywhere your caring know.

Tune: God Rest You Merry, With One Voice #233

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Advent 3 (B): “God’s saving power and justice”

Nearly all the hymn and song selections for Advent 2 are also appropriate this week and will not be repeated in this list.

Beauty for brokenness Graham Kendrick. *Aptly captures the vision of Isaiah 61. Could be used before or after intercession.*

In the beginning Joel Payne. *An inspired and lively setting of John 1. Could be used as an affirmation of faith.*

There are several hymns that fit the Isaiah reading:

When our God shall come to reign Christopher Idle, TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM aka ‘Good King Wenceslas’

When our God shall come to reign,
mighty power revealing,
splendour shall be seen again,
life and joy and healing:
earth no longer in decay,
hope no more frustrated;
this is God’s redemption day
longingly awaited.

In the desert trees take root
like a new creation,
plants and flowers and sweetest fruit
join the celebration:
rivers spring up from the earth,
barren lands adorning;
valleys this is your re-birth,
mountains, greet the morning.

Strengthen feeble hands and knees,
fainting hearts be cheerful!
God who comes for such as these
seeks and saves the fearful:
now the deaf can hear the dumb
sing away their weeping;
blind eyes see the injured come
walking, running, leaping.

There God’s highway shall be seen
where no roaring lion,
nothing evil or unclean
walks the road to Zion:
ransomed people homeward bound
all your praises voicing,

see your God with glory crowned,
share in our rejoicing!

Christopher Idle, adapted

Tune: TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM aka 'Good King Wenceslas'

Joy to the world

O Come, o come Emmanuel

Live into hope of captives freed Jane Parker Huber Long meter 88.88 TRURO aka 'Jesus shall reign...' *The third line needs to read (something like) "The poor shall be first to see...", and "our daily bread" is better too. These changes are just to make the lyrics scan.*

O Day of Peace that dimly shines Carl Daw JERUSALEM

Comfort, comfort all my people TiS #647

Come O long expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

This would make an excellent gradual.

Instead of the Psalm this week you can use the Magnificat.

Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord WOODLANDS

My soul proclaims your greatness Lord KINGSFOLD aka 'I heard the voice of Jesus say'

Epistle suggestions:

Holy Spirit go before us TiS #420, 8787D

Link opens a pdf file, scroll down to page 13 for the lyrics.

Jesus put this song into our hearts Graham Kendrick's lively Hebrew-inspired song.

Hymns for the Gospel reading:

Come, O God of all the earth Marty Haugen, TiS #181

Longing for light (Christ be our light) Bernadette Farrell

How lovely on the mountains

Advent 4 (B): “My spirit rejoices in God my saviour”

The Advent focus shifts to the message to Mary and her response of obedience.

Mary did you know? Pentatonix. *A simply stunning a cappella song perfect for today’s theme. “That sleeping babe you’re holding is the great I AM.” A great contemporary rendition, too. Could be used to follow the Gospel reading or as a reflection after the sermon.*

Hymns of the Magnificat:

And holy is your name David Haas WILD MOUNTAIN THYME
Definitely worth learning, as the Magnificat could be included on any number of occasions, including Morning Worship.

My soul gives glory to my God Miriam Therese Winter 8.6.8.6 MORNING SONG, TiS #172, RICHMOND, IRISH *or any of dozens of others!*

Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord Timothy Dudley-Smith WOODLANDS

My soul doth magnify the Lord Writer unknown, Scripture in Song Vol. 1 #60
You could make the lyrics more contemporary: My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord, ... and my Spirit is rejoicing in my saviour, for you, Mighty God, have done great things for me, and holy is your name.

For ages women hoped and prayed Jane Parker Huber, ‘Christmassy’ NOEL HFTC #87 aka ‘It came upon the midnight clear’ FOREST GREEN aka ‘O little town...’

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord Magnificat 1986 Render & Goudge
Text is the version in *A New Zealand Prayer Book/ He Mihinare Karakia o Aotearoa*.

For the Romans reading, five Kiwi benedictions for the end of worship:

Now unto him who is able to keep SiS #72, or AA #102

The Lord bless you and keep you SiS #189 or AA #138

May the mystery of God enfold us Joy Cowley, AA #95

Now as we go AA #99

God speed you on your way FFS #29

Other suitable hymns and songs for today:

Come now, Lord Jesus (Carol for Advent) AA #23, ii LALA MNTWANA, CoCs

We wait for you AA #149, CoCs

Where is the room? AA #152, CoCs

Star-child, earth-Child CoCs #40(ii)

You are born in us again CoCs #52

Features a lovely descant, and perfect for a summer Christmas.

All who would see God's greatness CoCs #4

All of the above are NZ written, and some feature on the 'Carol Our Christmas' CD from NZHT.

The angel Gabriel from heaven came

I cannot tell why he whom angels worship LONDONDERRY AIR

Lord you were rich beyond all splendour BERGERS aka 'Whence is that goodly fragrance'
HTFC #63

Meekness and majesty

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

The king of glory comes, the nation rejoices

Recommended that unless you are having a special service of readings and carols, please leave the 'he is born' material for the season of Christmas!

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day: The feast of the Incarnation (Year A, B and C)

Video clip for Christmas Eve/Midnight:

Silent Night Pentatonix. *A lovely, meditative take on the carol.*

The music suggestions assume that traditional favourites such as 'Once in royal David's city' are likely to be included in your selections. Beware of including too many verses, such as in 'The first Nowel'. Sometimes it is wise to cull the more sentimental verses from carols. We encourage you to ensure that you use inclusive people-language in your carol versions, for example, substituting 'all' for 'men' ('Let all their songs employ'). See Hymns for Today's Church 2nd edition, for example, or Together in Song.

Natalie Sims' [exhaustive list](#) has all the traditional favourites at the bottom of her page.

[10 minutes on a Tuesday](#) is a comprehensive resource from the Methodist Church of NZ, that has lots of Christmas ideas and a carols list.

Carols for celebration at night:

All over creation joy spills into light CoCs #3, also on the CD

Child of Christmas story CoCs #8, also on the CD
Very easy to learn, charming but challenging words!

The stars danced, the angels sang CoCs #43, also on the CD
Great with children.

The wind blew keen Colin Gibson CoCs #44

All who would see God's greatness Marnie Barrell CoCs #4, also on the CD
Beautiful words.

[How far is it to Bethlehem?](#) STOWEY HFTC #288

How far is it to Bethlehem?
Not very far.
Can we find a stable-room
lit by a star?
May we see the little child,
is he within?
If we lift the wooden latch
may we go in?

May we stroke the creatures there,
donkeys and sheep?
May we peep like them, and see
Jesus asleep?
If we touch his tiny hand

will he awake?
Will he know we've come so far
just for his sake?

O lead us to Bethlehem
there to adore.
But how shall we travel from
this distant shore?
By faith we may journey and
follow the star.
How far is it to Bethlehem?
Not very far.

The shepherds, the manger,
the stable are gone
where time and eternity
beckon us on.
But Jesus is present,
his Spirit is here,
and hearts that are open
find Bethlehem near.

Verses 1 & 2 Frances Chesterton

Verses 3 & 4 Ian Render

Infant holy, infant lowly

Attractive but under-utilised Polish carol.

Like a candle flame Graham Kendrick

Congregation could sing along with the simple refrain.

Holy Child, how still you lie Timothy Dudley Smith HFTC #60 HOLY CHILD

It came upon the midnight clear CAROL, NOEL

Come all poor and humble aka POVERTY CAROL, Oxford Book of Carols

Come all poor and humble,
all people who stumble
make haste now, and be unafraid.
For Jesus our treasure,
With love past all measure,
In lowly poor manger was laid.

Though Magi who found him
Laid rich gifts around him,
Yet oxen they gave him their hay;
And Jesus in beauty
Accepted their duty;

Contented in manger he lay.

Then haste we to show him
The praises we owe him;
Our service he ne'er can despise:
Whose love still is able
To show us that stable
Where softly in manger he lies.

Based on the Welsh carol 'O Deued Pob Cristion'

See him lying on a bed of straw CALYPSO CAROL

Carols for celebration in the morning:

Ring out the bells Judy Gresham Resound Worship

Popular songs include 'In the beginning', 'What kind of throne', and 'On Christmas Day'.

Carol our Christmas (Upside down Christmas) Murray/Gibson CoCs #7, also on the CD

Awake before sunrise Bill Bennet CoCs #6, also on the CD

Child of joy and peace CoCs #9

Te Harinui (Not on a snowy night) CoCs #31, also on the CD

Open, open, open the stable door Colin Gibson

All who would see God's greatness Marnie Barrell CoCs #4, also on the CD

You are born in us again CoCs #52, also on the CD

Delightful summer carol with a contemporary feel.

Mary's boy child (Long time ago in Bethlehem)

Suggested modification: "We may live for ever more because of Christmas day."

I have a song to sing Rob Ferguson

Thanks to Natalie Sims and her Big List of Christmas Carols.

Who would think that what was needed

Iona Community SCARLET RIBBONS aka 'What a friend we have in Jesus'

Come your hearts and voices raising TiS #297 QUEM PASTORES LAUDAVERE

You really need the lyrics version in TiS, as the original is too dated. I would omit vv. 3 & 7.

In the beginning Joel Payne

Stunning and fantastic exit music for Christmas morning.

1st Sunday of Christmas (B)

Songs/Hymns of the week:

Who sweeps the stable (when Christmas is over?) Murray/Gibson HioS #154(i)
Delightful song about discipleship, with a very singable tune.

[Lift this child](#) Norman Habel and tune by Robin Mann
Perfect for the Gospel reading today and may also be read as a reflective poem.

Other material suitable for the day, in addition to the carols for Christmas below:

Lord now let your servant go his way in peace NORTH COATES The Nunc Dimittis set to a familiar tune ('O My Saviour Lifted') HFTC #611.
Perfect gradual hymn.

Lord bid your servant go in peace Longer Nunc Dimittis, TiS #324, 86.86 such as ST ANNE (aka 'O God our help')

[Child in the manger, infant of Mary](#) BUNESSAN, aka 'Morning Has Broken' TiS #319, HFTC #51

[Lord, you were rich beyond all splendour](#) BERGERS aka QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR, HFTC #63 and different words on this page.

Born in the night, Mary's child TiS #323
Suitable for the Gospel reading.

Unto us a boy is born

Good Christians all, rejoice

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

Star-child, earth child CoCs #40 (ii) also found on the CD

Praise to God, whose Holy Spirit CoCs #36, ABBOT'S LEIGH.
This would make a suitable offertory hymn.

Peace Child CoCs #35 also on the CD

Carol our Christmas CoCs #7 also on the CD
Very suitable opening carol.

Don't forget to conclude with a rousing carol that everyone knows well, such as 'Hark the herald angels sing' or 'O Come all ye faithful'.

Epiphany, or alternately 2nd Sunday of Christmas (B)

Epiphany readings take precedence here, unless observed on 6 January.

[Beneath the Southern Cross](#) Malcolm Gordon. *Perfect celebration of two hundred years of the Gospel in Aotearoa New Zealand, from the Presbyterian Church.*

A selection of material related to the visit of the Magi (Epiphany):

[The Little Drummer Boy](#) Pentatonix

[Come all poor and humble](#) aka POVERTY CAROL, Oxford Book of Carols

Come all poor and humble,
all people who stumble
make haste now, and be unafraid.
For Jesus our treasure,
With love past all measure,
In lowly poor manger was laid.

Though Magi who found him
Laid rich gifts around him,
Yet oxen they gave him their hay;
And Jesus in beauty
Accepted their duty;
Contented in manger he lay.

Then haste we to show him
The praises we owe him;
Our service he ne'er can despise:
Whose love still is able
To show us that stable
Where softly in manger he lies.

Based on the Welsh carol 'O Deued Pob Cristion'

Angels from the realms of glory

As with gladness men of old

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

O Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Shepherds came, their praises bringing HFTC #74 QUEM PASTORES LAUDAVERE
Suitable for a gradual or Gospel acclamation.

I am the light of the world

Care is needed with the version chosen for inclusive language: "To be at one with people everywhere" instead of "To call a man your brother everywhere", and "To make music in the hearts of the old..."

You are the king of glory Songs of the Kingdom #118

[The Light of the World](#) Stuart Townend Irish folk style
This would make superb exit music.

From Aotearoa:

Who sweeps the stable (when Christmas is over?) Murray/Gibson HioS #154(i)
Delightful song about discipleship, with a very singable tune.

Who are these who ride by starlight Marnie Barrell CoCs #49, 87.87D, EBENEZER, SCARLET RIBBONS or ABBOT'S LEIGH

Wise men came journeying Shirley Murray and Colin Gibson

You are born in us again CoCs #52 also on the CD

A selection of material for the Second Sunday of Christmas (if Epiphany is observed on 6 January:

[In the beginning](#) Joel Payne

God is working his purpose out

Jesus, name above all names SotK #21

Emmanuel SotK #33

Like a candle flame Graham Kendrick
Congregation could sing along with the simple refrain.

We have a Gospel to proclaim

God has spoken by his prophets

Fairest Lord Jesus TiS #203

Take my gifts and let me love you AA #127

Come in, come in New Year CoCs #13 – Tune ii is on the CD

Who sweeps the stable (when Christmas is over?) Murray/Gibson HioS #154(i)
Delightful song about discipleship, with a very singable tune

I am the light of the world

Christ is the world's true light Briggs NUN DANKET aka "Now thank we all our God"
Inclusive language version is found in TiS #238

Baptism of Jesus (B)

Down by the Jordan Carolyn Winfrey Gillette LOBE DEN HERRN aka 'Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the king of creation'.

[Beneath the Southern Cross](#) Malcolm Gordon

Perfect celebration of two hundred years of the Gospel in Aotearoa New Zealand, from the Presbyterian Church. You could make use of this anytime in January.

Songs and hymns for the Genesis 1 reading:

[Wind upon the waters](#) Marty Haugen. Performed by [choir here](#).

Words could be read as a poem.

[She sits like a bird \(Enemy of apathy\)](#) Iona Community TiS #418

Nice use of some feminine imagery for the ruach.

Morning has broken BUNESSAN

[Let all creation dance](#) Brian Wren DARWALL aka "You holy angels bright" TiS #187

[Praise with joy the world's creator](#) John Bell PRAISE MY SOUL / LAUDA ANIMA TiS #179

Mothering God MARYTON aka 'Jesus the joy of loving hearts'

Uses some feminine trinitarian imagery.

Touch the earth lightly Murray/Gibson AA #143, TiS #668

Hymn about our engagement with creation

Songs and hymns for the Acts reading:

Breathe on me breath of God meditative TRENTHAM, bouncy CARLISLE

Spirit of the living God #23 & #24 HFTC

Wairua Tapu / Holy Spirit you are welcome

Simple Māori words for the chorus 'Holy Spirit Thou Art Welcome'

You could sing this as a gradual hymn.

Wairua Tapu, Wairua Tapu, tomo mai,

(Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit enter)

Wairua Tapu, Wairua Tapu, tomo mai

Ko koe ra e Ihowa te mana nui

(Yahweh you have all authority)

Wairua Tapu, Wairua Tapu, tomo mai.

Holy Spirit, you are welcome in this place

Holy Spirit, you are welcome in this place

Revealing the power of mercy and grace
you are welcome in this place.

[Spirit, spirit of gentleness](#) Jim Manley

Come down, O Love divine DOWN AMPNEY

Join hands in the Spirit AA #82

Songs and hymns for the Gospel reading:

[Christ on whom the Spirit rested](#) David Mowbray MICHAEL aka 'All my hope on God is
founded' HFTC #228

Wild and lone the prophet's voice Carl Daw Half verses can be sung to HEINLEIN aka '40
days and 40 nights' making a total of six verses.

Down by the Jordan Carolyn Winfrey Gillette LOBE DEN HERRN aka 'Praise to the Lord, the
almighty, the king of creation'.

When Jesus came to Jordan Fred Pratt Green. Reflective if sung to PASSION CHORALE aka
'O Sacred Head'. Or could choose a different 76.76D tune.
This would make a good post-Communion song.

Epiphany 2(B): God's call

[Speak O Lord](#) Stuart Townend CoCs #66

Very striking and beautiful worship song perfect for today. Lyrics and guitar chords, audio performance plus introductory video.

Here I am Lord (I the Lord of sea and sky)

I have called you by your name Dan Damon

O God, you search me and you know me Farrell

Jesus calls us here to meet him Bell GAELIC AIR TiS #477 87.87D tune such as CONVERSE aka 'What a friend...'

[Will you come and follow me?](#) **(The Summons)** John L. Bell & Graham Maule KELVINGROVE

There is a redeemer

Every Day AA #36

Who is moving through the silence? AA #157

Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Be thou my vision

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

O worship the King

Epiphany 3(B): Calling the first disciples

Songs and hymns for last week will also be suitable.

[Jesus, you have called us](#) Joel Payne Full
Good for post-Communion or similar time of reflection

Beauty for brokenness Graham Kendrick

Jesus Christ is waiting Bell NOEL NOUVELET

In the singing, in the silence Murray/Young FFS #38
A delightful Communion hymn.

Lord of the dance

[Dear God, embracing humankind](#)
Use a more inclusive language version of 'Dear Lord and Father...'

Dear God, embracing humankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives your service find,
in deeper reverence praise,
in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of your Word,
let us, like them by Spirit stirred,
"Rise up and followers be,
rise up and followers be.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above!
There Jesus met you prayerfully:
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love,
interpreted by love.

Drop your still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of your peace,
the beauty of your peace.

Breathe through the pulses of desire
your coolness and your balm;
let sense be numb, let flesh retire;

Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire
O still, small voice of calm,
O still, small voice of calm.

John G. Whittier, adapted.

I come with joy, a child of God Wren UNIVERSITY

I have decided to follow Jesus

This works well sung slowly and meditatively.

[Who would true valour see](#) TiS #561 or **Who honours courage here** HFTC #537 MONK'S GATE

Who would true valour see,
let them come hither;
those here will constant be
come wind, come weather.
There's no discouragement
shall make them once relent
their first avowed intent
to be God's pilgrims.

Those who beset them round
with dismal stories
cannot the brave confound:
their strength the more is.
No lion can them fright,
they'll with a giant fight,
so they will have the right
to be God's pilgrims.

Though evil powers intend
to break our spirit,
we know we at the end
shall life inherit.
So, fantasies away!
Why fear what others say?
We'll labour night and day
to be God's pilgrims.

After John Bunyan, adapted from various versions

You are born in us again

Tell my people I love them AA #132

Now as we go AA #99

Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (B): Candlemas – A principal feast

Who sweeps the stable (when Christmas is over?) Murray/Gibson HioS #154(i)

Delightful song about discipleship, with a very singable tune.

[Lift this child](#) Norman Habel and tune by Robin Mann

Perfect for the Gospel reading today and may also be read as a reflective poem.

Lord now let your servant go his way in peace NORTH COATES The Nunc Dimittis set to a familiar tune (cf. “O My Saviour Lifted”) HFTC #611

Perfect gradual hymn.

Lord bid your servant go in peace Longer Nunc Dimittis, TiS #324, 86.86 such as ST ANNE (aka ‘O God our help’)

[Child in the manger, infant of Mary](#) BUNESSAN, aka “Morning Has Broken”, TiS #319, HFTC #51

[Lord, you were rich beyond all splendour](#) BERGERS aka QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR, HFTC #63 and different [words on this page](#).

Born in the night, Mary’s child TiS #323

Suitable for the Gospel reading.

Unto us a boy is born

Good Christians all, rejoice

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

Star-child, earth child CoCs #40(ii) also found on the CD

Praise to God, whose Holy Spirit CoCs #36, ABBOT’S LEIGH.

This would make a suitable offertory hymn.

Peace Child CoCs #35 also on the CD

Carol our Christmas CoCs #7 also on the CD.

Very suitable opening carol.

Where the road runs out AA #156

Jesus, name above all names SotK #21

Faith has set us on a journey FFS #14

Go now in peace (A simple round) TiS #782

4th Sunday after Epiphany (B)

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Suitable for opening or closing.

There is a redeemer

Suitable offertory hymn.

Be still for the presence of the Lord

Suitable Communion hymn.

Jesus Christ is waiting

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

All hail the power of Jesus' name Revised version in HFTC recommend key of D.

Create in me a clean heart, O God

Could be used as preparation for confession.

Christ is our peace AA #16

Suitable gradual hymn.

O love that will not let me go

Firmly I believe and truly

Could be sung instead of reciting a creed.

5th in Ordinary Time (B): Proclaiming the message and healing the people

[Healer of our every ill](#) Marty Haugen. *Words, music and guitar chords are here. It's worth learning this very attractive and reflective song!*

Other hymns about healing ministry:

Jesus' hands were kind hands AU CLAIRE DE LA LUNE TIS #236

[We cannot measure how you heal](#) YE BANKS AND BRAES

At evening when the sun had set HFTC #315 ANGELUS

O Christ the healer we have come TIS #638 ANGELUS

Among us and before us Lord you stand SURSUM CORDA
Good for offertory.

Praise the One who breaks the darkness NETTLETON or other 87.87D
Suitable for an opening hymn.

We give God thanks for those who knew MELCOMBE HFTC #318

[From miles around the sick ones came](#) WAREHAM or many other 88.88
Suitable for a gradual hymn.

In the quiet of this day FFS #37 BUCKLAND aka 'Loving Shepherd of your sheep'

Christ is our peace AA #16

For the bread and wine and blessing AA #39
Suitable for offertory or Communion.

Other suitable hymns/songs for today:

Make me a channel of your peace

He's got the whole world in his hands

If I were a butterfly

[Come O God of all the earth](#) Marty Haugen
Lively responsive song

We have a Gospel to proclaim HFTC #519 FULDA
Suitable closing hymn.

6th in Ordinary Time (B): Being healed and spreading the word

O Author of faith Richard Bruxvoort Corrigan
An Epistle-related hoedown song and lively for exiting.

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall Bernadette Farrell 'Praying in Song'
This is a song that also looks forward to Lent. The congregation could sing along with the refrain as a post-Communion reflection.

Last week's selections are mostly apt, so if you learned something new you could sing it again, or perhaps try some of the hymns you didn't use.

Other possibilities:

God forgave my sins in Jesus' name (Freely, freely) HFTC #12

Siyahamba (We are marching/walking in the light of God) TiS #666

Come O God of all the earth

Jesus Christ is waiting (Iona Community) NOEL NOUVELET

This is a day of new beginnings TiS #653. *A worthy addition to any church's repertoire.*

Jesus, where'er your people meet WAREHAM TiS #445 and HFTC #371 (revised words)

Stand up and bless the Lord CARLISLE TiS #449 and HFTC #351

Here in this place (Gather us in) Marty Haugen TiS #474 *This lively opening song is well worth learning.*

Jesus calls us here to meet him John Bell and Graeme Maule GAELIC AIR TiS #477 FFS #10 (i)
Offers challenging lyrics for an opening hymn. If you prefer, v3. could read "race and gender, class and language..."

Ash Wednesday (B)

Lord you hear the cry (Lord have mercy) Resound Worship
Strong, Gospel-influenced song with a justice theme.

Dust and ashes touch our face Brian Wren and Hal Hopson
This would make an excellent poem for reflection before the imposition of ashes.

Suggestions from *Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New*:

All who would valiant be #27

As the deer pants for the water #43

Be thou my guardian and my guide #65

Be thou my vision #66

Father of heaven, whose love profound #174

Forgive our sins as we forgive #99

Forty days and forty nights #202

Give thanks with a grateful heart #219

God forgave my sin #237

Jesu, lover of my soul #369

Judge eternal, throned in splendour #411

Lord Jesus, think on me #465

O for a heart to praise my God #540

O God of Bethel, by whose hand #545

O Lord, hear my prayer #561

O love, how deep, how broad, how high #570

Rock of ages #643

Through the night of doubt and sorrow #770

Some suggestions from New Zealand writers, all from *Alleluia Aotearoa*:

Christ let us come with you AA #17

Suitable for a Eucharist.

Christ is our peace AA #16

He came singing love AA #59

Tama Ngakau Marie AA #128

Teach us O loving heart of Christ AA #130 ST COLUMBA or other 86.86

Now unto him AA #102

Suitable for closing.

God of freedom, God of justice AA #50 PICARDY

God of the galaxies AA #54

1st Sunday in Lent (B): Baptism of Jesus

Consider using some of the hymns and songs suggested for Ash Wednesday.

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall Bernadette Farrell 'Praying in Song'

Jesus, you have called us Joel Payne Resound Worship

This is a simple and meditative song which you could use throughout Lent. Suitable as gradual, post-sermon reflection, after or during Communion.

Love will be our Lenten calling Elizabeth J Smith PICARDY aka 'Let all mortal flesh...' Scroll down the page for the words [here](#) TiS #684

Could be used as a theme hymn for Lent, or on any Sunday. Good offertory hymn.

Other suggestions:

And can it be

As the deer pants for the water

Father, hear the prayer we offer

Forgive our sins as we forgive

Forty days and forty nights

God forgave my sin (Freely, freely)

I bind unto myself today

Just as I am, without one plea

O Jesus, I have promised

O let the Son of God enfold you

She sits like a bird, brooding on the water (Enemy of Apathy) John Bell Iona Community TiS #418

Christ be my leader by night as by day SLANE TiS #624

What a friend we have in Jesus

Here at Jordan's river NOEL NOUVELET

Scroll down for the words

Lord, when you came to Jordan ELLACOMBE

From Alleluia Aotearoa:

Loving Spirit #94 (i)

Gentle God when we are driven #44

Here is the place #60

He came singing love #59

2nd Sunday in Lent (B): Take up your cross

Consider using some of the hymns and songs for Lent 1 and Ash Wednesday.

[I have decided to follow Jesus](#) CoCs #499 [Guitar chords and words here](#)

An effective African-style treatment by Selah. Alternatively, it could be used as a reflection after the Gospel or Sermon, or before Communion.

[Let your heart be broken](#) CoCs #353

A song not well-known here but very appropriate for Lent and this Sunday. Lyrics are [here](#) (but a bit exclusive: 'a brother' is better as 'another', for example).

Other hymns and songs for the day:

[O Christ who by a cross made peace your sign](#) Shirley Murray SURSUM CORDA CoCs #315, AA #105

Appropriate given the violence in our world.

[I will set my bow in the clouds](#) Dan Damon

Offers a modern hymn about covenants in the Bible.

I will sing the wondrous story HYFRYDOL TIS #233 HFTC #212

[In the cross of Christ I glory](#) STUTTGART TIS #349

In the presence of your people Brent Chambers Scripture in Song for the psalm

All people that on earth do dwell OLD 100TH

Good for the psalm.

Faith will not grow from words alone Elizabeth J Smith TIS #691 DUNEDIN aka 'Where mountains rise to open skies' 88.88

Related to the Epistle reading, so could be sung before the Gospel.

[Bambelela](#) (Never Give Up) Marty Haugen

Reflective of Abraham's faith in the First Testament reading with very simple words.

With the body that was broken Carl Daw ST HELEN, PICARDY 87.87.87

Very suitable for a Lenten offertory hymn.

Will you come and follow me (The Summons) Iona CoCs #586

There is a redeemer Melody Green, Songs of the Nations #644

We wait for you (we long to see you come) Shirley Murray & Colin Gibson AA #149

Beautiful, reflective song.

Jesus comes to me as a springtime tree Joy Cowley & Ian Render AA #77 and on *Alleluia Aotearoa* CD

3rd Third Sunday in Lent (B)

Hymns and songs associated with the cross from last week's selection are particularly appropriate to the Epistle; many of the selections from Ash Wednesday onwards are appropriate during Lent. Consider 'Love will be our Lenten calling' (Lent 1) or 'Lord you hear the cry' (Ash Wednesday), for example.

I have brought you out of Egypt Carolyn Winfrey Gillette NETTLETON, BEACH SPRING, ABBOT'S LEIGH or EBENEZER (or other 87.87D)
Summarises the 10 Commandments and may be used as a gradual hymn.

Bring us justice (Psalm 26) Richard Bruxvoort Colligan's album 'Love Stands With'.
May be listened to in place of the psalm, or as a lively response to Communion, or the exit music.

Faithfully angry (Psalm 58)
May be listened to as a reflection on the Gospel.

Move! (Psalm 109)
Apt for the Gospel today.

Other hymns and songs suited to the day:

Praise with joy the world's creator Contemporary text inspired by 'Praise my soul the king of heaven...' with the same tune PRAISE MY SOUL or LAUDA ANIMA CoCs #57 or TiS #179
Good for opening or closing worship.

Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation LOBE DEN HERRN

Let justice roll down like a river Colin Gibson AA #85

Let justice flow down Douglas Romanow CoCs #286

Jesus Christ is waiting Iona Community, sung to NOEL NOUVELET

Here hangs a man discarded Brian Wren PASSION CHORALE aka 'Sacred Head'
Hymn about the apparent foolishness of the cross.

When I survey the wondrous cross is apt today CoCs #457 and most hymnals

All heaven declares

All my hope on God is founded

All my hope on God is founded
who will all my trust renew,
through all change and chance will guide me,
only good and only true.
God unknown,

God alone,
call my heart to be your own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray our trust;
what with care and toil we fashion,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness lasts forever,
depths of wisdom, passing thought;
splendour, light, and life attending,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore
from this store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of God's own Son.
Christ yet calls
one and all:
those who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges, adapted (after Joachim Neander)

Lift high the cross Shirley Murray AA #87

4th Sunday in Lent (B): See also Lent 2

In Aotearoa New Zealand we encourage you to observe Lent, omitting the English festival of Mothering Sunday which was, in any case, not originally about mothers, but about your mother church (Cathedral). In Aotearoa New Zealand the secular mothers' day is on the second Sunday of May and that is a more appropriate day (seasonally speaking) to celebrate our mothers.

Lift Jesus higher SiS (Songs of Praise) #119

If sung slowly and meditatively, this is worshipful and reflective and very apt for today's readings. The words need updating; I suggest you could sing 'He said 'When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw the world unto me.' or, 'all folk', but I always think 'folk' is clunky.

O, my saviour lifted NORTH COATES TiS #600(ii) *In the key of D could be given a more contemporary feel on guitar. Hymn perfect for today, and would work in any reflective moment of the service, or as an apt gradual.*

You will need a contemporary version of the words such as these from William Walsham How:

O my saviour lifted / from the earth for me / draw me in your mercy / so my eyes may see.

Lift my earth-bound longings / fix them high above / draw me with the magnet / of your mighty love.

For your arms are stretching / ever far and wide / to enfold your children / to your loving side.

And I come, O Jesus / dare I turn away? / No, your love has conquered / and I come today.

Bringing all my burdens / sorrow, sin and care / at your feet I lay them / and I leave them there.

Other choices suitable for today:

Amazing grace CoCs #19 and many other sources
Appropriate in relation to the Epistle.

From heaven you came (The Servant King)

When at this table Murray/Gibson HiOS #148
Poignant words for Communion, very suitable in Lent.

I will sing the wondrous story

[When we are living, we are in the Lord](#) CoCs #242

Performed by the Local Shared Ministry Conference.

Give thanks with a grateful heart

There's a wideness in God's mercy Colin Gibson HiOS #135 CROSS OF JESUS

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There's no place where human sorrows
are more deeply felt than heaven;
there's no place where human failings
have such kindly judgments given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make that love too narrow
by the limits of our own;
and we magnify God's strictness
with a zeal Love will not own.

There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that endless world of bliss.
If our love were but more simple,
we would trust the living Word;
and our lives would fill with gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

F. W. Faber, adapted by Colin Gibson

Where shall be found (Tree of Peace) Colin Gibson HiOS #151

Who is my mother, who is my brother Murray/Render AA #158

Your (thy) lovingkindness is better than life SiS #71 (for the Psalm)

This is a day of new beginnings Wren/Young CoCs #495, TIS #653

When I survey the wondrous cross

Lift high the cross Shirley Murray AA #87

My song is love unknown

5th Sunday in Lent (B): See also Lent 2

Unless a grain of wheat Bernadette Farrell

The lyrics are all from the New Testament (mainly words of Jesus).

God of Jeremiah grieving Brian Wren KELVINGROVE aka (“Will you come and follow me?”)
TiS #679

O Day of Peace Carl Daw JERUSALEM or O WALY WALY (half verses, or other LM)
Beautiful hymn of promised shalom.

Spirit, spirit of gentleness

Breathe on me, breath of God TRENTHAM CoCs #190 HFTC #226

God forgave my sin (Freely, freely)

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy Colin Gibson HiOS #135, to CROSS OF JESUS

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There's no place where human sorrows
are more deeply felt than heaven;
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have such kindly judgments given.

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F. W. Faber, adapted by Colin Gibson

From heaven you came (The Servant King) Graham Kendrick

Create in us a clean heart O God Digby Hannah TiS (#712)

Among us and before us Lord you stand Iona SURSUM CORDA TiS #259

There is a redeemer Melody Green

Christ be my leader by night as by day SLANE (aka "Be Thou My Vision").
Suitable gradual hymn

Praise the One who breaks the darkness NETTLETON or other 87.87D, CONVERSE (aka
"What a friend" ...)

When Christ was lifted from the earth Brian Wren WILTSHIRE or other 86.86

My song is love unknown LOVE UNKNOWN
Selected verses, possibly the first two and last two.

Passion Sunday / Palm Sunday (B)

Lord you hear the cry (Lord have mercy)

Recommended this Gospel-style worship song for Ash Wednesday, but it would set the scene for Palm Sunday perfectly if used to convey the sense of hope for a Messiah that the people had.

No tramp of soldiers marching feet Timothy-Dudley Smith for Palm Sunday, KINGSFOLD
Suitable perhaps for closing the service, or possibly at the offertory

Make way, make way Graham Kendrick, found in a number of books, including *Songs of the Nations* #587
For a Palm Sunday entry/opening.

Hosanna, hosanna Carl Tuttle *Songs of the Nations* #538
Would make an excellent medley with 'Make Way' as they are both in the key of G.

Other material for Palm Sunday:

When his time was over Robin Mann TiS #357
Beautifully evocative song for Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

All glory, praise (laud) and honour ST THEOLDULPH TiS #333 CoCs #467 HFTC #120 and many other hymnals.
Standard processional hymn for Palm Sunday.

There's a man riding in on a donkey A different context for SING HOSANNA aka 'Give me oil in my lamp' HFTC #S.11

I will enter his gates (with thanksgiving in my heart) Scripture in Song (SoP) #139

My song is love unknown LOVE UNKNOWN
Suggest selected verses.

Ride on, ride on in majesty WINCHESTER NEW HFTC #119 TiS #348

You are the king of glory Mavis Ford SotK #118

[Lift up your heads \(Kia hiwa ra\)](#) SotK #13

The King of Glory comes TiS #279
Lively Israeli-style song.

Come into the streets with me Murray AA #22

Many of the hymns and songs from the season of Lent are suitable in association with the Passion narrative, but some additional suggestions are:

Meekness and majesty Kendrick

From heaven you came (The Servant King) Kendrick

An upper room did our Lord prepare O WALY WALY

O Sacred head PASSION CHORALE

[This is my body, broken for you \(In love for me\)](#) SotK #79

Lift high the cross Murray AA #87 CRUCIFER

Lord Jesus for my sake you come Perry HFTC #133 ANGELUS or WAREHAM
Deserves wider use at this time of year.

Maundy Thursday (B): and as a reference list for Holy Communion

Eat this bread and never hunger Damon CoCs #530

[Come to the banquet \(there's a place for you\)](#) Fay White

This would make an excellent opening song.

Amazing grace

A (The) new commandment

An upper room did our Lord prepare O WALY WALY

Broken for me, broken for you

Gifts of bread and wine

Here is bread, here is wine Kendrick

May prefer the lyrics to read 'Feast with Jesus here'.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

Love is his word

Meekness and majesty Kendrick

Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Broken for me, broken for you

Eat this bread Taizé chant CoCs #528

Jesus stand among us

Let us break bread together on our knees CoCs #521

Stay with me Taizé chant

Ubi caritas Taizé chant

Jesu, Jesu (fill us with your love) aka Kneels at the feet of his friends CoCs #367

Check to see that your version has inclusive language .

God of our journeys

I come with joy, a child of God Wren 86.86

I love the Lord

O God you search me Farrell

On this night

Oh welcome all ye noble saints of old

Aotearoa New Zealand Repertoire

E te Ariki, (Lord have mercy) Render FFS #13

In the singing, in the silence Murray/Young FFS #38 CoCs #519

Now to your table spread Murray LOVE UNKNOWN AA #100

For the bread and wine and blessing Murray/Jansen AA #39

Do this in remembrance of me AA #29 Val Cash

Christ let us come with you AA #17 Murray/Gibson

Brother, sister, let me serve you Gillard The Servant Song AA #8, CoCs #550

He came singing love Gibson AA #59, CoCs #226

Good Friday (B)

Consider the hymns and songs from Lent 4 & Lent 1. If your service is Eucharistic, several of the selections for Maundy Thursday would be suitable

On a cool and autumn dawn Bill Bennett southern hemisphere hymn. HioS #110

Some core items you may want to consider include:

When I survey the wondrous cross

Suits as a closing hymn on Good Friday.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Suggest you do not use 'Were you there when... the stone was rolled away (or) he rose up...'

(Jesus walked this) lonesome valley CoCs #452

O sacred head, surrounded CoCs #463

Jesus, remember me Taizé chant CoCs #459

Meekness and majesty Kendrick

Suitable opening song.

Come and see, come and see Kendrick

From heaven you came, helpless babe aka 'The Servant King' Kendrick

Glory be to Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus SCARLET RIBBONS

For Good Friday.

There is a redeemer Melody Green

I will sing the wondrous story HYFRYDOL

O Christ who by a cross made peace your sign Murray/Gibson AA #105

My song is love unknown LOVE UNKNOWN (selected verses)

When his time was over

Here hangs a man discarded PASSION CHORALE

I cannot tell why he whom angels worship LONDONDERRY AIR

Suggest the first two verses only, possibly with the last verse too.

The Feast of the Resurrection: Easter (B)

Your Easter Day worship deserves a rich selection of familiar material and more recent hymns and songs which speak to us of 'newness of life'. If everything is very familiar and well-worn, we might miss the sense of utter astonishment at the inbreaking of God's unconquerable life.

Featured Easter hymn:

Christ is alive (and the universe must celebrate) Murray/Bray AA #15

This is a wonderful hymn to open or close your service with. 'Praise the power that made the stone roll away'.

Contemporary lyrics:

Praise the One who breaks the darkness by Rusty Edwards. Can be sung to various 87.87D tunes such as NETTLETON, HYFRYDOL or CONVERSE aka 'What a friend...'

General praise hymn, but suited to Easter.

Christ has risen while earth slumbers John Bell, Iona Community Can be sung to various 87.87D tunes such as NETTLETON, HYFRYDOL or CONVERSE aka 'What a friend...'

At the dawning of salvation Jock Curle TiS #392 At-The-Dawning-Of-Salvation Can be sung to various 87.87D tunes such as NETTLETON, HYFRYDOL or CONVERSE aka 'What a friend...'

Christ is alive, let Christians sing Brian Wren TRURO CoCs #473

Up from the earth Rory Cooney WOODLANDS aka 'Tell out my soul'

This deserves to be better known! It makes a wonderful processional hymn.

Up from the earth, and surging like a wave,
rise up, O Christ! your God defies the grave.
Up from the earth push blade and leaf and stem,
they rise from Chris, and we shall rise with them!

Up from the cross a billion voices strain,
cry for a hand to lift them from their pain.
Up from the cross but scarred in limbs and side,
a wounded Church brings healing far and wide.

Up from the night Christ morning star awakes.
O what a light upon earth's darkness breaks!
Up from the night Christ sows his life like wheat,
and death itself lies fallow at his feet!

Up from the tomb of all the past conceals!
See how our God a brighter day reveals.
Up from the tomb! Though death had bound us tight,
like Lazarus we stumble into light.

Cry to the cross where tyrants work their dread!
Shout to the tombs where parents mourn their dead!
Sing to the earth, for God all newness gives!
Alleluia! Christ Liberator lives!

Rory Cooney

Traditional selections:

The day of resurrection ELLACOMBE TiS #361

Jesus Christ is risen today EASTER HYMN TiS #362, CoCs #476

All creation join to say Charles Wesley WURTTENBURG HFTC #150

Light's glittering morning fills the sky EASTER SONG HFTC #157
Suggest selected verses.

Thine be the glory MACCABEUS

This hymn is often modernised to read 'Yours be the glory' but this is somewhat infelicitous when sung. Perhaps better is the version beginning 'Glory to Jesus, risen, conquering Son... over death you won.' Otherwise the words version in HFTC (#167) is good.

Songs:

Now the green blade rises NOEL NOUVELET CoCs #482

Easter Song (Hear the bells ringing) Annie Herring TiS #389

Hallelujah! We sing your praises Lively South African hymn TiS #541, CoCs #656

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
Usually the verse including 'the just reward' is omitted!

All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord

He is Lord, he is Lord

Te Ariki (He is Lord, he is Lord): 'Te Ariki, Te Ariki, kua ara mai e koe i te mate. Koropikoria, whakaatungia, ko Ihu te Ariki.'

This is the day ...when he rose again! HFTC Song #28

I will enter his gates

Peruvian Gloria

Could be sung instead of reciting the Gloria, or as a Gospel acclamation.

2nd Sunday of Easter (B): Christ appears to the disciples

We suggest that you make use of material from Easter Day if not already sung.

Featured hymn/song for the day:

Blessed is the body and the soul Dan Damon CoCs #238

Additional selections for the day:

We are many, we are one Gibson FFS #67.

This would make a lively closing hymn/song. Colin Gibson graciously gives permission for the free use of this hymn with acknowledgement. See linked page if you don't have "Faith Forever Singing". A great song of Christian inclusion for any congregation!

Jesus stand among us at the meeting of our lives SiS #427

Jesus stand among us in your risen power NORTH COATES HFTC #364

Suitably short for a gradual. (Amen optional.)

He came singing love Gibson AA #59, CoCs #226

Longing for light/Christ be our light Farrell

Very suitable in relation to the Epistle reading.

Breathe on me, breath of God TRENTHAM or CARLISLE. CoCs #190, HFTC #226

3rd Sunday of Easter (B): “Peace be with you”

Selections from last week, and also Easter day are very apt, including ‘Blessed be the body and the soul’.

Featured hymns/songs of the day:

How deep the silence of the soul Sylvia Dunstan, TALLIS’S THIRD TUNE CoCs #165, KINGSFOLD

From the very depths of darkness Michael Forster BATTLE HYMN aka ‘Mine eyes have seen the glory’.

This works well on guitar sung as a straight rock four-beat, but you could stick to the traditional dotted rhythm if you prefer. Chords in G major. This hymn features in a book called Praying in Song (Hymns and songs for young people).

God give us peace that lasts Bell, Iona Community LOVE UNKNOWN
Very powerful words.

Additional selections for the day (mainly for the peace of Christ):

Where shall be found (Tree of Peace) Colin Gibson HIOS #151

Give thanks with a grateful heart CoCs #134 (and other sources)

Be still and know that I am God

Dona nobis pacem

I heard the voice of Jesus say

Be thou my vision (Christ be my vision) CoCs #167 and most hymnals

In the singing, in the silence CoCs #519, FFS #38

Church of the living Christ AA #19 LITTLE CORNARD

Christ is our peace AA #16 SUANTRAI Traditional Irish tune

Christ let us come with you AA #17

Loving Spirit David Dell AA #94

We have a Gospel to proclaim FULDA

What a friend we have in Jesus CONVERSE

4th Sunday of Easter (B): The Good Shepherd

The Lord is my Shepherd Bobby McFerrin

Natalie Sims suggests this recording as a meditation on Psalm 23. In the style of Anglican chant, it offers feminine imagery for God. You could play this during Communion.

You Lord are both Lamb and Shepherd Sylvia Dunstan PICARDY CoCs #22

Gather us in (Here in this place) Marty Haugen TiS #474, CoCs #72.

Performed by the LSM Conference 2014 [on this page](#).

Eat this bread and never hunger Dan Damon CoCs #530

Who is this Jesus? SLANE CoCs #38

The king of love my Shepherd is

The Lord's my shepherd

Loving shepherd of your sheep

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases SiS #414

All people that on earth do dwell

The Lord is my shepherd (and I want to follow) TiS #659.

O Christ the great foundation AURELIA aka 'The Church's one foundation'
Suited to the Acts reading.

I will sing the wondrous story HYFRYDOL

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose Marnie Barrell ABBOT'S LEIGH AA #55

In the singing, in the silence Shirley Murray's & Carlton Young FFS #38, CoCs #519

Consider using material from last week and Easter.

5th Sunday of Easter (B): The true vine

I am the vine Murray/Render FFS #35

Hebrew-style melody to the Gospel imagery. Suited to the gradual.

God is love with adoration Adaptation of Bryn Rees's hymn inclusive language, ABBOT'S LEIGH

Excellent opening hymn.

Love divine, all loves excelling BLAENWERN CoCs #565

Now the green blade rises NOEL NOUVELET CoCs #482

Give thanks for life Murray SINE NOMINE CoCs #563, AA #45

Excellent closing processional.

Gentle God, when we are driven Murray/Bray AA #44

A confessional hymn.

Christ let us come with you Murray/Gibson AA #17

A Communion hymn.

Let there be love shared among us SiS #117

Suggest changing 'brotherly' to 'Jesus' own' or similar, gradual.

We are many, we are one Gibson FFS #67

Lively song that suits the close of worship.

Take my gifts Murray/Gibson AA #127

Suits the offertory.

Tell my people I love them Barlotti & Jansen AA #132

Can be sung as a Communion hymn, or closing.

We have a Gospel to proclaim FULDA

Could be used as the gradual.

Let us talents and tongues employ LINSTAAD

offertory, Communion.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus EBENEZEER

Come down O Love divine DOWN AMPNEY

Now as we go Murray/Gibson AA #99

A closing song.

The Lord bless you and keep you Garrett AA #138

A closing blessing.

We are one in the Spirit Scholtes CoCs #359
Suitable for post-Communion.

6th Sunday of Easter (B): Love one another (Mothers' Day)

Featured hymns for Mothers' Day:

God of Eve and God of Mary Fred Pratt Green LOVE DIVINE or STUTTGART, or other 87.87 tune

God of Eve and God of Mary,
God of love and mother-earth,
thank you for the ones who with us
shared their life and gave us birth.

As you came to earth in Jesus,
so you come to us today;
you are present in the caring
that prepares us for life's way.

Thank you that the Church, our Mother,
gives us bread and fills our cup,
and the comfort of the Spirit
warms our hearts and lifts us up.

Thank you for belonging, shelter,
bonds of friendship, ties of blood,
and for those who have no children,
yet are parents under God.

God of Eve and God of Mary,
Christ our Brother, human Son,
Spirit, caring like a Mother,
take our love and make us one!

Words: Fred Pratt Green

Suggested Tunes: LOVE DIVINE or STUTTGART

Loving Spirit Murray/Dell AA #94 (i)

Featured hymn & song for the work of the Holy Spirit:

Filled with the Spirit's power WOODLANDS aka 'Tell out my soul', TiS #411.
This would work well as a hymn of sending forth.

Spirit of God Resound Worship

It would make a lovely scene setting song before the service, or it could be played during Communion. Perfect for Pentecost, too. May be best just to listen to this one.

Many of the hymns and songs from last Sunday (below) are also suitable, especially 'God is love, with adoration'.

God is love, with adoration
let the heavens and earth rejoice;
lift the song of exultation,
praises sounding as one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
and who spread the heavens above,
still rejoicing in creation -
God is love, eternal love.

God is love, with love enfolding
all the world in one embrace
With unfailing grasp is holding
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then we find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is love and though with blindness
sin afflicts our human hearts,
God's eternal lovingkindness
holding, guiding, grace emparts.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love so love forever
in the universe must reign.

Bryn Rees, adapted

Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH

Additional hymns and songs:

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness

Holy Spirit, go before us Elizabeth J Smith AUSTRIA, CONVERSE or other 87.87D, TiS #420

From the waiting comes the sign Murray/Gibson.

Well worth learning this hymn of invocation – excellent on the day of Pentecost as well.

O God of earth and space Jane Parker Huber Jewish tune LEONI, TiS #473 or CoCs #94

Come O God of all the earth Marty Haugen TiS #181.

Very lively song of creation's response to God. Easy guitar chords. Psalm-related song

Love divine, all loves excelling

Come as you are, that's how I want you Deirdre Browne TiS #693

The new commandment that I give to you A NEW COMMANDMENT

“By this all people will know you’re my disciples” provides you with a more inclusive lyric.

Be still for the presence of the Lord

Kneels at the feet of his friends (Jesu, Jesu) TiS #640, CoCs #367

The steadfast love of the Lord SiS #414

7th Sunday of Easter (B)

The alternative set of readings to those for Ascension Day.

We are many, we are one FFS #67

Suited to the opening or closing of worship.

When we are living, we are in the Lord

Suited to the gradual hymn.

Will you come and follow me? (The Summons)

Suited to closing worship.

We are one in the Spirit

Suited to post-Communion.

Alleluia, sing to Jesus HYFRYDOL

offertory.

Join hands in the Spirit AA #32

Holy Spirit, go before us AUSTRIA

Where mountains rise DUNEDIN AA #154 TIS #691

Very suitable as an opening/processional hymn.

Blow through the valleys FFS #6

Give thanks for life SINE NOMINE AA #45

Suitable offertory or processional.

Bind us together, Lord

Christ let us come with you AA #17

Consider other music for the season of Easter as below, especially last week and the week before.

Ascension Day (B)

If observed on this date OR Jesus prays for his disciples.

We suggest that you use the readings for Ascension Day rather than Easter 7

[A Hymn for Ascension](#) Marnie Barrell. LAUDA ANIMA aka "Praise, my soul" HiOS #14
Marnie has kindly agreed to let us share the text of her hymn with readers.

We praise you God, creator Lord PACHELBEL'S CANON TiS #185 *A simple tune for the congregation. Could be an offertory hymn, or post-Communion.*

He came singing love

God is here as we your people ABBOT'S LEIGH.
Good opening hymn.

Christ is alive, let Christians sing TRURO (aka "Jesus shall reign") CoCs #473
Could serve as a closing hymn.

Come down O love divine DOWN AMPNEY
Perhaps a post-Communion hymn.

You shall go out with joy TiS #755, Songs of the Kingdom #192
Lively song for the close of worship.

God forgave my sin (Freely, freely) CoCs #627
Could serve as an offertory hymn.

He is exalted / You are exalted SiS #143

He is Lord & All heaven declares (the glory of the risen Lord)
You could bracket these together using a key change (the intervening chord is E7) creating a very effective worship bracket.

Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour TiS #520
Suggest you abbreviate by omitting verses 3 and 4.

Majesty, worship his majesty
Suited as a gradual.

Meekness and majesty
Possible offertory hymn.

All over the world (the Spirit is moving) SiS #51
gradual, or post-Communion.

Father we love you Songs of the Kingdom #246
Suggest you modernise the words!

Pass it on (It only takes a spark)

There is a straightforward [YouTube clip here](#). Link has lyrics and guitar chords.

Christ ascends to God! Behold him

Christ ascends to God! Behold him
here, where earth and heaven meet.
Unimagined powers enfold him,
mortals worship at his feet.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
all his mission now complete.

God receives him into mystery -
clouds of glory veil the sight;
no more bound to human history,
strong as love and free as light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
now to reign in his own right.

He is with us. Do not seek him
throned in splendour far above:
meet him here where truth and freedom
now reveal his work of love.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
countless signs his presence prove.

Universal Lord, now reigning
deep in nature's smallest part,
all things live by your sustaining,
time and space your work of art.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
praise to Christ, creation's heart.

Marnie Barrell

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The Day of Pentecost (B)

Spirit of God Resound Worship

Atmospheric, inclusive, canon form ending with a big harmony conclusion. You could play [this recording](#) to set the scene for your Pentecost service, or post-Communion reflection would also work. If you have a choir or singing group you could learn this to use for the Sundays after Pentecost too.

Wind who makes all winds that blow Thomas Troeger ABERYSTWYTH aka 'Jesus lover of my soul' or ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR aka 'Come you thankful people, come'.

Spirit of Christ remember me Dan Damon CoCs #221

Could be learned before the service, or sung by a small group during Communion, the congregation joining in as able. [Sheet music with chords](#)

Songs:

Spirit, spirit of gentleness *New Journeys* songbook

We are one in the Spirit

Breath of the Living God CoCs #43

Rain down CoCs #260

Blow through the valleys FFS #6

Spirit of the Living God HFTC #23 & #24

Loving Spirit AA #94 David Dell

Be still for the presence of the Lord

[Bless the Lord, O my soul](#) (10,000 reasons)

Hymns:

Spirit of God most high HFTC #242 LITTLE CORNARD

A stirring hymn/tune with an excellent match to today's readings. Excellent recessional or possibly gradual

God comes to us as one unheard HiOS #42 Jocelyn Marshall IRISH or 8.6.8.6 tunes

Come down O Love divine

Works well as an offertory hymn.

The Spirit came as promised HFTC #244, ELLACOMBE

Wind of God, dynamic Spirit HFTC #234, ABBOT'S LEIGH

From the waiting comes the sign Colin Gibson and Shirley Murray AA #43
Invocation hymn.

Breath on me, breath of God TRENTHAM 6.6.8.6 or CARLISLE

She sits like a bird brooding on the waters (Enemy of Apathy) TIS #418

Spirit of holiness, wisdom and faithfulness HFTC #246 BLOW THE WIND SOUTHERLY

[Additional resources \(including liturgy\):](#)

Jubilate Hymns have a Pentecost/Trinity resource page.

Come down Holy Spirit NOEL NOUVELET

Holy Spirit, heaven's breath MONKLAND

May we, O Holy Spirit SURSUM CORDA

Trinity Sunday (B): The Most Holy Trinity

If you didn't use our featured song from last Sunday, 'Spirit of God', this is also linked effectively to the work of the Spirit in John 3 this week.

Come you thankful people: Resound Worship

God is one, unique and holy Brian Wren LAUDA ANIMA ('Praise, my soul') or PICARDY ('Let all mortal flesh')

Good processional.

Trinitarian hymns and songs:

I believe in God the Father Michael Perry 87.87

Father in heaven, grant to your children TiS #465 WOV #399 to HALAD

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty NICAEA CoCs #52 and most hymnals

God who created light MOSCOW (Thou/God whose almighty word)

Strong Trinitarian imagery here. Could be sung instead of a spoken affirmation of faith.

Sing of a God in majestic divinity Herbert O'Driscoll WAS LEBET

Holy Wisdom, lamp of learning BEACH SPRING CoCs #55

Trinitarian hymn with inclusive language.

[Praise with joy the world's Creator](#) LAUDA ANIMA/PRAISE MY SOUL CoCs #57 TiS #179

Iona Community's inclusive language reworking.

Maker of mystery Marnie Barrell DOWN AMPNEY ('Come Down O Love Divine') FFS #47

O Threefold God of tender unity Bill Wallace ELLERS or SURSUM CORDA AA #110

Glorify your name (Father we love you) *Songs of the Nations* #246

I suggest you update the language.

Father, we adore you, lay our lives before you SiS #174, HFTC Song #5

Holy holy, Holy holy Jimmy Owens HFTC #14 *An evergreen worship song*

Any of these would be suitable during Communion.

God's Call (The Isaiah reading):

I the Lord of sea and sky (Here I am Lord) CoCs #640 and many other books.

Could be sung as the offertory hymn.

Come as you are, that's how I want you TiS #693

Will you come and follow me (The Summons) CoCs #586 and many other books

I have called you by your name, you are mine Dan Damon

9th Sunday Ordinary time if after Trinity Sunday (B)

[I the Lord of sea and sky](#) HERE I AM LORD CoCs #640 and many other books
A meditative solo with guitar (perfect for reflection during or after Communion.)

I have called you by your name Dan Damon

Take my life and let it be NOTTINGHAM

O God you search me and you know me Bernadette Farrell's Psalm 139.
There is a lovely (if rather slow) [singalong version on this YouTube video](#)

You are before me Lord, you are behind SURSUM CORDA Psalm 139

Come and find the quiet centre Shirley Murray GAELIC AIR or BEACH SPRING FFS #10 (i)

[Longing for light/Christ be our light](#) Farrell

[When we are living](#) SOMOS DEL SENOR

Come away from rush and hurry BEACH SPRING or SCARLET RIBBONS

Lord of all hopefulness SLANE

10th in Ordinary Time (B): “My mother and my brothers”

and/or TE POUHERE Sunday

Te Pouhere (Constitution) Sunday is unique to Aotearoa/New Zealand and Polynesia, in that it celebrates our three Tikanga structure. There are two sets of readings. The first is for Ordinary Sunday 10 aka Proper 5(B). The second set provides a number of reading choices for Te Pouhere Sunday. Even if you choose to use the standard readings, you could still include an Aotearoa and/or Māori waiata in your repertoire today.

[Te Pouhere Sunday](http://www.anglican.org.nz): General Synod website www.anglican.org.nz

Suggestions for the RCL readings:

Who is my mother, who is my brother Murray/Render
Suited to the offertory.

The kingdom of God is justice and joy HANOVER HFTC #133

The kingdom is within you Cecily Sheehy AA #137

We are one in the Spirit CoCs #359 and many other sources

[Bring forth the kingdom](#) Marty Haugen CoCs #387

[When we are living](#) CoCs #242: TiS #778 with different words

Aotearoa – New Zealand Resources for today:

From Alleluia Aotearoa Songbook:

#155 Where mountains rise to open skies Shirley Murray DUNEDIN
Excellent opening hymn.

#82 Join hands in the Spirit *An inter-faith song. Could be sung as a gradual.*

#36 Every day I will offer you Shirley Murray and Colin Gibson

#85 Let justice roll down like a river

#8 Brother, sister, let me serve you

#59 He came singing love

#51 God of nations (In English and Te Reo)

#132 Tell my people I love them *Excellent closing or recessional song.*

From Faith for Ever Singing Songbook:

#63 These hills where the hawk flies lonely

#67 We are many, we are one Colin Gibson

#57 Song of faith that sings forever

#13 E Te Ariki (Lord have mercy)

The kyries in te reo, responsive.

From [Hope is Our Song Songbook](#):

#43 God of our Island Home

The refrain alone makes a lovely meditative response to prayer.

#31 From this holy time LAUDATE DOMINUM

A lovely hymn of sending forth.

#23 E Te Ariki, whakarongo mai

Contemporary Māori song.

11th in Ordinary Time (B): Seeds of a new creation

See last week's songs with a 'kingdom' theme, and also 'When we are living' which fits well with today's Epistle reading.

All my hope on God is founded

All my hope on God is founded
who will all my trust renew,
through all change and chance will guide me,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
God alone,
call my heart to be your own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray our trust;
what with care and toil we fashion,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness lasts forever,
depths of wisdom, passing thought;
splendour, light, and life attending,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore
from this store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of God's own Son.
Christ yet calls
one and all:
those who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges, adapted (after Joachim Neander)

For the fruits of all [his] creation

God has spoken to [t]his people

"God has spoken to this people, Alleluia! Spoken words of holy wisdom, alleluia!" Or you could try "Jesus spoke to his disciples, alleluia...!" Spoke in words of holy wisdom..."

Majesty, worship his majesty

Where the road runs out AA #156

One more step along the world I go

"From the old things to the new..."

God gives us a future TiS #687

Good concluding hymn.

Now as we go AA #99

Now to your table spread LOVE UNKNOWN AA #100

Nothing is lost on the breath of God FFS #50

Well worth learning this simple tune.

Where shall be found? (Tree of Peace) HiOS #151

Maker of mystery DOWN AMPNEY aka 'Come down O love divine' FFS #47

Marnie Barrell's parable of growth; lovely imagery.

12th in Ordinary Time (B): Conflict and storm

One Voice The Wailin' Jennys

This song, although not specifically religious has a profundity about it which would be perfect for a time of quiet reflection which could follow a sermon on the Gospel, or perhaps played during Communion.

Songs and hymns about conflict:

Who would true valour see MONK'S GATE TiS #561 or **Who honours courage here** HFTC #537

Who would true valour see,
let them come hither;
those here will constant be
come wind, come weather.
There's no discouragement
shall make them once relent
their first avowed intent
to be God's pilgrims.

Those who beset them round
with dismal stories
cannot the brave confound:
their strength the more is.
No lion can them fright,
they'll with a giant fight,
so they will have the right
to be God's pilgrims.

Though evil powers intend
to break our spirit,
we know we at the end
shall life inherit.
So, fantasies away!
Why fear what others say?
We'll labour night and day
to be God's pilgrims.

After John Bunyan, adapted from various versions

Through all the changing scenes of life WILTSHIRE HFTC #46 TiS #112

Safe in the hands of God who made me Michael Perry ST CLEMENT aka 'The day thou gavest'
Ideal gradual hymn.

O God our help in ages past ST ANNE HFTC #37 CoCs #16

When the storm winds blow AA #152

Suitable as a gradual hymn.

Where the road runs out Colin Gibson COLUMBUS

Suits the close of worship.

Be still, my soul! FINLANDIA TiS #123

I would omit verse three, otherwise this hymn is probably too long.

Songs and hymns about stillness:

Dear God, embracing humankind REPTON CoCs #194

An inclusive language version ('Dear Lord and Father...') for today! This would work as the opening hymn.

Dear God, embracing humankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives your service find,
in deeper reverence praise,
in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of your Word,
let us, like them by Spirit stirred,
"Rise up and followers be,
rise up and followers be.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above!
There Jesus met you prayerfully:
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love,
interpreted by love.

Drop your still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of your peace,
the beauty of your peace.

Breathe through the pulses of desire
your coolness and your balm;
let sense be numb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire
O still, small voice of calm,
O still, small voice of calm.

John G. Whittier, adapted.

Be still for the presence of the Lord

Come and find the quiet centre GAELIC TRAD. MELODY FFS #10 (i)

In the singing, in the silence BREAD OF PEACE FFS #38

Offertory hymn.

In the quiet of this day BUCKLAND aka 'Loving shepherd...' FFS #37

Could be sung during Communion.

Calm to the waves CoCs #158

Short reflective song/chant, easy to learn.

Make me a channel of your peace

Nada te turbe (Nothing can frighten) Taizé chant, CoCs #241

Jesus is Lord, creation's voice proclaims it

Put your hand in the hand Anne Murray

With a great gospel choir.

13th in Ordinary Time (B): Death and life. Refugee Sunday

Here to the house of God we come KHAO I DANG AA #61

Let justice roll like a river Marty Haugen JUSTICE CoCs #288

When the poor ones who have nothing EL CAMINO

When Israel was in Egypt's land GO DOWN MOSES *Words and music*

The church of Christ in every age Fred Pratt Green WAREHAM

I am standing waiting Shirley Murray AU CLAIR DE LA LUNE

We cannot measure how you heal John Bell BANKS AND BRAES
Hymn for many kinds of healing, words and music.

Blessed is the body and the soul CoCs #238

Healer of our every ill Marty Haugen CoCs #547

When we are living, we are in the Lord PUES SI VIVIMOS CoCs #242
A good gradual song.

O God, you search me and you know me
Could be sung during Communion.

At evening, when the sun had set ANGELUS HFTC #315

O Christ the healer, we have come ANGELUS or MELCOMBE

Nothing is lost on the breath of God FFS #50

Lord, turn our grieving into grace FFS #45

Give thanks with a grateful heart CoCs #134
A good gradual song.

I heard the voice of Jesus say KINGSFOLD

Give thanks for life SINE NOMINE AA #45
Suited to opening or closing.

Great is your faithfulness FAITHFULNESS CoCs #11
Suited to opening or closing

O, the deep, deep love of Jesus EBENEZER

Take my gifts and let me love you TALAVERA TERRACE AA #127
Linked to the Epistle reading, a suitable offertory song for today.

For the bread and wine and blessing BREAD AND WINE AA #39
Very apt offertory or post-Communion hymn, with a healing theme.

14th in Ordinary Time (B): Sent out on Christ's mission

Mighty God who called creation Carl P. Daw, Jr. RUSTINGTON or other 87.87.D
Very suitable as an opening hymn.

When our songs (have mercy) Matt Osgood "Have mercy, Lord, through us... may we demonstrate your love" from Resound Worship.

Hymns and songs on this theme:

Will you come and follow me? CoCs #586
Closing song.

I have called you by your name CoCs #636
Suited to the gradual or Communion.

This is a day of new beginnings BEGINNINGS CoCs #495, TiS #653
Offertory hymn.

God of grace and God of glory CWM RHONDDA CoCs #624 HFTC #324 TiS #611
Suited to the opening hymn.

Sent by the Lord am I
Closing or gradual hymn.

O Christ the master carpenter ST PETER, 86.86 (CM)
This hymn suits the Gospel reading.

When we lift our pack and go AA #153 CoCs #634
Suited to closing.

Bring forth the kingdom (You are salt for the earth) CoCs #387
Lively song, suited to opening or gradual.

Sent forth by God's blessing THE ASH GROVE CoCs #648 TiS #531
A closing hymn.

Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this table take leave.
The supper is ended: may now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching,
our hungry souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for all humankind.
With grace to incite us, and love to unite us
we work for the kingdom,
God's purpose to find.

With praise and thanksgiving
to God, ever-living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face,
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing as neighbours
all those of each race.
One feast that has fed us,
one light that has led us,
unite us as one in the life that we share.
Then may all the living,
with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ
as the name that we bear.

Omer Westendorf (alt.)

From this holy time LAUDATE DOMINUM HiOS #31

God forgave my sin (Freely, freely) CoCs #627, HFTC #12

Amazing grace

For the Epistle reading, probably good in the gradual slot too.

Let us talents and tongues employ LINSTEAD CoCs #522 TiS #537

Offertory hymn.

God's Spirit is in my heart (Go tell everyone)

I have the music for this in a book called Our Songs: A Hymnbook for Catholic Schools (Mayhew 1998) but it doesn't seem to be widely published.

We have a Gospel to proclaim FULDA TiS #245 HFTC #519

Line 2 note: "Good news for all throughout the earth."

I the Lord of sea and sky CoCs #640

Closing or offertory.

And did you risk yourself O Christ? Christopher Idle KINGSFOLD or other DCM

Ascended Christ who gained Christopher Idle DARWALL'S 148th

Processional or recessional hymn.

As once for you, Lord Christ, there was no room Christopher Idle ELLERS

Suited to the Gospel reading.

15th in Ordinary Time (B): Rejoicing and mourning

Canticle of the turning (My soul cries out) *Community of Christ Sings #404* traditional Irish STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN.

If your congregation loved 'Come to the banquet there's a place for you' they will love this one too. The guitar chords in Em are easy!

Songs and hymns that relate to the death of John the Baptist:

When we are living, we are in the Lord CoCs #243
Suits gradual or Communion.

Nothing is lost on the breath of God FFS #50

God of freedom, God of justice AA #50 TIS #657 PICARDY

Lord turn our grieving into grace FFS #45

Give thanks for life AA #45 CoCs #563
Suits opening.

God as with silent hearts TiS #680 SURSUM CORDA

God has spoken by the prophets TiS #158 ODE TO JOY or EBENEZER

Blessed is the body and the soul CoCs #238
Suits offertory or Communion.

Songs and hymns that relate to David dancing before God:

Sing a happy alleluia AA #118

Siyahamba CoCs #95 (*Natalie Sims suggests singing 'We are dancing in the light of God'*)
Suits closing.

Jesus put this song into our hearts
Closing or gradual.

Come O God of all the earth (Sing out, earth and skies)

Loving Spirit AA #94(1)
Suits Epistle reading.

Sea Sunday

I, the Lord of sea and sky CoCs #640

Jesus Christ is waiting

Amazing Grace

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Eternal Father, strong to save

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Thou [God] whose almighty word

He's got the whole world in his hands

Kum ba yah

Waves are beating

When I needed a neighbour

Where the road runs out AA #156

When the storm winds blow AA #152

Bible Sunday

We have a Gospel to proclaim FULDA

God of the Bible, God in the Gospel FFS #25

God has spoken by the prophets EBENEZER

How much am I worth? HioS #63

E Te Atua, kua ruia nei (With One Voice #650)

This hymn is attractive when sung to AMAZING GRACE.

16th in Ordinary Time (B): Unity in Christ, teacher and healer

I'm a living stone HioS #70

Suited as a reflection on the first reading or gradual.

As we gather at your table NETTLETON, BEACH SPRING or [SCARLET RIBBONS](#) 87.87D CoCs #523

For the reading from the First Testament:

Christ is our cornerstone DARWALL TiS #433

For the Epistle reading:

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord

Jesus put this song into our hearts

Tama ngākau mārie

One voice

[Come to the banquet, there's a place for you](#)

A popular and lively invitation to Communion.

Bind us together, Lord

[I come with joy, a child of God](#) UNIVERSITY, or other 86.86

Now to your table spread LOVE UNKNOWN AA #100

For the bread and wine and blessing AA #39

For the Gospel reading:

I heard the voice of Jesus say KINGSFOLD

On the healing theme:

[Healer of our every ill](#) Marty Haugen

Words, music and guitar chords are [here](#).

Jesus' hands were kind hands AU CLAIRE DE LA LUNE TiS #236

[We cannot measure how you heal](#) YE BANKS AND BRAES

At evening when the sun had set ANGELUS HFTC #315

O Christ the healer we have come ANGELUS TiS #638

Among us and before us Lord you stand SURSUM CORDA

Good for offertory.

Praise the One who breaks the darkness NETTLETON or other 87.87D

Suitable for an opening hymn.

We give God thanks for those who knew MELCOMBE HFTC #318

From miles around the sick ones came WAREHAM or many other 88.88

Suitable for a gradual hymn.

In the quiet of this day FFS #37 BUCKLAND aka 'Loving Shepherd of your sheep'

Christ is our peace AA #16

For the bread and wine and blessing AA #39

Suitable for offertory or Communion.

17th in Ordinary Time (B): Jesus feeds the people

See Maundy Thursday for a reference list for Holy Communion.

Featured hymn/song for Holy Communion:

[Feed us now, bread of life](#) Robin Mann TiS #538
Ideal for singing during Communion, or possibly at the offertory.

Other hymns and songs suitable for the Gospel theme:

Eat this bread, drink this cup CoCs #528, TiS #714
Short, reflective Taizé chant suitable during or after Communion.

Here in this place (Gather us in) CoCs #72, TiS #474

As we walk along beside you FFS #3
Recognising Christ in the breaking of the bread.

[Break now the bread of life](#) BREAD OF LIFE TiS #429

Take our bread, we ask you SiS #25
Offertory song.

Take my life, and let it be NOTTINGHAM CoCs #608

Come to the celebration all who are hungry Marnie Barrell AA #27
Lively Celtic-style opening or offertory hymn.

Eucharistic hymn and songs:

Eat this bread and never hunger Damon CoCs #530

[Come to the banquet \(there's a place for you\)](#) Fay White
This would make an excellent opening song.

Amazing grace

A (The) new commandment

An upper room did our Lord prepare O WALY WALY

Broken for me, broken for you

Gifts of bread and wine

Here is bread, here is wine Kendrick

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

Love is his word

Meekness and majesty Kendrick

Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Broken for me, broken for you

Eat this bread Taizé chant CoCs #528

Jesus stand among us

Let us break bread together on our knees CoCs #521

Stay with me Taizé chant

Ubi caritas Taizé chant

Jesu, Jesu (fill us with your love) aka 'Kneels at the feet of his friends' CoCs #367
Check to see that your version has inclusive language.

God of our journeys

I come with joy, a child of God Wren 86.86

I love the Lord

O God you search me Farrell

On this night

Oh welcome all ye noble saints of old

St Mary Magdalene

[Word that formed creation](#) NOEL NOUVELET
Processional.

[Woman weeping in the garden](#) MARCHING
Gospel or gradual hymn.

[Now to your table spread](#) LOVE UNKNOWN
Offertory.

A prophet-woman broke a jar Half verses may be sung to 87.87 tune such as DOMINUS
REGIT ME or ST COLUMBA

[The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet](#) WOODLANDS
Recessional.

Come celebrate the women Shirley Erena Murray ELLACOMBE
A hymn celebrating women's ministry.

18th in Ordinary Time (B): The bread of life

See 17th and 19th Ordinary Time in relation to the theme of unity.,

You could also sing:

Take my gifts and let me love you Murray/Gibson AA #127

We are one in the bond of love SiS #134

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us LIVING LORD

Eat this bread and never hunger Dan Damon CoCs #530

In relation to the OT reading:

Come down, O love divine DOWN AMPNEY

O God, you search me and you know me

Create in me a clean heart, O God

19th in Ordinary Time (B): Peace Sunday

Let us break bread together

We come as guests invited PASSION CHORALE HFTC #602

And now, O Father, mindful of the love UNDE ET MEMORES HFTC #392(i)

Come risen Lord as guest among your own SURSUM CORDA HTFC #399(ii)

Jesus the Lord said 'I am the bread' TiS #239

Coming together for wine and for bread CoCs #516, SLANE ('Be Thou My Vision')

In the singing, in the silence CoCs #519, and FFS #38

As we gather at your table CoCs #523 BEACH SPRING

NZ hymns and songs for Peace Sunday:

From Alleluia Aotearoa:

Christ is our peace

Gentle God, when we are driven

He came singing love

O Christ, who by a cross made peace your sign SURSUM CORDA

Where mountains rise DUNEDIN

Tell my people I love them

A really good closing song.

Where shall be found (Tree Of Peace) *Hope is our Song* songbook

Christ has changed the world's direction MICHAEL *Hope is our Song* songbook

Peace Child from *Carol our Christmas* songbook

20th in Ordinary Time (B): The bread that came down from heaven

Eucharistic hymns and songs from 17th to 19th Ordinary Time are suitable.

Faith Forever Singing has a couple of hymn texts that can be sung to well-known tunes:

[Relentless lover, God in Christ](#) KINGSFOLD FFS #55

This table is the Lord's FRANCONIA FFS #64

Give thanks with a grateful heart

O Lord who came from realms above ('O thou who camest from above')

Holy Spirit, you are welcome in this place

An apt change of lyric might be: "Revealing the power of mercy and grace..."

21st in Ordinary Time (B): The words of eternal life

How lovely is your dwelling-place From *Together in Song*. You can sing the psalm based on the Scottish Psalter TiS #44 BROTHER JAMES' AIR or WILTSHIRE

There is a redeemer

You are the king of glory

We are marching (walking) in the light of God SIYAHAMBA

Let us build a house (All are welcome) Marty Haugen CoCs #276
You could play this for a meditation.

Welcome Jesus, you are welcome Dan Damon CoCs #277

This day God gives me St. Patrick's Breastplate BUNESSAN aka 'Morning has broken' TiS #642

Be Thou my vision (or Christ be my vision) CoCs #167 and many hymnals

Like a mighty river flowing QUEM PASTORES HFTC #32
Attractive modern hymn about the peace of God.

All who hunger gather gladly Sylvia Dunstan HYFRDOL or CONVERSE or another 87.87D
The typo on the linked page should read "In Communion's love have stood".

Thanks to God whose Word was spoken REGENT SQUARE TiS #431
Good fit to the Gospel. Suggested inclusiveness adaptation:

Thanks to God whose Word was spoken
in the deed that made the earth.
Holy voice that called a nation;
and the fires that tried its worth.
God has spoken, God has spoken:
praise God for *the open word.* (*same line at the end of each verse*)

Speak O Lord Stuart Townend CoCs #66, *Sing Praise* (A&M) #187

22nd in Ordinary Time (B): Doers of the word & Spring Festival

Now the green blade rises NOEL NOUVELET

Pass it on (It only takes a spark) PASS IT ON

Morning has broken BUNESSAN

For the beauty of the earth DIX

In the bulb there is a flower SCARLET RIBBONS or HYFRYDOL or other 87.87D

New Zealand written selections:

Our life has its seasons AA #133

These hills where the hawk flies lonely FFS #63

Maker of mystery FFS #47

Jesus comes to me as a springtime tree AA #77

Whispering gently the breeze from the mountain FFS #77

Hymns and songs for the day's readings:

Here in this place the new light is streaming GATHER US IN

God whose giving knows no ending RUSTINGTON or other 87.87D

O God in whom all life begins NOEL

I want to walk as a child of the light TiS #643

O God, you search me and you know me Bernadette Farrell

Canticle of the turning (My soul cries out) *Community of Christ Sings* #404 traditional
Irish STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN CoCs #44

Lord you hear the sound (Lord have mercy) Resound Worship

When our songs of joyful celebration Resound Worship
You could listen to this as a response to the reading from James (v.26).

23rd in Ordinary Time (B): A Gentile woman blessed for her boldness

This week's hymns and songs are about healing and social concern.

[Lord you hear the sound](#) (Lord have mercy) Resound Worship

Beauty for brokenness CoCs #302

Give thanks with a grateful heart CoCs #134

I heard the voice of Jesus say KINGSFOLD

The servant song (Brother, sister...) CoCs #550

Here to the house of God we come AA #61

Kneels at the feet of his friends CHEREPONI TIS #640

I am standing waiting AU CLAIR DE LA LUNE FS #34

Jesus hands were kind hands AU CLAIR DE LA LUNE CoCs #585

Jesus Christ is waiting NOEL NOUVELET TIS #665

Put peace into each other's hands ST COLUMBA CoCs #309

Sent forth by God's blessing THE ASH GROVE CoCs #648, TIS #531

Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this table take leave.
The supper is ended: may now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching,
our hungry souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for all humankind.
With grace to incite us, and love to unite us
we work for the kingdom,
God's purpose to find.

With praise and thanksgiving
to God, ever-living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face,
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing as neighbours
all those of each race.
One feast that has fed us,
one light that has led us,
unite us as one in the life that we share.

Then may all the living,
with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ
as the name that we bear.

Omer Westendorf (alt.)

[Christ's is the world in which we move](#) DREAM ANGUS TIS #677

Come to the banquet, there's a place for you Fay White

Praise the One who breaks the darkness NETTLETON or other 87.87D

When our Lord walked the earth PERSONENT HODIE aka 'God is love, his the care...'
Gustav Holst's amazing arrangement of an ancient tune (which can be found in many
hymnbooks, e.g. HFTC #311).

24th in Ordinary Time (B): Every tongue confess “You are the Messiah”

[Here I am Lord](#)

Psalm / Celebrating spring:

Sing for God’s glory that colours the dawn of creation LOBE DEN HERRN

[Let all creation dance in energies sublime](#) DARWALL

For the reading about Lady Wisdom:

[Holy Wisdom, lamp of learning](#) BEACH SPRING CoCs #55

[Eternal light, shine in my heart](#) O WALY WALY or other 88.88 TiS #548,

For the reading from James about the tongue:

He is Lord (/You are Lord/Te Ariki)

Let the words of my mouth SiS #124

Just needs a little modernising of the language. You could add another verse: “Let the works of our hands, and the deeds of mercy that we share be acceptable...”

[Strengthen for service, Lord](#) ST COLUMBA TiS #496

Make me a channel of your peace

Sing of the Lord’s goodness TiS #183

In the singing, in the silence FFS #38, CoCs #519

For Holy Communion.

For the Gospel reading:

Will you come and follow me? (The Summons) KELVINGROVE CoCs #586

[Jesus you have called us](#) Resound Worship

Great God, your love has called us here MELITA, aka ‘Eternal Father, strong to save’

Jesus calls us here to meet him GAELIC AIR TiS #477

You are the king of Glory Songs of the Nations #118

[I the Lord of sea and sky](#) HERE I AM LORD CoCs #640 and many other books

25th in Ordinary Time (B): The wisdom from above

Last week's hymns about Lady Wisdom are also suitable today.

Of women and of women's hopes we sing Shirley Murray SURSUM CORDA

Note that the link seems to contain a lyric mistake: v2 should read "We praise the God..."

A prophet-woman broke a jar Half verses and use either ST COLUMBA or DOMINUS REGIT ME

Mighty God who called creation HYFRDOL 87.87D CoCs #641

A mother lined a basket ELLACOMBE or THORNBURY 76.76D CoCs #239

Good choice for both the first and Gospel readings.

For the Epistle reading:

Kneels at the feet of his friends CHEREPONI CoCs #367 and various other books.

Blow through the valleys FFS #6

Brother, sister, let me serve you AA #8, CoCs 3550

Let justice roll down like a river AA #85

Let justice flow down, down like a river CoCs #286

Through all the changing scenes of life WILTSHIRE TiS #112 and most books.

For the Gospel reading:

Beauty for brokenness TiS #690, CoCs #302

Peace Child *Carol our Christmas* #35

Lord of all hopefulness SLANE CoCs #193 and most hymnals.

Gentle is the way of Jesus EBENEZER or SCARLET RIBBONS 87.87D FFS #22

Lord make me like you SiS #281 or "Songs of the Nations" #76

Good during Communion.

[Lord you hear the cry](#) (Lord have mercy) Resound Worship

If you are having the baptism of a child today:

Welcome the child FFS #69(i) HUSH-A-BYE BABY

A great fit with the Gospel reading.

26th in Ordinary Time (B): Have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another

A hymn for these troubled times that fits the readings, too:

[God of the future](#) Carl Daw has written a powerful and moving text to our own Colin Gibson's tune TENDERNESS AA #143

O Christ who by a cross made peace your sign Shirley Murray AA #105 SURSUM CORDA

Gentle God when we are driven Shirley Murray hymn with tune by Jillian Bray AA #44

Bring forth the kingdom (You are salt) Marty Haugen

On health, healing and peace:

[We give God thanks for those who knew](#) MELCOMBE HFTC #318.

[Jesus hands were kind hands](#) AU CLAIR DE LA LUNE TiS #236
A short and suitable gradual.

[We cannot measure how you heal](#) YE BANKS AND BRAES or O WALY WALY (half verses)

[Healer of our every ill](#) Marty Haugen's folk-style song CoCs #547.
Guitar chords in D.

[O Christ the healer we have come](#) Fred Pratt Green ANGELUS CoCs #544

What a friend we have in Jesus CONVERSE CoCs #253 and many other hymnals

Lord Jesus we belong to you TiS #686

[Put peace into each other's hands](#) ST COLUMBA CoCs #309

[Here is bread, here is wine](#) Graham Kendrick's Communion song
I prefer "feast with Jesus here" in the lyric.

God speed you on your way Shirley Murray and Shona Murray FFS #29

If you wish to feature Queen Esther's courage, you could choose one of the hymns from last week, or include:

There is a line of women ELLACOMBE

[Who would true valour see](#) MONK'S GATE TiS #561 or **Who honours courage here** HFTC #537

Who would true valour see,
let them come hither;
those here will constant be
come wind, come weather.
There's no discouragement
shall make them once relent
their first avowed intent
to be God's pilgrims.

Those who beset them round
with dismal stories
cannot the brave confound:
their strength the more is.
No lion can them fright,
they'll with a giant fight,
so they will have the right
to be God's pilgrims.

Though evil powers intend
to break our spirit,
we know we at the end
shall life inherit.
So, fantasies away!
Why fear what others say?
We'll labour night and day
to be God's pilgrims.

After John Bunyan, adapted from various versions

27th in Ordinary Time (B): Bringing many children to glory & St Francis Day

All creatures of our God and king CoCs #98

You might consider more inclusive lyrics like “sing your praises, alleluia” and four verses is usually enough.

Make me a channel of your peace

Joyful, joyful we adore you ODE TO JOY CoCs #99

Blessing the children:

Like a child Jesus comes Dan Damon

Strong gentle children Dan Damon CoCs #233

I know someone who watches over me (The children’s saviour) AA #66

Come to the banquet there’s a place for you

Good for the offertory hymn today.

The kingdom is within you AA #137

Father I place into your hands

Catchy song from the 70s as in this lyrics video sung with kids.

Jesus loves me, this I know

Still powerful, even for adults to sing, and I think David McGuire’s second and third verses are an improvement on Anna B. Warner:

Jesus loves me! This I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying “Let them come to me.”
Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give light
and love to all who live.

Jesus loves me by Ray Stevens.

A fab Gospel version of the original on his 1972 album Turn Your Radio On.

Majesty

You are the king of glory

The servant King

Crown him with many crowns CoCs #39

O risen Christ, still wounded Carl Daw PASSION CHORALE CoCs #41

Praise with joy the world's creator LAUDA ANIMA (PRAISE MY SOUL) TiS #179, CoCs #57

28th in Ordinary Time (B): How hard it is to enter God's realm

Featured for the Job reading:

[O God why are you silent?](#) PASSION CHORALE

Lord hear my praying Robin Mann LARA TiS #689

Through all the changing scenes of life WILTSHIRE TiS #112, HFTC #46 Traditional hymn

For the Hebrews reading:

[Speak O Lord](#) CoCs 66, Sing Praise (Ancient & Modern) #187

How firm a foundation, you people of God ST DENIO TiS #578, HFTC #430

For the Gospel reading:

[O Day of Peace](#) Carl P. Daw Jr. JERUSALEM CoCs #380

O God of love grant us your peace In CoCs A PURPLE ROBE HFTC #122 KINGSFOLD

[Canticle of the turning \(My soul cries out\)](#) CoCs #404 traditional Irish STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN.

[Will you come and follow me?](#)

[The kingdom of God is justice and joy](#) HFTC #333 HANOVER

Beauty for brokenness (God of the poor) TiS #690, CoCs #302

[Jesus Christ is waiting](#)

Lord make me like you *Songs of the Kingdom* #76

For Communion:

Take my gifts and let me love you AA #127

[In the singing, in the silence](#) FFS #38

Let us talents and tongues employ LINSTAD TiS #537 CoCs #522

Since the world was young John Bell GOD'S TABLE (Iona) TiS #544

Shout for joy, the Lord has let us feast John Bell TiS #545 LANSDOWNE

29th in Ordinary Time (B): The Son of Man (or Human One) came to serve

Some of last week's hymns and songs are also apt for today.

Hymns and songs about Creation:

These are often suitable for the opening hymn.

All creatures of our God and King CoCs #98 TiS #676

Selected verses.

A spendthrift lover is the Lord KINGSFOLD, TiS #676

You could make the first line more inclusive by substituting "our God".

Sing of the Lord's goodness TiS #183

The lyrics are here.

Sing out, earth and skies (Come O God of all the earth) Marty Haugen TiS #181

Stars and planets flung in orbit TiS #186 PRAISE MY SOUL LAUDA ANIMA

Suggest you use selected verses.

Let all creation dance in energies sublime Brian Wren DARWALL TiS #187

Ideal opener.

Other hymns and songs related to the Epistle or Gospel readings:

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it SOTK #155

Meekness and majesty Graham Kendrick *The Source* #353

Begins at 1.15 min.

Christ is the world's light CHRISTE SANCTORUM TiS #246

My song is love unknown LOVE UNKNOWN

Christ's is the world in which we move DREAM ANGUS TiS #677

Great is your faithfulness CoCs #11

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall Bernadette Farrell

Kneels at the feet of his friends CoCs #367

The Servant Song CoCs #550

30th in Ordinary Time (B): Bless the Lord at all times

Today's hymns and songs focus on thanksgiving and praise. For hymns about healing see the selection for 26th in Ordinary Time.

Well-known hymns and songs for today include:

[Amazing Grace](#) Judy Collins

I will bless the Lord at all times SiS #32

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful Taizé chant

Father I thank you for all that you've done SotK #64

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus SotK #185

I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord SotK #49

I heard the voice of Jesus say KINGSFOLD

O God beyond all praising HAXTED aka 'I vow to thee my country' CoCs #90, HFTC #36

For the fruit of all creation AR HYD Y NOS CoCs #132

Christ is alive, let Christians sing TRURO

Recommended in relation to the Hebrews reading.

Some newer texts to well-known tunes:

[Called to gather as God's people](#) Carl Daw NETTLETON or other 87.87.D CoCs #79

This would be an excellent opening hymn.

Come away from rush and hurry BEACH SPRING, SCARLET RIBBONS or other gentle 87.87D CoCs #83

[Canticle of the turning](#) (My soul cries out) CoCs #404 traditional Irish STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN CoCs #44

Great song!

[All who hunger gather gladly](#) Sylvia Dunstan CONVERSE aka 'What a friend...'

A gathering hymn.

All Souls (B)

As well as the Feast of All Saints, many churches are now providing an opportunity for the congregation to remember loved ones who have died. Their names can be read out, and candles lit according to local custom.

Music for All Souls:

[Nothing is lost on the breath of God](#) Colin Gibson FFS #50

[When we lift our pack and go](#) Murray/Render AA #153 CoCs #634
Begins at 2:50 mins.

Fare well. We come to send you on the way FINLANDIA TiS #695
Strictly speaking this is a funeral hymn, but would be very evocative today.

Lord turn our grieving into grace Murray/Render SOLOMON'S MEMORY FFS #45.
Good if you have a singing group to do the echo part. Words acknowledge the need for moving on from bereavement.

[Give thanks for life](#) Shirley Murray SINE NOMINE

All Saints (B)

As well as the Feast of All Saints, many churches are now providing an opportunity for the congregation to remember loved ones who have died. Their names can be read out, and candles lit according to local custom.

Music for All Saints:

For all the saints SINE NOMINE CoCs #331

A contemporary form of the words, by Jim Cotter (p14).

Song of faith that sings forever FFS #57

Rejoice in God's saints LAUDATE DOMINUM, DARWALL TiS #470

Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation LOBE DEN HERRN

As stars adorn the night-veiled sky Carl Daw WAREHAM

O welcome all you noble saints of old Robert Stamps SotK #142

Dated language.

We sing for all the unsung saints Carl Daw ELLACOMBE, KINGSFOLD

Good for reflecting on the faithful lives of ordinary Christians.

Who sweeps the stable when Christmas is over Shirley Murray and Colin Gibson HioS #154

It is not a Christmas carol, but a sweet and easy song in the same category of 'Unsung Saints'.

As we gather in your presence now Resound Worship

Here in this place (Gather us in) Marty Haugen CoCs #72 TiS #474

Gathering song.

Remembrance Sunday

[Jubilate Hymns Ltd](#)

This is an outstanding collection of new hymns, most of which can be sung to well-known tunes.

[Lord, help us to remember](#)

You may prefer to use "God" as the form of address.

32nd in Ordinary Time (B): “Unless the Lord builds the house...”

[Let us build a house](#) Marty Haugen CoCs #276

If the song is unfamiliar, listen to the first solo verse before joining in.

Love divine, all loves excelling Common to most hymnals

Here to the house of God we come Colin Gibson AA #61

Suits the Gospel reading.

Take my gifts and let me love you AA #127

Here we bring, small or great AA #62

An offering song very apt for today's Gospel.

Take my life and let it be Common to most hymnals.

God whose giving knows no ending BEACH SPRING 76.76D

[Spirit of Christ, remember me](#) Dan Damon CoCs #221

[O God, you search me and you know me](#) Bernadette Farrell

[Give thanks with a grateful heart](#) CoCs #134

An easy song of thanksgiving.

33rd in Ordinary Time (B): God our hope

Let us build a house Marty Haugen CoCs #276

If the song is unfamiliar, listen to the first solo verse before joining in.

All my hope on God is founded MICHAEL

It may seem strange to feature this old hymn, but because it is so apt, it is worth singing a properly inclusive four-verse version.

All my hope on God is founded
who will all my trust renew,
through all change and chance will guide me,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
God alone,
call my heart to be your own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray our trust;
what with care and toil we fashion,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness lasts forever,
depths of wisdom, passing thought;
splendour, light, and life attending,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore
from this store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of God's own Son.
Christ yet calls
one and all:
those who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges, adapted (after Joachim Neander)

Christ be my leader by night as by day SLANES TiS #624

Suitable gradual for today.

Among us and before us Lord you stand John Bell GATEHOUSE, SURSUM CORDA TiS #259.

Let all creation dance Brian Wren DARWALL TiS #187

God of the Bible, God in the Gospel FFS #25

These hills where the hawk flies lonely FFS #63

Where are the voices for the earth? FFS #75 O WALY WALY or any 8.8.8.8 (LM)

O Lord, hear my prayer Taizé chant

A good refrain for your intercessions today (re Hannah).

He's got the whole world in his hands

[There is a Redeemer](#) Melody Green

A good gradual.

[There's a wideness in God's mercy](#) Colin Gibson ABBOT'S LEIGH

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There's no place where human sorrows
are more deeply felt than heaven;
there's no place where human failings
have such kindly judgments given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make that love too narrow
by the limits of our own;
and we magnify God's strictness
with a zeal Love will not own.

There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that endless world of bliss.
If our love were but more simple,
we would trust the living Word;
and our lives would fill with gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

F. W. Faber, adapted by Colin Gibson

We have come into your house SotK #215

In a simple way to make the old worship song inclusive, I'd abandon: "Just forget about yourself" and try: "So we lift up holy hands to magnify your name and worship you."

Beauty for brokenness (God of the poor) TiS #690, CoCs #302

[Canticle of the turning](#) (My soul cries out) CoCs #404 traditional Irish STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN.

[Together in Song](#) (1999, collection of 783 hymns and songs) can be ordered online.

Aotearoa Sunday (B)

Where mountains rise to open skies DUNEDIN AA #155

Touch the earth lightly TENDERNESS AA #143

E Ihowa Atua / God of nations AA #51

Have the first verse in both languages.

God of our island home HioS #43

May use the refrain only as a meditation, or as a post-Communion response.

God of the northerlies HioS #45

These hills where the hawk flies lonely FFS #63

We are many, we are one Colin Gibson FFS #67

God of unexplored tomorrows MARCHING or other 8.7.8.7 FFS #27

Blow through the valleys Bill Bennett FFS #6

I love this family of God (E Aroha Ana Ahau) **LSM**

Kia Hiwa Ra (Lift Up Your Heads)

Shiloh Whanau Lyrics Sheet 2013

Reign of Christ (B)

You Lord are both Lamb and Shepherd Sylvia Dunstan PICARDY CoCs #22
Perfect for today, perhaps as the offertory Hymn.

O God of earth and space Jane Parker Huber LEONI
A great opening hymn.

Community of Christ Shirley Murray TiS #473, CoCs #354

Hallelujah for the Lord our God the almighty reigns SiS #102
This would make a useful Gospel acclamation today. I would transpose down to D major if possible.

The Servant King (From heaven you came) (Kendrick) TiS #256
Good closing song.

All hail the power of Jesus name DIADEM CoCs #105, TiS #224

You are the king of glory SotK #118

All heaven declares

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun TRURO

Alleluia, sing to Jesus HYFRYDOL

O worship the King all glorious above

King of kings and Lord of Lords (glory, hallelujah)

Majesty

The king of glory comes, the nation rejoices TiS #279

Who is moving through the silence Weir/Render Guy Jansen AA #157
Festival Singers of Wellington performing and could be played as a meditation after/during Communion.

Kia Hiwa Ra (Lift Up Your Heads)
Shiloh Whanau Lyrics Sheet 2013

The Reign of Christ is the concluding week of Year B.

Shiloh Whānau CD lyrics

E Aroha Ana Ahau / I Love This Family of God

Track #1

E aroha ana ahau
ki tēnei whānau a te Atua
he whānau kotahi tēnei
taku koa ko au tētahi
ō tēnei whanau

I love this family of God
So closely knitted into one
They've taken me into their hearts
And I'm so glad to be a part
Of this great family.

He Hōnore

Track #2

He hōnore, he korōria
Maungārongo ki te whenua
Whakaaro pai e,
Kingā tangata katoa
Ake ake, ake ake, Āmine
Te Atua, te piringa
tōku oranga.

A translation:

Honour glory [to God]

Peace on Earth

Goodwill to all people

Forever and ever. Amen

Lord God my pillar

My sustenance. Amen.

Purea Nei

Track #7

Purea nei e te hau
Horoia e te ua
Whitiwhitia e te rā
Mahea ake ngā pōraruraru
Makere ana ngā here.

E rere wairua, e rere
Ki ngā ao o te rangi
Whitiwhitia e te rā
Mahea ake ngā pōraruraru

Makere ana ngā here,
Makere ana ngā here.

A translation:

*Scattered by the wind
washed by the rain
and transformed by the sun,
all doubts are swept away
and all restraints are cast down.*

*Fly, free spirit, fly
to the clouds in the heavens,
transformed by the sun,
with all doubts swept away
and all restraints cast down.
Yes, all restraints are cast down.*

Te Mīharo/Jesus Is Here

Track #8

Jesus is here, covenant Lord and Redeemer,
I surrender my heart, you've set me apart
to worship you. In your presence I am complete
as I worship at your feet,
you are holy: holy, holy is the Lord.

Te Mīharo, Te Marama kia Īhu
Te aroha, nō kawari, mō te au
Ngā ō toto ka mā ahau
Ki a koe te Ariki nui.
Te Mīharo, Te Aroha, Te Ariki.

Kia Hiwa Ra/Lift Up Your Heads

Track #10

Lift up your heads to the coming King,
Bow before him and adore him.
Sing, O sing.
To his majesty, let your praises be
Pure and holy, giving glory
To the King of Kings.

Kia hiwa rā
Nei te Kīngi nui
Mihitia manaakitia
Wai - waiata
Ki te Kīngi nui
Hikitia tō reo
Pono tapu

Te korōria
Ki te Kīngi nui rawa.

Tōku Wairua, oho mai

Track #12

Tōku Wairua, oho mai
Whakarongo ake rā
Nei tā Īhu kupu mai
He aroha rānei tōu.

Nāku koe i tango mai
I ngā here whakarau
Nāku koe i ora ai
He aroha rānei tōu.

Nōku te aroha nui
Pūmau tonu ake nei
Tē ai tōna rite mai
He aroha rānei tōu.

Tērā te torōna mōu
Te korōria tino nui
Kī mai koia ki ahau
He aroha rānei tōu.

Te Ariki koia nei
Ko te mate i ahau
Māu ahau e ako mai
E aroha pono ai.

Toku Wairua, oho mai
Whakarongo ake ra
Nei ta Ihu kupu mai
He aroha ranei tou

A translation:

*My spirit, awake and listen,
These are Jesus' words:
Have you love?*

*I released you
from your heavy bonds,
I saved you: Have you love?*

*Mine is a great love
which will always be
constant nothing to compare with it:
Have you love?*

*There is a throne for you
and a great glory;
now tell me,
have you love?*

*The Lord, you alone,
are my greatest desire,
You teach me true love.*

Whakarongo Ki Te Kupu

Track #17

Whakarongo ki te kupu
Nō ko mai nō Kāwari
Motu kē ngā pukepuke
Koara pū te ao katoa
Oti rawa x2 Tāna whakaoranga
Oti rawa x2 Tāna whakaoranga.

Oti rawa Āe te hari
O te kupu ora nei
Tini aua pai a Īhu
Tēnei rā te puta nei
Oti rawa x2 Tēnei ki maharatia
Oti rawa x2 Tēnei ki maharatia.

Mutu pū ngā whakarite
O te ture tawhito
Rite pū i a Ihowā
Āna kōrero o mua
Oti rawa x2 Koia tēnei haringa
Oti rawa x2 Koia tēnei haringa.

Tēnā, e ngā Herapima
Tātou nei ka waiata
Ki a Īhu te Ariki
O te rangi o te ao
Hareruia Hareruia
Mōna i kōhurutia
Hareruia Hareruia
Mōna i kōhurutia.

A translation:

*Listen to the word
which comes from Calvary,
the mountains are separated
and the world is split apart.
It is fulfilled
his salvation!*

*It is fulfilled! What joy
of this word of life.
A multitude of
blessings from Jesus
have now come to us.
it is fulfilled
now remember.*

*Completely fulfilled are the laws
of the old testament;
fulfilled by the Lord
are the sayings of old.
It is fulfilled
he is this great joy.*

*Now, seraphim,
let us sing
to Jesus, the Lord
of heaven and earth.
Hallelujah!
He was crucified.*

Whakamoemiti, ki te Arikinui/ I Worship You Almighty God
Track #20

I worship you, almighty God,
There is none like you.
I worship you, O Prince of Peace,
That is what I long to do
I give you praise,
For you are my righteousness.
I worship you, almighty God,
There is none like you,
There is none like you.

Whakamoemiti
Ki te Arikinui
Ko koe te Tapu

Whakamoemiti
Tama ngākau mārie
Arohanui ki a koe
Ka waiata au
Ko koe taku piringa
Whakamoemiti
Ki te Arikinui
Ko koe te Tapu
Ko koe te Tapu.

A translation:

Praise

to the great Lord,

You are the holy one

Praise

Son of a peaceful heart

Great love to you

I will sing

You are my shelter.

Nā Te Aroha/Love Lifted Me

Track #21

Love lifted me,

Love lifted me,

When no-one but Christ could help,

love lifted me.

Nā te aroha,

Nā te aroha

Ahau i ora ai,

Nā te aroha

E Te Kahui Iti Nei/ Based on Loving Shepherd of your sheep (Buckland tune)

Track #23

E te kāhui iti nei

Aua rā e wehi noa

Nei anō te atawhai

O te kai-tiaki pai.

Inā karapotia mai

E ngā kino o te ao

Anga atu ki t'Atua

Aua e titiro kē.

Tēnā nō te kāinga hou

Māna nei e tuku mai

Nāna hoki tēnei pai

Tēnei mahi atawhai.

Kati rā te oho noa

Ki ngā mate puta mai

Inā hoki ko t'Atua

He Matua aroha nui.

Little company

Do not be afraid

Here is the loving presence

Of the good guardian.

*Even though surrounded
By the evils of the world
Turn to God
Don't look elsewhere.*

*There is the new home
Which he offers you
From him this good comes
This work of loving-kindness.*

*Leave worldly appearances
Of the evils that appear/come close
Since here is God
A greatly loving parent/father.*