

Year C 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" (CoC) 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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1 in Advent (C) – Coming with the clouds

Light a candle bright and tall

If you are looking for something fresh to sing for the Advent candle-lighting, David Wood from Indiana has written an appealing piece set to the well known tune DIX (aka "As with gladness"). It is free to use. Sing one verse (for "Hope") the first week, 2 verses the second week and so on.

Hope is a light

Attractive and easy candle-lighting song from Dan Damon.

Come now, O prince of peace

I can't recommend this one highly enough! Very simple melody and text from Korea, check out [this stunning version on YouTube](#). You could listen to it for a meditation. The music (with one verse only of the lyrics) is in CoCs 225, and also in a book called "Sing Glory" 586. The sheet music is published separately also.

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

A rather mechanical performance with lyrics in [this YouTube clip](#)

#10 – Shiloh Whanau – Kia Hiwa Ra (Lift Up Your Heads)

The words in both languages. You could sing along to the track.

Come o God of all the earth / Sing out, earth and skies

Marty ("Gather Us In") Haugen's lively song would make a great processional. [Easy Guitar chords here](#). Melody line and words [here](#). [YouTube clip with lyrics](#). I suggest that you divide the congregation (say, by sides) for the verses, if you don't have a cantor or singing group. It is really worth the little effort required to learn this song.

Peace Child CoC #35, CoCs #402 (A different tune)

We wait for you AA #149

Don't be put off this lovely and haunting song by the left hand accompaniment! It is really worth getting to grips with!

Jesus comes with clouds descending (Lo, he comes...) TiS #273, HFTC #196

Let all mortal flesh keep silence PICARDY.

This traditional hymn still has great power! Ideal for the Offertory today CoCs #405, TiS #497, HFTC #61

Wait for the Lord (Taize) CoCs #399

View the present through the promise

Great eschatology and poetry from Thomas Troeger, which can be sung to the Welsh tune AR HYD Y NOS (aka ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT) CoCs #401

Come to be our hope O Jesus [VEM JESUS] TiS #688

Lively Latin-American folk hymn

Come now where we least expect you *Marnie Barrell's Advent hymn can be sung to MICHAEL (aka "All my hope...") CoC #15*

You are born in us again CoCs #52

A delightful Southern-hemisphere song also featured on the "Carol Our Christmas" CD. Definitely one for your repertoire.

2 in Advent (C) – The forerunner

A number of the selections for last week, Advent 1, are also suitable, e.g. “The King of Glory Comes”

O bless the God of Israel

This is a setting of the Benedictus by Michael Perry. You can sing it to MORNING LIGHT which gives you a use for a tune otherwise associated with the militaristic imagery of “Stand up, stand up for Jesus”. The linked text is an improvement on that published in HFTC (#599) language-wise, with an extra verse.

Purify my heart /Refiner’s fire

Perhaps a rather individualistic interpretation of the text, but you could use [this video as a singalong or meditation](#). I have the music in “Sing Glory” (#163) and “The Source” (#436)

Wild and lone the prophet’s voice

Excellent lyrics for today are [here](#). Tune options are limited: ABERYSTWYTH , ST GEORGE’S WINDSOR or you could make use of HUMILITY (“See amid the winter snow”) as it doesn’t get much of an outing in the Southern Hemisphere!

Breathe on me, breath of God

I prefer TRENTHAM as the tune. CoCs #190 and many other hymnals!

O come, O come Emmanuel

Enya has a very atmospheric version [in this video](#), which could set the scene for your service. [The video](#) by BYU Vocal Point is simply outstanding, blending traditional with contemporary.

Love divine, all loves excelling LOVE DIVINE or BLAENWERN

You could sing this for the Offertory hymn. HFTC #217, TiS #217, CoCs #565

Comfort, comfort all my people *Lovely song by Robin Mann TiS #647. [Demo video](#)*

Prepare ye the way of the Lord (Godspell)

[Operatic-style version](#) recorded in a church. Lovely stuff!

Long ago, prophets knew PERSONENT HODIE /THEODORIC TiS #283

In times past the prophets promised Suggested tune: AR HYD Y NOS

Spirit of the living God HFTC s. #23 & #24 , CoCs #567

O God, you search me and you know me *Bernadette Farrell’s much-loved song. Link is to a singalong*

3 in Advent (C) – Gaudete (Rejoicing) Sunday

The common theme of the first two readings is “Rejoice in God”. Two previous selections for Advent “The king of glory comes” and “Wild and lone the prophet’s voice” are suitable today.

When our God shall come to reign

This is an inclusive-language adaptation of a hymn by Christopher Idle which is sung to TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM (aka “Good king Wenceslas”) and a great use for this lively tune!

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”

Come with rejoicing, covenant people

Very apt for today, and sung to the well known tune “Morning has broken” (properly BUNESSAN)

Rejoice in the Lord always SiS #81.

A fun round, could be used as a Gospel acclamation

Come sing praises to the Lord above

If your congregation knows the Calypso Carol (“See him lying on a bed of straw”) you can sing this Advent song to the same tune. However, the God-language may or may not be to your taste. CALYPSO CAROL TiS #53

Fill my whole life, O Lord my God (also “Fill now/thou my life... HFTC #541) RICHMOND TiS #596

I come with joy, a child of God UNIVERSITY

Good for the offertory hymn today. CoCs #533

Jesus put this song into our hearts

Hebrew-style song from Graham Kendrick, could suit the Gradual or closing slots. TiS #670

Joyful joyful we adore you ODE TO JOY TiS #152

Deserves to be better known in NZ! Suggest if you sing the 4th verse (it’s not in TiS) you could substitute “we walk onward”. A good choice to open worship with. CoCs #99

You shall go out with joy Songs of the Kingdom #192, TiS #755, CoCs #645

Linked page features the guitar chords. Closing song, obviously!

Joy to the world, the Lord is (has) come ANTIOCH

Although thought of as a Christmas Carol this can quite properly be sung in Advent TiS #268, HFTC #197, CoCs #408: These versions use inclusive language

You are born in us again CoC #52

Lovely southern hemisphere carol of Christ’s coming. [Words on this pdf](#)

Where is the room? CoC #48 Shirley Murray / David Dell’s attractive carol of preparation

Come now where we least expect you CoC #15, which can be sung to MICHAEL. Great *words* by Marnie Barrell, as usual!

Shout for joy, the Lord has let us feast

Great song/hymn from John Bell, and the tune LANSDOWNE is well worth the small effort to learn. Useful any Sunday when the Eucharist is celebrated. TiS #545 There is a choral version [here](#), although more of a folk treatment would really suit the tune.

4 in Advent (C) – The Annunciation

Some of last week's selections are quite appropriate today, e.g. "When our God shall come to reign".

"Beneath the Southern Cross"

Malcom Gordon has written a winsome and delightful children's song of the Annunciation with his son Sam.

The angel Gabriel from heaven came

There is an excellent modern version (5 verses) of the lyrics of this old Basque carol at [Jubilate \(join up for free*](#) for the full text). [YouTube video](#) (with classical art) sung by "The Sixteen" (could be used as a meditation on the Gospel). [Here is a free backing track](#) I created; 5 verses in a more contemporary Enya-meets-Dr-Who style

Canticle of the turning

This vibrant version of the Magnificat is perfect for today! The tune is the Irish folk STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN CoCs #404. [YouTube clip with lyrics](#). [Lyrics and an instrumental backing track](#).

My soul is filled with joy Another lovely magnificat, this time set to the Scottish tune WILD MOUNTAIN THYME (I only have this in the "Celtic Hymn Book"). The lyrics and an audio sample are [on this page](#). You can buy the individual mp3 track. There is a [melody line and chords here](#), or you may prefer [this printable pdf](#).

For the First Testament reading:

O God of every nation [THORNBURY or AURELIA], or **O day of peace that dimly shines** [JERUSALEM] CoCs #380

Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord [WOODLANDS]

O come, o come Emmanuel

No wind at the window COLUMCILLE TIS #287

A lovely Irish traditional tune and another clever, pointed lyric from John Bell. Sample (rather slow) performance [here](#).

From heaven you came (The Servant King)

We wait for you AA #149

What kind of throne?

The lyrics of [this worship song](#) seem appropriate to the Annunciation. All the resources needed to learn and sing this song are available to download for a small fee. Good if you want to include something more contemporary today (or at Christmas).

In the singing, in the silence [BREAD OF PEACE] FFS #38, CoCs #519 or **Now to your table spread** [LOVE UNKNOWN] AA #100: two texts by Shirley Murray

The Feast of the Incarnation (Christmas) (C)

Knock yourself out with hundreds of public domain carol texts at ["The Hymns and Carols of Christmas"](#) Or just choose from our tried and tested selections below! There are: Carols for Christmas at night, Carols for Christmas morning, Carols and songs with children and young people, and Carols for a southern hemisphere Christmas. You can sing some of these on the Sunday after Christmas too.

At night (traditional selections first):

Once in royal David's city IRBY (or if you're in a provocative mood, [Once in Judah's least-known city](#))

O little town of Bethlehem FOREST GREEN or ST LOUIS (American tune)

It came upon the midnight clear CAROL or NOEL HFTC #87, or [here](#).

Really good revision of the words with much better theology than the original. Jubilate Group.

Silent night STILLE NACHT

Good choice for the Gradual, as is the following

Infant holy, infant lowly INFANT HOLY

O come all ye faithful ADESTE FIDELIS

One carol where the traditional language still (mostly) works, although I'd leave out the verse about "abhorring not the virgin's womb" which is very anti-incarnational and anti-female. It is best to select some verses for this carol. Remember to sing "born for our salvation" or "born this happy morning" as appropriate! One of the best opening carols.

Come and sing the Christmas story AR HYD Y NOS HFTC #81

[Words from Jubilate](#)

Angels from the realms of glory IRIS

The [Jubilate version of the words](#) is good HFTC #77

Hark the herald angels sing MENDELSSOHN

(also for the morning service, probably the best carol for the recessional)

The wind blew keen (Carol of cold comfort) CoC #44

Lovely modern carol from Colin Gibson

Peace child CoC #35

Unsentimental and focused on the hope for peace

Come now, Lord Jesus LALA MNTWANA CoC #14(ii)

Suitable for a short processional hymn, easy Zulu tune

Child of Christmas story INCARNATION CoC #8

Easy to learn, attractive Gradual hymn

Like a candle flame

Lovely song from Graham Kendrick. There is a full-length YouTube clip (just the music and choir) on Graham's site. You could listen to this during communion.

Christmas Day (C)

Some of the carols from Christmas Eve are, of course, appropriate in the morning too.

Star-child, earth-child CoC #40 and CoCs #420

The tune by Carlton R. Young is the better known and on the CD. Words are [on this page](#), scroll down and click the pdf symbol for this tune

All who would see God's greatness CoC #4

Marnie Barrell's wonderful words have two tunes, OBEISANCE is the one on the CD. Suitable also at night

Holy child, how still you lie HOLY CHILD HFTC #60(ii)

This lovely, challenging modern carol deserves to be so much better known. [Text from Jubilate](#). Free to listen to on [Spotify](#)

Lord you were rich beyond all splendour BERGERS HFTC #63 or [from Jubilate](#). French traditional carol.

Jesus Christ the Lord is born PUER NOBIS HFTC #83 or from [Jubilate](#) (also the sheet music)

Good Christians, all rejoice IN DULCI JUBILO HFTC #85

Good Christian friends, rejoice CoCs #433

Like a child

Lovely, simple carol affirming children by Dan Damon [words](#).

Glad music fills the Christmas sky O WALY WALY HFTC #82

[Jubilate](#) Here's a [pop-style version of the music](#) as a backing track I made for you. Note that this is but one of the variants of this tune, so you'll need to pay attention to the recorded melody.

The stars danced CoC #43

Away in a manger CRADLE SONG

See him lying on a bed of straw CALYPSO CAROL

[You'll need the revised version of the words from Jubilate](#)

[Resound Worship's Christmas collection](#)

In the beginning

Fab, lively song based on John 1, perfect for Christmas morning

On Christmas Day

Who doesn't love this soaring, anthemic confession of faith?

What kind of throne?

Country-style worship song with great lyrics reminiscent of medieval carols

Ring out the bells

Fun song for all ages, needs a good song leader or soloist for the verses

Southern hemisphere Christmas (published in “Carol Our Christmas”):

Carol our Christmas CoC #7

Daytime

All over creation CoC #3

Delightful words and music. Night-time

Awake before sunrise CoC #6

Bill Bennett’s NZ shepherds setting. Daytime

Te harinui (Not on a snowy night) CoC #31

Frankly this is a bit patronising but still popular

Christmas in the picture book CoC #11

A carol of contrasts!

You are born in us again CoC #52

Simply delightful song that can be sung now to Epiphany

Natalie Sims has compiled a great list of Advent Candle-Lighting material and also “Anytime in Advent” material [here](#).

There’s a big list of Advent material on [this page](#)

First Sunday of Christmas (C) / St John, Evangelist

28 December commemorates the Slaughter of the Innocents. You could listen to one of the many versions of the “Coventry Carol” on YouTube. I like the one by [Hayley Westenra](#), which could be played during Communion, or as recessional music.

If you wish to commemorate St John, Evangelist, you could use ResoundWorship’s [“In the beginning”](#) I really love this song! Very suitable for Christmas anyway.

Sing some of the Christmas carols you haven’t included yet (suggested below) perhaps including “What child is this?” or “Born in the night, Mary’s child”. If you haven’t much time to do selecting for today, here is a sample order:

Carol our Christmas [REVERSI] CoC #7, AA #9 .

Recorded on the CD of the same name.

A mother lined a basket [ELLACOMBE]

Words that relate to both Hannah and Mary, very apt, are [here](#).

Lord who left the highest heaven [IRBY aka “Once in Royal...”]

Good words from Timothy Dudley-Smith. A bit long, I would omit v4. You could sing “Christ” as an alternative to “Lord” if you prefer.

Jesus, good above all other [QUEM PASTORES LAUDAVERE] HFTC #95

Easy to modernize. You could sing this post-Communion, along with [Joseph, son of an ancient king](#) if you have learned it – music via the pdf link.

An excellent Australian song is **Lift this child** found in “As One Voice 2-125” with accompaniment and lyrics [here](#).

You could be tempted to think that this would be the very worst day to learn something new, but “**Who sweeps the stable**” (Murray/Gibson) is a delightful song about discipleship, with a very singable tune. Would suit a soloist or small group to lead a couple of verses, with the congregation joining in later. HioS [Hope Is Our Song] #154(i). Colin’s tune has easy guitar chords. There is an echo here of Mary’s “Yes” to God.

Finish with one of the lively songs from ResoundWorship, such as [Ring out the bells](#) or the well known [CALYPSO CAROL \(See him lying in a bed of straw\)](#) Link is to a YouTube clip with lyrics. Another lively song from NZ anticipates New Year: **Come in, come in, New Year** CoC #13. My tune is the one on the “Carol our Christmas” CD

Second Sunday of Christmas (C)

In the beginning: Joel Payne's excellent contemporary song [as found here](#).

God is working his purpose out

Jesus, name above all names (Songs of the Kingdom #21)

Emmanuel (Songs of the Kingdom #33)

Like a candle flame

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 (CoC #13 – Tune ii is on the CD)

Who sweeps the stable?

I am the light of the world

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

Epiphany (C)

Epiphany readings take precedence here, unless observed January 6.

Beneath the Southern Cross

Perfect celebration of two hundred years of the Gospel in Aotearoa-New Zealand, from the Presbyterian church. Overseas visitors to this page: this might give you a flavour of the Gospel in our land.

[A selection of material related to the visit of the Magi \(Epiphany\)](#)

The Little Drummer Boy: [Pentatonix version]

Come all poor and humble (lyrics in word document index)

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”, & “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: A new song (free download) from Stuart Townend. Celebratory Irish folk style. This would make superb exit music, especially the bouncy instrumental at the end!

From Aotearoa:

Who sweeps the stable

Who are these who ride by starlight (CoC #49)

This Marnie Barrell carol could be sung to a well-known tune, as it is 87.87D. My suggestion is EBENEZER, but you could use SCARLET RIBBONS or ABBOT’S LEIGH

Wise men came journeying

Text by Shirley Murray, with a very evocative tune by Colin Gibson

You are born in us again (CoC #52) *Also on the CD*

The Baptism of Jesus (C)

Down by the Jordan [straightforward words](#) by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette that can be sung (with vigour!) to LOBE DEN HERRN aka “Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the king of creation”.

Also, check out the video listing “Beneath the Southern Cross” for 3 January. You could make use of it anytime in January.

[Songs and hymns for the Isaiah reading:](#)

I have called you by your name (Dan Damon) CoCs #636, or [here](#), with *pdf link to the music below the lyrics*

Will you come and follow me (The Summons) [YouTube video](#), amongst other versions. CoCs #586 Tune: KELVINGROVE

I will sing the wondrous story HYFRYDOL TiS #233, HFTC #212

Loving Spirit AA #94 *I prefer the Dell tune, others may like FELICITY, which is also the tune in TIS*

How firm a foundation, you people of God ST DENIO CoCs #250 (old words) TiS #578 & HFTC #430 ([Better words](#))

[Songs and hymns for the Acts reading:](#)

Breathe on me breath of God Personally I think the meditative TRENTHAM is a much more fitting tune than the somewhat bouncy CARLISLE

Spirit of the living God s. #23 & #24 in HFTC

Wairua Tapu / Holy Spirit you are welcome

Simple Maori words for the chorus “Holy Spirit Thou Art Welcome” You could sing this as a Gradual Hymn. Lyrics and alternative English lyrics:

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 (x)
Revealing the power of mercy and grace,
you are welcome in this place.

Spirit, spirit of gentleness Jim Manley’s classic song: words [here](#)

Come down, O Love divine [DOWN AMPNEY]

Songs and hymns for the Gospel reading:

Christ on whom the Spirit rested

David Mowbray's hymn works for all the readings today! Sung to the vigorous tune MICHAEL aka "All my hope on God is founded". HFTC #228. Words also [on this page](#), but you may need a *free* account to access them.

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.

4 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)

Wild and lone the prophet's voice [Excellent and challenging words](#) from Carl Daw. Half verses can be sung to HEINLEIN aka "40 days and 40 nights", making a total of 6 verses.

Down by the Jordan

When Jesus came to Jordan Fred Pratt Green's hymn

This would make a good post-communion reflection especially if sung to PASSION CHORALE aka "O Sacred Head". You could choose a different 76.76D tune.

2nd Sunday of the Epiphany (C) The wedding at Cana

Jesus, come, for we invite you by Christopher Idle.

Suggested well-known tune: MANNHEIM (“Lead us heavenly Father lead us”). Also #109 in HFTC. This is the best matched hymn to the Gospel reading that I can find.

Other hymns related to the Gospel:

Come to the banquet, there’s a place for you

A great singalong song!

Come to the celebration all who are hungry

Lively Scottish-style hymn from Marnie Barrell. Tune: CANA. AA #27 *Featured on the “Alleluia Aotearoa” CD*

As we gather at your table Tune: BEACH SPRING *or other 87.87D*

Hymns related to the Epistle:

We are one in the Spirit (They’ll know we are Christians) CoCs #359

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit AA #94 (i) *I like David Dell’s tune*

Filled with the Spirit’s power, with one accord

Sung to the well-loved tune WOODLANDS Text and tune is also published in TiS #411

Come Holy Spirit, come Tune: **DIADEMATA** “Crown him with many crowns” TiS #422

Other selections:

When our God shall come to reign Tune: **TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM** “Good King Wenceslas”) *Suited to the reading from Isaiah*

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"

Christ be our light (Longing for light) *Bernadette Farrell's song is suitable throughout Epiphany.*

Hallelujah, we sing your praises *Wonderful African (Shona) hymn well worth the effort to learn. Can be sung unaccompanied. TIS #541 CoCs #656 Words are here*

3rd Sunday of the Epiphany (C) “Scripture fulfilled in your hearing”

Shadow and substance by Dan Damon.

Dan writes such lovely, original and easy to learn material. [The text is found here](#). The tune, TWILIGHT is also in CoCs #233. Fits with the psalm or the Epistle readings

An audio version:

<http://listeninglab.stantons.com/title/shadow-and-substance/496824/0/?e=1&ap=0>

For the Nehemiah reading:

Your words to me are life and health

A traditional-style hymn with updated words, which can be sung to any suitable 86.86 tune, such as IRISH. Words also in TiS #430

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

God of the Bible, God in the gospel *Easy to learn song from Shirley Murray & Colin Gibson, FFS #25. It's on the CD, too.*

Lord we hear your word with gladness *A hymn by Margaret Clarkson, which can be sung to BLAENWERN or NETTLETON*

For the psalm:

Let all creation dance in energies sublime Tune: DARWALL TiS #187

Vigorous words from the pen of Brian Wren. Good choice if you want a well known tune for your opening hymn.

Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation sung to LOBE DEN HERRN (“Praise to the Lord, the almighty”) *Great words from Kathy Galloway*

For the Epistle:

We are many, we are one FFS #67 *Lively and easy to learn from Colin Gibson*

Take my gifts and let me love you AA #127 CoCs #609 (NB different tune)

Who sweeps the stable (when Christmas is over) HioS #154(i)

Easy to learn song from Shirley Murray and Colin Gibson, with guitar chords. All about practical ministry

For the Gospel:

We have a gospel to proclaim sung to FULDA.

This hymn appears in many books. The linked text has not been updated and in v1. we suggest you sing “Good news for people of the earth”. Note that there are downloadable accompaniments linked (look for the purple down-arrow symbol). Could be a closing hymn.

Speak, O Lord

Fantastic modern hymn/song CoCs #66. Guitar chords [here](#) along with [a recording](#). Can be purchased on Itunes. You could sing along with [this YouTube clip](#).

The Spirit of the Lord *a blast from the 70s past! Scripture in Song #84*

I am the light of the world *Jim Strathdee's well-known 70s song.*

Care needs to be taken so that the language is inclusive today. I think the music can be found in "New Journeys" but is otherwise not easy to find. There's a demo performance [at the bottom of this page](#).

Lord you hear the cry (Lord have mercy)

Great gospel-style [contemporary song from ResoundWorship](#)

From this holy time Really good "sending out" hymn from Marnie Barrell which can be sung to LAUDATE DOMINUM ("O praise ye the Lord/Sing praise to the Lord") HioS #31

And a suitable communion hymn: **Christ let us come with you** AA #17

The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (Candlemas) (C)

Songs/Hymns of the week:

The Light of the World: A new song (free download) from Stuart Townend. Celebratory Irish folk style. This would make superb exit music, especially the bouncy instrumental at the end!

Who sweeps the stable (when Christmas is over?)

You could be tempted to think that this would be the very worst day to learn something new, but “Who sweeps the stable” (Murray/Gibson) is a delightful song about discipleship, with a very singable tune. Would suit a soloist or small group to lead a couple of verses, with the congregation joining in later. HioS [Hope Is Our Song] #154(i). Colin’s tune has easy guitar chords. There is an echo here of Mary’s “Yes” to God.

Lift this child This **Australian carol** (from a poem by Norman Habel) has a lovely tune by Robin Mann, and is perfect for the Gospel reading today. If you can’t use the music, it could be read as a reflective poem.

Other material suitable for the day:

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. Words via a free membership to Jubilate Hymns.

(O) Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness [WAS LEBET] TiS #454, HFTC #344

Lord bid your servant go in peace A slightly longer Nunc Dimittis. TiS #324. You could use many 86.86 tunes 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, or words and music [on this page](#).

Lord, you were rich beyond all splendour

Moving and lovely carol with a french traditional tune, BERGERS aka QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR. HFTC #63 and [words on this page](#). Music (but with different words) is [here](#).

Born in the night, Mary’s child TiS #323 Poignant 60s carol suitable for the Gospel reading

Unto us a boy is born [PUER NOBIS] TiS #293, HFTC #83 (Updated lyrics)

Good Christians all, rejoice [In DULCI JUBILO] CoCs #433, HFTC #85, TiS #313

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us HFTC #417

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

Praise to God, whose Holy Spirit CoC #36, suggest you sing it to ABBOT'S LEIGH. This would make a suitable offertory hymn

Peace Child CoC #35 *also on the CD*

Hallelujah, we sing your praises

*Wonderful African (Shona) hymn well worth the effort to learn. Can be sung unaccompanied.
TiS #541 CoCs #656 [Words are here](#)*

Loving Spirit AA 94

I prefer the Dell tune, others may like FELICITY, which is also the tune in TiS

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) God's call to Isaiah, Jesus calls the first disciples

Some observe Transfiguration on this day, however the Principal Feast of Transfiguration is August 6.

Featured video/song (suitable for either observance):

I stand in awe Annie Herring's outstanding version of Mark Altrogge's beautiful worship song, complete with inclusive language!
Nice pix with easy to follow lyrics. Good for a reflection after the Gospel (if Transfiguration) or the Isaiah reading if Ordinary time. Congregation could sing along, especially with the refrain. (Songs of the Nations #549)

Hallelujah, we sing your praises

Hymns and songs related to God's call (through Jesus):

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

Will you come and follow me? ("The Summons")

I have called you by your name (Dan Damon)

Bright the vision that delighted LAUS DEO HFTC #578

Dear God embracing humankind ("Dear Lord and Father...")
Click on the "full text" tab, note misprint of "be" for "by spirit stirred" REPTON or REST

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord (author unknown)

O Lord who came from realms above HEREFORD HFTC #552

Hymns and songs related to Transfiguration:

Transform us as you transfigured *Scroll down the page for the lyrics, which can be sung to PICARDY*

You Lord are both Lamb and Shepherd PICARDY CoCs #22 *Scroll down this page for these outstanding lyrics by Sylvia Dunstan*

Christ upon the mountain peak ST. ALBINUS HFTC #115

Our Saviour Christ once knelt in prayer *suggested tune:* MELITA HFTC #116

My Lord you wore no royal crown *suggested tune:* O WALY WALY HFTC #118

You are the king of glory, you are the Prince of Peace (Songs of the Kingdom #118)

Jesus, take us to the mountain *Really good words, but the only tune most will know that fits is IRBY ("Once in royal..."). However, it does work.*

How good, Lord, to be here CARLISLE, TiS #234

Lord the light of your love

Thanks to Natalie Sims for her "Transfiguration" collection.

6th Sunday Ordinary Time Jesus (C) Ministers to a Great Multitude

Suggestions from "Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New" but you can find most of them in other books

Music Ideas from the ORANGE book *Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New*:

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine #74

I know that my Redeemer lives #311

Make way, make way #438

Music Ideas from the BLUE book *Anglican Hymns Old and New*:

A new commandment #4

All my hope on God is founded #19

Blessed assurance #75

Blest are the pure in heart #79

Christ the Lord is risen again #102

Father, hear the prayer we offer #169

Make way, make way #500

Now let us from this table rise #530

O God, our help in ages past #547

Seek ye first #652

The kingdom of heaven #717

Will you come and follow me #834

7th Sunday Ordinary Time (C) Love your Enemies

Suggestions from "Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New" but you can find most of them in other books

Music Ideas from the ORANGE book *Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New*:

Brother, sister, let me serve you #88

O Lord, all the world belongs to you #509

Praise to the Holiest #572

Music Ideas from the BLUE book *Anglican Hymns Old and New*:

A new commandment #4

Brother, sister, let me serve you #91

Lord, we come to ask your healing #483

Make me a channel of your peace #499

O Lord, all the world belongs to you #560

One more step along the world I go #595

Praise to the Holiest #627

8th Sunday Ordinary Time (C) Bearing good Fruit

Suggestions from "Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New" but you can find most of them in other books

Music Ideas from the ORANGE book *Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New*:

Around the throne of God a band #41

Be still, my soul #68

Breathe on me, Breath of God #84

Come and see the shining hope #110

Eternal Father, strong to save #153

I cannot tell #303

Inspired by love and anger #325

Now is eternal life #470

O Breath of Life #476

Chants

Calm me, Lord #924

Music Ideas from the BLUE book *Anglican Hymns Old and New*:

All creatures of our God and King #10

Alleluia, sing to Jesus #33

Angel-voices ever singing #40

Be still and know that I am God #61

Calm me, Lord #92

Come, let us join our cheerful songs #127

Come, let us with our Lord arise #129

Do not be afraid #156

Eternal Father, strong to save #160

For the beauty of the earth #195

Give to our God immortal praise #220

Great is the darkness #271

I will worship #341

Let us with a gladsome mind #435

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour #453

Lord of beauty, thine the splendour #470

Lord of the boundless curves #475

Morning has broken #510

Nada te turbe #523

Name of all majesty #524

New every morning is the love #526

O Lord of every shining constellation #565

Songs of praise the angels sang #668

Sweet sacrament divine #684

This is the day the Lord has made #760

Thou, whose almighty word #767

What a friend we have in Jesus #811

Wide, wide as the ocean #833

Will your anchor hold #835

Ash Wednesday (C)

Lord you hear the cry (Lord have mercy)

Strong, gospel-influenced song with a justice theme from ResoundWorship. The congregation could, for example, sing along with the refrain and listen to the verses. Nice key change.

Dust and ashes touch our face is a new hymn by Brian Wren and Hal Hopson.

If you don't want to learn a new tune, this would make an excellent poem for reflection before the imposition of ashes.

Suggestions from "Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New" but you can find most of them in other books

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 #199

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 is suitable for a Eucharist (AA #17)

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) *can be sung to ST COLUMBA or other 86.86*

Now unto him (AA #102) *Suitable for closing*

God of freedom, God of justice (AA #50) *Effective when sung to the suggested tune PICARDY*

God of the galaxies (AA #54)

Lent 1 (C) – Temptation in the wilderness

Several of the hymns and songs for Ash Wednesday will be suitable.

All I am I lay it down

Beautiful, meditative folk-style song from ResoundWorship – would make excellent reflective music during or after Communion.

Jesus, you have called us

A song for the Lenten journey from ResoundWorship. Very easy to learn.

New words to more traditional tunes:

Love will be our Lenten calling [PICARDY]

A fine hymn from Elizabeth J Smith. TIS #684 or you can [find the words on this page](#) if you scroll down

God, come now to explore my heart

A wonderful text by Marnie Barrell that couldn't be more apt. Marnie has provided her own tune, or you could sing this to KINGSFOLD. Hios #38

Forgive, forgive us, holy God

Another fine and very direct text from Shirley Murray which can be sung to Colin Gibson's tune or another 88.88 tune such as ANGELUS or MARYTON FFS #20

When Christ was lifted from the earth

A hymn by Brian Wren, found in TIS #248 or [on this page](#). It can be sung to WILTSHIRE ("Through all the changing scenes") or other suitable 86.86 tune

Also:

Jesus is Lord, creation's voice proclaims it

For the Romans reading, perhaps as a gradual HFTC S.17

He is Lord (Te Ariki) Te Reo Maori version is an approximation of the traditional chorus:

Te Ariki, te Ariki / Kua ara mai nei koe i te mate / Koropikoria, whakaatungia / ko Ihu Te Ariki

Christ be our light (Longing for light) Bernadette Farrell's contemporary hymn.

There are several versions on YouTube. [This is folky and upbeat.](#)

Lent 2 (C) – Your dwelling place

How lovely is your dwelling place (Ps. 84)

The Maranatha Singers' very attractive contemporary choral version of the Psalm (vocals start at about 57secs). You could listen to this for the Psalm, or as a meditation

Consider some of the Lenten listings below for other seasonal material such as "Love will be our Lenten calling"

There's a wideness in God's mercy

I like Colin Gibson's reworking of the words: HioS #135, or see TiS #136 or click "Full text" on [this page](#) May be sung to CROSS OF JESUS

All my hope on God is founded TiS #560 sung to MICHAEL, also HFTC #451

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.

4 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 make me like you Songs of the Kingdom #76

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

How lovely are your dwelling places *A blast from the past, change "thy" to "your". Scripture in Song #171. Could be sung as the Gradual*

God of grace and God of glory REGENT SQUARE *Change "Lo" to "See"*

One more step along the world I go *Good for kids, and for closing the service today*

Here to the house of God we come AA #61

Challenging hymn from Colin Gibson and Shirley Murray, topical these days. Worth learning the tune, but you could sing it to MELITA

These hills where the hawk flies lonely FFS #63

Linked words and music free to use with acknowledgement. So easy to learn, this really should be part of your NZ repertoire!

For Holy Communion/Offertory:

Christ let us come with you AA #17 *Lovely, easy to learn, good message.*

As we gather at your table Can be sung to NETTLETON, BEACH SPRING or other 87.87D

Sent forth by God's blessing THE ASH GROVE *Excellent closing hymn, don't let it drag!*

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,
shal 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.)

Lent 3 (C) – Seek the Lord while he may be found

See: New words for more traditional tunes (Lent 1) for hymns about repentance

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

Let us sing to the God of salvation [SING HOSANNA aka “Give me oil...”]

Sign up with Jubilate for a free membership (applies to the next song too).

Come sing praises to the Lord above [CALYPSO CAROL]

The lyrics aren't very inclusive, so you could try “for our God is sovereign [cf. “king”]” and “God is maker of the mountains high” in the refrain. In the end it's a tough call if “king” isn't a metaphor you want to use!

Seek the Lord “Songs of the Kingdom” #202 *Isaiah 55:6-12 in a lively setting. You might well change “him” to “them”!*

Son of God, eternal saviour [ABBOT'S LEIGH or AUSTRIA] HFTC #102, TiS #606

Forgive our sins as we forgive Suggested tune: ALBANO (or other 8.6.8.6 tune) HFTC #111, TiS #635, CoCs #215

When I needed a neighbour were you there? TiS #629

Who is my mother, who is my brother? [BRONWEN] AA #158

Eat this bread, drink this cup TiS #714 (Taize chant)

As the deer pants for the water CoCs #148, Songs of the Nations #460

There's a wideness in God's mercy

I like Colin Gibson's reworking of the words: HioS #135, or see TiS #136 or click “Full text” [on this page](#) May be sung to CROSS OF JESUS – if you didn't use it last week!

Break now the bread of life [BREAD OF LIFE]

Click the “full text” link if you need it TiS #429

In the singing, in the silence [BREAD OF PEACE] FFS #38, CoCs #519

Good to sing during communion

Lent 4 (C) – Filled with compassion

Our Father we have wandered

This hymn by Kevin Nichols is a reflection on the story of the Prodigal Son. It is titled “Our God how we have wandered” in some hymnals, but “Father” is the God-metaphor in the story. You decide. May be sung to PASSION CHORALE or AURELIA (76.76D) Good for the Offertory.

Praise with joy the world’s creator TiS #179 [PRAISE MY SOUL / aka LAUDA ANIMA]

An excellent opening hymn

How much am I worth is Colin Gibson’s hymn about the “searching” parables, so very apt today. Good with kids, easy to play on guitar. HIOS #63

I will sing the wondrous story [HYFRYDOL] TiS #233, HFTC #212

Amazing grace

O the deep, deep love of Jesus [EBENEZER] TiS #232, HFTC #465

O Love that will not let me go [ST MARGARET] HFTC #486 TiS #602

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases *Attractive singalong version*

The steadfast love of our God never ceases,
with mercies that never come to an end,
they are new every morning, new every morning -
great is your faithfulness O God; great is your faithfulness.

For God will prove to be good to the seeker,
the soul that rests in solitude;
there to wait for salvation, wait for salvation
and to discover steadfast love, faithful and steadfast love.

E kore mutu te aroha o Ihu
E kore mutu ana atawhai
E hōu tonu ana ngā ata katoa
Pūmau tonu tōu atawhai
E Ihu t' Ariki
E Ihu t' Ariki.

There is a Redeemer *Singalong version – Stewart Townend leading a congregation*

The king of love my shepherd is

Loving Spirit AA #94 *I like the first tune, but both are good*

Gentle God, when we are driven AA #44
Repenting violence. Well worth learning

Come as you are TiS #693 *Very fitting, simple but effective. Demo video*

Lent 5 (C) – Anointing at Bethany

Said Judas to Mary

Great lyrics as linked. Easy to learn folk-style tune in E minor. I have it in a book called “Our Songs” (Kevin Mayhew Pub.) You could show this video version as a meditation:

There is a pdf of the **words and music** here.

Myrrh-bearing Mary from Magdala came

You’ll have to squint for the words! (Zoom in). Can be sung to SLANE (Check the tune version, though!) TiS #660

A prophet-woman broke a jar

Good words affirming women’s ministry in the Gospels. Tune MEGERRAN would need to be learned, but you could sing 1/2 verses to ST COLUMBA, probably omitting verse 3 as it would be too long. TiS #696, CoCS #603

Take my life and let it be NOTTINGHAM

My song is love unknown

Now to your table spread (AA #100) LOVE UNKNOWN

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Praise with joy the world’s creator LAUDA ANIMA / PRAISE MY SOUL *Good opening hymn*

Love will be our Lenten calling TiS #684 PICARDY

One more step along the world I go

Jesus put this song into our hearts

Be thou my vision

You shall go out with joy

Passion Sunday / Palm Sunday (C)

Lord you hear the cry (Lord have mercy)

This would set the scene for Palm Sunday perfectly if used to convey the sense of hope for a Messiah that the people had. This video has all the words.

No tramp of soldiers marching feet

An evocative hymn by Timothy-Dudley Smith for Palm Sunday, suitable perhaps for closing the service, or possibly at the Offertory. Follow the link for the words. KINGSFOLD is an appropriate tune.

Make way, make way

Youtube video (with words) of Graham Kendrick's song, very suitable for a Palm Sunday entry/opening. The spoken beginning is optional. Found in a number of books, including "Songs of the Nations" #587

Hosanna, hosanna (Carl Tuttle – Youtube Video)“ Songs of the Nations” #538

Would make an excellent medley with **Make Way** as they are both in the key of G – I'd use this song second.

Other material for Palm Sunday:

When his time was over

Beautifully evocative song for Palm Sunday and Holy Week, by Robin Mann. TiS #357. Really worth learning – should be a standard part of the repertoire for this time of year.

All glory, praise (laud) and honour

Standard processional hymn for Palm Sunday. ST THEOLDULPH TiS #333, CoCs #467, HFTC #120 and many other hymnals.

There's a man riding in on a donkey

A different context for SING HOSANNA (the well-worn "Give me oil in my lamp"). Excellent with children (and a good alternative to "Make Way" above). You may need a *free* membership to Jubilate Group to get access to the words. Best on guitar, but the music can be found in 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] I suggest selected verses

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

You are the king of glory (Mavis Ford) "Songs of the Kingdom" #118

Lift up your heads (Kia hiwa ra) "Songs of the Kingdom" #13

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

Come into the streets with me (Murray) AA #022 Lively, for kids

Many of the hymns and songs from the season of Lent (below) 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) [with the lovely extra verses here](#) “Songs of the Kingdom” #79 [Link to the original recording](#)

Lift high the cross (Murray) AA #87 CRUCIFER

Lord Jesus for my sake you come (Perry)

Deserves wider use at this time of year. HFTC #133 Could be sung to ANGELUS or WAREHAM. You may need a *free* membership to Jubilate Group to get access to the words.

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

Eat this bread and never hunger (Damon) CoCs #530 Very popular. This is a worthy addition to your communion repertoire.

Come to the banquet (there's a place for you) Fay White's easy and catchy song of invitation, your congregation could easily sing along – the lyrics are on the Youtube clip. 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) *I 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 (Taize) CoCs #528

Jesus stand among us

Let us break bread together on our knees CoCs #521

Stay with me (Taize)

Ubi caritas (Taize)

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

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

NZ 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 (The Servant Song) (Gillard) AA #8, CoCs #550

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

Good Friday (C)

If your service is Eucharistic, several of the selections for Maundy Thursday would be suitable.

On a cool and autumn dawn Bill Bennett's NZ hymn (for the southern hemisphere!).
Easy tune, chords provided in "Hope is our Song" #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?

(but 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 (Taize) 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 (A bit Victorian gothic, but some will like to use it)

What a friend we have in Jesus (On Good Friday, the tune SCARLET RIBBONS would be fitting rather than the jolly CONVERSE)

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 TiS #357

Well worth learning for your Holy Week repertoire

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, but this tune can be draggy if too many verses are sung. You will need the inclusive language version in the link.

I won't recommend "There is a green hill far away" because of its sentimentality and poor theology, but you're the boss...

The Feast of the Resurrection (Easter Day) (C)

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.

Annie Herring’s classic 1970s [“Easter Song”](#) in a new version sung by her brother Matthew Ward. Great quality video, would make wonderful exit music during the Easter Season, or perhaps as a “scene setter” before your service begins. Also TiS #389

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

Sometimes you just have to go for it and learn something new! This is a wonderful hymn to open (or close) your service with. “Praise the power that made the stone roll away”. Link has words and music.

Contemporary lyrics set to well-known tunes:

Praise the One who breaks the darkness Rusty Edwards

General praise hymn, but suited to Easter

Christ has risen while earth slumbers John Bell (Iona Community)

At the dawning of salvation Jock Curle: *See linked text* or TiS #392

At the dawning of salvation;
in the morning of the world,
Christ is raised, a living banner
by the love of God unfurled.
Through the day and through the darkness,
you lead on your great array:
all the saints and all the sinners
you have gathered on your way.

You are risen in the morning,
you are risen from the dead;
you are laughter after sadness,
you are life when night has fled.
You have suffered, you have triumphed,
life is yours alone to give:
as you gave it once, you give it
evermore that we may live.

For the glory of salvation

in the dawn of Easter day
we will praise you, our Creator;
we rejoice to sing and pray
with your Christ and with your Spirit
lead us on, your great array,
saints and sinners celebrating
your triumphant love today.

All these three sets of excellent words (above) 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, aka "Jesus shall reign"] 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. See linked text document.

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 Coone

You Lord are both Lamb and Shepherd (“Christus Paradox”) [PICARDY] Linked text or CoCs #22 Stunning modern words by Sylvia Dunstan to the French traditional carol tune.

O Risen Christ still wounded [PASSION CHORALE or AURELIA]

Powerful words from Carl P Daw Linked text or CoCs #41

Note that the two different tunes have quite different moods. I'd choose AURELIA (sung briskly!) for a celebratory style

Good shepherd, you know us, you call us by name [ST DENIO aka “Immortal, invisible”]

Essentially inclusive language hymn which could be apt at the Offertory.

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): A version in Te Reo Maori: *Te Ariki, Te Ariki, kua ara mai e koe i te mate. Koropikoria, whakaatungia, ko Ihu te Ariki.*

He came singing love CoCs #226, AA #59

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

I will enter his gates

Lord of the dance CoCs #23

Peruvian Gloria (Could be sung instead of reciting the Gloria, or as a Gospel acclamation)

2nd Sunday of Easter (C)

Blessed is the body and the soul (Dan Damon) CoCs #238. Sheet Music pdf [here](#) includes easy chords in G. *Easy to learn, and so apt for communion today. "Touch me, Thomas, touch and doubt no more..."*

Many of the Easter Day hymns are suitable.

Also suitable for today:

Jesus comes with clouds descending ("Lo he comes" ...) HFTC #196 or [here \(click for full text\)](#) [HELMSLEY or BRYN CALFARIA]

Jesus came the heavens adoring HFTC #195(i) [PICARDY]

Lyrics very suitable for today. You'll need a free membership to Jubilate Hymns to get the full text

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases Songs of the Kingdom #209

The steadfast love of our God never ceases,
with mercies that never come to an end,
they are new every morning, new every morning -
great is your faithfulness O God; great is your faithfulness.

For God will prove to be good to the seeker,
the soul that rests in solitude;
there to wait for salvation, wait for salvation
and to discover steadfast love, faithful and steadfast love.

E kore mutu te aroha o Ihu
E kore mutu ana atawhai
E hōu tonu ana ngā ata katoa
Pūmau tonu tōu atawhai
E Ihu t' Ariki
E Ihu t' Ariki.

Jesus stand among us in your risen power HFTC #364 [NORTH COATES aka "O my Saviour lifted"] *Scroll down to near the bottom of the linked page for this short 3 verse hymn, which could be used as an Introit or Gradual.*

Jesus stand among us at the meeting of our lives Songs of the Kingdom #222

The Youtube version could be played during Communion, especially since it includes "Here is Bread"

Come to the celebration all who are hungry AA #27 CANA Marnie Barrell's communion (or opening) hymn fits the rejoicing character of Eastertide. "Who is invited to the house of the bridegroom to live while the dead are left to bury the dead?" On the AA cd, too.

3rd Sunday of Easter (C)

Go to the world, go into all the earth [SINE NOMINE]

A fine closing hymn from Sylvia Dunstan

James and Andrew, Peter and John [SCARBOROUGH FAIR]

If you like folksongs, this text from the Iona Community is very apt today. My suggestion would be "...women, too, who walked by his side". This could be sung responsively.

When at this table HiOS #148

A potent hymn for communion (and about reconciliation) by Shirley Murray & Colin Gibson. Definitely worth the effort to learn the tune AHIMELECH as it has a lovely plaintive quality, but for the sake of flexibility you can sing this to O PERFECT LOVE

Songs and hymns reflecting the heavenly worship:

Holy holy, holy holy HFTC s.14 (all verses) Scripture in Song #94 (one verse).

The linked page has a particularly noxious version of the tune, which should go like this, or a bit slower.

Worthy is the Lamb (Exultation) *Songs of the Kingdom #123 Dale Garratt's blast from the past certainly deserves to have the dust blown off it today*

Bless the Lord O my soul (10000 reasons) *words and guitar chords here*

Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour [ST HELEN] HFTC #416, TiS #520

You are worthy (Thou art worthy) Scripture in Song #50

Other selections for today:

Majesty, worship his majesty Songs of the Kingdom #1

Glory to Jesus, risen conquering Son ("Thine be the glory") [MACCABEUS] TiS #380, HFTC #167

Will you come and follow me? [KELVINGROVE] CoCs #586

We have a gospel to proclaim [FULDA] TiS #245, HFTC #519

Here is the place, now is the time AA #60

Come to the banquet, there's a place for you *Link is to the singalong video*

I the Lord of sea and sky (Here I am Lord) CoCs #640, TiS #658

4th Sunday of Easter (C)

Hymns and songs from last week's selection regarding the heavenly worship are also suitable

23rd Psalm (McFerrin)

Here is a choral version (Congressional Chorus, DC) of Bobby McFerrin's exquisite – but theologically challenging – setting of the Psalm. It could be a scene-setter before worship begins, or played during/after communion. This version from male chorus Cantus is also superb.

If Christ had not been raised from death [KINGSFOLD]

Apt words from Christopher Idle. Published in "Sing Glory" but lyrics also available with a free membership to Jubilate Hymns Ltd. Also relates to the Acts reading.

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna

A rousing hymn from Brian Wren sung to your choice of many 87.87D tunes (e.g. CONVERSE aka "What a friend...") TiS #394

For the Acts reading:

O Christ the healer we have come I like ANGELUS for the tune. Words also TiS #638, Sing Glory #489, CoCs #544

Comfort, comfort all my people A song from Australia's Robin Mann TiS #647.

This is well worth learning and the tune is easy. Possibly easier transposed down to D major. Demo accompaniment

Other selections:

All heaven declares An apt worship song for today Sing Glory #420. Instrumental version. Lyrics. Chords. The last line really does need to be "to reconcile us all to God".

Faithful shepherd lead me PASTOR PASTORUM HFTC #29 Traditional hymn

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

I heard the voice of Jesus say KINGSFOLD TiS #585 Updated lyrics; traditional version can easily be found online.

You Lord are both Lamb and Shepherd ("Christus Paradox") [PICARDY]

Linked text or CoCs #22 Stunning modern words by Sylvia Dunstan to the French traditional carol tune.

Now lives the Lamb of God A rousing hymn by David Mowbray based on the Easter Anthems. Tune suggestion: DARWALL This would make a useful Gradual hymn, especially if shortened by omitting the third verse. Sing Glory #413

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord TiS #390 has the best version of the words. Also HFTC #S.3, "God has proclaimed (t)his gracious gift: new life for all, alleluia."

Nothing is lost on the breath of God *Colin Gibson's beautiful modern hymn FFS #50. Easy to learn. Click the small pdf link for the sheet music. Bonus: includes a lovely closing benediction hymn, Now As We Go.*

Now to your table spread *Shirley Murray's communion hymn would be suitable today. It is sung to the familiar tune LOVE UNKNOWN. AA #100 or [here](#)*

You may also want to consider traditional 23rd Psalm hymns e.g. "The Lord's my shepherd", "The king of love my shepherd is".

5th Sunday of Easter (C)

As before, there are hymns and songs reflecting the heavenly worship on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of Easter which you may like to consider

This is a day of new beginnings *TiS #653 (Wren/Young)*

*Excellent communion hymn well suited to the theme: "Our God is making all things new".
Easy to learn*

New heavens and a new earth:

O Day of peace that dimly shines *Carl Daw's majestic hymn sung to JERUSALEM.*

This would work on Anzac Day, too. [Singalong video](#).

For the Psalm:

O God of earth and space (Jane Parker Huber) *Excellent hymn text to the Jewish tune LEONI, reflecting the language of today's psalm (Tune: TiS #473 or CoCs #94, HFTC #9)*

Come O God of all the earth (Marty Haugen)

Very lively song of creation's response to God. TiS #181. Link has a sample performance and lyrics. [Easy guitar chords](#).

Praise the Lord, you heavens adore him *Traditional hymn sung to AUSTRIA*

You shall go out with joy *Songs of the Kingdom #192*

Joyful, joyful we adore you *Rousing hymn sung to ODE TO JOY*

"Together in Song" #152 has inclusive, up-to-date words. CoCs #99

Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, source of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
singing bird and flowing fountain,

call to praise you joyfully.

You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Our Creator, Christ our brother,
all are yours who live in love;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to your joy above.

Henry Van Dyke, adapted. Public Domain

Tune: ODE TO JOY

For the Gospel and the Acts reading:

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.

I love this family of God / E aroha ana ahau

Be still for the presence of the Lord

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

When I needed a neighbour, were you there? TiS #629

Let there be love shared among us Songs of the Kingdom #117

Come down, O love divine DOWN AMPNEY CoCs #47

In Christ there is no east or west TiS #459, CoCs #339 *I would change "Christly" to "Christlike" as TiS does. 86.86 Tune, an easy one like ST ANNE ("O God our help...") or more complex one like IRISH but there are dozens of well-known options in your hymnal tune index!*

We are one in the Spirit/They'll know we are Christians Lyrics/singalong video CoCs #359
Jesus put this song into our hearts *Israeli style melody, getting faster. "Songs of the Nations" #569, TiS #670*

Holy Communion:

Who is my mother, who is my brother? AA #158 (*Murray/Render*)

We are many, we are one *Also makes a rousing concluding song FFS #67 (Colin Gibson)*

Lord Jesus, joy of loving hearts (Jesus thou joy...) HEREFORD or WAREHAM TiS #499

6th Sunday of Easter (C)

Once again, hymns and songs listed for the preceding three weeks have appropriate selections related to the Revelation reading. May is “NZ Music month” so you may like to incorporate indigenous material!

When all is ended

A wonderful Easter hymn that also fits the Revelation reading and can be sung to the familiar SINE NOMINE (aka “For all the saints”) [Lyrics](#).

God give us peace that lasts

A striking hymn by John Bell (Iona Community) which can be sung to LOVE UNKNOWN (aka My song is love unknown). You will need to scroll down the page to review the lyrics

Other hymns and songs for today:

For the healing of the nations

Contemporary hymn lyrics by Fred Kaan that can be sung to WESTMINSTER ABBEY or other 87.87.87 tune

Praise the One who breaks the darkness

A rousing text from Rusty Edwards which works well to NETTLETON or your pick of 87.87D tune. Excellent closing hymn

Filled with the Spirit’s power

Can be sung to WOODLANDS and would make a good gradual.

Help us accept each other

Another of Fred Kaan’s hymns, which can be sung to THORNBURY, ELLACOMBE or AURELIA

When I needed a neighbour were you there? TiS #629 [Lyrics and easy guitar chords](#)

Jesus put this song into our hearts TiS #670

O Lord, hear my prayer (Taize)

Many sources, e.g. CoCs #192. Good to sing a number of times during intercessions today. Video linked could be used as a meditation during communion.

Beauty for brokenness (Kendrick) Sing Glory #263, CoCs #302. [Formal-style version with lyrics](#). The [writer’s own recording](#). And the same again with [lyrics and video](#). Separate [lyrics](#).

We cannot measure how you heal Sing Glory #490. A hymn from the Iona Community, sung to the traditional Scottish tune YE BANKS AND BRAES. You could also sing half-verses to an 88.88 (Long meter) tune, such as HEREFORD, ANGELUS or MARYTON

From Aotearoa – New Zealand:

Now as we go A simple closing song AA #99

Arohanui Blessing AA #95 “May the mystery of God enfold us”

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose AA #55 Marnie Barrell's hymn can be sung to an 87.87D tune, or the original published tune, BRUNEL, by Colin Gibson

Ascension (C)

We suggest that you use the readings for Ascension Day rather than Easter 7. We have provided selections for both.

Christ is ascending *Very singable to MACCABEUS (aka "Thine be the glory").*

Christ is going to the Father

I think ODE TO JOY has the right mood as a tune for this one (or other 87.87D).

A Hymn for Ascension Wonderful, fresh words from NZ writer Marnie Barrell.

Can be sung very appropriately to LAUDA ANIMA aka "Praise, my soul". HiOS #14 *Marnie has kindly agreed to let us share the text of her hymn with readers which are provided in the index.*

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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We praise you God, creator Lord

A real gift to those with a group or choir. Alleluias sung to PACHELBEL'S CANON with a simple tune for the congregation (or vice-versa!) TiS #185. *Could be an offertory hymn, or post-communion*

He came singing love AA #59

God is here as we your people ABBOT'S LEIGH. *Good opening hymn. Link provides words and music (note the tab that takes you to copyable text)*

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
(also in Spanish and French, note for Pentecost!) 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)
If you have the music for these two songs you could bracket them together using a key change (the intervening chord is E7) creating a very effective worship bracket

Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour TiS #520, Sing Glory #52
Suggest you abbreviate by omitting 3 & 4 OR at least "Though the lowliest form now veils you" if included in your book.

All hail the power of Jesus name TiS #224, CoCs #105, Sing Glory #24

Majesty, worship his majesty
Suited as a Gradual

Meekness and majesty
Possible Offertory hymn Sing Glory #395

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*

7th Sunday of Easter (C)

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 (see last week's entry for details) AUSTRIA, etc.

Where mountains rise DUNEDIN AA#154

Very suitable as an opening/processional hymn. Tune can be found at TiS #691

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, especially last week and the week before.

The Day of Pentecost (C)

Spirit of God

A brilliant song from ResoundWorship. 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's vivid lyrics for Pentecost can be sung to ABERYSTWYTH aka "Jesus lover of my soul" or ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR aka "Come you thankful people, come".

Spirit of Christ remember me

A simple and beautiful reflective song from Dan Damon. Could be learned before the service, or sung by a small group during communion, the congregation joining in as able. [Sheet music with chords](#) CoCs #221

The bright wind is blowing

A lovely, flowing folk-style tune, easy to learn with inclusive, evocative lyrics by Cecily Taylor TiS #263. If you want to use the words but don't have the opportunity to find or learn the music, you could (at a pinch) sing this to THE ASH GROVE, using verse 2 as the refrain for verses 1 & 3.

Peace be with you all we sing

Lovely, easy to learn song with a memorable tune. You'll need a free Jubilate Hymns membership to access this one. [Words are here](#). Click on "piano score" for the music. Suited as a gradual or offertory. Also in "Sing Glory" #480(ii)

Songs:

Spirit, spirit of gentleness It's in the songbook "New Journeys"

We are one in the Spirit (They'll know we are Christians) CoCs #359

Breath of the Living God CoCs #43

Rain down CoCs #260

Set us free for freedom by Shirley Murray. Click the pdf link for two tunes – Colin Gibson's is a challenging but lively blues.

Holy Spirit, come "Songs of the Kingdom" #241
Could be used as a gradual, or post-communion

Blow through the valleys FFS #6

Spirit of the Living God HFTC #23 & #24

Loving Spirit AA #94 David Dell's tune is effective

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's hymn is effective sung to IRISH but you could use a number of 8.6.8.6 tunes*

Come down O Love divine

Works well as an offertory hymn. Link has lyrics and a contemporary recording/tune

The Spirit came as promised HFTC #244 ELLACOMBE

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

From the waiting comes the sign

An excellent Invocation Hymn by Colin Gibson & Shirley Murray AA#43

Breath on me, breath of God TRENTHAM *is a good tune 6.6.8.6 or the familiar 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

God of tempest, God of whirlwind

Set to the stirring CWM RHONDDA this is a hymn with very strong imagery. Scroll right down for the words & music. You could, however use a different tune (as it's quite hard to get the words out with the printed tune). You could sing this to AUSTRIA by repeating – e.g. in verse 1 – “Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross”.

Additional resources (including liturgy):

Jubilate Hymns *have a Pentecost/Trinity resource page. Membership is free. Consider these:*

Come down Holy Spirit NOEL NOUVELET

Holy Spirit, heaven's breath *I thought MONKLAND would work well*

May we, O holy Spirit *could be sung to SURSUM CORDA*

The Most Holy Trinity (C)

If you didn't use our featured song from last Sunday, "Spirit of God", the threefold form of the song is evocative of the Trinity!

Come you thankful people:

A lively gathering song from ResoundWorship, which is ideal for today and for all-age worship

God is one, unique and holy

Some fresh imagery from Brian Wren, which can be sung to LAUDA ANIMA ("Praise, my soul") or PICARDY ("Let all mortal flesh") if you want a more reflective tune. Good processional.

Trinitarian hymns:

I believe in God the Father (Michael Perry)

Simple Trinitarian hymn, could be suited to the Gradual slot. 87.87 tune

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

It's worth learning this lively, simple hymn

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 WAS LEBET ("Worship the Lord in the beauty of

holiness") Very striking lyrics from Herbert O'Driscoll, concluding with:

Sing of this God who in glory and mystery / chooses to lie in humanity's womb, / enters the prison and pain of our history, / rises triumphant and opens the tomb.

Holy Wisdom, lamp of learning

Trinitarian hymn with inclusive language to the lovely BEACH SPRING CoCs #55 TiS #493

Praise with joy the world's Creator LAUDA ANIMA/PRAISE MY SOUL CoCs #57 TiS

#179 A Iona Community's inclusive language reworking. [Lyrics can also be found here.](#)

Creator God, creating still

This hymn by Jane Parker Huber uses language reminiscent of the alternative blessing formula "Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life" (ANZPB/HKMOA p545). [The only online source for the lyrics](#) treats them very sniffily. However, if you're after alternative language for the Trinity these lyrics work well to ST. ANNE (a.k.a. O God our help...)

Maker of mystery FFS #47 Marnie Barrell's lyrical writing can be sung to DOWN AMPNEY ("Come Down O Love Divine")

O Threefold God of tender unity AA #110 Bill Wallace's hymn can be sung to ELLERS or SURSUM CORDA (Jillian Bray's tune is attractive but challenging for congregations)

Jesus, come to our hearts AA #78 *William Worley's piece is lyrical and easy to learn, almost a cross between a worship song and a hymn.*

Trinitarian songs:

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 HFTC Song #14 *Jimmy Owens' evergreen worship song*

We are one in the Spirit (They'll know we are Christians) CoCs #359
There is a contemporary [video version here](#) as a demo – I wouldn't recommend the video for a church service, though. Snappy new refrain in this version.

Any of these songs would be suitable during communion

2nd Sunday after Pentecost (C)

For the psalm or as an opening song:

Come sing praises to the Lord above TiS #53 sung to CALYPSO CAROL (aka "See him lying...") *Lively song for all ages, if you don't mind all that "kingy" language. You will need a free membership at Jubilate to access the lyrics.*

On healing:

We give God thanks for those who knew MELCOMBE HFTC #318.
This link to the text requires you to sign in or sign up for free with Jubilate.

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.
Link is to a congregation singing. I have guitar chords in D.

O Christ the healer we have come ANGELUS CoCs #544
Excellent words from Fred Pratt Green

Praise the One who breaks the darkness

Excellent hymn about the ministry of Jesus which could be used anywhere in the service, maybe as a closing. It is worth learning NETTLETON to sing this hymn (easy!) but you could resort to another 87.87D tune.

For communion:

In the singing, in the silence *A lovely hymn by Shirley Murray and Carlton R Young. Lyrics page. Also found in FFS #38, CoCs #519*

Te Pouhere Sunday Celebrating our life as a three-Tikanga Church (C)

Resources are available on the General Synod website <https://www.anglican.org.nz> choose 'Lectionary', then 'Te Pouhere Sunday' to download a .pdf file

Aotearoa – New Zealand Resources for today:

From Alleluia Aotearoa:

#155 Where mountains rise to open skies [DUNEDIN] *Shirley Murray's hymn is probably the pre-eminent one for today! 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 *A very lively hymn from Shirley Murray and Colin Gibson, well worth learning.*

#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:

#6 Blow through the valleys *Bill Bennett's song is ideal for today. Nice harmonization by David Dell*

#63 These hills where the hawk flies lonely *Popular and very easy to learn, about a just society*

#67 We are many, we are one *Another lively hymn from Colin Gibson, requires a nimble pianist*

#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:

#43 God of our Island Home *The refrain alone makes a lovely meditative response to prayer*

#31 From this holy time *A lovely hymn of sending forth which can be sung to LAUDATE DOMINUM*

#23 E Te Ariki, whakarongo mai *Contemporary Maori song*

Some of the above songs and hymns feature on the CDs of the same name.

3rd Sunday after Pentecost (& Matariki) (C)

When the poor ones

Fits well with the first reading and brings some Liberation Theology into the mix. Easy to learn, there are various video versions on YouTube. CoCs #290

Lord you hear the cry (Lord have mercy)

Excellent contemporary gospel-style song with a social justice theme. Full resources can be purchased, free demo.

Other hymns and songs for the readings:

For the fruits of all creation AR HYD Y NOS (“All through the night”)

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

Lively song from Marty Haugen. TiS #181

In The Singing, in the silence

A good communion/offertory hymn for today CoCs #519, FFS #38. Click the pdf link for the music.

Christ be my leader sung to SLANE

In the presence of your people Brent Chambers’ 70s song, Hebrew-style

Jesus Christ is waiting NOEL NOUVELET

My song is love unknown LOVE UNKNOWN

Beauty for brokenness

Kneels at the feet of his friends CHEREPONI

Great is your (thy) faithfulness GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy Colin Gibson’s version of the words (HiOS #135) is excellent, and can be sung to the traditional tune CROSS OF JESUS

We have a gospel to proclaim FULDA

If you are observing Matariki (Maori New Year) you could sing some of the NZ material from last week, Te Pouhere Sunday, and also

God of our island home (HiOS #43)

The first verse alone makes a lovely prayer or meditation refrain, very easy to learn

4th Sunday after Pentecost (C)

A prophet-woman broke a jar

A perfect Gradual hymn today, but unfortunately there are no well-known tunes that fit the 8-line verses. However, you could sing the first and last verses (or include verse 3 as well) to a 4-line tune such as DOMINUS REGIT ME or ST COLUMBA both of which are used for "The King of love my shepherd is". Highly recommended for its affirmation of the ministry of all.

Creator God you made this land

Natalie Sims suggests this hymn in relation to the story of Naboth's vineyard and as it relates to all who have had their land stolen. Scroll right down to page 15 for the words. You might substitute "blessed" or similar for "ancient" (v.4) which is more appropriate for Australia. Sing this to MELITA ("Eternal Father, strong to save...")

Give ear to my words O Lord *A blast from the 70s past (Songs of the Kingdom #172) taken from today's Psalm 5. It would be easy to modernise the language. Video linked has awfully mawkish graphics!*

Other suitable hymns and songs:

Mighty God who called creation

A perfect opening hymn for today when sung to a strong 87.87D tune such as RUSTINGTON or ABBOT'S LEIGH. Fresh imagery from Carl P. Daw Jr.

Freely, freely (God forgave my sin)

Come celebrate the women *A hymn by Shirley Murray sung to ELLACOMBE*

As the deer pants for the water (Nystrom)

Great is your (thy) faithfulness

Amazing grace

Teach us O loving heart of Christ

Jillian Bray's plainsong-like tune is worth learning; at a pinch you could use another 86.86 tune AA #130

Gentle God when we are driven *Another excellent tune by Jillian Bray AA #44. These two NZ hymns have words by Shirley Murray*

Dear God embracing humankind

Updated, inclusive lyrics for "Dear Lord and Father of mankind". Click on the "Full text" tab for the words. The usual tune is REPTON some books e.g. CoCs have REST

O the deep, deep love of Jesus EBENEZER TiS #232

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

Lyrics and accompaniment example linked

Here is bread, here is wine (Kendrick)

5th Sunday after Pentecost (C)

Come living God when least expected

This hymn by Alan Gaunt is especially suitable for the story of Elijah in the cave. However, there are no easy tunes. But you could divide into half-verses and sing this to ST CLEMENT (aka "The day thou gavest") which doesn't get much use these days. However, this will make a long 6 verses! Suggest you omit one or two four-line stanzas, e.g. part 2 of verse 2.

Other suitable suggestions for the readings (noting that some are repeats from last week, hopefully enough alternative choices in this list!):

As the deer pants for the water (Nystrom) Songs of the Nations (SiS) #460

Just as a lost and thirsty deer (TiS #26, easy-to-learn tune)

Be still and know that I am God

Be still for the presence of the Lord

Who is moving through the silence? AA #157

Dear God embracing humankind *inclusive version of "Dear Lord and Father*

God forgave my sin (freely, freely)

O love that will not let me go TiS #602 (ST MARGARET)

Christ be our light (longing for light)

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Make me a channel of your peace

Tell my people I love them AA #132

Come and find the quiet centre FFS #10(i)

The peace of the earth be with you (CoCs #647)

In the singing, in the silence FFS #38 *Excellent and simple communion hymn*

Spirit, spirit of gentleness

For everyone born, a place at the table FFS #17

We are many, we are one FFS #67

We are one in the Spirit

Praise the one who breaks the darkness (NETTLETON or other 87.87D)

Excellent opening hymn if you choose a lively tune like NETTLETON

O Christ the healer we have come (ANGELUS aka “At evening when the sun had set”)

6th Sunday after Pentecost (C)

Wind who makes all winds that blow

Great imagery from Thomas Troeger. Best sung to ABERYSTWYTH but you could use ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR at a push.

Jesus you have called us *Meditative contemporary song, easy to pick up*

Other songs & hymns with a Holy Spirit/discipleship theme:

Will you come and follow me? (KELVINGROVE)

From heaven you came (The Servant King) *Graham Kendrick's contemporary hymn*

I the Lord of sea and sky (Here I am, Lord) *The perennial favourite*

I have decided to follow Jesus

Try singing this in a slow, meditative way during or after Communion – could even be done a cappella

Take my gifts and let me love you AA #127

O Jesus I have promised

I heard the voice of Jesus say KINGSFOLD *Good for the Offertory hymn today*

O Lord who came from realms above/ O thou who camest from above

Sung to the lovely tune HEREFORD

Christ is our peace AA #16 SUANTRAI *is a lovely and easy Irish tune*

Who would true valour see 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

Come down O love divine DOWN AMPNEY

O breath of life come sweeping through us The set tune SPIRITUS VITAE is worth learning if you are unfamiliar with it, but you could also use ST. CLEMENT (aka "The day thou gavest") CoCs #486, HFTC #237, TIS #409

Wind of God, dynamic Spirit ABBOT'S LEIGH

Lord of all hopefulness SLANE

7th Sunday after Pentecost (C) (& Refugee Sunday)

For Refugee Sunday:

Here to the house of God we come AA #61

Beauty for brokenness (TiS #690)

Lord you hear the cry (Lord have mercy) *Great gospel-style contemporary song*

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

Verses could be sung by a soloist or small group with the congregation joining in the refrain as in this version

Let justice roll down AA #85

Tell my people I love them AA #132

For the day's readings:

Help us accept each other TiS #648 [AURELIA or other 76.76D] *Also suitable for Refugee Sunday*

The Servant Song (Brother, sister...) TiS #650, AA #8, CoCs #550

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

Like a mighty river flowing [QUEM PASTORES LAUDAVERE] *Click the pdf link for the music, too.*

Tell out my soul [WOODLANDS] TiS #161, HFTC #42

Link has lyrics and a free downloadable accompaniment track

We have a gospel to proclaim [FULDA] TiS #245, HFTC #519

How lovely on the mountains (Our God reigns) SiS #201 *Link has the rest of the verses*

Tama Ngakau Marie AA 3128 *includes a translation not for singing*

When we lift our pack and go [LEONARD] AA #153, CoCs #634

God is working out this purpose [ODE TO JOY, HYFRYDOL etc.]

Original source unknown. Recommended as a useful hymn when "mission" is a theme.

God is working out this purpose:

To bring healing to the world.

Life by life, one Spirit changing:

Bringing light where darkness ruled.

Heart by heart, and in each moment,

Newness waiting to be born:
Peace with God and love for others
Wholeness for the lives once torn.

God is working out this purpose:
To bring meaning to the world;
Aching for new ways of living
For God's people and for all.
Hope for future, past forgiveness,
Sense of purpose for each one;
Love, to bring a life of fullness,
Through the message of the Son.

God is working out this purpose,
And now calls us to be part
Of the great adventure of living:
Bringing life to every heart!
God is calling, God is asking,
You and I to work and pray:
Now's the time to join this purpose,
Now's the time to live God's way!

(Andre le Roux)

Tune: 8.7.8.7 D

Hymn to Joy or Hyfrydol

The Lord bless you and keep you AA #138 *Blessing song to conclude a service*

Eat this bread and never hunger CoCs #530

Dan Damon's lovely hymn is suitable for communion today. Easy to learn. Note link has score and also a text tab.

8th Sunday after Pentecost (C) (& Sea Sunday)

If you are focusing on the Good Samaritan story today, a number of last week's hymns and songs are directly relevant and not repeated here. Other suitable material:

Meekness and majesty (Kendrick) "Sing Glory" #395

As we gather at your table (Daw) CoCs #523 sung to BEACH SPRING or other 87.87D, such as CONVERSE (aka "What a friend..."). Good for Communion today.

Who is my mother, who is my brother? AA #158

For Sea Sunday:

Some of the hymns in [this list](#) will be familiar. If you are secretly wanting to sing the tune to "Onward Christian soldiers" (ST GERTRUDE) the hymn **Waterfall and ocean** was written to give you the excuse you need. For me, this is at best questionable. Over to you, dear reader. Also found in "Sing Glory" #630

Other hymns and songs for today:

Let justice flow like streams *This hymn by Jane Parker Huber is in Short Metre (66.86) and can be sung to FRANCONIA (aka "Blest are the pure in heart") Suitable Gradual*

Lord hear my praying, listen to me *An attractive lament-style tune, easy to learn. Robin Mann's Australian hymn is found in TiS #689*

God of freedom, God of justice Shirley Murray's hymn may be best sung to PICARDY. AA #50, TiS #657

For all the saints who've shown your love John Bell's [words](#) can be sung to O WALY WALY (reflective) or TRURO (lively) or other 88.88 tune.

When the poor ones

A beautiful liberation theology hymn (as Natalie Sims notes) from Latin America. My only sourcebook for this is CoCs #290, but most of the music and chords are [on these sample pages](#) – you could probably figure out the rest, if you're a musician. Mechanical-sounding demo [here](#). Spanish rendition [here](#).

Shadow and substance Dan Damon's fresh imagery and easy to learn. Suitable Gradual or during communion perhaps.

The kingdom is within you A good day to sing Cecily Sheehy's bluesy song. AA #137

Who sweeps the stable? Shirley Murray's hymn is not just for Christmas! Well worth the time to learn. HioS #154(i)

9th Sunday after Pentecost (C)

Bring us justice. *Great bouncy song which would make excellent pre-service music, or exit music.*

Come away from rush and hurry

Ideal song/hymn for the Gospel today. Sung on the linked page to NETTLETON. Maybe BEACH SPRING would be better. 87.87D structure gives you lots of options for tunes, but I suggest something on the reflective side.

There are several selections from last Sunday (with reference to The Good Samaritan) that fit with the justice theme from Amos today. There are hymns and songs that relate to each of the readings in the following list.

Let justice roll down like a river (Gibson) AA #85

Let justice roll down (Damon) *A short, reflective refrain that could be used between sections of Intercession.*

Inspired by love and anger (Iona Community)

Although set to the tune SALLEY GARDENS in TiS #674, this can also be sung to a 76.76D tune: MORNING LIGHT (aka "Stand up, stand up...") for a bold version, or ELLACOMBE, or THORNBURY. A long hymn, so would work in the Offertory slot. One verse could be omitted.

Hidden Christ alive for ever RUSTINGTON *is the suggested tune, or other strong 87.87D*

Lord hear my praying, listen to me (Mann) TiS #689. *Link is to words only*

We are a world divided *Suggested tune is AURELIA*

For the healing of the nations (Kaan) *The linked text can be sung to ST HELEN or other 87.87.87 tune*

God of freedom, God of Justice (Murray) to PICARDY. *TiS #657, AA #50*

The kingdom of God is justice and joy (Rees) to HANOVER or LAUDATE DOMINUM. *HFTC #333, SG 184. Link is to the text*

Every day I will offer you (Murray/Gibson) AA #36

Faith will not grow from words alone (Smith) *TiS #691.*

Link is to an order of service with this hymn in it, including the tune DUNEDIN. However, you could sing another LM (88.88) tune such as MORNING HYMN or MARYTON

Come as you are (Brown) TiS #693. **Words and music example.** *Reflective song*

The king of love my shepherd is (DOMINUS REGIT ME) TiS #145 *and most other hymnals*

Jesus stand among us at the meeting of our lives (Kendrick) *Songs of the Kingdom #222*

As the deer pants for the water (Nystrom) Songs of the Nations #460

All heaven declares (Richards) SG #420

Come and find the quiet centre FFS #10(i)

To be in your presence SG #523

70's Christian music pioneer Nancy Honeytree wrote a folk-rock song called "Mary and Martha" on her album "Evergreen". And it is!

For more options try "Singing the Faith Plus"

10th Sunday after Pentecost (C) (& Social Services Sunday)

*The first 10 hymns and songs from last Sunday are suitable for Social Services Sunday.
The selections immediately below are for the set RCL readings.*

First set your mind on the kingdom of God (Seek ye first...)

When I needed a neighbour were you there?

Great is your (thy) faithfulness

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

The kingdom is within you

E te Ariki, kia aroha mai (or another Kyrie that you know) FFS #13

For the hurt that I create (FFS #19) *There are two tunes, mine is the second. Natalie Sims suggests that the congregation could sing the "Forgive me Lord, forgive" sections in this tune, FIVE SCRUPLES*

Love divine all loves excelling

Put peace into each other's hands [ST COLUMBA]

There is a longing in our hearts O God

As we gather at your table (Daw) CoCs #523 *sung to BEACH SPRING or other 87.87D, such as CONVERSE (aka "What a friend..."). Good for Communion today if you haven't used it recently.*

Our Father in heaven (AA #112) *The Lord's Prayer*

Forgive our sins as we forgive TiS #635, SG #145

Very apt for today, sung to a Short Meter tune 86.86. Good choice for the Gradual hymn

11th Sunday after Pentecost (C)

Bigger barns

A pertinent and challenging hymn from Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. Note the permission for use conditions on the linked page. Can be sung to ABERYSTWYTH or ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Hosea (Come back to me)

Lovely reflective melody and poetic words. Worth the price of the download from OCP if you are looking to learn something new.

Lord Jesus, if I love and serve my neighbour aka "Spirit of Jesus, if I serve..." *Can be sung to O PERFECT LOVE*

Other hymns and songs for today:

(O) worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness [WAS LEBET]

Take my life and let it be [NOTTINGHAM]

Take my gifts and let me love you [TALAVERA TERRACE] AA #127

Christ has changed the world's direction HiOS #15, *can be sung to MICHAEL, you could sing just the first 4 verses.*

Peace Child "Carol our Christmas" #35

Put on the garment of praise *A 70s blast from the past, from Scripture in Song #300 or Songs of the Kingdom #95*

Where shall be found (Tree of Peace) HiOS #151 *Easy to learn, reflective song*

Who sweeps the stable HiOS #154(i) *The first tune has easy guitar chords. Not just a song for after Christmas!*

Bind us together, Lord *Another 70s number that's still popular*

Loving Spirit *I like David Dell's tune in Alleluia Aotearoa (#94)*

Come as you are (That's how I want you) TiS #693

Come to the banquet (there's a place for you)

We haven't used this one for a while, so this lively and super-popular song could be learned today by singing along with the YouTube clip.

Christ is alive, let Christians sing [TRURO aka "Jesus shall reign..."]

Praise with joy the world's Creator [PRAISE MY SOUL/ LAUDA ANIMA]

You Lord are both Lamb and Shepherd (Christus Paradox) [PICARDY].
A superb addition to your repertoire.

12th Sunday after Pentecost (C)

For songs and hymns on Isaiah's justice theme see 9th Sunday after Pentecost. Some additional possibilities:

Isaiah the prophet has written of old TiS #663

Wonderful words which perhaps are best sung to the early American tune SAMANTHRA which is truly worth learning. I can provide chords in Fm and Em.

From this holy time

A rousing concluding hymn by Marnie Barrell which is effective sung to LAUDATE DOMINUM or you may like to learn Barry Brinson's tune. HiOS #31

Sent forth by God's blessing is another mission-focused post-Communion hymn which is sung to THE ASH GROVE TiS #531, CoCs #648 . *This version of the words* is reasonably inclusive but you could easily tweak the God-language.

Other hymns and songs for today:

Beauty for brokenness

Now let us from this table rise TiS #530, which is sung effectively to NIAGARA, but you could use another 88.88 tune.

One more step along the world I go

All my hope on God is founded [MICHAEL]

Community of Christ TiS #473

Guide me o my great Redeemer [CYM RHONDDA]

Longing for light / Christ be our light

Here is bread, here is wine *Graeme Kendrick's communion song*

Come risen Lord, as guest among your own aka **Come risen Lord and deign to be our guest** [SURSUM CORDA] HFTC #399, TiS #524

13th Sunday after Pentecost (C)

When at this table

A moving hymn by Shirley Murray about seeking to be honest before God at Communion time. It is set to AHIMELECH by Colin Gibson, a tune well worth learning properly. It could also be sung to O PERFECT LOVE but that's not nearly as effective. HiOS #148.

Other hymns and songs for today:

Give thanks with a grateful heart TiS #717 and many other hymnals

Give thanks for life, the measure of our days [SINE NOMINE] AA #45

Jesus shall reign, where'er the sun [TRURO]

How is Jesus present? *A children's song* AA #64

There is a redeemer

Jesus remember me (The Taize chant)

I want to walk as a child of the light ([Chords in C](#))

Go to the world, go into all the earth [SINE NOMINE]

Sent by the Lord am I

Lively Latin American concluding song. Free resources on the linked page, you need a free membership to download the music. Backing track is at a frenetic speed, suggest you do this at a more measured pace with a congregation. Very easy to learn.

Rejoice in God's saints can be sung to LAUDATE DOMINUM or other 10.10.11.11 tune

Christ is alive, let Christians sing [TRURO]

Who is my mother, who is my brother AA #158

Forgive, forgive us holy God FFS #20.

Can be sung to Colin's tune, or other 88.88 such as ANGELUS, but there are many others

When we are living, we are in the Lord [SOMOS DEL SENOR] Music TiS #778 [LSM](#)
[Conference recording here](#)

Kyrie eleison (Look around you)

A good song for today if you can find it somewhere! One source is "Praying in Song" published by Kevin Mayhew Ltd (#243). [LSM Conference recording here](#)

14th Sunday after Pentecost (C)

God of Jeremiah grieving (TiS #679)

Natalie Sims suggests this hymn during the weeks we have readings from Jeremiah. On the linked page click the pdf logo for a simple arrangement of KELVINGROVE (aka "Will you come and follow me?") This is a hymn about acting prophetically. Quite wordy – you may choose to omit a verse.

On healing (re today's Gospel reading):

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

This link to the text requires you to sign in or sign up for free with Jubilate.

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.

Link is to a congregation singing. I have guitar chords in D.

O Christ the healer we have come ANGELUS CoCs #544

Excellent words from Fred Pratt Green

Praise the One who breaks the darkness

Excellent hymn about the ministry of Jesus which could be used anywhere in the service, maybe as a closing. It is worth learning NETTLETON to sing this hymn (easy!) but you could resort to another 87.87D tune.

Traditional hymns:

Guide me, O my (thou) great Redeemer [CWM RHONDDA] TiS #569 *and every hymnal*

Glorious things of you (thee) are spoken [ABBOT'S LEIGH or AUSTRIA] TiS #446 *and most hymnals. Updated lyrics as linked make this hymn more accessible today.*

O Lord who came from realms above / O Thou who camest from above / Jesus who came from realms above [HEREFORD] TiS #572 *An exquisite hymn tune.*

Songs old and new:

Be still and know that I am God SiS #27 [Words and music](#).

This is my body, broken for you (In love for me) SoK #79 [Original cast recording](#)

Be still for the presence of the Lord *Lyrics and singalong video*

How much am I worth? (HioS #63) *Great song to sing with kids, really easy to learn. Words are linked, click the pdf logo for the music, too.*

You are before me Lord, you are behind

A setting of Psalm 139 (also applies to the next song) which can be sung to SURSUM CORDA or EVENTIDE (works well with the words, but you may think it connected too strongly with "Abide with me" to use it.

O God you search me (Farrell) Words and chords. Keyboard and vocal arrangement. Slightly slow but attractive performance.

Sent by the Lord am I (or, Sent out in Jesus' name) *if you didn't use this lively song last week, or maybe if you've just learned it, have it again for reinforcement! A gentle pace is recommended in order to get the words out!*

Loving Spirit AA #94 2 tunes, *I like David Dell's. If you want to sing a traditional tune you could use CROSS OF JESUS or LAUS DEO*

For the bread and wine and blessing AA #39 *Guy Jansen's tune looks complex but is easy for confident congregations. Excellent post-Communion song. Linked text is to a different tune.*

Give thanks with a grateful heart TiS #717 *and many other hymnals (if you didn't use this one last week). Good in the Gradual slot, or post-Communion. [Singalong video](#)*

When the storm winds blow AA #152 *Could be done by a soloist with the congregation singing the refrain*

Tell my people I love them AA #132 *Excellent for a closing song today*

15th Sunday after Pentecost (C)

Canticle of the turning (My soul cries out)

Rory Cooney's lively setting of the Magnificat/Hannah's Song fits well with the Gospel & Hebrews reading today. The linked page has a singalong video and lyrics. The tune is Irish folksong STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN it is published in CoCs #404. The arrangement can also be purchased [on this page](#), which has a more formal audio performance, too.

Hymns:

For the beauty of the earth [DIX] *The first five verses are usually used.*

O God beyond all praising [THAXTED aka "I vow to thee my country"]

Tell out my soul [WOODLANDS]

We love to sound your praises [PASSION CHORALE] *A challenging hymn from Caroline Winfrey Gillette*

God whose giving knows no ending [BLAENWERN] 87.87D *"Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne".*

God of Jeremiah, grieving [KELVINGROVE]

By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered [O PERFECT LOVE] *Beautiful words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Click on the "full text" tab for the words*

As we gather at your table (Daw) CoCs #523 *sung to BEACH SPRING or other 87.87D, such as CONVERSE (aka "What a friend...").*

Songs:

Come to the celebration all who are hungry [CANA] AA #27 **Words**

The servant song (Brother, sister, let me serve you] AA #8 *and many hymnals* (CoCs #550)

Here in this place (Gather us in) CoCs #72, TiS #474 *and many other hymnals*

When I needed a neighbour TiS #629 *High speed Irish rock singalong version!*

Kneels at the feet of his friends (Jesu, Jesu) [CHEREPONI] TiS #640. *Organ accompaniment video.*

For everyone born a place at the table FFS #17

16th Sunday after Pentecost (C) (& Celebration of Spring)

Hymns and songs for a Celebration of Spring:

Yes-God-is-good

An old (but updated) public domain hymn celebrating God's goodness seen in creation. Long Metre (88.88). Suggested tunes are DUNEDIN or WAREHAM. Words available in index.

Now the green blade rises [NOEL NOUVELET] *More modern version of the words by John Crum*

Pass it on (It only takes a spark) [PASS IT ON] *Link is to the original recording. Lyrics and guitar chords are [here](#).*

Bless the Lord, o my soul (10,000 reasons) [LSM conference recording here](#)

Morning has broken [BUNESSAN]

For the beauty of the earth [DIX]

We plough the fields and scatter [WIR PFLUGEN]

You shall go out with joy [TREES OF THE FIELD] TiS #755, CoCs #645

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

Link for SCARLET RIBBONS is a downloadable, free backing track (by me).

Joyful-joyful-we-adore-you [ODE TO JOY] *Words available in index with updated text.*

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] *Can be sung to DOWN AMPNEY*

Jesus comes to me as a springtime tree [AA #77]

Whispering gently the breeze from the mountain [FFS #77]

The spring has come [AA #140]

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

Hymn and song selections for the day's readings:

Featured: Sisters and brothers *Lovely contemporary folk from Malcolm "Beneath the Southern Cross" Gordon. Something you could play during Communion.*

O God you search me and you know me *Words and chords on this page.* [LSM Conference recording here](#)

Spirit of the living God HFTC s. #23 & #24

As a fire is meant for burning

The link is to a strictly-demo only recording which has the lyrics. Sung in the video to BEACH SPRING, but another 87.87D tune can be used. Suitable also for the Spring theme.

Jesus put this song into our hearts

We are one in the Spirit (They'll know we are Christians) CoCs #359

*There is a contemporary [*video version here*](#) as a demo – I wouldn't recommend the video for a church service, though. Snappy new refrain in this version.*

Take my gifts and let me love you (AA #127)

Lord Jesus, if I love and serve my neighbour aka "Spirit of Jesus, if I serve..." *Can be sung to O PERFECT LOVE*

17th Sunday after Pentecost (C)

You may wish to have some spring celebration hymns from last week's selection.

God of Jeremiah grieving (TiS #679)

Natalie Sims suggests this hymn during the weeks we have readings from Jeremiah. On the linked page click the pdf logo for a simple arrangement of KELVINGROVE (aka "Will you come and follow me?") This is a hymn about acting prophetically. Quite wordy – you may choose to omit a verse.

How much am I worth? HiOS #63 *Colin Gibson's song is very easy to learn and has a country/folk feel. Easy guitar chords are provided in the book. [Words here](#). Music: select the pdf link on the page.*

God's great love is so amazing *Carolyn Winfrey Gillette's hymn can be sung to CONVERSE (aka "What a friend..."). This would be good for all-age worship or with children. See the copyright information.*

Traditional hymns:

Amazing grace

The king of love my shepherd is

All people that on earth do dwell

I will sing the wondrous story

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Fools say within their hearts *A metrical setting of Psalm 14 which can be sung to FRANCONIA*

Modern hymns and songs:

Touch the earth lightly *This Shirley Murray hymn has a lovely tune, TENDERNESS, but you can sing it to BUNESSAN (aka "Morning has broken")*

Blow through the valleys

Tell my people I love them

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

Praise with joy the world's creator *sung to PRAISE MY SOUL / LAUDA ANIMA* TiS #179

God forgave my sin (Freely, freely)

18th Sunday after Pentecost (C)

Praying for God's world and our stewardship of it.

Suggestions for Communion/Offertory today:

Peace be with you all we sing

A lovely song which is worth buying the music for. There is a demo performance from Jubilate too. Hymnbook source: Sing Glory #480. At a pinch you could sing this to NOTTINGHAM (aka Take My Life...), since the words [are freely available here](#).

An upper room did our Lord prepare (O WALY WALY aka "[The water is wide](#)")

Now to your table spread we come (LOVE UNKNOWN) AA #100.

When at this table [AHIMILECH] HiOS #148

Brilliant, challenging text, so worth the while to learn. Can be sung to O PERFECT LOVE, but Colin Gibson's tune is lovely.

Other hymns and songs related to the readings:

Where mountains rise to open skies (DUNEDIN) AA #155

God of freedom, God of justice (PICARDY) AA #50

These hills where the hawk flies lonely [KAIKOURA] FFS #63

Let justice roll down like a river AA #85

Praise and thanksgiving, Father we offer [BUNESSAN aka "Morning has broken"].

It would not be difficult to make the words more inclusive, e.g. "Praise and thanksgiving we come to offer...", "Now bless the labour", "Always providing".

All who love and serve your city [MARCHING]

There's a wideness in God's mercy *Colin Gibson's adaptation of the words is excellent. HiOS #135. Sing to your own choice of 87.87D tunes, e.g. CONVERSE or ABBOT'S LEIGH*

Come and find the quiet centre [GAELIC TRADITIONAL MELODY] FFS #10(i)

Put peace into each other's hands [ST COLUMBA aka "The king of love"] *Lovely!*

Take my gifts and let me love you [TALAVERA TERRACE] AA #127 (87.87D)

I have included some of Natalie's suggestions for today – [see her extensive list here](#).

19th Sunday after Pentecost (C)

See 16th Sunday after Pentecost & Celebration of Spring suggestions

On eagle's wings (You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord)

Attractive song by Michael Joncas based on Psalm 91. [This clip](#) also has all the text, so your congregation could sing along with the refrain, perhaps. Another use would be to play this during communion.

Canticle of the turning (My soul cries out)

Rory Cooney's lively setting of the Magnificat/Hannah's Song fits well with the Gospel reading today. The linked page has a singalong video and lyrics. The tune is Irish folksong STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN it is published in CoCs #404. The arrangement can also be purchased [on this page](#), which has a more formal audio performance, too.

Other settings of the Magnificat such as **Tell out my soul** are suitable today.

In the bulb there is a flower (Hymn of promise)

Natalie Sims suggests this hymn in relation to the Jeremiah reading. You can learn the original, easy tune, or sing this to an 87.87D tune such as SCARLET RIBBONS or CONVERSE. CoCs #561. Could be used as a Gradual or Closing hymn.

Other hymns and songs for today:

All my hope on God is founded [MICHAEL] *We have provided an inclusive language 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.

4 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)

Here we bring, small or great *A lively song about riches! (Murray/Gibson) AA #62*

Son of God, eternal saviour

A very foursquare hymn for a formal setting! A good example of why texts often need to be modernized: "thou who prayedst, thou who willest," ! I suggest you use the linked text and sing this to your choice of 87.87D tune, such as HYFRYDOL

O God beyond all praising *Michael Perry's fine text set to THAXTED (aka "I vow to thee my country") is ideal for an opening hymn. CoCs #90, HFTC #36, SG #53*

Brother, sister, let me serve you (The Servant Song) **Words.**

Jesus Christ is waiting [NOEL NOUVELET aka "Now the green blade rises"]
This tune can be found in most hymnals, e.g. SG #624

When the church of Jesus shuts its outer door *is a challenging hymn from Fred Pratt Green which can also be sung to NOEL NOUVELET. SG #631. Both of these hymns would be suitable in the gradual slot.*

God who stretched the spangled heavens [ABBOT'S LEIGH]

Sweeping in scope, inclusive language, would be a good opening hymn in formal worship. "Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one."

As we gather at your table

A very fitting hymn for the Offertory today – great words by Carl P. Daw Jr. 87.87D of your choice, I like BEACH SPRING or NETTLETON – both from the American tradition.

From this holy time *Marnie Barrell's words make a great closing hymn when sung to LAUDATE DOMINUM aka "Sing praise to the Lord / O praise ye the Lord" HioS #31*

20th Sunday after Pentecost (C)

On the willows from “Godspell”.

A portion of today’s Psalm which could be played to the congregation before the service begins, for example. [This is the movie soundtrack version.](#)

Lord hear my praying, listen to me (Sorrowing song)

A lovely song of lament from Robin Mann. You will need [a copy of “Together in Song”](#) (#689) to make use of it. The tune LARA is indeed reminiscent of “Dr Zhivago” and easy to learn. [Sample recording.](#)

Other material related to today’s readings:

By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered. (TIS #617) can be sung to **O PERFECT LOVE or FINLANDIA.**

[Like a mighty river flowing](#) QUEM PASTORES LAUDAVERE *Beautiful, simple. Could be sung during communion. HFTC #32 SG #51*

The steadfast love *An inclusive language version with two verses as well as a verse in Māori, based on Lamentations/Edith McNeill “Songs of the Kingdom” #209*

The steadfast love of our God never ceases,
with mercies that never come to an end,
they are new every morning, new every morning -
great is your faithfulness O God; great is your faithfulness.

For God will prove to be good to the seeker,
the soul that rests in solitude;
there to wait for salvation, wait for salvation
and to discover steadfast love, faithful and steadfast love.

E kore mutu te aroha o Ihu
E kore mutu ana atawhai
E hōu tonu ana ngā ata katoa
Pūmau tonu tōu atawhai
E Ihu t' Ariki
E Ihu t' Ariki.

[Morning has broken](#) BUNESSAN TIS #156, CoCs #143, HFTC #265.

By the waters of Babylon JEWISH MELODY TIS #708 *A simple 3-part round. [This version](#) is by Don “American Pie” McLean*

By the Babylonian waters (rivers) KAS DZIEDAJA (or other 87.87 tune)
This is a lovely, easy Latvian tune (don't be put off by the tune name!) TiS #85, and a nice version with chords also in CoCs #198. Rather mechanical sample [here](#).

Beauty for brokenness TiS #690, Sing Glory #263, CoCs #302. Formal-style version with lyrics. The writer's own recording. And the same again with lyrics and video. Separate lyrics.

Stranger standing at my door

A challenging hymn with a strong tune, but you could sing this to ABERYSTWYTH if you leave off the last line of the verses (which still works). FFS #60. You would need a singing group or choir to lead this.

I am standing waiting AU CLAIR DE LA LUNE

Familiar tune for a hymn about child poverty: "If there is a God, a God who loves the poor, I'm still standing, waiting, waiting at your door." FFS #34

The kingdom is within you AA #137. Cecily Sheehy's lively blues could be sung as a Gradual today.

Here in this place (GATHER US IN) Lively opening song. Example performance with words. Lyrics and chords. TiS #474, CoCs #72, SG #4

Through all the changing scenes of life WILTSHIRE, or IRISH. TiS #112, SG #654

For Communion/Offertory today:

Coming together for wine and for bread CoCs #516

Good tune by Adam Tice, but these words can be sung to the familiar SLANE (aka "Be thou my vision"). "Serving, receiving, and eating the feast humbles the haughty and honours the least".

Christ is the heavenly food New to me, but this early 20th Century hymn would be lovely sung to KINGSFOLD, or else its 4 stanzas could be sung to, say, RICHMOND (aka "Fill thou my life") or ABRIDGE. Scroll down this page for the words. TiS #522

For everyone born, a place at the table Shirley Murray's stirring text for inclusion can be sung to the tune (MENSA) published in FFS #17 but there is a beautiful American tune FOR EVERYONE BORN CoCs #285 which is well worth learning. Singalong video from one of the best, First Plymouth Church, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

A fine text to sing to WOODLANDS (aka "Tell out, my soul") as the service ends. Note that the linked text has a repeated fifth line which you won't need with this tune.

Many of the selections for today are a "digest" of the diligent work of Natalie Sims on this page. You are a star!

21st Sunday after Pentecost (C)

A selection of newer material from Aotearoa as found in "Hope is our Song" published by the NZ Hymnbook Trust. Much of the material is linked if you don't yet have a copy of the book:

Who would walk cheerfully (Hymn for Quaker friends) #129 *Text which is written to be sung to MONK'S GATE (aka "Who would true valour see") "hands-on to teach and tend, to see all colours blend, to meet each soul as friend, to live as Christians."*

Here I stand among God's people #55

A hymn suited to the Offertory from Marnie Barrell. You can sing this to the new tune ABBEYFIELD (Gibson) or a familiar 87.87D tune. ABBOT'S LEIGH or BLAENWERN would work. Useful in relation to today's Gospel reading.

Here in the busy city #56 *Shirley Murray's words are apt for the Jeremiah reading today, and can be sung to the published tune CATHEDRAL SQUARE or to a 76.76D tune such as THORNBURY or WOLVERCOTE*

In what strange land #77 *Lovely song of yearning from Shirley Murray & Colin Gibson (with guitar chords). If it's time to learn something completely new this is quite easy and very effective. Colin's tune MYSTERIUM is reminiscent of the movie "Exodus". "you give me bread when I fear a stone, you do not leave me to walk alone, my heart will trust in your heart's unknown, O God, my God!" [Lyrics only.](#)*

God of work and rest and play #46 *Colin Gibson's hymn for Workplace Support is apt for today's Jeremiah reading. Lively tune, guitar chords. Something to learn well.*

God who weeps when we are weeping #52 *Marnie Barrell's trinitarian-shaped hymn can be sung to the published tune LACRIMOSA or to a suitable 87.87D tune such as GAELIC AIR (TiS #477 or FFS #10(i)), or BEACH SPRING or EBENEZER*

Other hymns and songs to fit today's readings:

Joyful, joyful we adore you (thee) [HYMN TO JOY] TiS #152

Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, source of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,

stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
singing bird and flowing fountain,
call to praise you joyfully.

You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Our Creator, Christ our brother,
all are yours who live in love;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to your joy above.

Henry Van Dyke, adapted. Public Domain
Tune: ODE TO JOY

Our cities cry to you O God Suggested tune: KINGSFOLD (86.86D) *Maybe change "rod" to "Word"? "...Inspire your church with love and power to ease our cities' pain!" Very apt words in times of terrorism.*

When we are living we are in the Lord [SOMOS DEL SENOR, TiS #778]. [LSM conference recording here](#)

This table is the Lord's FFS #64 *Colin Gibson's hymn can also be sung to the well-known FRANCONIA or CARLISLE. Good words for Communion today.*

O day of peace that dimly shines JERUSALEM or YE BANKS AND BRAES [Singalong video set to JERUSALEM](#) or [this version](#)

It is God who holds the nations *Fred Pratt Green's hymn can be sung to BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC if you add the "Glory... hallelujah, ... may the living God be praised." Make this completely inclusive (if you will) by modifying the first line to "...with a firm but loving hand" or similar. A rousing closing hymn, perhaps. (SG #304)*

Hallelujah, we sing your praises TiS #541, CoCS #656. *Great South African song to sing unaccompanied or with percussion. [Nice tight performance](#) (could be sung along with). [Version with mostly African words](#). I think it's great to learn the refrain in the original language – easy if you follow this latter video.*

The king of glory comes, the nation rejoices

Not exactly inclusive language, but the text is very fitting to the Gospel reading. TiS #279 and in "New Journeys" perhaps. [Melody line and easy chords](#). Correct verses are [on this page](#). [Video strictly for example of tune only!](#)

Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all

Attractive chant/refrain from the Iona Community TiS #737. [Unaccompanied demo with lyrics](#).

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Well-worn but very fitting today! TiS #717, CoCs #134 and many other hymnals. Good in the Gradual slot, or post-Communion. [Singalong video](#)

Jubilate everybody

If you can find it! I have this in Praying in Song #222 & "Our Songs" #165. It is also published in "Songs of Fellowship". [Dubious version with beer](#), but gives you the idea.

I will give thanks to you (Be exalted O God) *Songs of the Kingdom #191, TiS #726. [Attractive, big-sound version by John Michael Talbot](#) (KJV language). [This intergalactic video version](#) has great singalong-sized lyrics.*

Every day I will offer you *AA #36 Murray/Gibson – lively song of self-offering. [Lyrics](#) (with extra verses).*

22nd Sunday after Pentecost (C)

If you sang something new last week, it's a good idea to reinforce it the Sunday after!

Speak O Lord

Stunningly good modern hymn from Keith Getty & Stuart Townend. [This video](#) can be sung along to, but the congregation will need cues for the 2nd and 3rd verses. They will also need to learn the timing properly – there is some syncopation, but definitely worth learning, references the Epistle reading. CoCs #66. There is a concert version [here](#). Guitar chords [here](#). Music can be purchased online.

God of the Bible

A lively song by Shirley Murray and Colin Gibson. Very easy to learn, apart from the last bar of the refrain! FFS #25

Deep in the shadows of the past

An excellent narrative text about the formation of Scripture, by Brian Wren. CoCs #64, or [on this page](#). 86.86D (DCM), so a tune such as KINGSFOLD would be apt.

Holy Spirit, go before us

These words from Elizabeth Smith can be sung to a suitable 87.87D tune such as BEACH SPRING. TiS #420.

You are called to tell the story

A hymn by Ruth Duck which would be suitable for an offertory hymn today. Can be sung to REGENT SQUARE

Maker eternal and sovereign in majesty

This is an inclusive [reworking of a hymn](#) by Patrick “Lord Jesus Christ you have come to us” Appleford which can be sung to WAS LEBET.

Maker, eternal and sovereign in majesty,
judgment is yours and condemns all our pride;
stir up our leaders and people to penitence,
sorrow for sins that for vengeance have cried.

Jesus, Redeemer born humbly in poverty,
sharing a stable with beasts at your birth,
stir us to work for your justice and charity,
truly to care for the poor upon earth.

Come, Holy Spirit, create in us holiness,
lift up our lives to your standard of right;
stir every will to new ventures of faithfulness,
flood the whole church with your glorious light.

Holiest Trinity, perfect in unity,
bind in your love every nation and race:
may we adore you for time and eternity,
Maker, Redeemer and Spirit of grace.

Patrick Appleford, adaptation based on the modern version found in "Together in Song"

Break now (thou) the bread of life (BREAD OF LIFE)
Devotional hymn, could be sung during communion.

Christ has changed the world's direction (MICHAEL) HioS #15

God has spoken to the (his) people (SONG OF GOOD NEWS) TiS #636
Some adaptation of the language to make it inclusive would probably be helpful.

How sure the Scriptures are (DARWALL) *Unfortunately not very inclusive language.*

Great is your (thy) faithfulness

How firm a foundation (ST DENIO aka "Immortal, invisible") *Inclusive language re-working of the traditional hymn.*

How firm a foundation, O people of God,
is laid for our faith in the life-giving Word!
What more can God say to us than has been said
to everyone trusting in Jesus our head?

Since you walk beside us, we won't be afraid.
We trust your provision and won't be dismayed:
you strengthen us, guard us, and help us to stand,
upheld by your righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters you calls us to go,
the rivers of trouble shall not overflow;
for you will be with us, to help and to bless,
and work for our good through our deepest distress.

When through fiery trials our pathway may lead,
God's grace shall sustain us with all that we need;
the flames shall not hurt us, the maker's design
our dross to consume and our gold to refine.

Whoever has come to believe in that name
will not be deserted, and not put to shame;

through hell may endeavour that Christian to shake
our God will not leave us, nor ever forsake.

Based on the Jubilate Hymns version of *How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord*
sometimes attributed to Richard Keen (fl.c. 1787)

Where the road runs out AA #156

Your words to me are life and health (WILTSHIRE or other 86.86 (CM)) TIS #430

Thanks be to God whose word was spoken (ST HELEN). Easy to change "his" to "the" in the
last line. TIS #431

O Lord hear my prayer (Taize)

Spirit, spirit of gentleness Jim Manley's folk hymn

As we walk along beside you FFS #3 Although a post-Easter (Emmaus) song, it references
the risen Christ explaining the Scriptures. (Perry/Render)

Here is bread, here is wine (Kendrick) I prefer "... feast with Jesus here".
Linked video is a rather "purple" version of quite a straightforward communion song.

23rd Sunday after Pentecost (C)

Praise to the living God [DIADEMATA aka "Crown him with many crowns"]

Thanks to Natalie Sims for pointing to this great piece of contemporary American writing (by Curtis Beach) which is one of the few hymns to celebrate evolution. Good opening hymn if you want something formal. Suggest (for our market) that you change "mart" to "shop" or "store". CoCs #8 has 3 verses only. Today's psalm is the reference.

When at this table [AHIMILECH] HiOS #148

Brilliant, challenging text, so worth the while to learn. Can be sung to O PERFECT LOVE, but Colin Gibson's tune is lovely. Good for the Offertory hymn today, or during communion.

Other hymns and songs for today:

O Saviour in this quiet place

Fred Pratt Green's hymn is very apt for today, and also relates to healing ministry. Could be sung during communion. 86.86 (CM) tune such as ST PETER or another familiar to your congregation.

Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord [WOODLANDS aka "Tell out my soul"]. 3 verses only make this a suitable gradual hymn to follow today's Epistle. Rousing words and tune. TiS #411

E te Ariki, kia aroha mai (trad. Kyrie in Maori / Render) Also suitable for the Gradual today, or another Kyrie your congregation is familiar with. FFS #13

Look around you, can you see* (Kyrie Eleison) [LSM conference recording here](#)

Another suitable Gradual song (or modern hymn), if you have access to it. I have this in "Praying in Song" #243.

Gather us in (Here in this place) Marty Haugen's lively gathering song.

Example performance with words. Lyrics and chords. TiS #474, CoCs #72, SG #4

Christ has changed the world's direction HiOS #15, can be sung to MICHAEL (aka "All my hope..."), you could sing just the first 4 verses.

Just as I am without one plea The American tune WOODWORTH is more melodic than the better known MISERICORDIA. See the link for the tune, words and chords. 6 verses (omit #2?) is probably plenty. HFTC #440 and *Jubilate* have the more modern words. In an Anglican setting this would work well during Communion.

Nothing is lost on the breath of God FFS #50

Give thanks for life [SINE NOMINE] AA #45 Rousing hymn to conclude (or open) a service.

All Saints Day (C)

Featured: **For all the saints** [SINE NOMINE] in a [contemporary form of the words](#), without all that warfare imagery, by Jim Cotter, who gave us the “Alternative Lord’s Prayer” NZPB p.181. Scroll right down the page. CoCs also has a good form of the words #331

Song of faith that sings forever FFS #57

Rejoice in God’s saints also TiS 470 [LAUDATE DOMINUM is suggested, or DARWALL]

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

As stars adorn the night-veiled sky WAREHAM A *useful hymn by Carl Daw, but note the misspelling of “hope” in the first verse!*

We sing for all the unsung saints (Daw) [ELLACOMBE, KINGSFOLD]
Good for reflecting on the faithful lives of ordinary Christians

Who sweeps the stable when Christmas is over *is not a Christmas Carol by Shirley Murray and Colin Gibson, but a sweet and easy song in the same category of “Unsung Saints”. HioS #154, has guitar chords too.*

As we gather in your presence now

Lively song from ResoundWorship for all ages, about all kinds of Christian ministry. All resources for this song available for a small fee.

Here in this Place (Gather us in) *Marty Haugen’s lively gathering song* CoCs #72 TiS #474
[LSM conference recording here](#)

All Souls Day

Nothing is lost on the breath of God A Colin Gibson hymn, easy to learn, that belongs in every repertoire. FFS #50. Provided free-to-use [on this page](#). What are you waiting for, unless it's a musician?

When we lift our pack and go Murray/Render

A hymn about departures AA 153 [Youtube example](#) of this being sung by a congregation in Geneva begins at 2:50 CoCs #634

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 SOLOMON'S MEMORY Murray/Render 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 SINE NOMINE

This time it's [Shirley Murray's revision](#). "And for our own, our living and our dead, thanks for the love by which our life is fed..." Click "I agree" to see the lyrics.

24th Sunday after Pentecost (C)

Today's emphasis is "Singing God's praise" taken from Psalm 145

Three things I promise

A beautiful, personal hymn of dedication by Brian Wren. Fantastic tune by Dan Damon[FROMM]. However, you could sing this to WAREHAM

Bring to the Lord a glad new song [JERUSALEM]

An opening hymn which also has echoes of the OT reading

Ancient of days (Blessing and honour)

Upbeat worship song in a gospel style SG #106. This sophisticated singalong video is in the contemporary style. Or this singalong video more in a rock style. Pretty inclusive language, too! (If you were doing this with live musicians you could, perhaps, sing "Your reign is established in all the earth".

Other hymns and songs:

O God beyond all praising [THAXTED]

Excellent opening hymn to a grand and well-known tune (From Holst's "The Planets")

I lift you up in praise

A metrical version of Psalm 145 in inclusive language based on "The Psalter Hymnal". Works well sung to FULDA (88.88).

I lift you up in praise, my God,
blessing your sovereign rule, your name;
I will extol you every day
and ever more your praise proclaim.

Our God is greatly to be praised,
majesty past all human thought,
from age to age our mortal tongues
shall tell the wonders you have wrought.

Upon your glorious majesty
and wondrous works my mind shall dwell;
your deeds shall fill the world with awe,
and of your greatness I will tell.

Your matchless goodness and your grace
your people shall commemorate,
and all your truth and righteousness
their joyful song shall celebrate.

God, you are good in all your ways,
all creatures know your constant care;
to all your works your love extends,
in tender mercies all may share.

Your works shall give you thanks, O God,
your saints your mighty acts shall show,
till people everywhere on earth
your rule, your power and glory know.

Based (for inclusive language) on The Psalter Hymnal version of Psalm 145

Suggested tune: FULDA or DUKE STREET (88.88)

Bless the Lord O my soul (10000 reasons) *words and guitar chords [here](#)*

All my hope on God is founded [MICHAEL] *We have provided an inclusive language 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.

4 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)

Now thank we all our God [NUN DANKET]

The TiS version (#106) has quite inclusive language cf. CoCs #131 which suggests: "in whom this world rejoices"; "and keep us still in grace"; "... our Maker now be given, to Christ and Spirit too, our help...". OR "... the Word and Spirit blest, who reign..."

All creatures of our God [LASST UNS ERFREUEN aka EASTER SONG]

I found one inclusive language suggestion: "All creatures of our God now sing, lift up your voices, let them ring" and "Sing (your) praises, alleluia". Six verses may be too many!

Joyful joyful we adore you [ODE TO JOY] *Inclusive, updated text available in index.*

Like a mighty river flowing [QUEM PASTORES LAUDAVERE] *Beautiful, simple. Could be sung during communion. HFTC #32 SG #51*

Eternal light shine in my heart [O WALY WALY] *or other 88.88 tune.*

Could be sung during communion

This is a day of new beginnings *TiS #653 (Wren/Young)*

*Excellent communion hymn well suited to the theme: "Our God is making all things new".
Easy to learn*

Sent forth by God's blessing *is another mission-focused post-Communion hymn which is sung to THE ASH GROVE TiS #531, CoCs #648 . This version of the words is reasonably inclusive but you could easily tweak the God-language.*

25th Sunday after Pentecost (C)

For several more songs on Isaiah and the justice theme in 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah the prophet has written of old TiS #663

Wonderful words which perhaps are best sung to the early American tune SAMANTHRA which is truly worth learning. I can provide chords in Fm and Em.

O day of peace that dimly shines [JERUSALEM]

God of creation, all-powerful [SLANE]

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

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

Be still my soul, the Lord is on your side [FINLANDIA] TiS #123

Bambelela (Never give up)

Be still and know that I am God

Stand up and bless the Lord [CARLISLE]

I will give thanks to you (thee) / Be exalted O God

You are the king of glory

Reign of Christ (C)

Featured: **You Lord are both Lamb and Shepherd** [PICARDY]

Simply superb writing by Sylvia Dunstan. Perfect for today, perhaps as the Offertory Hymn. There is a stunning arrangement performed by [this choir and orchestra](#) on YouTube. This hymn is also known as "Christus Paradox" CoCs #22

O God of earth and space (Jane Parker Huber)

*A great opening hymn. The only tune is LEONI which may be known by your congregation, and is not hard to learn. Scroll down for the text. Another suitable hymn to the same tune is Shirley Murray's **Community of Christ** (TiS #473, CoCs #354)*

Hallelujah for the Lord our God the almighty reigns SiS #102

Blast from the past that 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, SG #632

Good closing song. [Here is a singlong video](#) (YouTube) which appears to be Cliff Richard and others.

Come sing praises to the Lord above [CALYPSO CAROL]

Good if your congregation sings "See him lying on a bed of straw" as long as you don't mind the "kingy" language. TiS #53. Words available in the index with completely inclusive language.

Let us sing to the God of salvation [SING HOSANNA aka "Give me oil in my lamp"] Same caveat as the previous song! TiS #52

All hail the power of Jesus name CoCs #105, TiS #224) **DIADEM** is a good tune

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

All heaven declares SG #420

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun [TRURO] *This version of the words is helpful*

Alleluia, sing to Jesus [HYFRYDOL]

One version of this hymn (which is not in many hymnbooks because of the Eucharistic theology) has "Yours the blood and yours the body in our Eucharistic feast". This version should be acceptable to most, though. Note typo in v4.

O worship the King all glorious above [HANOVER] *Updated words, but not inclusive God-language*

King of kings and Lord of Lords (glory, hallelujah) *Songs of the Kingdom* #204

Majesty *Songs of the Kingdom* #1

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

Who is moving through the silence? AA #157 (Weir/Render)

Link is to the Festival Singers of Wellington performing Guy Jansen's arrangement. Could be played as a meditation after/during communion.

Aotearoa Sunday

Selections for Aotearoa Sunday:

Beneath the Southern Cross

You can buy Malcolm Gordon's Songbook "Songs for the Saints" [on this site](#). It includes copyable music (full accompaniment and guitar/piano chords) and a CD

Where mountains rise to open skies [DUNEDIN] AA #155

Touch the earth lightly [TENDERNESS] AA #143

E Ihowa Atua / God of nations AA #51 (*1st verse in both languages*)

God of our island home HioS #43 *Suggest that you could 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

Very easy to learn! Link provides words and music

We are many, we are one FFS #67

Another of Colin Gibson's lively and easy to learn songs. Link provides words and music

God of unexplored tomorrows FFS #27 *which may be sung to MARCHING or other 8.7.8.7*

Blow through the valleys FFS #6 *Bill Bennett's popular hymn*

You could sing a Maori hymn your congregation knows, or sing along with tracks from the "Shiloh Whanau" album, e.g.:

I love this family of God (E Aroha Ana Ahau) [LSM conference recording here](#)

Kia Hiwa Ra (Lift Up Your Heads) *Also very suitable for "The Reign of Christ" [LSM Conference recording here](#)*