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#### Introduction

"Music and silence—how I detest them both!"

Screwtape, under-secretary to the devil,

The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis

It's easy to see why the enemies of mankind would hate and fear both sacred silence and sacred music. Both bring joy, spur contemplation, and draw the soul nearer to the Lord. Both have been part of our private prayer as well as our communal liturgy for thousands of years.

The Psalms—biblical songs of praise, supplication, and wonder—have been sung for three thousand years. Naturally, Jesus, his disciples, and later the early Christian community also sang hymns (from the Greek word meaning "songs of praise"), as The New Testament makes clear.

We sing because we love, and sung praise elevates our words, takes them out of the realm of the commonplace, and increases our joy. The holy pleasure of singing to God involves the entire person—spirit, heart, mind, and body—and unites us not only with the Divine but also with one another as a worshiping community.

This collection of hymns for the singing Catholic congregation exemplifies the best of the genre. These songs are religiously orthodox, beautiful, sacred, and—for the most part—familiar. But here you will also find worthy hymn tunes and texts that are new to you.

Sung hymns have been an important part of the Liturgy of the Hours for century upon century, so they are nothing new, although singing them at Mass is relatively recent.

We present this book to propose not that hymns replace the proper chants for a particular day's Mass but live happily alongside them. In most instances the chants for processions are the prerogative of cantors and choirs and, as the texts change with every Sunday and solemnity, it's not practical for the congregation to learn and sing them.

Hymns, on the other hand, belong to all the faithful and serve as a key means of the "active participation" spoken of in Vatican II's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy.

May this book bring joy to all who sing from it!

#### Playing Hymns in the Key of C: A Beginner's Guide

Welcome to Playing Hymns in the Key of C.

#### Churches are desperate for people who can play hymns.

If you ever took piano lessons, you might be surprised to learn that you could help fill this need. In this special hymnal book you only play in the key of C, but the people will hear them and sing them in the proper key. No longer will you fear lots of sharps or flats in a key signature.

#### How is this possible?

Many organs, digital pianos, and keyboards have the ability to play in any key. The control, called a **Transposer**, changes the key while you play automatically.

If a singer needs a lower key, you just set the Transposer -2 to have it sound two steps lower, C becomes  $B^{\flat}$ .

Then, set it higher to +3, C sounds  $E^{\flat}$ .

#### What does this do for me?

Let's use the device in a very different way.

Anyone who ever took piano lessons started playing in the key of C. When you see a piece of music in the key of C, it's like finding an old friend.

But what if your lessons were years and years ago? It doesn't matter how long ago you had lessons—muscle memory stays in the brain and is not affected by aging.

We took our Simple Organ Edition of our hymnal and changed every hymn to the key of C.

#### To play Abide With Me, which is $E^{\flat}$ in the hymnal:

- 1. Look at the **TRANSPOSE:** +3 number on the music.
- 2. Set the Transposer to +3.
- 3. Play the hymn.
- 4. Reset the Transposer back to 0 when done.

This Simple book makes hymns easier to play than from the hymnal.

The Transposer makes it sound in the correct key.

#### Concerned you might forget to reset the Transposer to 0?

If your keyboard or organ is controlled by a knob you turn, always remember to immediately twist the knob back to position 0 at the end the hymn. Make a simple practice of doing that every time.

But if it displays in a window, try this:

- 1. Set the Transposer to +3.
- 2. At the end of the hymn, press CANCEL (which clears all the stops).
- 3. Look in the window and see what the Transposer shows.
- 4. If it reads 0, from then on always press CANCEL after you play.

Pushing CANCEL after playing any piece or hymn is a very good practice because all stops are set to off and accidentally touching a key or stepping on a pedal will make no sound until you set more stops.

#### But what about setting stops and the volume?

Preset stop settings are available on most organs. If an organist is not available, one from a neighboring church could visit to show you the standard stop settings for hymns and show you which volume pedal to use.

**Don't worry:** You don't need to play the pedals for basic hymn playing and you only need to play both hands on one keyboard.

#### A bit of background:

Back in Bach's time, keyboards could be slid to the right or left to match different tunings. This eliminated some very tricky fingerings for keyboard players when playing with orchestras in different areas.

Irving Berlin, the composer who wrote many popular songs, did not read music. He taught himself to play on his own, in only one key—using the black keys. So he had a grand piano made with a sliding keyboard to help him compose in whatever key singers needed.

### HYMNS

#### Abide With Me

10 10 10 10

EVENTIDE

WILLIAM H. MONK, 1823–1889

TRANSPOSE: +3 (E)



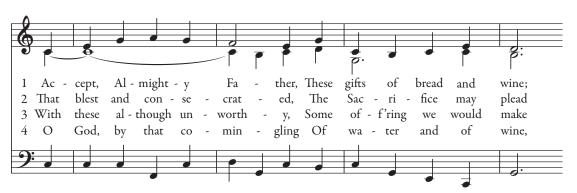
- 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
- 5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies; Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee: In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me. Amen.

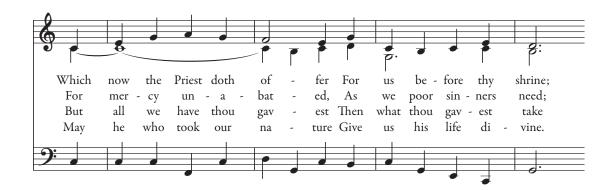
BASED ON LUKE 24:29 HENRY F. LYTE, 1793-1847

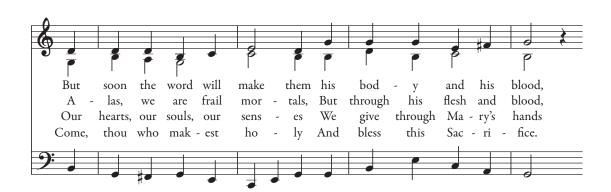
#### Accept, Almighty Father

L. HEROLD'S GESANGBUCH, 1908

#### TRANSPOSE: +5 (F)









Nimm an, o Herr, die Gaben; Franz Seraph von Kohlbrenner, 1728–1783 tr. by anon.

#### All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635 Harm. By William H. Monk, 1823–1889





- 4 To thee before thy passion They sang their hymns of praise: To thee, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.
- 5 Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the prayers we bring, Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.

Gloria, Laus et Honor; Theodulph of Orleans, C. 760–821 Tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

#### All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

86 86 86

CORONATION

OLIVER HOLDEN, 1765-1836



EDWARD PERRONET, 1726-1792 ALT. BY JOHN RIPPON, 1751-1836

#### All People That on Earth Do Dwell

88 88

OLD HUNDREDTH

MELODY FROM GENEVAN PSALTER, 1551 ATTR. TO LOUIS BOURGEOIS, C. 1510–1561, ALT.

#### TRANSPOSE: -5 (G)



- 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mercy is forever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.
- 5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heav'n and earth adore, From men and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore.
- 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

BASED ON PSALM 100 VSS. 1–5, WILLIAM KETHE, D. C. 1594, ALT. VS. 6, THOMAS KEN, 1637–1711

#### All You Who Seek a Comfort Sure

86 86 D

KINGSFOLD

TRADITIONAL ENGLISH FOLK SONG HARM. BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS, 1872–1958





QUINCUMQUE CERTUM QUAERITIS, 18TH CENT. TR. BY EDWARD CASWALL, 1814–1878, ALT.

#### Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

87 87 D

HYMN TO JOY

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827 adapt. and harm. by Edward Hodges, 1796–1867



Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.

#### 8 Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise

87 87 D

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

TRADITIONAL AMERICAN MELODY



EDWARD CASWALL, 1814–1878

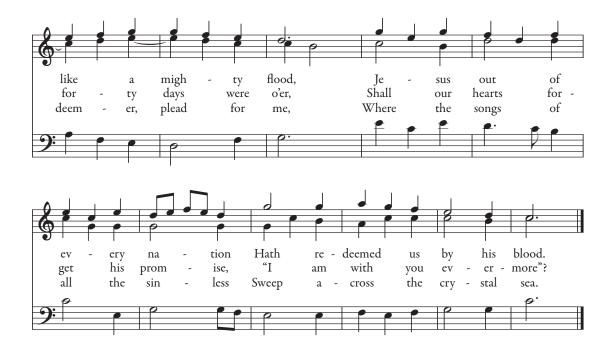
#### Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

ROWLAND H. PRITCHARD, 1811-1887







- 4 Alleluia! King eternal, Thee the Lord of lords we own; Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth thy footstool, Heav'n thy throne: Thou within the veil hast entered, Robed in flesh our great high priest: Thou on earth both priest and victim In the Eucharistic feast.
- 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne. Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone. Hark! The songs of holy Zion Thunder like a mighty flood, Jesus out of every nation Hath redeemed us by his blood.

BASED ON REVELATION 5:9–14 WILLIAM C. DIX, 1837–1898

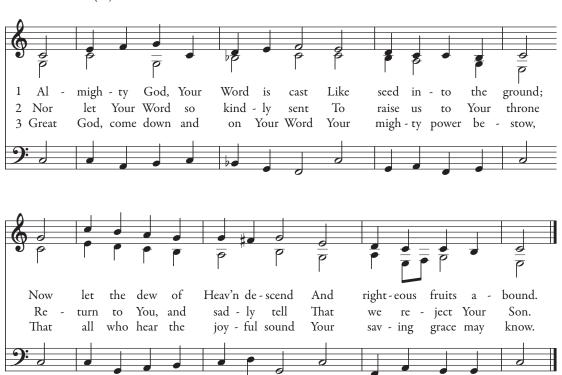
#### Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

86 86

DUNDEE

MELODY FROM SCOTTISH PSALTER, 1615 ADAPT. AND HARM. BY THOMAS RAVENSCROFT, 1592–1635

#### TRANSPOSE: +3 (E)



JOHN CAWOOD, 1775–1852, ALT.

#### 11 Angels, From the Realms of Glory

87 87 87

REGENT SQUARE

HENRY T. SMART, 1813-1879

TRANSPOSE: -2 (B)



- 4 Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear; Suddenly the Lord, descending, In his temple shall appear.
- 5 All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son, Evermore your voices raising, to the eternal Three-in-One:

VSS 1-4, JAMES MONTGOMERY, 1771-1854 VS. 5, SALISBURY HYMN BOOK, 1857

#### Angels We Have Heard on High

77 77 WITH REFRAIN

GLORIA

TRADITIONAL FRENCH CAROL



LES ANGES DANS NOS CAMPAGNES; TRADITIONAL FRENCH CAROL, C. 18TH CENT.
TR. BY JAMES CHADWICK, 1813–1882, AND OTHERS, ALT.

#### As With Gladness Men of Old

77 77 77

DIX

Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872 Adapt. and Harm. by William H. Monk, 1823–1889

TRANSPOSE: -5 (G)



- 4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day Keep us in the narrow way; And, when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds thy glory hide.
- 5 In the heav'nly country bright Need they no created light; Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down; There for ever may we sing Alleluias to our King.

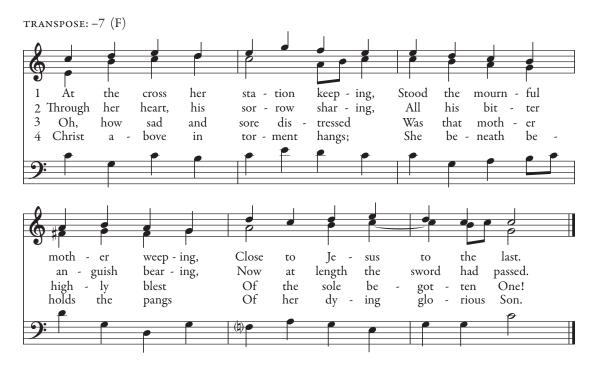
WILLIAM C. DIX, 1837-1898

#### At the Cross Her Station Keeping

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STABAT MATER

MAINTZISCH GESANGBUCH, 1661



- 5 Is there one who would not weep, Whelmed in miseries so deep Christ's dear Mother to behold?
- 6 Can the human heart refrain From partaking in her pain, In that Mother's pain untold?
- 7 Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled, She beheld her tender Child All with bloody scourges rent;
- 8 For the sins of his own nation, Saw him hang in desolation, Till his Spirit forth he sent.
- 9 O thou Mother! Fount of love! Touch my spirit from above, Make my heart with thine accord:
- Make me feel as thou hast felt; Make my soul to glow and melt With the love of Christ my Lord.
- 11 Holy Mother! pierce me through; In my heart each wound renew Of my Savior crucified:
- 12 Let me share with thee his pain, Who for all my sins was slain, Who for me in torment died.

- 13 Let me mingle tears with thee, Mourning him who mourned for me, All the days that I may live:
- 14 By the Cross with thee to stay; There with thee to weep and pray; Is all I ask thee to give.
- 15 Virgin of all virgins blest! Listen to my fond request: Let me share thy grief divine;
- 16 Let me, to my lastest breath, In my body bear the death Of that dying Son of thine.
- 17 Wounded with his ev'ry wound, Steep my soul till it hath swooned In his very blood away.
- 18 Be to me, O Virgin, nigh, Lest in flames I burn and die, In that awful Judgment day.
- 19 Christ, when thou shalt call me hence, Be thy Mother my defence, Be thy Cross my victory;
- 20 While my body here decays, May my soul thy goodness praise, Safe in Paradise with thee. Amen.

STABAT MATER DOLOROSA; JACAPONE DA TODI, 1230–1306 TR. BY EDWARD CASWALL, 1814–1878, ALT.

#### At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

77 77 D

SALZBURG

Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702 Harm. By Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

TRANSPOSE: +2 (D) feast we the Lamb's high sing Praise to our vic - to - rious King, blood is poured, Death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword; Where the pas - chal Might - y from on high, Hell's fierce pow'rs be - neath thee Vic - tim Eas - ter a - lone do tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, These sin de - stroy. Flow - ing from pierc - ed side; Who hath washed us in the tide his tri - um - phant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Is - rael's hosts Thou hast con - quered in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light: free Souls new - born, From sins pow'r do thou set O Lord, in thee. Praise we him whose love di - vine Gives blood for wine, his sa - cred Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, pas - chal bread; more death ap - pall, Now no more the Now no can grave en - thrall; songs of praise, thee we Hymns of glo - ry, Fa - ther, un - to Gives his Bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. With sin - cer - i Eat we and love man - na ty from Thou hast o - pened Par - a - dise, And in thee thy saints shall rise. Ris - en Lord, all praise to thee With the Spi - rit ev - er

> AD REGIAS AGNI DAPES, 17TH CENT. TR. BY ROBERT CAMPBELL, 1814–1868, ALT.

Augustus Edmonds Tozer, 1857–1919





Augustus Edmonds Tozer, 1857–1919

#### Away in a Manger

CRADLE SONG

WILLIAM JAMES KIRKPATRICK, 1838-1921





VSS. 1–2, LITTLE CHILDREN'S BOOK FOR SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES, C. 1885 VS. 3, JOHN T. McFarland, 1851–1913