



USHER'S DAY

MUSIC & WORSHIP RESOURCES

Sunday, July 13, 2008

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1. Invocation or Litany

“Always Room for One More.” (Based on the Spiritual “Plenty Good Room”)

One: There’s always room in God’s house for one more.

Many: There’s plenty good room!
Plenty good room!
Plenty good room in God’s House!

One: This place where we gather is filled with good things: companionship and familiarity; warmth and security; support and encouragement. We’ve come to claim our seat in God’s House of Prayer.

Many: There’s plenty good room! Plenty good room! Plenty good room in God’s House!

One: We have entered into these doors. Our host, Jesus Christ, has called us to this house of prayer name by name. Evil is not welcomed here. Let those who are sad come and claim their joy! Let those who are scared come and claim their boldness! Let those

who are frustrated come and claim their calmness.

**ALL: There's plenty good room. Plenty good room!
Plenty good room in God's House!
We gather to talk to God and to each other.
We will sing praises to God's holy name.
We claim our rightful place in this House of Prayer.**

2. Hymns and Congregational Songs

These selections could be used for a Processional.

(a) Welcome to My Father's House. By V. Michael McKay

(b) We're Marching to Zion. By Isaac Watts and Robert Lowry. Tune, (MARCHING TO ZION), by Robert Lowry

(c) Koinoina ("You're My Brother"). By V. Michael McKay

(d) Walking Up the King's Highway. By Mary Gardner and Thomas Dorsey

3. Spirituals or Traditional Songs

(a) If I Can Help Somebody. By Alma B. Androzzo. Arr. by Nathan Carter. (This selection can also be offered as a solo.)

(b) Walk Together Children.

1. Arr. by Henry Smith. For SATB
2. Arr. by Moses Hogan. For SATB
3. Arr. by Rollo Dillworth. 2-part

(c) Walk Together Children. Spiritual

4. Gospel Songs for Choirs, Ensembles, or Praise Teams

The following can also be used for Music of Preparation.

(a) Come and Go with Me. Congregational Praise Song

(b) Sweet, Sweet, Spirit. By Doris Akers

(c) We Have Come into this House. By Bruce Ballinger

(d) We Are Soldiers. Traditional Gospel Hymn. Arr. by Nolan Williams, Jr.

5. Liturgical Dance Music

(a) To My Father's House. By Edwin Hawkins

(b) My Father's House. By Deitrick Haddon

6. Modern Songs

(a) Dwell in the House. By Gale Jones Murphy. For SATB, piano

(b) Walk Together Children. Spiritual. Arr. by Anthony Leach

7. Offertory Song or Instrumental

(a) Offertory Preparation

May be read by a worship leader or recited by congregation to prepare for giving.

Lord, no matter what I say, no matter what I do, this gift represents what I really think of you. No matter what I say, no matter what I do, this gift represents what I really think of you.

(b) Offertory Song

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise. By Kirk Dearman

8. Song or Instrumental for the Period of Prayer

(a) We Are Standing on Holy Ground. By Geron Davis

(b) Order My Steps. By Glenn E. Burleigh

9. Invitational Song or Instrumental

We Must Work. By Keith C. Laws

10. Benediction Spoken or Sung

Spoken

(a) Benediction

One: Go into the world with compassion.

Many: We leave to be compassionate to all we meet, for angels may be among us and we are unaware.

One: Go into the world with mercy.

Many: We will be merciful to even the unmerciful. We ask God's help.

One: Go into the world, heal the sick, and raise the dead.

ALL: We leave to do the greater works in the name of the Voice, the Answer, and the Response. HALLELUJAH and AMEN!

Sung

(b) Take the Name of Jesus with You. By Lydia Baxter. Tune, (PRECIOUS NAME), by William H. Doane

(c) God Be with You. Traditional. By Thomas Dorsey

(d) Siyahamba/We Are Marching. (South African Folk Song)

11. Audio Visual Suggestion

Use images of front church doors and images of all of the ushers and related usher auxiliaries in your church.

Cites and Additional Information for Music and Material Listed

1. Invocation or Litany

“Always Room for One More.” (Based on the Spiritual “Plenty Good Room.”) The Africana Worship Book: Year A. By Davis, Valerie Bridgeman, and Safiyah Fosua, eds. Nashville, TN: Discipleship Resources, 2006, p. 64. Used with permission.

2. Hymns and Congregational Songs

These selections could be used for a Processional.

(a) Welcome to My Father’s House. By V. Michael McKay

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. Chicago, IL: GIA Publications, 2001. #340

(b) We’re Marching to Zion. By Isaac Watts and Robert Lowry. Tune, (MARCHING TO ZION), by Robert Lowry

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #590

Lead Me, Guide Me: The African American Catholic Hymnal. Chicago, IL: GIA Publications, 1987. #316

Boyer, Horace Clarence. Lift Every Voice and Sing II: An African American Hymnal. New York, NY: Church Publishing, Inc., 1993. #12

The New National Baptist Hymnal 21st Century Edition. Nashville: Triad Publications, 2001. #366

Cleveland, J. Jefferson, and Verolga Nix. Songs of Zion. Supplemental Worship Resources, 12. Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 1981. #3

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. This Far by Faith: An African American Resource for Worship. Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 1999. #135

The United Methodist Hymnal: Book of United Methodist Worship. Nashville, TN: The United Methodist Publishing House, 1989. #733

Church of God in Christ. Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. Memphis, TN: Church of God in Christ Publishing Board in association with Benson Company, 1982. #24

(c) Koinoina (“You’re My Brother”). By V. Michael McKay

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #579

(d) Walking Up the King’s Highway. By Mary Gardner and Thomas Dorsey

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #402

3. Spirituals or Traditional Songs

(a) If I Can Help Somebody. By Alma B. Androzzo. Arr. by Nathan Carter. (This selection can also be offered as a solo.)

Location:

Choral Arrangement

Published by Boosey and Hawkes Publishers

Online location: www.boosey.com/pages/cr/catalogue/cat_results.asp

Audio sample of University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Choir at the Grado, Italy competition: <http://uabchoirs.blogspot.com/2005/01/mlk-if-i-can-help-somebody.html>
(allow time for download)

Solo Arrangement

Jackson, Mahalia. Mahalia Jackson: Gospels, Spirituals, and Hymns 1991. New York, NY: Columbia/Legacy Recordings, 1998.

Online location: www.legacyrecordings.com/Mahalia-Jackson/Gospels-Spirituals-and-Hymns.aspx

(b) Walk Together Children

1. Arr. by Henry Smith. For SATB

2. Arr. by Moses Hogan. For SATB

3. Arr. by Rollo Dillworth. 2-part

Location:

Choral arrangements (b) 1, 2, and 3 can be obtained through:

J. W. Pepper & Sons Incorporated

2480 Industrial Boulevard

Paoli, PA 19301

Phone: 1-800-345-6296

Online location: www.jwpepper.com

(c) Walk Together Children. Spiritual

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #541

4. Gospel Songs for Choirs, Ensembles, or Praise Teams

The following can also be used for Music of Preparation.

(a) Come and Go with Me. Congregational Praise Song

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #596

Lead Me, Guide Me: The African American Catholic Hymnal. #250

This Far by Faith. #141

(b) Sweet, Sweet, Spirit. By Doris Akers

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #326

Lead Me, Guide Me: The African American Catholic Hymnal. #75

Lift Every Voice and Sing II. #120

The New National Baptist Hymnal 21st Century Edition. #127

This Far by Faith. #102

The United Methodist Hymnal. #334

Yes Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. #192

(c) We Have Come into this House. By Bruce Ballinger

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #174

The New National Baptist Hymnal 21st Century Edition. #30

This Far by Faith. #136

Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. #67

(d) We Are Soldiers. Traditional Gospel Hymn. Arr. by Nolan Williams, Jr.

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #488

5. Liturgical Dance Music

(a) To My Father's House. By Edwin Hawkins

Edwin Hawkins Singers. Oh Happy Day: The Best of the Edwin Hawkins Singers. New York, NY: Buddha Records, 2001.

(b) My Father's House. By Deitrick Haddon

Location:

Deitrick Haddon and the Voices of Unity. Together in Worship. Indianapolis, IN: Tyscot Records, 2007.

6. Modern Songs

(a) Dwell in the House. By Gale Jones Murphy. For SATB, piano

Location:

GIA Publications, Inc.
7404 South Mason Avenue
Chicago, IL 60638
Phone: 1-800-GIA-1358

Online location: www.giamusic.com

(b) Walk Together Children. Spiritual. Arr. by Anthony Leach

Location:

Earthsongs Music
220 NW 29th Street
Corvallis, OR 97330
Phone: 541-758-5760

Online location: www.earthsongschoralmusic.com

7. Offertory Song or Instrumental

(a) Offertory Preparation

Location:

Provided by the African American Lectionary Team

(b) Offertory Sung

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise. By Kirk Dearman

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #529

8. Song or Instrumental for the Period of Prayer

(a) We Are Standing on Holy Ground. By Geron Davis

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #183

The New National Baptist Hymnal 21st Century Edition. #300

(b) Order My Steps. By Glenn E. Burleigh

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #333

The New National Baptist Hymnal 21st Century Edition. #526

9. Invitational Song or Instrumental

We Must Work. By Keith C. Laws

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #557

10. Benediction Spoken or Sung

Spoken

(a) Hollies, Linda H. Trumpet in Zion: Worship Resources, Year C. Cleveland, OH: Pilgrim Press, 2003, p. 132. Used with permission.

Sung

(b) Take the Name of Jesus with You. By Lydia Baxter. Tune, (PRECIOUS NAME), by William H. Doane

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #297

Lead Me, Guide Me: The African American Catholic Hymnal. #261

The New National Baptist Hymnal 21st Century Edition. #410

The United Methodist Hymnal. #536

Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. #233

(c) God Be with You. Traditional. By Thomas Dorsey

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #639

Lead Me, Guide Me: The African American Catholic Hymnal. #308 (*extended version*)

Lift Every Voice and Sing II. #234

(d) Siyahamba/We Are Marching. (South African Folk Song)

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #164

AUDIO CLIP at Spirit and Song.com:

www.spiritandsong.com/musicondemand/songs/30247

Sheet Music Plus

1300 64th Street

Emeryville, CA 94608

Online location: www.sheetmusicplus.com