



MUSIC & WORSHIP RESOURCES

Friday, December 25, 2009

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1. Invocation or Litany

Introit Music

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple. Arr. by Lena Johnson McLin

Litany

We're Singing a New Tune! A Litany of Praise

One: We're singing a new tune!

Many: **Sing it ya'll!**

One: Wanna sing it! Gotta sing it! Have to sing it!

Many: **We're singing a new tune!**

One: In the darkness of terror, in the trial of human error, God has given hope,
no need to mope!

Many: **Sing it ya'll!**

One: In the depression of tragedy, in the disappointment and pain, God has sent
Jesus. There's no more shame in our game.

Many: **We're singing a new tune!**

One: A tune of blessing! A melody of salvation! A song of glory! There's
possibility for us all.

Many: **Wanna sing it! Gotta sing it! Have to sing it loud!**

One: A tune of justice, a song of redemption. A rap of joy! You can't help but to mention that:

Many: **We're singing a new tune!**

One: We sing 'cause Jesus is on the scene, the Son sent by God who saves us from our sins. Honor is his; majesty the same. Old songs we don't have to sing again.

Many: **We're singing a new tune!**

One: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

Many: **From here on out, we're singing a new tune!**

2. Hymns and Congregational Songs

(a) Angels from the Realms of Glory. By James Montgomery. Tune, (Regent Square) by Henry T. Smart

(b) It Came Upon the Midnight Clear. By Edmund H. Sears. Tune, (Carol) by Richard S. Willis

(c) There's a Song in the Air. By Josiah G. Holland. Tune, (Christmas Song) by Karl P. Harrington

(d) Good Christians, Now Rejoice. By John. M. Neal. Tune, In Dulci Jubilo. *This selection is also known as Good Christian Friends Rejoice.*

3. Spirituals or Traditional Songs

(a) King Jesus Is A-Listening. Spiritual. Arr. by Alan J. Hommerding. *For SATB choir a cappella and soloist*

Audio Sample: <http://www.wlp.jspaluch.com/download/016726-002.mp3>

(b) Sweet Little Jesus Boy. Spiritual

(c) Rise Up, Shepherds, and Follow. Spiritual. Arr. by Nolan Williams, Jr.

(d) Star of the Night. Spiritual. From *Christmas Spirituals for Choirs* Collection. By Ken Burton. For SATB choir

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

(a) A Savior Is Born. By Jalonda Robertson. For SATB choir

Audio Sample: <http://www.wlp.jspaluch.com/download/001240-012.mp3>

(b) Have You Heard about the Baby/Glory to the Newborn King. By Shelton Becton *This is a wonderful arrangement for a male trio or chorus. It is also the audio that accompanies this Christmas unit.*

(c) Rejoice. By Richard Smallwood

5. Liturgical Dance or Mime Music

- (a) God's Own Son. By Nicole C. Mullen
- (b) Emmanuel, God with Us/O Come O Come Emmanuel. By Nathan and Christy Nockels. Arr. by Carl Marsh

6. Anthems

- (a) African Noel. By Andre Thomas. For SATB choir
- (b) Messiah Now Has Come. By Nolan Williams, Jr. *For SSAATTBB choir and optional orchestra*

Also see the video "Messiah Now Has Come" from Christmas 2008 (Year One) in the worship archive on The African American Lectionary.

- (c) Amuworo ayi out nwa (For Unto Us a Child Is Born). From *World Carols for Choirs* by Christian Onyeji. For SATB. *This piece is from Nigeria and may be sung in its original language or English. A pronunciation guide is provided for those who wish to sing the original text.*
- (d) Celebrate Joy. By Michael Dryver. *This selection is ideal for youth and children's choirs.*
- (e) He Came to Give Us Life. From *Gloria Christ Is Born*. By Dello Thedford

7. Modern Songs

- (a) Rise Up in Splendor. By Aaron Thompson. For SATB choir, soloist, and percussionist. *This selection has a rhythmic calypso feel.*

Audio Sample: <http://www.wlp.jspaluch.com/download/016702-017.mp3>

- (b) Zum Gala Zula Christmas. By Lena Johnson McLin. For SATB choir

8. Song or Instrumental for the Offertory Period

- (a) Come All Ye Faithful. By John F. Wade. *This selection is a reggae version.*
- (b) Let the Praise Begin/Just Come/It's My Time to Be Blessed. By Fred Hammond and Joe Pace

9. Song or Instrumental for the Period of Prayer

- (a) Jesus the Very Thought Is Sweet. By Mack Wilberg. *For SATB choir and organ (or two flutes, organ, and strings)*
- (b) Jesus, Lover of My Soul. By Charles Wesley. Tune, (Martyn) by Simeon B. Marsh
- (c) As We Come to You in Prayer. By Ralph Carmichael

10. Sermonic Selection

- (a) O Holy Night. By John S. Dwight. Tune, (Cantique De Noel) by Adolphe Adams

- (b) Angels We Have Heard on High. French Traditional. Tune, Gloria. *This is a great arrangement for a children or youth choir or girl quartet.*
- (c) See What Love (the Father Hath Given Us). By Lena Johnson McLin. For SATB choir

11. Invitational Song or Instrumental

- (a) Star in the East. By Michael James, Steven Warner, and Craig Watz. *This selection features acoustic meditations.*
- (b) African Noel. By Andre Thomas and Cathy Moglebust. *For handbells, conga, and small percussion, with optional soprano soloist*

12. Benediction Song or Instrumental

- (a) Walk in the Light. By George Elderkin. Arr. by Andre Thomas. For SATB choir
- (b) Jesus, the Light of the World. Text and Tune, (We'll Walk in the Light) by George D. Elderkin
- (c) Of the Father's Love Begotten. By John M. Neale. Tune, Divinum Mysterium

13. Other Recommendations

Perform a Christmas cantata. One suggestion is "The Christmas Cantata," by African American composer Lena Johnson McLin.

Cites and Additional Information for Music and Material Listed

1. Invocation or Litany

Introit Music

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple. Arr. by Lena Johnson McLin

Location:

Neil A. Kjos Music Company
4382 Jutland Drive
San Diego, CA 92117
Phone: 858-270-9800

Online location: www.kjos.com

Litany

We're Singing a New Tune! A Litany of Praise. By Joseph W. Daniels. Adapt. by Michelle Riley Jones

Location:

Davis, Valerie Bridgeman and Safiyah Fosua. The Africana Worship Book—Year B. Nashville, TN: Discipleship Resources, 2007. p. 78. Used with permission.

2. Hymns and Congregational Songs

- (a) Angels from the Realms of Glory. By James Montgomery. Tune, (Regent Square) by Henry T. Smart
- Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. Chicago, IL: GIA Publications, 2001. #207

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. The A.M.E. Zion Hymnal Official Hymnal of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. Charlotte, NC: A.M.E. Zion Pub. House, 1996. #98

Lead Me, Guide Me: The African American Catholic Hymnal. Chicago, IL: GIA Publications, 1987. #18

The New National Baptist Hymnal 21st Century Edition. Nashville, TN: Triad Publications, 2005. #85

The Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal. Hagerstown, MD: Review and Herald Publishing Association. 1985. #119

Church of God in Christ. Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. Memphis, TN: Church of God in Christ Pub. Board in association with the Benson Co., 1982. #214

- (b) It Came Upon the Midnight Clear. By Edmund H. Sears. Tune, (Carol) by Richard S. Willis

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #215

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Hymnal. #97

Lead Me, Guide Me: The African American Catholic Hymnal. #23

The New National Baptist Hymnal 21st Century Edition. #84

The Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal. #130

Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. #211

- (c) There's a Song in the Air. By Josiah G. Holland. Tune, (Christmas Song) by Karl P. Harrington

Location:

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Hymnal. #103

The Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal. #120

- (d) Good Christians, Now Rejoice. By John. M. Neal. Tune, In Dulci Jubilo. *This selection is also known as Good Christian Friends Rejoice.*

Location:

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Hymnal. #108

The Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal. #136

3. Spirituals or Traditional Songs

- (a) King Jesus is A-Listening. Spiritual. Arr. by Alan J. Hommerding. *For SATB choir a cappella and soloist*

Location:

J.S. Paluch Co./World Library Publications
3708 River Road, Suite 400
Franklin Park, IL 60131-2158
Phone: 1-800-566-6150

Online location: www.wipmusic.com

Audio Sample: <http://www.wlp.jspaluch.com/download/016726-002.mp3>

- (b) Sweet Little Jesus Boy. Spiritual

Location:

Young, Thomas, Vanessa Ayers, and Robert Mosley. Black Christmas: Spirituals in the African American Tradition. San Antonio, TX: Essay/Southern Music Company, 1994.

- (c) Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow. Spiritual. Arr. by Nolan Williams, Jr.

Location:

Sheet Music Available:
NEW-J Publishing
P.O. Box 4599
Washington, DC 20017
Phone: 877-293-9734

Online location: www.sheetmusicplus.com

- (d) Star of the Night. Spiritual. From *Christmas Spirituals for Choirs* Collection. By Ken Burton. For SATB choir

Location:

Oxford University Press
198 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10016
Phone: 212-726-6000

Online location: www.us.oup.com

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

- (a) A Savior Is Born. By Jalonda Robertson. For SATB choir

Location:

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Phone: 1-800-566-6150
Online location: www.wipmusic.com

- (b) Have You Heard about the Baby/Glory to the Newborn King. By Shelton Becton *This is a wonderful arrangement for a male trio or chorus.*

Location:

Three Mo' Tenors. New York, NY: RCA Victor, 2001.

(c) Rejoice. By Richard Smallwood

Location:

Smallwood, Richard. Rejoice. New York, NY: Verity/Sony BMG, 1997.

5. Liturgical Dance or Mime Music

(a) God's Own Son. By Nicole C. Mullen

Location:

Christmas in Black and White. New York, NY: Word Entertainment, 2002.

(b) Emmanuel, God with Us/O Come O Come Emmanuel. By Nathan and Christy Nockels. Arr. by Carl Marsh

Location:

Point of Grace. A Christmas Story. New York, NY: Word Entertainment, 1999.

6. Anthems

(a) African Noel. By Andre Thomas. *For SATB choir*

Location:

Thomas, Andre. Songs from My Heart: Choral Music of Andre Thomas. Tallahassee, FL: Andre Thomas, 2004.

Alfred Publishing
Distributed by:
Sheet Music Plus
1300 64th Street
Emeryville, CA 94608
Phone: 510-420-7121

Online location: www.sheetmusicplus.com

(b) Messiah Now Has Come. By Nolan Williams, Jr. *For SSAATTBB choir and optional orchestra*

Location:

Hymn, choral, and orchestral score available:
NEW-J Publishing
Phone: 877-293-9734
Online location: mmusic@newinspiration.us

(c) Amuworo ayi out nwa (For Unto Us a Child Is Born). From *World Carols for Choirs* by Christian Onyeji. For SATB. *This piece is from Nigeria and may be sung in its original language or English. A pronunciation guide is provided for those who wish to sing the original texts.*

Location:

Oxford University Press
198 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10016
Phone: 1-800-445-9714

Online location: www.us.oup.com

(d) Celebrate Joy. By Michael Dryver. *This song is ideal for youth and children's choirs.*

Location:

Michael Dryver Music
7811 Military Road
Omaha, NE 68134
Phone: 402-455-1160

Online location: www.michaeldryver.com

(e) He Came to Give Us Life. From *Gloria Christ Is Born*. By Dello Thedford

Location:

Sheet Music Plus
Phone: 510-420-7121

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Online location: www.kjos.com

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Location:

Various Artists. A Reggae Christmas. Washington, DC: Ras Records, 2003.

(b) Let the Praise Begin/Just Come/It's My Time to Be Blessed. By Fred Hammond and Joe Pace

Location:

Three Mo' Tenors. A Taste of Three Mo' Tenors: Live in Chicago. Chicago, IL: WMK Productions, 2006.

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(b) Jesus, Lover of My Soul. By Charles Wesley. Tune, (Martyn) by Simeon B. Marsh
Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #453

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Hymnal. #293

Lead Me, Guide Me: The African American Catholic Hymnal. #169

The New National Baptist Hymnal 21st Century Edition. #64

The Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal. #489

Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. #37

(c) As We Come to You in Prayer. By Ralph Carmichael

Location:

The Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal. #671

10. Sermonic Selection

(a) O Holy Night. By John S. Dwight. Tune, (Cantique De Noel) by Adolphe Adams

Location:

The Joyous Voices. The Best Black Gospel Christmas Ever! Darien, IL: Smith & Co., 2008.

(b) Angels We Have Heard on High. French Traditional. Tune, Gloria *This is a great arrangement for a children or youth choir or girl quartet.*

Location:

Mullen, Nicole C. Christmas in Black and White. New York, NY: Word Entertainment, 2002.

(c) See What Love (the Father Hath Given Us). By Lena Johnson McLin. For SATB choir

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(b) African Noel. By Andre Thomas and Cathy Moglebust. *For handbells, conga, and small percussion, with optional soprano soloist*

Location:

Lorenz Publishing Company

501 E. Third Street
Dayton, OH 45402
Phone: 937-228-6118

Online location: www.lorenz.com

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(b) Jesus, the Light of the World. Text and Tune, (We'll Walk in the Light) by George D. Elderkin

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #217

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Hymnal. #111

The New National Baptist Hymnal 21st Century Edition. #81

(c) Of the Father's Love Begotten. By John M. Neale. Tune, Divinum Mysterium

Location:

The Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal. #116

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The Christmas Contata. By Lena Johnson McLin

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