

Singing songs from other cultures is important for the Body of Christ!

It has been said that, to build global community, we do well to listen to music from other cultures – even dance to it!

As Christians, we are a body of various people and various stories from all around the world! When we sing the Sanctus – the “Holy, Holy Holy” – in the Service of the Sacrament, we join our voices with the faithful of all times and places! We believe we are joined in song, and there are many ways to sing!

It is good for us to connect with these stories, and music can help us hear those stories in a deeper way.

What is different about these songs?

It won't take long to hear the unique sounds of music and language from a different region in the world. Melody and harmony are different; rhythms are different.

The stories expressed tell of God's work in other parts of the world, as well as of the need for God's presence in unique ways. We learn about ourselves as we connect through music!



From
*Lutheran
Service Book*

African and Caribbean

- #466 “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”
- #833 “Listen, God is Calling”
- #930 “All You Works of God, Bless the Lord”

African American spiritual

- #456 “Were You There”
- #749 “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

Celtic

- #337 “The Night Will Soon Be Ending”
- #604 “I Bind unto Myself Today”
- #709 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
- #738 “Lord of All Hopefulness”
- #877 “God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven”

Latin America/Spanish

- #502 “Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven”
- #723 “The Lord Is My Light”
- #799 “Alabaré”
- #808 “O Sing to the Lord”
- #958 “Our Father Who Art in Heaven”

Suggestion: Try singing a verse in the original language, when available (or the whole song, if you're ambitious!)



**Canadian Lutheran
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Songs from Other Cultures

*Suggestions for music
with youth and young
adults, connecting with
the stories of people
around the world!*



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Equip yourself!

Use instruments that may be new to your church community.



Percussion
djembe (or congas)
shakers (or tambourine)
claves (or wood block)



Winds
flute, saxophone (woodwind)
trombone (brass)



Strings
violin (fiddle)
guitar (bass)

Be creative with the gifts in your midst!

Use resources at your disposal!

Your church musician or music director may have special descant parts, or harmonies, or rhythm patterns to follow. They might be able to help you learn to play the music with similar instrumentation to communities from other parts of the world, or have advice for the style of song.

Be willing to try something new!

An order for a Youth Service with Global Song

L=leader C=congregation
(songs may be chosen from list on back of brochure)

Gathering song

Greeting:

L. This is the day that God has made;
C. let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Song of Praise

Prayer:

L. God of all, you join us from all corners of the earth as one. May we seek the well-being of all creatures and creation in all we do. May our living recognize the life of others everywhere. This we pray in Jesus' name.

C. Amen

Reading(s) from Holy Scripture

Welcome the gospel with song

Gospel reading

Homily or skit

Song of the day

Affirmation of Faith:

(adapted from Handt Hanson
as found in "The Other Song Book")

We believe in God – the Creator of all things – the source of all goodness and love. This is our God and we are God's people.

We believe in Jesus Christ – the Son of God – truly God yet truly human. He was crucified, died, and was buried for our sin – that we might be free and know the joy of life. He was raised on the third day and ascended to heaven. He will come again in power and glory to judge both the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit – the power of God at work inside of us.

We believe in the church of God – faithful people of God throughout the world.

We believe that our sin is forgiven and that we will live together with God for now and throughout eternity.

Amen

Responsive Prayer (based on the Psalms)

L. Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C. listen to my cry for mercy.

L. In the day of my trouble I will call to You,
C. for You will answer me
L. Hide your face from my sins
C. and blot out all my iniquity.
L. Create in me a pure heart, O God.
C. and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
L. Do not cast me from Your presence
C. or take Your Holy Spirit from me.
L. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation
C. and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.
L. Because Your loving kindness is better than life,
C. my lips shall praise You.
L. Because You have been my help,
C. therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.
L. Teach me Your way, O Lord, and I will walk in Your truth;
C. give me an undivided heart, that I may fear Your name.
L. I will praise You, O Lord, my God, with all my heart;
C. I will glorify Your name forever.
L. May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;
C. May those who love Your salvation always say, "Let God be exalted."
L. Save Your people and bless Your inheritance;
C. be their shepherd and carry them forever.
L. Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C. listen to my cry for mercy. (Hymnal Supplement 98)

Song

The Prayer Jesus taught:

(#958 "Our Father" may be sung)

Our Father in heaven,
Reveal who you are.

Set the world right;

Do what's best — as above, so below.

Keep us alive with three square meals.

Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.

Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.

You're in charge!

You can do anything you want!

You're ablaze in beauty!

Yes. Yes. Yes.

(The Message)

Blessing:

L. Let us bless the Lord. C. Thanks be to God
L. May God bless us, defend us from all evil,
and bring us to everlasting life.

C. Amen

Sending Song