

Music for worship



1. Downloading Score Sheets On-line

Hymnry.org

<http://www.hymnary.org/>

This is a go-to site to find score sheets and words for hymns that are in public domain. You can search or browse hymns by title, tune, meter, key, scripture reference, and more. There is also background information about the hymn and the song writer. By clicking on “tutorials” from the homepage you will go to a helpful video tutorial which will give you a quick tour of the site. There are also MIDI files that will play you the tune. This is great for those who don’t read music as you can listen to the different tunes to choose the one you want.

<http://nethymnal.org/> is another searchable site with a range of over 10,000 hymns. It also has MIDI files, but it does not have score sheets to download.

<http://www.jubilate.co.uk/> is a website which has much contemporary material available for download, requiring free registration. Their income comes from CCLI licensing fees, so a CCLI licence is a requirement.

Christian Copyright Licensing International CCLI

<http://nz.ccli.com>

Most of you will be aware that CCLI can provide a **church copyright licence** for you to reproduce the words to worship songs on printed service sheets, or for projecting, in your service. The licence gives you access to over 150,000 songs, legalises your use of them and saves you buying songbooks. The annual fee varies with congregational size, but for a group of under 50 is around \$100.

What you may not be aware of is an additional licence called **Song Select**. More and more people are now looking to download their music from the web rather than buy books. For an additional annual fee Song Select allows on-line access to the score sheets to thousands of songs. It has a great range of worship music, although some have been disappointed that they have been unable to find a few of their favourite New Zealand worship songs. The cost compares well with buying printed music books.

Musicnotes

<http://www.musicnotes.com/>

This is the premiere secular site for downloading sheet music and it has a great range of Christian music too which you can browse under headings like Praise and Worship, Lent and Easter, Contemporary Christian and Christmas. You can view the first page to make sure you have the right song and the arrangement that you want. Payment is on a per-song basis (usually around \$US5.00.)

2. Music Books

“10 Minutes on a Tuesday” references songs in sixteen books. Titles, prices and publication dates are listed below. Prices are from Epworth Books www.epworth.org.nz – not titles all are in stock.

- **NZ Hymnbook Trust publications** (Music): Alleluia Aotearoa (1993) \$29.00; Carol Our Christmas (1996) \$25.00; Hope is our Song (2009) \$31.00; Faith Forever Singing (2000) \$28.00
- **Complete Mission Praise** (Music - 1999) \$138.00; (Words) \$26.99
- **Hymns and Psalms** (Music - 1983) \$95.00
- **The Source** (Music - 1998) \$87.00; Vol 2 (2001) \$87.00; Vol 3 (2005) \$87.00; Vol 4 \$87.00
- **With Heart and Voice** (2004) \$19.99
- **Out of print:**
Scripture in Song Book 1 (1976); Book 2 (1981); Book 3 (1988)
Methodist Hymn Book (1933)
With One Voice (1982)

3. Accompaniment for Congregational singing

www.smallchurchmusic.com

If you are in a small church or struggle to find musicians, this site is essential for you. Not only can you download musical backing for your church music you can choose pipe organ, piano, organ and piano, band and in many cases swing band. Public Domain music can be downloaded freely, copyrighted music for a small fee.

4. Copyright

The idea of copyright is to protect the intellectual property of the owner of a work. Although most countries are bound by international copyright agreements, copyright law does differ from country to country. New Zealand copyright information can be found at www.copyright.co.nz. Generally the law is restrictive rather than permissive. However, the advent of the internet has made enforcing copyright extremely difficult. Apart from music that is in the public domain, churches should ensure that they are paying the appropriate copyright fee. The easiest way to do this is through Christian Copyright Licensing International CCLI ([see above](#)). CCLI have licences for churches to cover words and score sheets for songs as well as the public screening of movies. However, a CCLI licence does not cover all Christian music or movies.

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