

Singable Hymns

(arranged by topic)

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Acceptance of One Another:

86 Blessed spirit of my life
402 From you I receive
6 Just as long as I have breath
170 We are a gentle, angry people

Animals:

15 Lone, wild bird in lofty flight
38 Morning has broken

The Arts:

309 Earth is our homeland
30 Over my head

Autumn and Harvest:

343 A firemist and a planet
46 Now the day is over
52 In sweet fields of autumn
67 We sing now together
68 Come, ye thankful people

Beloved Community:

389 Gathered here in the mystery
360 Here we have gathered
1 May nothing evil cross this door
12 O life that maketh all things new
358 Rank by rank again we stand
354 We laugh, we cry
113 Where is our holy church?

The Bible:

393 Jubilate Deo*
200 A might fortress

386 Alleluia Chaconne
309 Earth is our homeland
128 For all that is our life
21 For the beauty of the earth
163 For the earth forever turning
347 Gather the spirit
390 Gaudeamus Hodie*
201 Glory, glory, hallelujah
394 Hava nashirah*
26 Holy, holy, holy, author of creation
29 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee
393 Jubilate Deo
311 Let it be a dance we do
149 Lift every voice and sing
38 Morning has broken
217 O sing hallelujah
393 Sing and rejoice
343 We laugh, we cry
1017 Building a new way
1028 The fire of commitment
1046 Shall we gather at the river
1030 Siyahamba*
1014 Standing on the side of love
1024 When the spirit says do
1051 We are ...*

Change:

191 Now I recall my childhood
281 O God, our help in ages past

Children:

338 I seek the spirit of a child
191 Now I recall my childhood
409 Sleep, my child
97 Sometimes I feel like a motherless child
301 Touch the earth, reach the sky

Celebration and Praise:

203 All creatures of the earth and sky
384 Alleluia

Christmas:

231 Angels we have heard on high
233 Bring a torch, Jeannette, Isabella
235 Deck the halls
237 The first nowell
239 Go tell it on the mountain
241 In the bleak midwinter
244 It came upon a midnight clear
245 Joy to the world
246 O little town of Bethlehem
253 O come, all ye faithful
225 O come, o come, Emmanuel
251 Silent night, holy night
259 We three kings
256 Winter night

Closings:

367 Allelu, allelu
384 Alleluia
386 Alleluia Chaconne*
394 Hava nashirah*
393 Jubilate Deo*

Commitment:

343 A firemist and a planet
116 I'm on my way
6 Just as long as I have breath
153 Oh, I woke up this morning
168 One more step
211 We are climbing Jacob's ladder
212 We are dancing Sarah's circle
169 We shall overcome
318 We would be one

Compassion:

86 Blessed spirit of my life
151 I wish I knew how it would feel to be free

Courage and Hope:

395 I know this rose will open

1030 Siyahamba*

1014 Standing on the side of love
1012 When I am frightened
1008 When our heart is in a holy place
1020 Woyaya*
1051 We are ...*

Death and Life:

101 Abide with me
52 In sweet fields of autumn

Earth:

203 All creatures of the earth and sky
309 Earth is our homeland
21 For the beauty of the earth
163 For the earth forever turning
301 Touch the earth, reach the sky
44 We sing of golden mornings

Easter:

61 Lo the earth awakes again
265 O sacred head, now wounded

Elders:

191 Now I recall my childhood

The Elements:

203 All creatures of the earth and sky
309 Earth is our homeland

Evening:

101 Abide with me
55 Dark of winter
409 Sleep, my child

Failings and Frailties:

205 Amazing grace
120 Turn back

Faith:

119 Once to every soul and nation*
1017 Building a new way
1023 Building bridges
1028 The fire of commitment
1021 Lean on me
1046 Shall we gather at the river

Families:

21 For the beauty of the earth
360 Here we have gathered
1021 Lean on me
1051 We are ...*

Flower Communion:

305 De colores*
352 Find a stillness
8 Mother spirit, father spirit (Capek)

*Free and Responsible Search for Truth and
Meaning:*

190 Light of ages and of nations
12 O life that maketh all things new
318 We would be one
113 Where is our holy church?

Freedom:

287 Faith of the larger liberty
116 I'm on my way
104 When Israel was in Egypt's land

Gay and Lesbian Pride Day:

323 Break not the circle
170 We are a gentle, angry people

General Service Music (All-Purpose):

188 Come, come, whoever you are
309 Earth is our homeland
208 Every time I feel the spirit
128 For all that is our life
21 For the beauty of the earth
163 For the earth forever turning
402 From you I receive, to you I give
347 Gather the spirit
29 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee
6 Just as long as I have breath
311 Let it be a dance we do

20 Be thou my vision
274 Dear mother-father of us all
287 Faith of the larger liberty
396 I know this rose will open
40 The morning hangs a signal
108 My life flows on in endless song
18 What wondrous love is this
1069 Ancient mother
1073 Earth is our mother
1031 Filled with loving kindness
1028 The fire of commitment
1024 When the spirit says do
1003 Where do we come from?

God, Goddess, and Spirit:

20 Be thou my vision
23 Bring many names
274 Dear mother-father of us all
208 Every time I feel the spirit
352 Find a stillness
343 A firemist and a planet
198 God of many names
327 Joy thou goddess
29 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee
393 Jubilate Deo*
51 Lady of the season's laughter
8 Mother spirit, father spirit
87 Nearer my God to thee
281 O God, our help in ages past

Goodness

16 'Tis a gift to be simple

Gratitude

68 Come ye thankful people, come
128 For all that is our life
21 For the beauty of the earth
331 Life is the greatest gift of all*
349 We gather together
67 We sing now together
18 What wondrous love is this
1064 Blue Boat Home
1046 Shall we gather at the river
1045 There is a balm in Gilead*
1037 We begin again in love

131 Love will guide us
38 Morning has broken
108 My life flows on in endless song
123 Spirit of Life
159 This is my song
391 Voice still and small
318 We would be one

Healing and Comfort:

101 Abide with me
205 Amazing grace
201 Glory, glory, hallelujah
18 What wondrous love is this

Hiroshima Day

177 Sakura (cherry blooms)

Hope:

391 Voice still and small

Ingathering:

360 Here we have gathered
347 Gather the spirit
389 Gathered here in the mystery of the hour

Inherent Worth and Dignity:

131 Love will guide us
170 We are a gentle, angry people
113 Where is our holy church

Integrity:

287 Faith of the larger liberty
291 Die Gedanken sind frei*
298 Wake now, my senses
301 Touch the earth, reach the sky

Interdependent Web:

298 Wake now, my senses

Jewish High Holidays:

214 Shabbat shalom*
216 Hashiveinu*
217 O sing hallelujah

Justice and Equity:

1008 When our heart is in a holy place

Hanukkah

280 Halleluhu*
223 Rock of Ages

1014 Standing on the side of love
1008 When our heart is in a holy place
1024 When the spirit says do*
1020 Woyaya*
1051 We are ...*

The Living Tradition

101 Abide with me
287 Faith of the larger liberty
352 Find a stillness
114 Forward through the ages
187 It sounds along the ages
190 Light of ages and of nations
200 A mighty fortress
8 Mother spirit, father spirit
119 Once to every soul and nation*

Love:

100 I've got peace like a river
6 Just as long as I have breath
131 Love will guide us
34 Though I may speak with bravest fire
18 What wondrous love is this
108 My life flows on in endless song
1017 Building a new way
1023 Building bridges
1031 Filled with loving kindness
1021 Lean on me
1014 Standing on the side of love
1012 When I am frightened
1008 When our heart is in a holy place
1051 We are ...*

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:

149 Lift every voice and sing
169 We shall overcome

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Nature:

203 All creatures of the earth and sky
309 Earth is our homeland
21 For the beauty of the earth
163 For the earth forever turning
52 In sweet fields of autumn
29 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee
15 The lone, wild bird in lofty flight
38 Morning has broken
12 O life that maketh all things new
1069 Ancient mother
1064 Blue boat home
1073 The earth is our mother
1046 Shall we gather at the river

The New Year:

350 The ceaseless flow of endless time

Offertory:

128 For all that is our life
402 From you I receive, to you I give

Openings:

188 Come, come, whoever you are
361 Enter, rejoice and come in
347 Gather the spirit
389 Gathered here in the mystery
390 Gaudeamus hodie*
360 Here we have gathered
123 Spirit of life

Ordination and Installation:

114 Forward through the ages
358 Rank by rank again we stand
298 Wake now, my senses

Memorials and Funerals:

101 Abide with me
396 I know this rose will open

Nations:

190 Light of ages and of nations
119 Once to every soul and nation*
122 Sound over all waters
159 This is my song

Peace and War:

400 Shalom, havayreem*
162 Gonna lay down my sword and shield
163 For the earth forever turning
168 One more step
169 We shall overcome
100 I've got peace like a river
131 Love will guide us
122 Sound over all waters
159 This is my song

Pentecost:

198 God of many names
123 Spirit of life

Prayer and Meditation:

101 Abide with me
386 Alleluia Chaconne (Pachelbel canon)
208 Every time I feel the spirit
384 Gathered here in the mystery
348 Guide my feet
401 Kum ba yah
1 May nothing evil cross this door
217 O sing hallelujah
123 Spirit of life
391 Voice still and small
318 We would be one
86 Blessed spirit of my life
87 Nearer, my God, to thee

Prophets:

287 Faith of the larger liberty
190 Light of ages and of nations
146 Soon the day will arrive
67 We sing now together

Paradox and Ambiguity:

311 Let it be a dance we do

Parents:

191 Now I recall my childhood

409 Sleep, my child

Passover:

210 Wade in the water

104 When Israel was in Egypt's land

65 The sweet June days

68 Come, ye thankful people, come

Serenity:

86 Blessed spirit of my life

55 Dark of winter

352 Find a stillness

1 May nothing evil cross this door

87 Nearer, my God, to thee

16 'Tis a gift to be simple

83 Winds be still

Social Justice:

290 Bring, O past, your honor

303 De colores*

347 Gather the spirit

348 Guide my feet

121 We'll build a land

Sorrow, Grief, and Loss:

101 Abide with me

128 For all that is our life

108 My life flows on in endless song

99 Nobody knows the trouble I've seen

30 Over my head

97 Sometimes I feel like a motherless child

391 Voice still and small

18 What wondrous love is this

1021 Lean on me

1037 We begin again in love

1012 When I am frightened

Spirituality and Spiritual Growth:

188 Come, come, whoever you are

Reason and Science:

190 Light of ages and of nations

Seasons and Cycles:

52 In sweet fields of autumn

191 Now I recall my childhood

57 All beautiful the march of days

55 Dark of winter

51 Lady of the seasons' laughter

61 Lo, the earth awakes again

32 Now thank we all our God

349 We gather together

67 We sing now together

Truth:

187 It sounds along the ages

190 Light of ages and of nations

Unity and Diversity:

305 De colores*

347 Gather the spirit

144 Now is the time approaching

159 This is my song

1023 Building bridges

1031 Filled with loving kindness

1028 The fire of commitment

1021 Lean on me

1046 Shall we gather at the river

1014 Standing on the side of love

1008 When our heart is in a holy place

Water Ceremony:

100 I've got peace like a river

210 Wade in the water

Winter:

55 Dark of winter

Words and Deeds of Prophetic Women and Men:

108 My life flows on in endless song

114 Forward through the ages

119 Once to every soul and nation*

121 We'll build a land

6 Just as long as I have breath
8 Mother spirit, father spirit
34 Though I may speak with bravest fire
211 We are climbing Jacob's ladder
212 We are dancing Sarah's circle
83 Winds be still

Summer:

65 The sweet June days

Thanksgiving Day:

21 For the beauty of the earth
190 Light of ages and of nations
146 Soon the day will arrive
159 This is my song
67 We sing now together
318 We would be one

Welcome and Ingathering:

1028 The fire of commitment
1030 Siyahamba*
1014 Standing on the side of love
1024 When the spirit says do
1020 Woyaya*

128 For all that is our life
144 Now is the time approaching
146 Soon the day will arrive
152 Follow the drinking gourd
159 This is my song
162 Gonna lay down my sword and shield
163 For the earth forever turning
169 We shall overcome
170 We are a gentle, angry people

World Community:

187 It sounds along the ages

*Hymns marked with an asterisk, while they may be familiar to many, have peculiarities of rhythm or tonality and/or are in languages other than English. The hymn leader may wish to do an introduction and/or the pianist may wish to play the hymn once before the singing starts.