

Beyond the Children's Choir: Focused Musical Experiences for Children in Worship

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Piano

Floeter, Valerie. *Hymns for Young Hands: Early Elementary Set B*. Waukesha: Floeter Music, 2017.

Floeter, Valerie. *Hymns for Young Hands: Elementary Set A*. Waukesha: Floeter Music, 2018.

Grimpo, Elizabeth. *Hymns of the Season Volume 1: Jesus, Ground of Faith*. Council Bluffs: St. Paul's Music Conservatory, 2018.

Grimpo, Elizabeth. *Lutheran Liturgies Volume 1: We Praise You, O God*. Council Bluffs: St. Paul's Music Conservatory, 2022.

Grimpo, Elizabeth. *My First Hymnal: Accompaniment Edition*. Saint Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2013.

Vandall, Robert. *What Can We Play on Sunday? Book 6: November and December Services*. Van Nuys: Alfred, 2014.

Handbells or Handchimes

Burkhardt, Michael. *Hymns for Handbells*. St. Louis: Birnamwood Publications (division of Morning Star), 2014.

Tucker, Sondra. *Organ with a Touch of Handbells*. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2103.

Other options

- Make your own (play by chord)
- Random ring
- Bells as zimbelstern

Other Instruments

Sewell, Gregg. *Carols for the Beginning Instrumentalist*. Dayton: Lorenz Corporation, 1999.

Waid, Estera. *Hymns of the Season Volume 1: Jesus, Ground of Faith Guitar Edition*. Council Bluffs: St. Paul's Music Conservatory, 2021.

Instruments of Praise. Dayton: Lorenz Corporation, 1992.

Your name and title go here!!!!

- Don't be afraid to arrange hymns specifically for a certain child in your parish.
- Transpose and simplify as necessary
- Young children enjoy seeing their name at the top of the page and often find it very special that you wrote something just for them.

Orff

Burkhardt, Michael. *Come to Bethlehem*. St. Louis: Birnamwood Publications (division of Morning Star), 2010.

Martens, Edmund. *Five Folk Hymns from Southern Harmony: Arranged for Orff Instruments and Unison Voices*. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1978.

Miscellaneous

Burkhardt, Michael. *Canons for the Church Year (Set 2)*. St. Louis: MorningStar Music Publishers, 1995.

Feierabend, John. *The Book of Canons*. Chicago: GIA, 2014.

Patterson, Mark. *Children Sing with Instruments*. Minneapolis: Augsburg, 2007.

For the very young

Ore, Charles. *11 Compositions for Organ Set V*. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1991.

Sedio, Mark. *Organ Tapestries Volume 2*. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2000.

Other ideas for the littlest saints

- Invite young children to sit with you on the bench. They can help with stops, hitting the cancel button, ringing the carillon if you have one, etc.
- Send the Hymn of the Day along with a link to families with young children ahead of Sunday so they can become familiar with it before Sunday.
- Illustrated hymn books
- Early Childhood classes/ Fingers Tell the Story

Final Thoughts

- Whenever a child plays in church, send a thank-you note. This really boosts confidence.
- Find a place other than the Divine Service for a run through. Sunday School opening, Bible class, etc. This way the child has opportunity to play in front of people and get the nerves out and things go smoother for the service.
- Always be on the look out for ways you can include children in your parish.