

Songbook for Sundays After the Epiphany 2021



Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin 9:00 a.m. Zoom Service

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1. Rock-a-my soul

1. Rock-a-my soul in the bosom of Abraham, rock-a-my soul in the bosom of Abraham,
Rock-a-my soul in the bosom of Abraham, Oh, rock-a-my soul.

2. So high you can't get over it, so low you can't go under it,
So wide you can't go' round it you must go in at the door. Oh, yeah! Now

3. Rock, rock, rock my soul. Rock, rock, rock my soul.
Rock, rock, rock my soul. Oh, rock-a-my soul.

-African American Spiritual

2. Little David, Play on your Harp

Little David play on your harp, Hallelu, Hallelu,

Little David play on your harp, Hallelu. (sing 2x)

Little David was a shepherd boy, He killed Goliath and shouted for joy.

Little David play on your harp, Hallelu, Hallelu,

Little David play on your harp, Hallelu. (sing 2x)

-African American Spiritual

3. Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Refrain:

Swing low, sweet chariot,
coming for to carry me home;
swing low, sweet chariot,
coming for to carry me home.

1. I looked over Jordan, and what did I see,
coming for to carry me home?
A band of angels coming after me,
coming for to carry me home. [Refrain]
2. If you get there before I do,
coming for to carry me home;
tell all my friends I'm coming too,
coming for to carry me home. [Refrain]
3. I'm sometimes up, I'm sometimes down,
coming for to carry me home;
but still my soul feels glory bound,
coming for to carry me home. [Refrain]

-African American Spiritual

4. Go Down, Moses

1. When Israel was in Egypt's land,
Let my people go,
oppressed so hard they could not stand,
Let my people go.

Refrain:

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,
tell old Pharaoh: Let my people go.

2. The Lord told Moses what to do,
Let my people go,
to lead the Hebrew children through,
Let my people go. [Refrain]

3. As Israel stood by the waterside,
Let my people go,
at God's command it did divide,
Let my people go. [Refrain]

4. When they had reached the other shore,
Let my people go,
they let the song of triumph soar,
Let my people go. [Refrain]

5. Lord, help us all from bondage flee,
Let my people go,
and let us all in Christ be free,
Let my people go. [Refrain]

-African American Spiritual

5. Song of Simeon

Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, This child so long foretold

This is the Savior of the world, The Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst, The joy of Israel.

- James Quinn, para. of Nunc Dimittis

6. This Little Light of Mine

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Hide it under a bucket? No!...
3. Don't let the world blow it out, ...
4. Everywhere I go...
5. All through the night...
6. All the people that I meet, I'm gonna help them shine...
7. This little light of mine... (with descant)

-African American Spiritual

7. Fishers of Men

1. I will make you fishers of men, fishers of men, fishers of men;
I will make you fishers of men if you will follow me., if you will follow me.
I will make you fishers of men if you will follow me.
2. Hear Christ calling, come unto me, come unto me, come unto me;
Hear Christ calling, come unto me, I will give you rest; I will give you rest; I will give you rest.
Hear Christ calling, come unto me, I will give you rest.

-Harry D. Clarke

8. Come, Children, Join and Sing

1. Come, children, join and sing
Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ we bring;
Alleluia! Amen!
let all, with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!
let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
Christ is our guide and friend
on whom we can depend:
his love shall never end.
Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia! Amen!
life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
on heaven's blissful shore,
his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore,
Alleluia! Amen!

-Christian H. Bateman

9. We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

1. We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
Children of the Lord.

2. Ev'ry round goes higher, higher,
Ev'ry round goes higher, higher,
Ev'ry round goes higher, higher,
Children of the Lord.

3. If you love him, why not serve him?
If you love him, why not serve him?
If you love him, why not serve him?
Children of the Lord.

4. Rise, shine, give God glory,
Rise, shine, give God glory,
Rise, shine, give God glory,
Children of the Lord.

-African American Spiritual

10. Jubilate Deo

Jubilate Deo omnis terra
Servite Domino in laetitia

11. Love, Love (round)

(I) Love, love, love, love: (II) Christians this is your call.
Love your neighbor as yourself, For God loves all.

-Unknown

12. This is My Commandment

This is my commandment, that you love one another
that your joy may be full. (x2)
that your joy may be full, that your joy may be full.
This is my commandment, that you love one another
that your joy may be full.

13. Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

1. Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love,
Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.
2. Love Him, love Him...
3. Thank Him, thank Him...
4. Serve Him, serve Him...

-Unknown

14. I Say A Prayer for Peace

I say a prayer for peace,
I say a prayer for love,
I say a prayer for the whole wide world
To join hands in love.

I give my hands for peace,
I give my hands for love,
I give my hands for the whole wide world
To join hands in love.

I take your hands for peace,
I take your hands for love,
I take your hands for the whole wide world
To join hands in love.

I give my heart for peace,
I give my heart for love,
I give my heart for the whole wide world
To join hands in love.

-Marla Perkins

15. Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son;
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.

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