

SONGS FOR DISCIPLES

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HYMN CATALOG: SONGS FOR DISCIPLES

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**[Suggested liturgical dates given in Season, Sunday, or Proper (Pr), Ordinary Time (Ot), week, in Year A, B, or C]*

Church Year Hymns (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lenten Season, Eastertide, Pentecost, Trinity Season)

No.	Title, TUNE [ALT: Alternate tune]	Season/Sunday/ Special Occasion	Scripture(s) Liturgical Year*	Description/Unique features
4a	Awake to Change BETHESDA AMES	-- Advent (can be sung in any or all Advent services) -- Christmas	Isaiah 64:1-9 [<i>1st</i> <i>Sunday of Advent, Yr.</i> <i>B</i>]; Mark 13:24-37; Luke 2:1-24 [<i>1st Pr of</i> <i>Christmas, Yrs. A,B,C</i>]	With a lively tune, this hymn’s theme is that the birth of Jesus came to unexpected people (family, shepherds) and signals to disciples today significant change is called for. The refrain says, “Awake to change that heaven’s sent; revive your soul with this advent.”
4b	Awake to Change (Arranged by Ryan Sheeler)	-- Advent (can be sung in any or all Advent services) -- Christmas	Isaiah 64:1-9 [<i>1st</i> <i>Sunday of Advent, Yr.</i> <i>B</i>]; Mark 13:24-37; Luke 2:1-24 [<i>1st Pr of</i> <i>Christmas, Yrs. A,B,C</i>]	An alternative version to the tune above, this version has been created in the Christian Worship Music (CWM) mode.
6	Follow the Star NICHOLAS [ALT: OPEN MY EYES]	-- Christmas -- Epiphany -- 1 st Sunday after Easter, Year A	Matthew 2:1-23; Isaiah 9:6-7 [<i>Christmas, A, 1st</i> <i>Pr of Christmas, Years</i> <i>A,B,C</i>]	The Matthew passage is the story of the Magi or wise men. The familiar description of the Messiah comes from the Isaiah passage. The hymn is for children. An emphasis is that all children should be safe, well fed, and nurtured.
8	Gifts ALEXIS [ALT: IN DULCI JUBILO]	-- Christmas -- Epiphany -- Lent	Isaiah 9:1-7 [<i>Christmas, 1st Pr, Yr.</i> <i>B</i>]; Mark 1:1-8 [<i>2nd</i> <i>Sunday of Lent, Yr. B</i>]; Matthew 1:18 through 2:15.	For children. In current language the deeper meaning of Christmas and its relevance is conveyed. An optional verse describes King Herod, who doesn’t welcome the Christ child.

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37a	River of Life RIVER OF LIFE	-- Epiphany season -- 3 rd Proper of Christmas	John 1:1-51 [<i>3rd Sunday of Christmas, Years A,B,C</i>]	2 keys: major/minor. Like the Eastern Church's emphasis upon Christ's baptism, this hymn contains many water images.
50	Words of Light – in process WHISTON [ALT: KREMSER]	-- Epiphany season -- Hymn prior to or after scripture reading	Psalm 36:1-10 [<i>2nd Sunday after Epiphany, Year C</i>]	The first verse acknowledges the many types of literature in the Bible. Successive verses recall famous biblical stories around water, land, wind, and fire.
51	Yes, I Will Serve KNIKER	-- Epiphany -- Trinity season	Isaiah 6:1-8 [<i>5th Sunday after Epiphany, Yr. C</i>]; Mark 6:1-13 [<i>Pr7Ot12, 6/19-625, Yr. B</i>]	Responding to God's call or Christ's call to be disciples. Appropriate for Trinity season.
47	Welcome Home ANKENY [ALT: CANONBURY; WINCHESTER NEW C.M.]	-- Lenten season (story of prodigal) -- Trinity season	Luke 15:11-32 [<i>4th Sunday in Lent, Yr. C</i>]	Options: soloist or duet; choir and congregation; groups within congregation. Has a verse that welcomes home those who served in the military.
23	In God's Image GOD'S IMAGE	-- Ash Wednesday and/or throughout Lent -- Trinity Sunday	Psalm 8:3-9 [<i>Pr7Ot12, 6/19-6/25, Year B</i>]; Mark 8:31-38 [<i>Trinity Sunday, Years A,B,C</i>]	Penitential tone. Speaks of the highs and lows of human behavior. Refrain is a prayer for repentance.
28	O Christ You Chose a Journey JOURNEY [ALT: ST. THEODULPH]	-- Passion Sunday -- Palm Sunday	Mark 11:1-11 [<i>6th Sunday in Lent</i>]; Mark 15:1-39	Focus is on Jesus' passion, i.e., his willingness to suffer. His deliberate decision to confront Roman authority and Temple leaders is its beginning.
22	How Often He Has Asked Us O SAVIOR [ALT: PASSION CHORALE]	Especially for Maundy Thursday or Good Friday service Word: Before Scripture is read.	Mark 14:32-42 [<i>Pr7Ot12, 6/19-6/25, Year B</i>]; Romans 13:11 [<i>1st Sunday in Advent, Year A</i>]	When Jesus is praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, he asks the disciples to remain awake but they fall asleep.

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No.	Title, TUNE [ALT: Alternate tune]	Season/Sunday/ Special Occasion	Scripture(s) Liturgical Year*	Description/Unique features
34	Remember Me REMEMBER ME [ALT: BOURBON L.M.]	-- Maundy Thursday	Matthew 26:17-30 [Year B]; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 [Year C]	The text is written from the perspective of frightened disciples comforted by Christ's words. In the refrain, Christ commands (meaning of "Maundy") disciples to love; he asks also to be remembered.
40	The Dream of Peace TEN MILE [ALT: MARYTON L.M.]	-- Good Friday -- All Saints	Psalm 22 [Yrs. A,B,C]; John 18:1 to 19:12 [Yrs. A,B,C]	What was Jesus Christ's perspective on his arrest, trial and crucifixion? On the cross, did he reflect on his mission of justice and a coming realm of peace?
43	We Believe, Now See WE BELIEVE	-- Easter -- 1 st or 3 rd Sunday after Easter -- Ascension	Matthew 28:1-17; Luke 24:1-53 [3 rd Sunday of Easter, Year A]; Acts 9:1-9 [3 rd Sunday of Easter, Year C]	A reciting of post-resurrection appearances. The refrain is based on the ancient words: "Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again."
5	Come Citizens, with Saints Now Sing GIFTS OF GOD [ALT: LASST UNS ERFREUEN]	-- 5 th Sunday after Easter	1 Peter 2::2-10; Ephesians 2:11-22 [Pr 11 Ot16m 7/17- 7/23,Yr.B]; 1 Cor. 12: 12-31a [3rs Sunday after Epiphany, Yr. C].	The passage from 1 Peter includes the words, "Prepare to make a defense for the hope that is in you." A gathering hymn that celebrates the gifts disciples have received and need to use as they witness.
27	Lights ORTH [ALT: HALL]	-- Eastertide -- Trinity Sunday -- Sunday 7/17-7/23 -- Christmas	Genesis 1[1 st Sunday after Epiphany]; Psalm 139:11-12 [Pr11Ot16, 7/17-7/23, Yr. B]; Luke 2:32 [1 st Sunday after Christmas, Yr. B]; John 1:7, 2:8 [2 nd Sunday after Christmas, Yr. B]; Revelation 22:5	Stresses disciples are "children of light." The hymn expresses thankfulness for the historic Church as well as individuals who have been models of faith in our lives.

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52	Your Covenant of Care SOULCARE [ALT: ST. MARGARET]	-- Easter season -- Pentecost season -- For services focused on the mission of the Church to provide care	Psalm 16 [2 nd Sunday of Easter, Yrs. A, C]; Acts 2:14a, 36-41 [Pentecost, Yrs. A,B,C]; 1 Peter 3-9; John 20:19-31 [2 nd Sun. of Easter, Yr. B]	The resurrected Christ and the community of faith provide “soulcare” through counseling and support groups for individuals and families as they grapple with faith/doubt health issues and loss.
36	Rising Again CARROLL	-- Trinity Sunday -- Funeral Service	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; John 3:13-16 [Trinity Sunday, Year B]; Romans 8:26-39 [Pr12Ot17, 7/24-7/30, Year A]	An acknowledgement of the loss of a loved one, a reminder of baptism (a first death and a new life), a joyous remembrance and a conquering of our second death through a resurrection faith.
38a	Shouts of Joy! SHOUTS OF JOY!	-- Pentecost -- 5 th Sunday in Lent	Psalm 126:1-2 [3 rd Sunday of Advent, Yr. B; 5 th Sunday in Lent, Yr. C]; Acts 2:1; 2:2-4 [Pentecost, Yrs. A,B,C]	A jubilant celebration of the Church’s birthday! Wind chimes suggested with the refrain.
21	Here Hearts Unfold RESTON UCP [ALT: ST. PETER CM]	-- Pentecost -- Epiphany -- Church Anniversary -- dedication of a Church building	1 Corinthians 12:13 [2 nd Sunday of Epiphany, Year C]; Galatians 3:38; Ephesians 2:14-22 [Pr11Ot16, 7/17-7/23, Year B]	Based on an ecumenical congregation (ties to 4 denominations); describes four discipleship actions: worship, education, service, and witnessing.

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45	We Pledge This Day, Confirm Our Vow SERVANT [ALT: CANONBURY L.M.]	-- Pentecost season -- 4 th Sunday after Epiphany -- Confirmation Service	Based on Psalm 33 [Pr5Ot10, 6/5-6/11, Yr. A] and the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-16) [4 th Sunday after Epiphany, Year A]	For Pentecost, Palm Sunday or other Sundays when confirmands affirm their baptismal vows. It is written in the plural so that the entire congregation may affirm their vows. Suitable for other Sundays as well.
25	Invitation FAITH BRYAN [ALT: TRENTHAM S.M.]	-- Trinity season -- 7 th Sunday of Easter	Matthew 4:18-22; John 10:7-11 [7 th Sunday of Easter, Years A,B,C]	Jesus calls persons of all ages: children, youth, young adult seekers, middle age, and seniors. Option: scriptural readings before each verse [suggested texts are available].
46	We Stand for Love WE STAND	-- Reformation (Reformation Sunday is usually observed the last Sunday in October) -- various Sundays in Epiphany season	Psalm 1 [6 th Sunday after Epiphany, Yr. C]; 1 Timothy 3:10-17; Romans 3:21-28 [Pr4Ot9, 5/24-6-4, Yr. A]; Ephesians 2:1-10; 1 Corinthians 12 [2 nd Sunday of Epiphany, Yr C]; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 [4 th Sunday of Epiphany, Yr. A]	In honor and memory of the Protestant Reformation, the hymn recalls what the reformers stood for: scripture, justification by faith, the priesthood of all believers, and the spreading of the Gospel.

Worship Service Elements

(Opening and Closing Hymns and Responses, Communion, Responses for Scripture reading, Offering, and Prayers)

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5	Come Citizens, with Saints Now Sing GIFTS OF GOD [ALT: LASST UNS ERFREUEN]	-- A gathering hymn (opening or worship)	1 Corinthians 12 [5 th <i>Sunday of Epiphany, Yr. C</i>]; Ephesians 3:19-22 [Pr12Ot17, 7/24-7/30, Yr. B]; 1 Peter 2:9-11; Romans 12:3-8	Emphasizes God's gifts to the Church, individual spiritual gifts, and the responsible use of gifts to help others.
9b	God Gives Us What We Need (offering response) [SCHUMANN]	-- offering response -Stewardship Sunday	2 Corinthians 9:8	Has been used by Ames UCC during four Lenten seasons. Suitable also during Stewardship Sunday.
9a	God Gives Us What We Need (offering response) ABUNDANT GIFTS	-- offering response -Stewardship Sunday	2 Corinthians 9:8	Has been used by Ames UCC during four Lenten seasons. Suitable also during Stewardship Sunday.
10	God Goes With Us AMES UCC [ALT: DUKE STREET L.M.]	-- A sending hymn (close of worship) -- -- Lent or Easter	1 Peter 3:18-22 [1 st <i>Sunday in Lent, Year B</i>]; 1 Peter 3:13-22 [6 th <i>Sunday of Easter, Year A</i>] [Also 1 Peter 9:6-11, Year A]	Disciples are to be missionaries near and far. They are sent out with the commission: "Always be prepared to make a defense for the hope that is in you."
24	Inflame My Heart VINCENT	Gathering: Prayer of Invocation	Matthew 22:37 [Pr25Ot30, 10/23-10/29, Year A]	Paraphrase of "Morning Prayer" by Methodist Bishop John Vincent, a founder of Chautauqua. <i>A guitar accompaniment version is available.</i>
30	One and All ONE AND ALL	-- A hymn whenever Communion is to be observed.	Matthew 14:13-21 [Pr13, Ot18, 7/31-8/6, Yr. A]; Mark 6:30-44 [Pr11Ot16, 7-17/-7-23, Yr. B]; Matthew 22:1-14 and 1 John 4:7-12 [5 th <i>Sunday of Easter, Yr. B</i>]	Emphasis upon Jesus' table being open to all. The refrain pairs opposites who are invited to communion. The text reflects the parable of the King whose guests make excuses; also the feeding of the 5000. Another passage to use is Luke 14:7-14, a parable about being humble at a banquet.

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32	Our Days Are Treasures TREASURES	-- Prayers of the People -- Trinity season	2 Corinthians 4:7-9 <i>[Pr. 4, Or. Time 9, Sunday between May 29 and June 4]</i>	Because disciples have failures and appear weak, the world considers the Church powerless. Using five couplets, this response reminds us that God is the powerful One who restores us.
39	Take God (response) HAYNES-BELL	-- Sending: benediction or commission message -- Epiphany season	1 Corinthians 15:20, 51-58 <i>[8th Sunday of Epiphany]</i>	Can be used as a benediction or commissioning response at close of service. Option: use as a congregational chant.
41	These Words are True (response) TRUE WORDS	-- Before or after Scripture is read	Revelation 21:1-6. <i>[All Saints, Year B; 5th Sunday of Easter, Year C]</i>	The centrality of the Word for worship may elicit a Taizé-like response.
42	Try God (response) BELL-HAYNES	-- Gathering: Opening Words	Romans 15:13	The text is based on a minister's opening of a service with the words, "Christ will look good on you."
48	When We Taste the Word (response) THE WORD	-- Word: Before or after Scripture is read	Psalms 1 <i>[7th Sunday of Easter, Yr. B]</i> ; Psalm 34:18; Psalm 119 <i>[6th Sunday after Epiphany, Yr. A]</i>	From time to time Scripture touches all of our five senses. This response has a guitar accompaniment and a keyboard version.
50	Words of Light WHISTON [ALT: KREMSER]	-- Epiphany season -- Response prior to or following scripture	Psalms 36:1-10 <i>[2nd Sunday after Epiphany, Year C]</i>	The first verse acknowledges the many types of literature in the Bible. Successive verses recall famous biblical stories around water, land, wind, and fire.

Special Services, Part A (Hymns in the Life of the Congregation)

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10	God Goes With Us AMES UCC [ALT: DUKE STREET L.M.]	-- A sending hymn (close of worship) -- -- Lent or Easter	1 Peter 3:18-22 [1 st <i>Sunday in Lent, Year B</i>]; 1 Peter 3:13-22 [6 th <i>Sunday of Easter, Year A</i>] [Also 1 Peter 5:6-11, and 1 Peter 4:12-14 <i>Year A</i>]	Disciples are to be missionaries near and far. They are sent out with the commission: "Always be prepared to make a defense for the hope that is in you."
19	Great Is Our Joy Today SFKNIKER [ALT: FAITHFULNESS]	-- Baptism	Lamentations 3:22-23; Ephesians 4:4-46; Romans 6:3-4; Matthew 26:19	For infant baptisms and dedications, also adult baptisms. Rejoicing in God's love and faithfulness, parents, family and the household of faith acknowledge that they have sacred tasks to do as they rejoice.
20	Hand in Hand GAGNON [ALT: REPTON]	Wedding	1 Corinthians 13 [4 th <i>Sunday after Easter, Yr. C</i>]; Ruth 1:16-18 [Pr26Ot31, 10/30-11/5, <i>Yr. B</i>]; Romans 12:1-13 [Pr16Ot21, 8/21-8/27, <i>Yr. A</i>]	A couple thanks God for bringing them together, emphasizes the importance of vows of faithfulness and steadfast love, engages the congregation, and pledges to be a part of their community.

Special Services, Part A (Hymns in the Life of the Congregation) (continued)

No.	Title, TUNE [ALT: Alternate tune]	Season/Sunday/ Special Occasion	Scripture(s) Liturgical Year*	Description/Unique features
21	Here Hearts Unfold RESTON UCP [ALT: ST. PETER CM]	-- Church Anniversary -- dedication of a Church building -- Pentecost -- Epiphany season	1 Corinthians 12:13 [2 nd Sunday of Epiphany, Year C]; Galatians 3:38; Ephesians 2:14-22 [Pr11Ot16, 7/17-7/23, Year B]	The hymnpoet was inspired by an ecumenical congregation with ties to four denominations. Its four verses describe discipleship actions of faith communities: worship, education, service, and witnessing.
30	One and All ONE AND ALL	-- A hymn whenever Communion is to be observed.	Matthew 14:13-21 [Pr13, Ot18, 7/31-8/6, Yr. A]; Mark 6:30-44 [Pr11Ot16, 7-17/-7-23, Yr. B]; Matthew 22:1-14 and 1 John 4:7-12 [5 th Sunday of Easter, Yr. B]	Emphasis upon Jesus' table being open to all. The refrain pairs opposites who are invited to communion. The text reflects the parable of the King whose guests make excuses; also the feeding of the 5000. Another passage to use is Luke 14:7-14, a parable about being humble at a banquet.
33	Ready ELEANOR	-- Healing Service	2 Kings 20:16; Psalm 103 [8 th Sunday after Epiphany]	A faithful disciple asks for God's will to be done while facing a life-threatening illness. Includes a near-death experience with Christ.
36	Rising Again CARROLL	-- Funeral Service -- Trinity Sunday	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; John 3:13-16 [Trinity Sunday, Year B]; Romans 8:26-39 [Pr12Ot17, 7/24-7/30, Year A]; Romans 12	An acknowledgement of the loss of a loved one, a reminder of baptism (a first death and a new life), a joyous remembrance and a conquering of our second death through a resurrection faith.
44a	We Now Give You Thanks BELLS OF IOWA STATE [ALT: BELLS OF IOWA STATE]	Memorial Service or Funeral		Emphasis upon remembering the quiet courage of the deceased and the many gifts received from that person.
44b	We Now Give You Thanks GREEN HILLS	Memorial Service or Funeral	Psalm 121; Romans 8: 37-39	Emphasis is on remembering the courage of the deceased and the gifts received from that person.

Special Services, Part A (Hymns in the Life of the Congregation) (continued)

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45	We Pledge This Day, Confirm Our Vow SERVANT [ALT: CANONBURY L.M.]	-- Confirmation Service -- Pentecost season -- 4 th Sunday after Epiphany	Based on Psalm 33 [Pr5Ot10, 6/5-6/11, Yr. A] and the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-16) [4 th Sunday after Epiphany, Year A]	For Pentecost, Palm Sunday or other Sundays when confirmands affirm their baptismal vows. It is written in the plural so that the entire congregation may affirm their vows. Suitable for other Sundays as well.
51	Yes, I Will Serve KNIKER	-- Epiphany -- Trinity season	Isaiah 6:1-8 [5 th Sunday after Epiphany, Yr. C]; Mark 6:1-13 [Pr7Ot12, 6/19-6/25, Yr. B]	Responding to God's call or Christ's call to be disciples. Appropriate for Trinity season.

**Special Services, Part B
(Social Justice Hymns and Community Holiday Songs)**

No.	Title, TUNE [ALT: Alternate tune]	Season/Sunday/ Special Occasion	Scripture(s) Liturgical Year*	Description/Unique features
1	A Thanksgiving Prayer ABUNDANT GIFTS	-- Thanksgiving -- All Saints [Year A]	Psalm 34:1-10, 22 [Pr25Ot3, 10/23-10/29, Year B]	Refrain based on Ralph Waldo Emerson poem. Verses emphasize family values, health and justice, country and world peace. Many scripture readings could apply; Psalm 34 focuses on a thanksgiving of deliverance from a variety of troubles so that a good life is possible.
2	A World of Time and Space TIME AND SPACE [ALT: TERRA BEATA]	Environment (Earth Day)	Psalm 145	Hebrew and Christian scriptures affirm that the planet earth and the universe are the creation of God. Unfortunately, humans have spoiled the environment. The hymn calls us to be accountable; we are called as stewards. The text is an acrostic, with each line beginning or containing the letters of the alphabet.

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3	Armor Us ARMOR US [ALT: CWM RHONDDA]	-- Independence Day -- or a time to reflect on a variety of social justice “battles”	Psalms 144	The text is based on Psalm 144, a psalm of lament. While the original text begins with military imagery (David preparing for war) and ends with prayer for prosperity if the nation is faithful to God, the new text references spiritual and other “battles.”
7	Freedom FREEDOM	Holocaust	Psalms of Lament Psalm 34	Based on a visit to the Holocaust Museum, WDC; a central theme is to never forget what happened. Also the hymn promotes respect for all religions.
26	Let Me Be A Friend to All CHRISTINE'S SONG	-- Friendship -- Issue of bullying -- Memorial service	Romans 12:10; John 15:1-5; Matthew 10:5- 15	Disciples are called by Christ to be friends, even when that is difficult. At times we are to “do what must be done.” Christ also instructed disciples to spread the good news and when the message was not received to move on. An optional verse conveys the thought that when one has been faithful in being friendly, at the end of life, it is “time, time to go home.”
29	Once Again SANDY HOOK	-- Social Reform	Psalms 34:18; Isaiah 2:4	A hymn that looks at the issue of gun violence and asks if there are ways to stop mass killings, “once again.”
31	Prisoners by Choice VAN HOUWELING	-- Social Reform	Ephesians 3:1; Matthew 25:36; Psalm 146:8	This hymn focuses on Jesus’ call to visit those in prison; then builds upon Paul’s statement that he became a prisoner for others. A social justice issue is reform of the prison system.
35	Ring the Bells! FOUR FREEDOMS	-- Independence Day		Text is based on four freedoms – 1) speech and expression, 2) worship, 3) freedom from want, and 4) freedom from fear. Freedoms are for all.
49	With God’s Help SURRETT [ALT: LAUDES DOMINI]	-- Labor Sunday -- 1 st Sunday after Christmas	Colossians 3:12-14 [<i>1st Sunday after Christmas, Year C</i>]	Using this timeless passage, the text acknowledges we wear different clothing in our work, but as Christians we are also “clothed” with certain ways to act toward others.

Hymns and Songs for Children and Christian Education

No.	Title, TUNE [ALT: Alternate tune]	Season/Sunday/ Special Occasion	Scripture(s) Liturgical Year*	Description/Unique features
4a	Awake to Change BETHESDA AMES	-- Advent (can be sung in any or all Advent services) -- Christmas	Isaiah 64:1-9 [<i>1st</i> <i>Sunday of Advent, Yr.</i> <i>B</i>]; Mark 13:24-37; Luke 2:1-24 [<i>1st Pr of</i> <i>Christmas, Yrs. A,B,C</i>]	With a lively tune, this hymn's theme is that the birth of Jesus came to unexpected people (family, shepherds) and signals to disciples today significant change is called for. The refrain says, "Awake to change that heaven's sent; revive your soul with this advent."
6	Follow the Star NICHOLAS [ALT: OPEN MY EYES]	-- Christmas -- Epiphany -- 1 st Sunday after Easter, Year A	Matthew 2:1-23; Isaiah 9:6-7 [<i>Christmas, A, 1st</i> <i>Pr of Christmas, Years</i> <i>A,B,C</i>]	The Matthew passage is the story of the Magi or wise men. The familiar description of the Messiah comes from the Isaiah passage. The hymn is for children. An emphasis is that all children should be safe, well fed, and nurtured.
8	Gifts ALEXIS [ALT: IN DULCI JUBILO]	-- Christmas -- Epiphany -- Lent	Isaiah 9:1-7 [<i>Christmas, 1st Pr, Yr.</i> <i>B</i>]; Mark 1:1-8 [<i>2nd</i> <i>Sunday of Lent, Yr. B</i>]; Matthew 1:18 through 2:15.	For children. In current language the deeper meaning of Christmas and its relevance is conveyed. An optional verse describes King Herod, who doesn't welcome the Christ child.
11	God's Truth Tellers (Amos) GOD'S TRUTH-TELLERS [JACOB'S LADDER]	Vacation Bible School or sermon series on prophets	Amos – entire book [<i>Pr10Ot15, 7/10-7/16,</i> <i>Yr. C</i>]; [<i>Pr11Ot16,</i> <i>7/17-7/23, Yr. C</i>]	For children, either in Church School or with children's message. Amos' message is that God is sovereign, that a corrupt nation, at national and local levels, will fall. Righteous behavior is what God expects.
12	God's Truth-Tellers (Daniel) GOD'S TRUTH-TELLERS	Same as above	Book of Daniel	Daniel is a captive trained as a civil servant who interprets dreams. He and his friends defy local customs, risking their lives in maintaining their beliefs.

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13	God's Truth-Tellers (Deborah) GOD'S TRUTH-TELLERS	Same as above	Judges 5:2-21; <i>Judges 4 [Pr 28, week of Nov. 13-19, Yr. A]</i>	A charismatic leader or judge in a period prior to the formation of the kingdom of Israel. She unites some of the tribes for a decisive battle and is remembered in the "Song of Deborah."
14	God's Truth-Tellers (Elijah) GOD'S TRUTH-TELLERS	Same as above	1 Kings 17:1-24; 18:1-46; 21:1-29; 2 Kings 1 and 2	Elijah is chosen by God to oppose King Ahab of Israel and Ahab's wife, Jezebel, who worshipped Baal, a false god. Elijah also denounces the king and queen for their deceit in acquiring land.
15	God's Truth-Tellers (Esther) GOD'S TRUTH-TELLERS	Same as above	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 [<i>Pr21, OT, week between Sept. 25 and Oct. 1, Yr. B]</i>	A short story (ten chapters) tells the exciting tale of Esther, a royal queen. With the help of Mordecai, she courageously offers a plan to the king that saves Hebrew people and identifies unfit advisers.
16	God's Truth-Tellers (Isaiah) GOD'S TRUTH-TELLERS	Same as above	Book of Isaiah	Isaiah may have been a prophet for over 60 years. He must share unpopular truths – his country will be taken into captivity. He announces the return and speaks of a coming Messiah.
17	God's Truth-Tellers (Jeremiah) GOD'S TRUTH-TELLERS	Same as above -- Christmas	Book of Jeremiah; <i>Jeremiah 3:7-14, Years A,B,C, [2nd Sunday after Christmas]</i>	Although he grew up in a priest's family, he frequently criticized religious and political leaders. For his "lamentations," he suffered beatings and imprisonment. He believed that God would someday make a new covenant with the people.
18	God's Truth-Tellers (Ruth) GOD'S TRUTH-TELLERS	Save as above	Book of Ruth	Ruth is a "foreigner" who marries a Hebrew. After her husband's death, she chooses to stay with her mother-in-law. Another "surprise" is that she is the great-grandmother of the future king, David.
19	Great is Our Joy Today SF KNIKER [ALT: FAITHFULNESS]	Baptism	Lamentations 3:22-23; Ephesians 3:4-6; Romans 6:3-4; Matthew 26:19	Similar to "Great is Your Faithfulness," this hymn addresses the role of the congregation in faithfully supporting a family as God does.

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No.	Title, TUNE [Traditional tune]	Season/Sunday/ Special Occasion	Scripture(s) Liturgical Year*	Description/Unique features
25	Invitation FAITH BRYAN [ALT: TRENTHAM S.M.]	-- Trinity season -- 7 th Sunday of Easter	Matthew 4:18-22; John 10:7-11 [<i>7th Sunday of Easter, Years A,B,C</i>]	Jesus calls persons of all ages: children, youth, young adult seekers, middle age, and seniors. Option: scriptural readings before each verse [suggested texts are available].
26	Let Me Be A Friend to All CHRISTINE'S SONG	-- Friendship -- Issue of bullying -- Memorial service	Romans 12:10; John 15:1-5; Matthew 10:5- 15	Disciples are called by Christ to be friends, even when that is difficult. At times we are to “do what must be done.” Christ also instructed disciples to spread the good news and when the message was not received to move on. An optional verse conveys the thought that when one has been faithful in being friendly, at the end of life, it is “time, time to go home.”
45	We Pledge This Day, Confirm Our Vow SERVANT [ALT: CANONBURY L.M.]	-- Pentecost season -- 4 th Sunday after Epiphany -- Confirmation Service	Based on Psalm 33 [<i>Pr5Ot10, 6/5-6/11, Yr. A</i>] and the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-16) [<i>4th Sunday after Epiphany, Year A</i>]	For Pentecost, Palm Sunday or other Sundays when confirmands affirm their baptismal vows. It is written in the plural so that the entire congregation may affirm their vows. Suitable for other Sundays as well.
47	Welcome Home ANKENY [ALT: CANONBURY; WINCHESTER NEW C.M.]	-- Lenten season (story of prodigal) -- Trinity season	Luke 15:11-32 [<i>4th Sunday in Lent, Yr. C</i>]	Options: soloist or duet; choir and congregation; groups within congregation. Has a verse that welcomes home those who served in the military.