

NOTES ABOUT CHOOSING WEDDING HYMNS

The careful choosing of hymns that are appropriate to a wedding service cannot be emphasised enough. A hymn should be chosen for its words and not for its tune; most hymns can be played to several different tunes, including ones likely to be known to a fair number of the congregation. Once you've identified a short list of possible hymns, please contact the organist who is playing at your wedding at least 6 weeks before the wedding for him or her to play the tune set and any other alternatives. Those which follow are just some suggestions with the number in the church hymn book:

Opening hymns:	For the beauty of the earth	137
	Love divine, all loves excelling	321
	O worship the King	393
	Praise, my soul, the King of heaven	422
	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	427
Middle hymns:	All people that on earth do dwell	17
	Come down O love divine	90
	Father hear the prayer we offer	120
	Fill thou my life, O Lord my God	129
	God of mercy, God of grace	175
	King of glory, King of peace	288
	Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us	293
	O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace	371
	O praise ye the Lord!	388
	O thou who camest from above	392
The King of Love my shepherd is	484	
The Lord's my shepherd	490	
Final hymns:	Now thank we all our God	354
	Give me joy in my heart	153
	Lord of all hopefulness	313
	Father, Lord of all creation	122
	O perfect love	387

These hymns are from *Hymns Old and New (New Anglican Edition)* and, together with *Mission Praise*, can be borrowed from church by arrangement with the organist or clergy. This list is not exhaustive. You can find more hymn suggestions, with words and tunes at <http://www.yourchurchwedding.org/article/hymns-for-your-wedding/>

It is not necessary to have those listed in the places suggested. If, for example, you want to have two "opening" hymns, then one might be switched to a "second" hymn and so on. If you have a request for a hymn that is not in the church hymn books please discuss this with the organist well in advance and certainly before any special service sheet is printed. We have a licence for copying the words of most hymns (CCLI number 494086), but occasionally copyright fees may be due to the publisher or special permissions might be required.

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