Modern Hymns to Traditional Tunes

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Part I SATB Music

Alphabetical by Tune Name









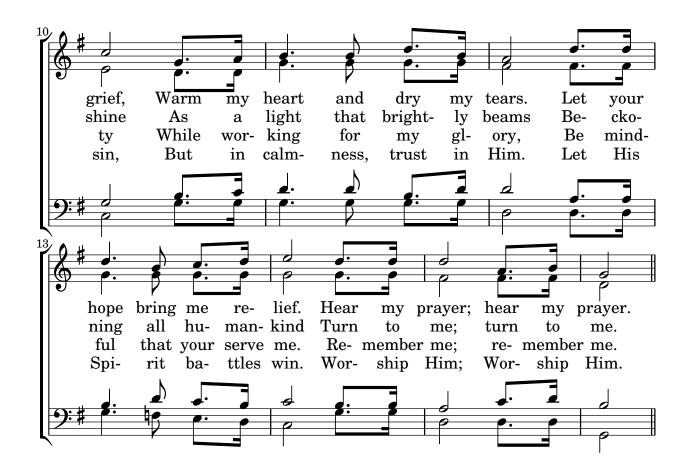








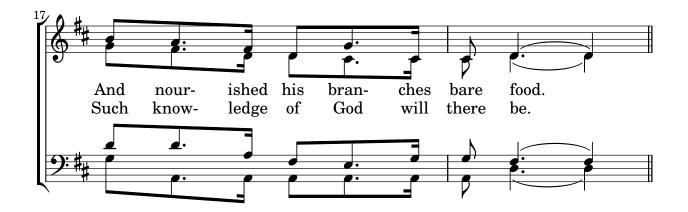


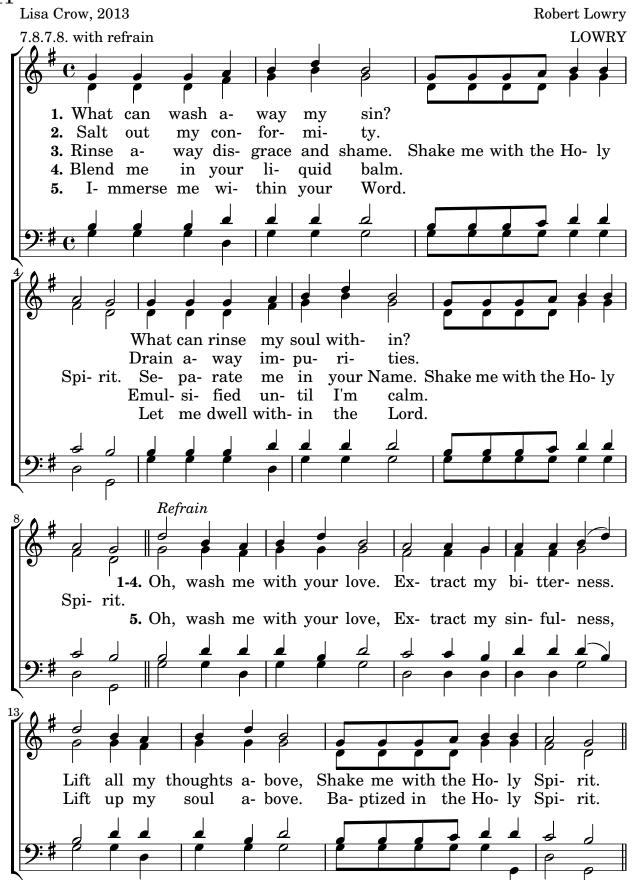


Inspired by Alan Paton's autobiography Toward the Mountain









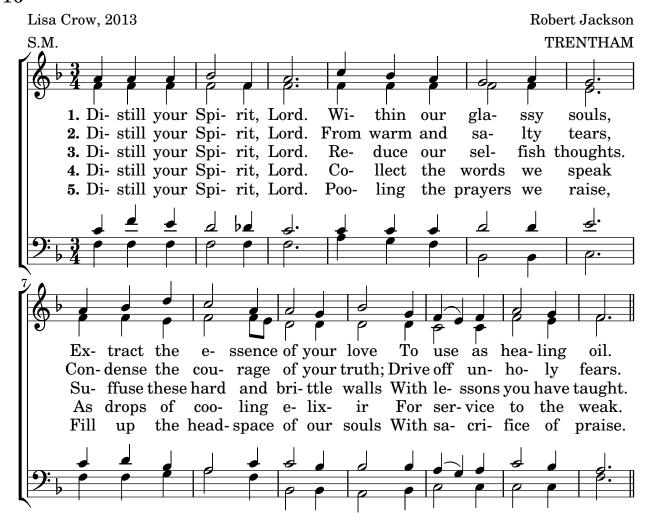




Thoughts in November 2017 on the Yazidi children unable to shepherd their sheep, the people of Zimbabwe and Kenya unable to attend work and school, the Rohingya parents lifting up babes to cross through rivers and swamp waters, and the sick with caring MSF workers in tents and hospitals in Yemen, Syria, and Afghanistan.



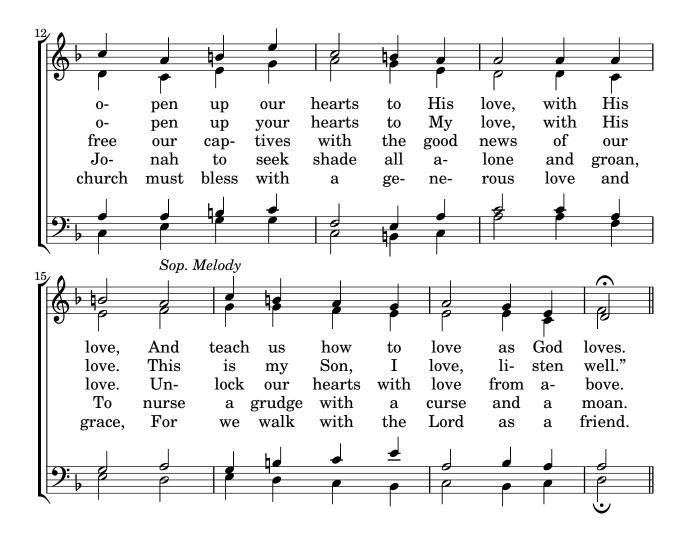






aka the Dove Matthew 3:16, 16:4, 16:18-20, 17:5. Inspired by Rev. Ed Light's Bible studies on Jonah and Matthew.





Part II Words for Projector Slides

1 A New Christmas Carol

Christ the Lord is born today, Peace and joy are given. Women, men, and children say "Praise the King of Heaven!"

Simeon sighs with deep release, "Blessed sweet salvation.

Master, dismiss me in peace,
Light up all the nations!"

Mary held this in her heart, Pond'ring through the evening. Jesus, gentle Babe, is bread, Manna for the morning.

Listen to the prophetess Full of love and wonder. Anna's witness without rest: "He is our Redeemer!"

Sing praise to the Son of God On this glorious Christmas. Let us serve Him as we should Sharing His forgiveness.

Praise this gift from God above Name Him "God now with us," Filling us with His great love, Joyous and victorious!

2 Meditation on Psalm 86

Hear our plea for gracious goodness, As we are low in spir-it. Guard us with your saving presence. We are faithful ser-vants.

Let us capture your attention. We look to you for mercy. Share with us your joyful visions. Be our hope for all to see.

Your forgiveness calms our spirits, With abounding good for all. When we call'd your name, you heard it. We look'd for you and found love.

There is none like you in greatness. All your works are marvelous. Holy people, you have made us All your glory to confess.

I will sing of God's compassion And unceasing faithfulness, Sing of love that is un-lessened And express my gratefulness.

Lord, you have been always with me, Build your heaven in my soul. Pour for it a sure foundation With salvation make it whole.

4 Meditation on Psalm 91

All of us live within God's home We nest within His shading tree As little birds that flit and roam We are secure. He makes us free.

His trilling calls we hear and learn To use as guides for when to hide When fowler's snares rouse his concern Warned off by Him, we stand aside.

We turn to home as darkness nears. No pestilence infests his nest; His gentle tending calms our fears. Asleep, beneath his wings, we rest.

5 Meditation on Psalm 121

Father, let me walk beside you. Take my hand to hold it. Your arm is strong; my path is true With you; I do not slip.

Father, watch me into the night Fix your eyes upon me. You will not sleep. I'm in your sight. Your vigilance brings peace.

Father, stand here beside me now On my journey homeward. Sheltered within your sha-dow, Protect me near you, Lord.

Your goodness Lord is generous. It is so full of love. Your righteousness extends to us An earnest call to live.

You guide the humble-hearted And teach us new ways, loving and faithful. You turn us away from trouble As we keep your covenant.

7 Asymmetric Catalysis

Lord, I am an asymmetry, A leaning mass in space... Take my bulkiness and fold it, Hold me beautif'lly in place.

Bind me to your metal center, In this great electron sea, May I catalyze your purpose In the lives surrounding me.

Let your love direct our movements Be the charge that draws us near Circled closely in communion Around your symmetric sphere.

8 We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

traditional

We are climbing Jacob's Ladder We are climbing Jacob's Ladder We are climbing Jacob's Ladder Children of the Lord.

traditional

If you love Him, why not serve Him? If you love Him, why not serve Him? If you love Him, why not serve Him? Serve Him all your days.

new

While we serve Him, let's draw near Him. While we serve Him, let's draw near Him. While we serve Him, let's draw near Him. Holy in our ways.

new

If you get to heav'n before me. If you get to heav'n before me. If you get to heav'n before me. Will you greet the Lord?

new

There in heav'n is no sorrow. There in heav'n is no sorrow. There in heav'n is no sorrow. Only peace and joy.

new

We are blest to be together. We are blest to be together. We are blest to be together. Serving in the Lord.

Lord, attend me in your love. Hear my prayer; hear my prayer. All my other hope is gone. Hear my prayer; hear my prayer. Remove this distressing grief, Warm my heart and dry my tears. Let your hope bring me relief. Hear my prayer; hear my prayer

Would you seek me when I call? Turn to me; turn to me. Here I am: your All in all. Turn to me; turn to me. May your hearts with glory shine As a light that brightly beams Beckoning all humankind Turn to me; turn to me.

Righteous ones, you are my own Remember me; remember me. By your holiness, I'm known. Remember me; remember me. Be faithful in your duty While working for my glory, Be mindful that your serve me. Remember me; remember me.

Offer up your voice in praise. Worship Him; worship him. Let your sacrifice be grace. Worship Him; Worship Him. In your anger, do not sin, But in calmness, trust in Him. Let His Spirit battles win. Worship Him; Worship Him.

10 Meditation on Isaiah 11

The Son of Man here with humility lives With righteousness, justice, and peace. He sees with his eyes and hears with his ears And judges with kindness his peers.

Refrain:

The Spirit of God does rest upon him, The Spirit of wisdom and truth. For he does delight in the fear of the Lord And rooted his branches bare fruit And nourished his branches bare food.

With justice He blesses the poor of the earth, With holiness all those in need. His faithfulness marks out our hold on His heart And righteousness binds us to heed.

The wolf meekly kneels by the great Lamb of God. The leopard will guard the scapegoat.

The calf and the lion are both fed by Him,

And leading them is a small child.

Final Refrain:

No one will harm or destroy Holy Love Upon His great Mountain of Faith God moved that the earth be filled with His Love As waters that cover the sea Such knowledge of God will there be.

11 Glassware: Separatory Funnel Extraction

What can wash away my sin? Shake me with the Holy Spirit. What can rinse my soul within? Shake me with the Holy Spirit.

Refrain:

Oh, wash me with your love. Extract my bitterness. Lift all my thoughts above, Shaken with the Holy Spirit.

Salt out my conformity. Shake me with the Holy Spirit. Drain away impurities. Shake me with the Holy Spirit.

Rinse away disgrace and shame. Shake me with the Holy Spirit. Separate me in your Name. Shake me with the Holy Spirit.

Blend me in your liquid balm. Shake me with the Holy Spirit. Emulsified until I'm calm. Shake me with the Holy Spirit.

Immerse me within your Word. Shake me with the Holy Spirit. Let me dwell within the Lord. Shake me with the Holy Spirit.

$Final\ Refrain:$

Oh, wash me with your love, Extract my sinfulness, Lift up my soul above. Baptized in the Holy Spirit.

I lift my eyes to look at you. Lord, turn to me and when you do, Stretch out your hand and set me free To live and love, and show mercy.

Sadness and sorrow fade away, In the glad service of the day, When I can see your hand at work With healing care for those who hurt.

Make me at night, faithful in prayer So I may seek your will with care. Keep me awake to watch with you For ways to love and serve anew.

Let your correction always be Heard and acknowledged openly So I may please you more each day And humbly walk your holy way.

13 Meditation on Psalm 134

Declare God's presence in the night, Though darkness presses round. His light is shining even now, With hope undimmed and bright.

As lonely darkness settles in, Kindle the warmth and light Of praising all He does as right, For He has conquered sin.

Let His touch heal your wounded heart, So love from it might flow With solace for beleaguered souls, He brings from near and far.

Serve Him with warmth where hearts are cold. Serve Him with gentle love. Serve Him with thanks for all he gives Bearing with Him each load.

Hold up your hands and praise His name For He is ever near Drying your eye of every tear Blessing you day and night.

14 The Attributes of God

When we believe that God is Love Then all the earth and heaven above Are wrapped in his sublime embrace And we are drowned within his grace.

When we believe that God is Good All these things that we wish God would Are lost in our desire for Him To bend us to his every whim.

When we behold that God is Holy We count ourselves among the guilty Let Jesus cover all our shame And present us without any blame.

When we believe that God is Just If we can help the poor, we must. And house the stranger in distress As God would have us do no less.

When we believe that God is Wise Then all the things that we surmise Are tested with the prophets words And His advice is seen and heard.

When we believe that God is Here Let us acknowledge he is near And be the people we should be With gentle words and kindly speech.

When we believe that God is Joy Our lives are richer with His love And laughter fills our saddest days With sounds that speak loud of his praise.

15 Psalm of the Limbs

How beautiful and blessed are
The feet of men and women who
Walk gently on the mountain slopes
Removing landmines from the field,
So that the shepherd children may
Skip safe and free among their sheep.
May God guide all their steps each day
And guard their feet upon the clay.

How beautiful and blessed are
The fingers of bold diplomats
Who sign away prosperity
and power of corrupt fat cats.
So that the children in the streets
Become adults who count and vote.
May God guard their fingers always,
And grant good government today.

How beautiful and blessed are
The lifted arms of parents who
Carry their children out of war
And famine into the unknown,
Rent from their own life's history,
Alive to possibility.
May God uphold their arms this day
and precious burdens on the way.

How beautiful and blessed are
Hospital wings and flaps of tents
That house the sick and shelter those
Who've lost their legs and arms in war.
May God cover with His own Wings
The doctors, nurses, patient's kin,
Shielding with His own Presence guard
The care they give without regard.

16 Glassware: Distillation

Distill your Spirit, Lord. Within our glassy souls, Extract the essence of your love To use as healing oil.

Distill your Spirit, Lord. From warm and salty tears, Condense the courage of your truth; Drive off unholy fears.

Distill your Spirit, Lord. Reduce our selfish thoughts. Suffuse these hard and brittle walls With lessons you have taught.

Distill your Spirit, Lord. Collect the words we speak As drops of cooling elixir For service to the weak.

Distill your Spirit, Lord. Pooling the prayers we raise, Fill up the headspace of our souls With sacrifice of praise.

17 Atomic Firmament

Beautiful! The world of atoms, Each with spinning heart and will, God pulls us into communion, Building us like molecules.

Let us be joined for his purpose, Meet each other as we're one, Fill the empty shells around us, Form through him a stable bond.

When we reach full conjugation, When his light shines on our souls, We can color all this nation With the love that he bestows.

Let us fluoresce ever longer, Multiply each photon sent, Make His glow shine ever brighter, In atomic firmament.

18 Meditation on Jonah

When Jonah preached the word, He spoke soft as a dove. Like Jonah, we resent all God's love. The Spirit will come down and turn us all around, And open up our hearts to His love, with His love, And teach us how to love as God loves.

The sign of Jonah comes from above as a dove.

The sign of Jonah comes with God's Love.

"This is my Son, I love. Listen to what he says,
And open up your hearts to My love, with His love.
This is my Son, I love, listen well."

The Kingdom of the Lord has these keys, these free keys. Forgiveness, love, and grace are His keys. Let us use these keys to forgive as He forgives, To free our captives with the good news of our love. Unlock our hearts with love from above.

If we would love with God, Oh, what joy for our souls! What joy our lives on His earth would hold! What friendship in the Lord! We never could afford, Like Jonah to seek shade all alone and groan, To nurse a grudge with a curse and moan.

With love and holiness, Let us bless, never curse. With love and holiness, let us bless. Upon this rock we stand, salvation is at hand. The church must bless with a generous love and grace, For we walk with the Lord as a friend.

19 IziThembiso ZeNkosi

There is no tune in this book for this hymn. If you have the music, we would love to see it.

An English Translation of the Zulu Hymn "IziThembiso ZeNkosi" Translation by Lisa Crow, July 2015

This is our hope in the Lord That sins are forever cleansed. Sin ended under the blood, And now our trust is in Him.

Refrain:

We journey from earth to heaven. The mountains may melt away, Not fearing for we are with Him, We trust in Jesus each day.

Like Abraham we gaze upward, Looking to heaven for hope. By faith, we will all be counted. Our faith is firm in the Lord.

Hope even in the darkness, Of black and moonless nights. Beyond the cloudy dimness, Shines heaven's starry light.

Hope even when hounded by evil. Because of what we believe, Forged in Love's fire and furnace, God is our own to keep.

Trust as we leave our loved ones That Jesus never leaves us, And lives among us forever, Through Him we all have won.

Believe no matter what's said, This earth we leave is so small. Our hopes on Jesus are laid, He is our All in All.

Final Refrain:

We journey from earth to heaven. The mountains may melt and quake, Not fearing for we are with Him, We trust in Jesus always.