

Dear Choristers,

Do you know that when you sing in your church choir, you are in *partnership* with your pastor or minister or anyone else who *leads* the service of worship? Your choir is able to do much more than “sing a special anthem.” You can be leaders in *worship*, and that is the most important thing you do as a choir!

With this music you are holding in your hand, you have three short and lovely pieces called *service music*. That means your choir could be responsible for:

1. calling the congregation to worship
2. *responding* to the minister’s or the congregation’s *prayer*, and
3. singing a beautiful *benediction*, asking God to bless each worshiper at the end of the service.

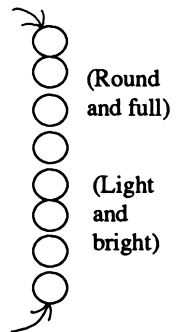
Wouldn’t you like to have *your* choir provide *all* the music leadership for a service some Sunday morning?

These three pieces are all in the key of D major. That makes the music flow through the service like a repeated color in a tapestry.

Get the “feel” of the key of D major. Sing it with many sounds:



Loo loo loo loo, lah lah lah lah.
Ah - leh - loo - yah, Ah - leh - loo - yah!
Come and wor - ship, Come and wor - ship.
God be with you, Christ be with you.



Be sure to think about the *meaning* of each of these short and wonderful texts. If you *know*, it will *show* as you sing with joy in your ♥.

Call to Worship _____ (John Erickson)

We are here with a purpose. We come with joy on this God’s holy day, to sing, to pray, on this God’s holy day.

Please come and worship! Come sing, come pray, come worship our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!






Prayer Response _____ (Psalm 19:14)

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer.



Benediction _____ (John Erickson)

Now may the  light of God be with you to guide you,
Now may the  love of God be with you to strengthen you.
Now may the **Son**  of God be with you to be a joy in all you do, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



- Helen Kemp

We Come With Joy

(Call to Worship)



John Erickson

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With anticipation and joy (♩ = 100)

1 2 3 4

We come with joy on

5 6 7 8

this, God's ho - ly day, to sing, to pray, on

The book, *Of Primary Importance, Volume II*, by Helen Kemp (CGBK-54), includes teaching suggestions for this octavo and ten others in the series. Also available: cassette recording of the octavos (CGCT-18).

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9 10 11 12

this God's ho - ly day. Come sing, come pray, come

13 14 15 16

wor - ship our God. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -

17 18 19 20 21

lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

May the Words of My Mouth

(Prayer Response)



Psalm 19:14

John Erickson

Thoughtfully (♩ = 60)

1 2 3 4

May the words_ of my mouth and the med - i - ta - tion

5 6 7 8 9

of my_ heart _____ be ac - cept-a - ble in your sight, _ O

10 11 12 13 14

Lord, our strength_ and our_ Re - deem - er.