



Music for Special Days

Just when you think you've got it figure out, then a holiday hits you.



Introduction



- ▶ We often adjust our music choices in church services to reflect different holidays or seasons.
- ▶ Since these songs are not in a regular rotation throughout the year, they can become unfamiliar.
- ▶ **PREPARE!!!! PRACTICE!!!!**

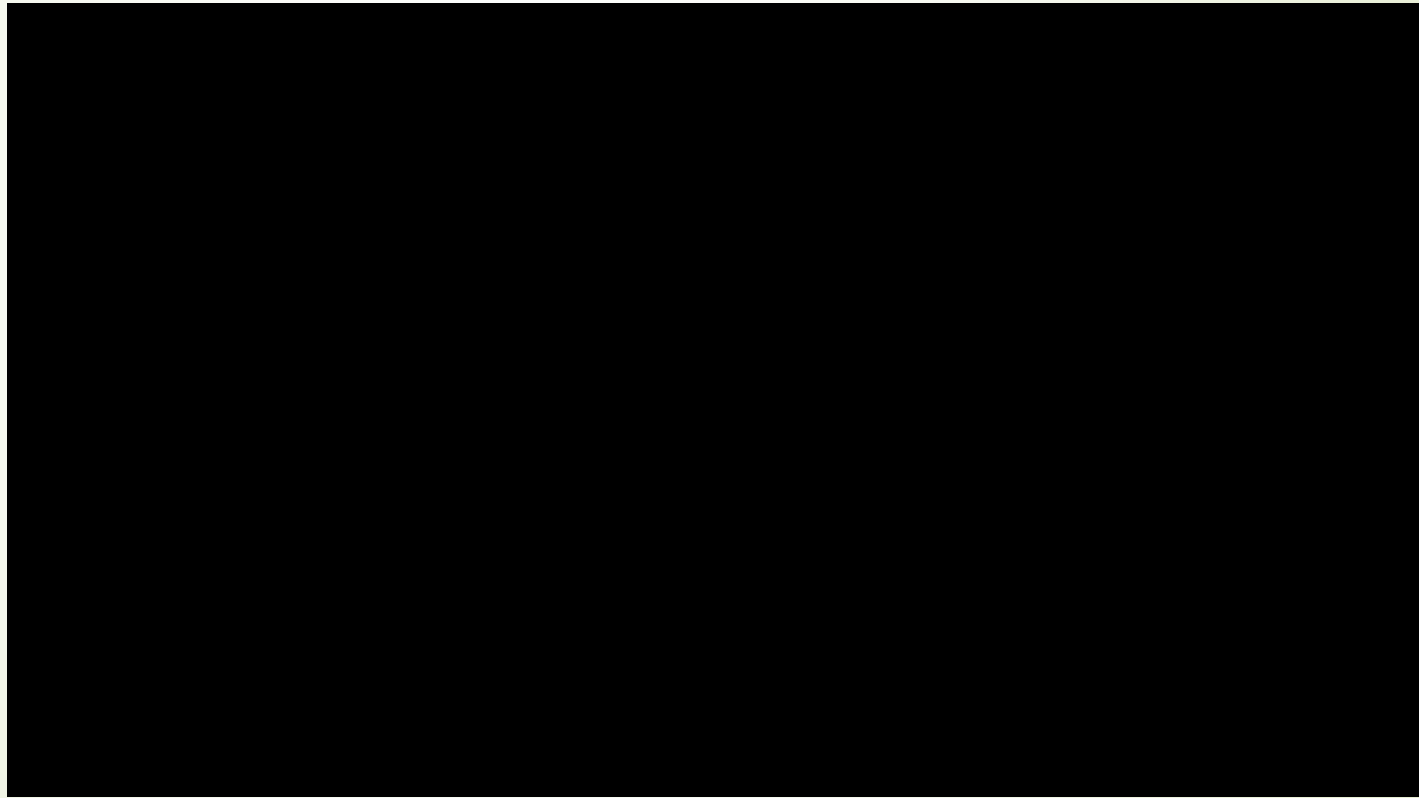


Easter



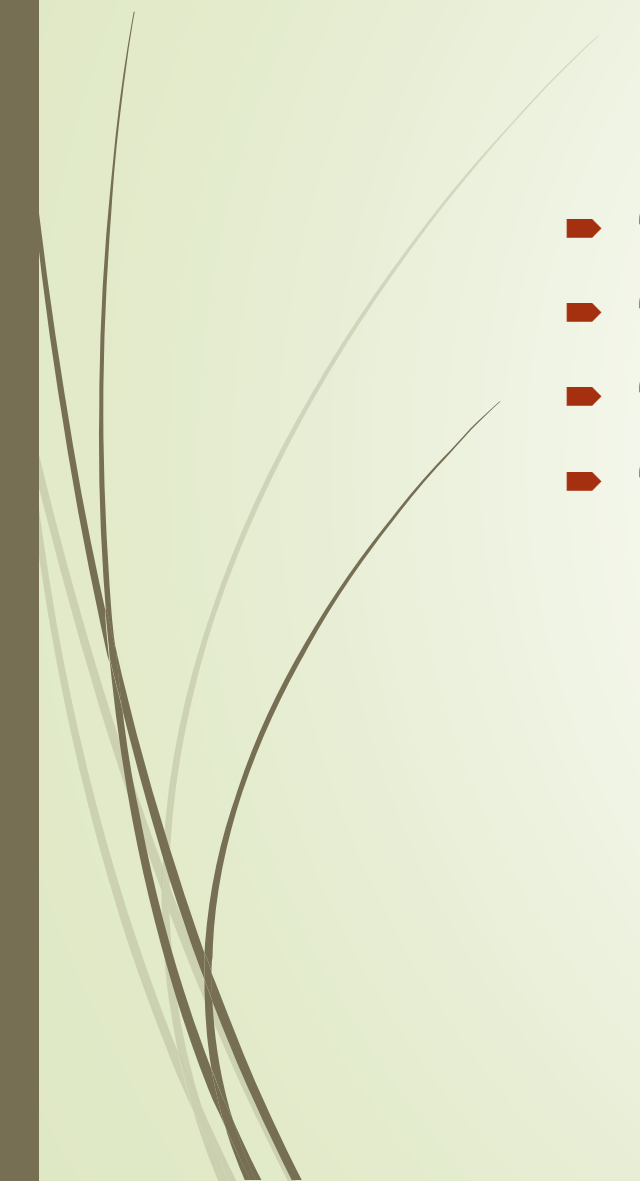


“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”



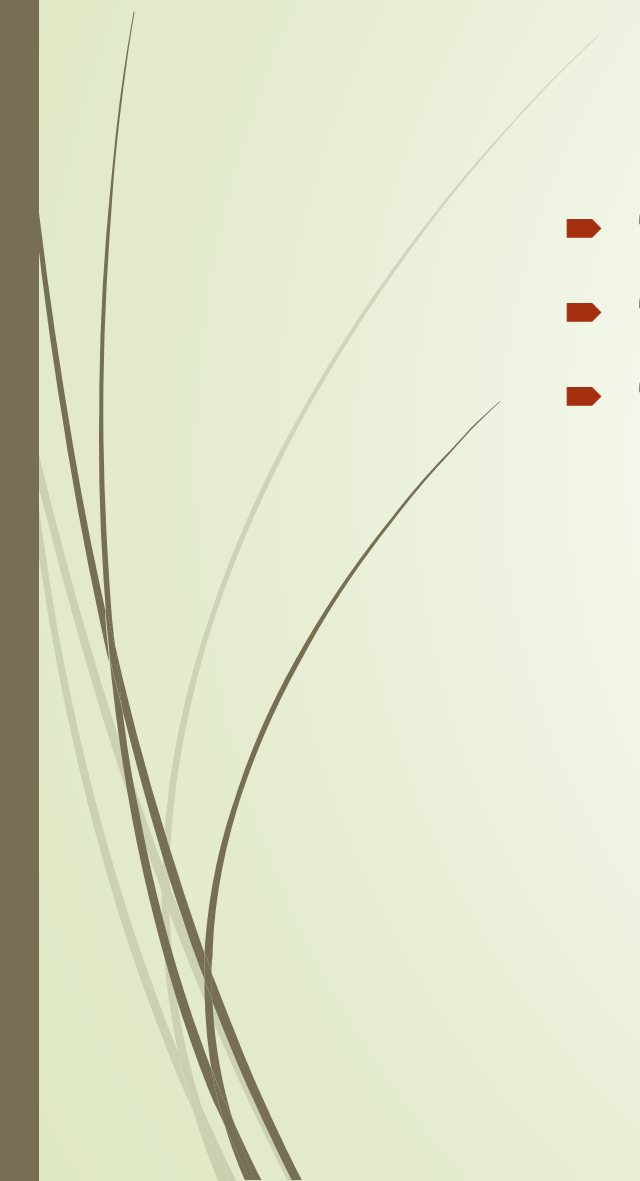


Common Easter Songs:

- ▶ “Low in the Grave He Lay” – Robert Lowry
 - ▶ “One Day” – J. Wilbur Chapman and Charles Marsh
 - ▶ “He Lives” – A.H. Ackley
 - ▶ “Because He Lives” – Bill and Gloria Gaither
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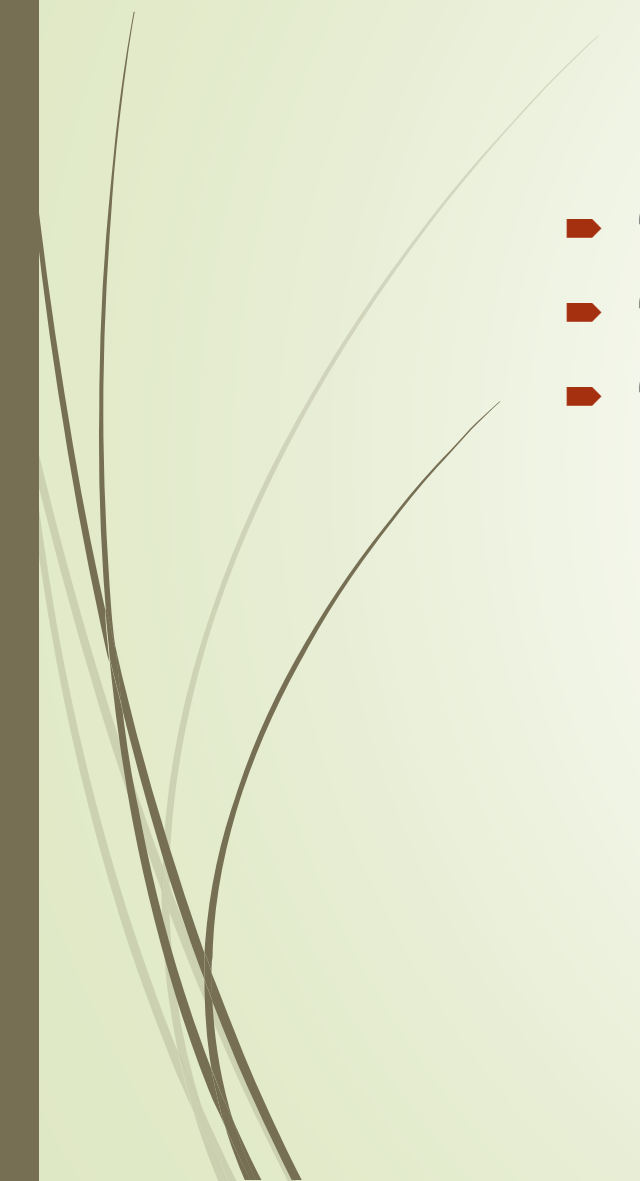


Less Common Easter Songs:

- ▶ “Lead Me to Calvary” by Jennie Hussey and William Kirkpatrick
 - ▶ “Crown Him with Many Crowns” – Matthew Bridges and George Elvey
 - ▶ “Were You There?” – Traditional/Spiritual
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Easter Songs to Avoid:

- ▶ “He is Lord” – Steve Vest and others
 - ▶ “In the Garden” – C. Austin Miles
 - ▶ “He Lives on High” – B.B. McKinney
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Easter Specials to Avoid:

- ▶ “Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)” – by Casting Crowns
 - ▶ “In Christ Alone” by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
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Christmas



Common Christmas Songs:

- ▶ “Angels We Have Heard on High” – Traditional
- ▶ “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” – Charles Wesley and Felix Mendelssohn
- ▶ “Joy to the World” by Isaac Watts and George Handel
- ▶ “O Come, All Ye Faithful” – Latin hymn
- ▶ “The First Noel” – Traditional carol
- ▶ “O Little Town of Bethlehem” - Philips Brooks and Leis Redner
- ▶ “Silent Night” - Joseph Mohr and Franz Gruber
- ▶ “Angels From the Realms of Glory” – James Montgomery and Henry Smart



Common Christmas Songs:

- “Away in a Manger” – NOT MARTIN LUTHER
 - Don’t neglect the CRADLE SONG tune!
- “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” – Latin Hymn
- “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” – Charles Wesley and Rowland Prichard
- “Good Christian Men, Rejoice” – Traditional carol
- “What Child is This?” William Dix and Traditional tune
- “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne” by Emily Elliot and Timothy Matthews



Less Common Christmas Songs:

- ▶ “The Birthday of a King” - William Harold Neidlinger
- ▶ “In the Bleak Mid-Winter” – Christina Rossetti and Gustave Holst
- ▶ “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” – Traditional carol



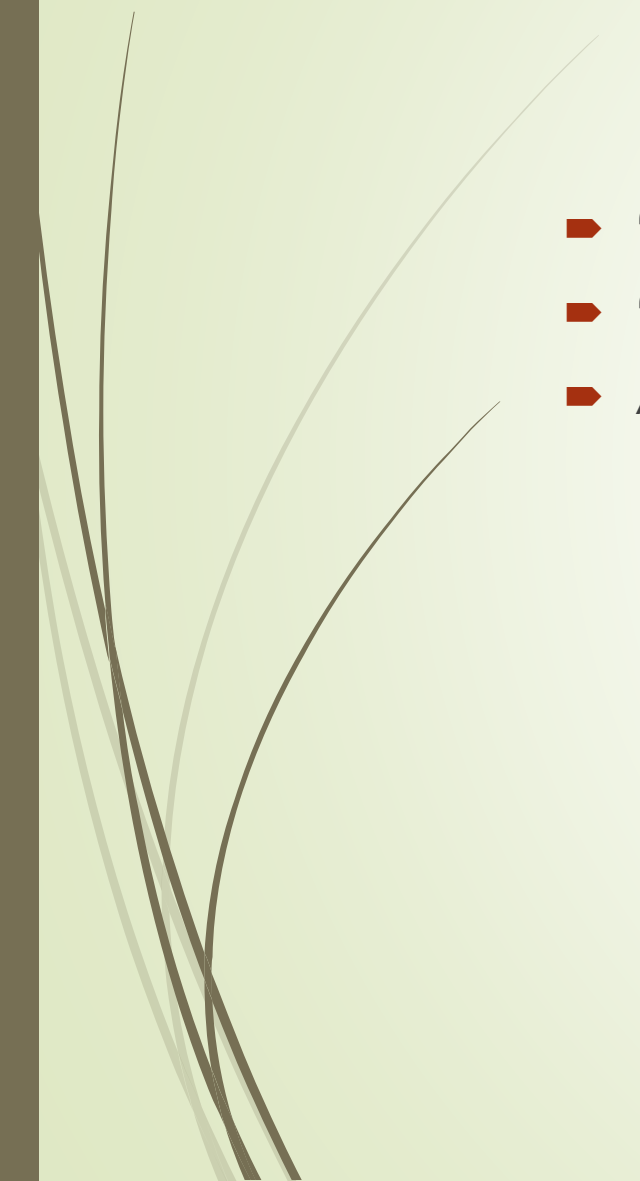


Christmas Songs to Avoid:

- ▶ “Go Tell It on the Mountain” – Traditional/Spiritual
- ▶ “Joy to the World” – Hoyt Axton (recorded by Three Dog Night in 1970)
- ▶ “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” by Edmund Sears and Richard Willis
- ▶ “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and J. Baptist Calkin
- ▶ “We Three Kings” by John Henry Hopkins
- ▶ “O Holy Night”
- ▶ “Good King Wenceslas” – Traditional
- ▶ “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” – Traditional



Christmas Specials to Avoid:

- ▶ “Little Drummer Boy” - Katherine Kennicott Davis
 - ▶ “Mary, Did You Know?” – Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene
 - ▶ Anything that has to do with “Hallelujah” by Leonard Cohen
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Patriotic Songs



Common Patriotic Songs

- ▶ “America the Beautiful” – Katherine Bates and Samuel Ward.
- ▶ “America” or “My Country ‘Tis of Thee” – by S.F. Smith and Henry Carey.
- ▶ “Battle Hymn of the Republic” – Julia Ward Howe and William Steffe

Less Common Patriotic Songs:

- ▶ “Texas, Our Texas” by William J. Marsh



Less Common Patriotic Songs:

- ▶ "God of Our Fathers" – Daniel C. Roberts and George Warren

God of Our Fathers

The image shows a musical score for the song "God of Our Fathers". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "1. God of our fathers, whose al-might-y hand Leads forth in beau-ty all the star-ry band".

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Lyrics - Daniel C. Roberts (1876) Music - George W. Warren (1876)



Patriotic Songs to Avoid:

- ▶ “Faith of Our Fathers” – Frederick Faber and H.F. Henry
- ▶ “Star-Spangled Banner” – Francis Scott Key

DO NOT USE:

- ▶ “Dixie” – Daniel Decatur Emmett