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Sunday Morning Organist: Hymn Accompaniments And Reharmonizations (Alfred's Classic Editions)



Synopsis

This special Accompaniment Edition of the Sunday Morning Organist features 39 accompaniments for classic Christian hymns. Many of these well-known melodies are reharmonized, giving them fresh sounds and adding a new dimension to your congregational singing. Other features include some optional descants for solo instruments, interludes and ideas for modulations making this collection a welcome addition to your accompaniment repertoire. Titles: Abide with Me * All Creatures of Our God and King * All Glory, Laud and Honor * Amazing Grace * Be Thou My Vision * Christ the Lord Is Risen Today * Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus * Come Christians, Join to Sing * Fairest Lord Jesus * Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken * The God of Abraham Praise * God of Our Fathers * Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah * Holy God, We Praise Thy Name * How Firm a Foundation * I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord * Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise * Jesus Shall Reign * Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates! * Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing * The Lords My Shepherd, Ill Not Want * Love Divine, All Loves Excelling * My Country, Tis of Thee * Now Thank We All Our God * O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing * O Little Town of Bethlehem * Once in Royal Davids City * Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty * O Worship the King * Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven * Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him * Praise to the Lord, the Almighty * Silent Night! Holy Night! * Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above * The Strife Is Oer, the Battle Done * We Gather Together * When I Survey the Wondrous Cross * When Morning Gilds the Skies.

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Customer Reviews

Got this for Christmas after requesting it -- I'm a church organist who plays pretty much strictly "by the book" rather than by ear, but I wanted to be able to play neat variations for hymns. This is pretty good in my opinion -- for most hymns, there is a very brief intro, then a fancier accompaniment for the final verse (some have a version to play for all verses; some have interludes also). For me, the biggest issue is keeping this book open (hard to do) and on the music stand along with the open hymnal too, so I can look back and forth from one to the other. Not easy! It would be nice if this were spiral-bound. Also, of course, the book is limited by the number of hymns it contains (about 35). Each Sunday when I get the list of hymns, I'll check this book and if we're singing some, I'll use it. I like volume 4 in this series much more (introductions to hymns and carols). As to difficulty level, it's not bad -- I'd say maybe a late intermediate level.

This seems like a popular choice, but there are definitely better hymn arrangements written out there. The arrangements don't include much of an intro or interlude (couple of pivot chords at most), and the re-harmonizations are uninspiring. I was able to modify and use some of the material, but for someone wanting ready-made arrangements this is not the choice. At least, for someone as picky as me about organ music, it just wasn't interesting or fun enough to play to be worth the money spent - just my personal preference in music!

Rather simple - probably won't use it

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