

Singing songs from other cultures is important for the Body of Christ!

It has been said that, to build global community, we do well to listen to music from other cultures – even dance to it!

As Christians, we are a body of diverse people and diverse stories from all around the world! As Lutherans – particularly Lutherans in Canada – we come from German and Scandinavian roots, but it is in more recent times that we are becoming a church “for others” where we connect with the stories from a variety of cultural backgrounds. It is good for us to connect with these stories, and music can help us hear those stories in a deeper way.

What is different about these songs?

It won't take long to hear the unique sounds of music and language from a different region in the world. Melody and harmony are different; rhythms are different.

The stories expressed tell of God's work in other parts of the world, as well as of the need for God's presence in unique ways. We learn about ourselves as we connect through music!



From
*Evangelical Lutheran
Worship*

Africa

- #513 “Listen, God is Calling”
- #529 “Jesus, We Are Gathered”
- #535 “Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”
- #682 “To God Our Thanks We Give”
- #741 “Your Will Be Done”
- #809 “Send Me, Lord”
- #875 “Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!”

Asia

- #530 “Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather”
- #554 “Lord, Your Hands Have Formed”

Celtic

- #450 “I Bind unto Myself Today”
- #636 “How Small Our Span of Life”
- #793 “Be Thou My Vision”
- #798 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

Latin America/Spanish

- #538 “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”
- #555 “Oh, Sing to God Above”
- #583 “Take My Life, That I May Be”
- #639 “When We Are Living”
- #646 “The Peace of the Lord”
- #664 “Heaven Is Singing for Joy”

North America First Nations

- #284 “’Twas in the moon of wintertime”
- #837 “Many and great, O God”

Suggestion: Try singing a verse in the original language, when available (or the whole song, if you're ambitious!)



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Songs from Other Cultures

*Suggestions for music
with youth and young
adults, connecting with
the stories of people
around the world!*



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Equip yourself!

Use instruments that may be new to your church community.



Percussion
djembe (or congas)
shakers (or
tambourine)
claves (or wood
block)



Winds
flute, saxophone
(woodwind)
trombone (brass)



Strings
violin (fiddle)
guitar (bass)

Be creative with the gifts
in your midst!

Use resources at your disposal!

Your church musician or music director may have special descant parts, or harmonies, or rhythm patterns to follow. They might be able to help you learn to play the music with similar instrumentation to communities from other parts of the world, or have advice for the style of song.

Be willing to try something new!

An order for a Youth Service with Global Song

L=leader C=congregation
(songs may be chosen from list on back of brochure)

Gathering

Opening song

Greeting:

L. The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. and also with you

Song of Praise

Prayer:

L. God of all, you join us from all corners of the earth as one. May we seek the well-being of all creatures and creation in all we do. May our living recognize the life of others everywhere. This we pray in Jesus' name.

C. Amen

Word

Hebrew Scriptures reading

Psalm-song

Epistle reading

Welcome the gospel with song

Gospel reading

Homily or skit

Response to the Word

Song of the day

Affirmation of Faith:

(adapted from Ruth Duck and Maren Tirabassi,
as found in "Shaping Sanctuary")

I believe it is a matter of faith
to stand up for those who cannot stand up for
themselves.

I believe it is a matter of faith
to recognize equally and love all members of God's
human family.

There are no exceptions to God's love.

I believe God's creation is good, beautiful and sacred;

therefore to condemn any portion of God's creation
is to condemn a portion of God. This is sin.

I believe Jesus Christ came to us to free all people
from sin

and make disciples – people willing to live
Christ's discipline of love and justice for all.

I believe the Holy Spirit is that power within us
that gives us courage and stamina to face the truth
and to live it, even to die for it, as Jesus died.

I believe in the resurrection, the victory over death,
and the truth that is life for all in Jesus' name.

Glory is to God, the One in Three:

Creator, Saviour, and Holy Power of love. Amen

Prayers of the People

The Prayer Jesus taught:

(#741 "Your Will Be Done" may be sung)

God, lover of us all, Most Holy One,

help us to create what you want for us here.

Give us today enough for our needs.

Forgive our weak and deliberate offences just

as we must forgive others when they hurt us.

Help us to resist evil and to do what is good;

For we are yours, endowed with your power to make
the world whole. Amen (source unknown)

Sending

Blessing:

L. May God, Creator, continue to generate
new life through you.

C. Amen

L. May God, Incarnate Word, instill hope
and life in the world.

C. Amen

L. May God, Spirit of Life, be a source of
blessing and encouragement, working in
us all wherever we may be.

God's blessing be upon all people,
today and always.

C. Amen

Sending Song

Dismissal:

L. Go in peace, remember the poor.

C. Thanks be to God.



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