

SOURCES OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC FOR CHURCH MUSICIANS

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- Alfred Music** - solo and instrumental collections, Christmas music, etc. www.alfred.com
- Anderkamp Music** - solo, ensemble, praise band, orchestra. www.anderkampmusic.com
- April Moriarty & Todd McCabe** - violin/piano duets. www.moriartymccabemusic.com
- Barncharts** - music by Tom Payne for praise band, orchestra, Dixieland, and solo instruments. www.barncharts.com
- Billy Payne** – music for brass, woodwinds, orchestra, etc. www.billypaynemusic.com
- Brentwood/Benson Music** – Benson Orchestra Series, other offerings. www.brentwoodbenson.com
- Camp Kirkland** - Camp’s music is listed online at www.campkirkland.com
- Chandler Music** - distributor for The Instrumental Source, a group of several different publishers, including King’s Brass, Light of the World Music, and Washington Music Ministries. www.chandlermusic.com
- ChurchOrchestraMusic.com** – New site featuring instrumental music from a number of arrangers.
- Con Spirito Music** – arrangements for brass by Todd Marchand. www.conspiritomusic.com
- David E. Smith Publications** - Extensive catalog of solo, ensemble, and other instrumental product from a number of publishers. (800) 672-2733. www.despub.com and churchmusic.biz
- David Winkler** - online catalog available at www.davidwinkler.com. (615) 415-8738.
- Dan Goeller** - arrangements for church orchestra. www.dangoellermusic.com
- Dan Oxley** - arrangements for praise band. Also trumpet solo music. www.danoxley.com
- Discover Worship** - subscription service for choral and instrumental music. www.DiscoverWorship.com
- Farm Lake Music**. Arrangements by Calvin Bolton. www.farmlakemusic.com
- Hal Leonard Corp.** - various arrangements for band, orchestra, solo instrument, etc. www.halleonard.com
- Jeff Cranfill Music** - church orchestra, praise band, solo instrument, etc. www.jeffcmusic.com
- Jennifer Kim** - arrangements for solo and duet instruments, with piano. jenniferkim.org
- John Gage Music** - Brass player’s practice CDs, string warm-up book. www.johngagemusic.com
- J. W. Pepper** – distributes music from many self-published arrangers through their “MyScore” program. (800) 345-6296. www.jwpepper.com
- Laird Halling** – music for big band and other ensembles. LairdHalling.com
- Last Resort Music** - Classics and wedding music for solo, duet, trio, quartet, etc., in a very useful format. www.lastresortmusic.com
- Latham Music** - Arrangements of hymns and classics for strings by Lynne Latham. Available from Alfred Music and from SheetMusicPlus.com

Lillenas - Instrumental solo collections, Allegis Church Orchestra series, Allegis Gospel Band and Praise Band, Praise Paks, Brasscapes, Windscales, Stringscapes, Solotrax series. www.lillenas.com

Lifeway - Jubilation and Celebration Orchestra Series, John Gage orchestra series, Exaltation Series, Rhythm Plus 4, Power Praise for Worship Band, Cool Springs Symphony (strings) www.Lifeway.com
Also many titles are available as digital downloads at www.LifewayWorship.com

Lorenz Corp. - various solo and ensemble collections. www.lorenz.com

Matt Riley – some challenging but beautiful arrangements, especially for strings. MattRileyMusic.com

Mel Bay - instrumental solo collections. 1-800-MELBAY8. www.melbay.com

Michael Lawrence – orchestra and instrumental ensemble lawrencemusicworks.com

Phillip Allen - music for church orchestra. www.neworchestramusic.com

Phillip Keveren – music for strings, big band, and other formats. www.PhillipKeveren.com

Pinner Publications - arrangements for strings www.pinnerpublications.com

PraiseGathering Music – church orchestra, brass. www.praisegathering.com

Prism Music - Gloryland Band, Prism's Light Orchestra, Prism Praise Band, etc. www.prismmusic.com

Psalms 150 Publications - orchestra, brass, solo, etc. Now distributed by David E. Smith Publications.

Quintessential Brass Repertoire – brass ensemble pieces from the Beltway Brass. www.trumpetunes.com

Richard Kingsmore - "NextGen" orchestra, praise band. www.richardkingsmore.com

Robert Sterling - "The Platinum Orchestra Series." robertsterlingmusic.com

Ron Cobb Copy Service. 1-800-955-1730. Very helpful source for hard-to-find orchestrations.
www.roncobbcopyservice.com / email – RonCobb@comcast.net

Ron Harris Music - "Faithful" series solo collections. Music sold at SheetMusicPlus.com

Salvation Army – music for brass ensemble. <https://shop.salvationarmy.org/music/>
Note: demos of the Salvation Army arrangements (American Instrumental Ensemble) may be heard at <https://samusicindex.com/brass?series=American+Instrumental+Ensemble>

Sensen Music – a new company with several orchestra features. www.sensenmusic.com

Sheet Music Plus - lots of music of various types, both hard copy and digital downloads. SheetMusicPlus.com
(see also SheetMusicDirect.com)

Steve Dunn - church orchestra, concert band, mixed ensemble. www.sdunnmusic.com

Tim Cates – Orchestra features and congregational arrangements. TimCatesMusic.com

Triplo Press - arrangements for trumpet ensemble: "Church Hymns with Descants." www.triplo.com

Word Music - Sunday Sounds and Coronation Series for church orchestra, Fletch Wiley and other solo books.
www.wordchoralclub.com

MUCH MUSIC IS AVAILABLE - BE SELECTIVE! A demo recording and/or sample score should always be referenced before purchasing an arrangement. Check each piece carefully for these aspects:

1. The instrumentation (if you don't have all the instruments required, will the piece "survive"?)
2. The musical style (there are lots of different ways of arranging "Amazing Grace" !)
3. The difficulty level (keeping in mind also the amount of rehearsal time you have)
4. The upper range limits of the instruments (especially 1st trumpet and violins)
5. Whether improvisation is required in the rhythm parts (is there a "written" piano part?)
6. The length of the piece (can you make any cuts if it's too long?)

HELPFUL RESOURCES

The Biblical Foundations of Instrumental Music in Worship - book by Brian Hedrick. Published by Outskirts Press, Inc. ISBN 978-1-4327-1191-7. See www.instrumentalmusicinchristianworship.com for more information.

The Heart of the Artist series, by Rory Noland - Excellent discipleship resource. www.heartoftheartist.org

The Instrumental Resource - excellent book published by Lifeway - out of print, but check on Amazon for used ...

Global Missions Project - international missions opportunities for instrumentalists. www.globalmissionsproject.com

ORCHESTRATED HYMNALS

Worship His Majesty (Gaither Music) - SATB format (i.e., transcriptions of the SATB parts only). Out of print.

Majesty Hymns (Majesty Music) – SATB format. www.majestymusic.com

Baptist Hymnal '91 - Expanded SATB format (i.e., SATB in the brass, with countermelodies in the woodwinds, etc.).

The Instrumental Hymnal (Word) - Expanded SATB format.

Sing to the Lord hymnal (Lillenas) – Fully Orchestrated format (i.e., orchestrated more like a choral anthem).

The melody line is also included in some of the books.

Celebration Hymnal (Word/Integrity) – Fully Orchestrated format.

Songs for Praise and Worship (Word) and *More Songs for Praise and Worship* – Fully Orchestrated format.

Check www.wordchoralclub.com for more information. Note that for some of the newer collections, the orchestrations are downloadable, and also the Finale files are available.

Praise Charts - www.praisecharts.com - orchestrated worship choruses and contemporary hymn arrangements (disclaimer - many of these arrangements are quite challenging). Finale files are available.

LifeWay Worship Project - Orchestrations for all the titles in the "Worship Hymnal" (2008 Baptist Hymnal) individually as downloads, as well as many contemporary songs. Also many of the hymns come in "traditional" and "contemporary" versions. Finale files are available for many titles, and, for some, you can purchase individual orchestra parts. There are online demos and sample scores which can be viewed as well. www.LifewayWorship.com.

Celebrating Grace hymnal - orchestrations may be purchased individually as downloads at

https://www.celebrating-grace.com/congregation/accents-hymn-accompaniments.html?category_nav=60

Listening demos and sample scores available online.

Hymncharts - a subscription service that offers contemporary arrangements of hymns. The instrumental parts are not full orchestrations ... they are meant to provide parts for a few players accompanying a band-driven service. www.hymncharts.com

NOTE THAT the music the orchestra uses to accompany the hymns doesn't have to be from the same hymnal that the congregation sings from (if your church still uses hymnals :>) Just make sure that the keyboard and rhythm players are playing the same arrangement as the orchestra (same key and same basic chord structure) !!!