

HYMN FEST

Dynamic Settings of Classic Hymns

Arranged by **BENJAMIN HARLAN**

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FOREWORD

An important hallmark of our Christian faith is singing—rich, vibrant singing; the kind of singing that demands we stand a little taller, sing with deeper conviction, and depart with a renewed awareness of God’s redemptive love.

I hope that each time you sing one of these extraordinary hymns, something special will happen; something that celebrates our oneness in Christ; something that gives us a glimpse of the eternal.

So go forth and “sing psalms, hymns, and spirituals songs—with gratitude in your hearts to God!” (*Colossians 3:16*)

Benjamin Harlan

PUBLISHER’S NOTE

HymnFest is designed to be very flexible, therefore serving a variety of worship settings and occasions:

- Use each anthem separately throughout the church year (with or without the spoken narrations preceding each anthem).
- Perform the five anthems together with narration as a “mini hymn sing” within the context of a regular worship service.
- Download the free “Service Suggestions” for this collection to create an hour-long *HymnFest* service, with this collection as the centerpiece (go to www.alfred.com/downloads and enter 42946 in the search window).
- Create a multi-generational event for your church by utilizing children, youth, adult, and senior adult choirs to participate in the *HymnFest*.

NARRATION

Narrator 1: O come, let us sing!

Narrator 2: O come, let us sing to the Lord!

Narrators 1, 2: Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Narrator 3: Then, shall my soul be joyful in the Lord. It shall rejoice in God's salvation.

Narrator 1: O come, let us sing!

Narrator 2: O come, let us sing to the Lord!

Narrators 1, 2: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

Narrator 3: My soul will praise You, O Lord. I will not be silent, but I will give thanks to You forever.

Narrator 1: O come, let us make a joyful noise!

Narrator 2: O come, let us make a joyful noise to God!

Narrators 1, 2: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise.

Narrator 3: Let all who take refuge in God rejoice; may we ever sing for joy.

Narrators 1, 2, 3: Come, let us make a joyful noise to the God of glory, the Lord of love!

for the Adult Choir of
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Melva Terrell Villard, Director of Music

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

for S.A.T.B. voices, congregation, accompanied

Words by
HENRY VAN DYKE (1852–1933)

Tune: **HYMN TO JOY**
by LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN (1770–1827)

Arranged by
BENJAMIN HARLAN (ASCAP)

With vigor (♩ = ca. 112-120)

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S. *f*
A.
Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love.

T. *f*
B.

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Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, op - 'ning to the sun a - bove.

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Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness. Drive the dark of doubt a - way.