

Dordt College

Fifty Classic Hymns for Worship

Classic hymns have fed believers for hundreds of years. Each age of the Church has contributed rich and meaningful classics for the nurture and faith-expressions of believers. The song repertoire of the Church is vast and varied. Published hymnals can run to hundreds of songs. Yet there is a common core of hymns used by all churches. Their use should be cultivated so that believers can sing with the Church of all times and places.

The purpose at Dordt College of the *50 Classic Songs for Worship* is to present a core of classic hymns which we believe every Dordt College student should know. Although the songs on the list are already known and loved by many, familiarity is not the criterion for the songs chosen. Rather, the songs meet several criteria: to be theologically sound, to be musically worthy and durable, to have passed the test of time, to reflect the Kingdom vision of Dordt College, and to provide songs for a variety of worship and devotional purposes such as praise, penitence, and commitment. Among them are selections from the Psalms, that book of the Bible called “the Christian’s songbook;” well-known settings of Psalms 23, 96, and 150 are included.

The songs were selected from the songbooks used in the Christian Reformed Church, the denomination in which Dordt College has its roots: the *Psalter Hymnal* of 1987 and its 2013 successor, *Lift Up Your Hearts*. However, the songs are also found in most major denominational songbooks; they are indeed a core repertoire for all churches and worshipping groups. These are songs that span denominations—songs that nurture the ecumenical Church.

Although there are many more classic hymns, the list is limited to 50, a number deemed to be manageable. Therefore it does not include season-specific songs, such as those for Christmas and Easter, not because those purposes are unimportant, but because the core repertoire for these seasons could easily take half of our “budget” of fifty.

We trust that these songs will enrich worship and spiritual growth during the college years and the years beyond.

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Title	Tune Name	PH no.	LUYH no.	Focus
A Mighty Fortress	Ein Feste Burg	PH 469	LUYH 776	Psalm 46
Abide With Me	Eventide	PH 442	LUYH 466	prayer
All Creatures of Our God and King	Lasst Uns Erfreuen	PH 431	LUYH 551	creation-praise
All Glory, Laud, and Honor	St. Theodulph	PH 375	LUYH 146	
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name	Coronation	PH 470	LUYH 601	
All Things Bright and Beautiful	Royal Oak	PH 435	LUYH 20	creation-praise
Amazing Grace	New Britain	PH 462	LUYH 691	
Be Thou My Vision	Slane		LUYH 859	
Beautiful Savior	St. Elizabeth	PH 461	LUYH 17	adoration
Come, Thou Almighty King	Italian Hymn	PH 246	LUYH 492	Trinity
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing	Nettleton	PH 486	LUYH 521	praise
Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy	Arise	PH 534		
Crown Him With Many Crowns	Diamata	PH 410	LUYH 223	Christ's reign
Doxology: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow	Genevan 134 (Old Hundredth)	PH 638	LUYH 965	
Fill Thou My Life	Ellacombe	PH547	LUYH 356	dedication
For the Beauty of the Earth	Dix	PH 432	LUYH 19	creation-praise
Great Is Thy Faithfulness	Faithfulness	PH 556	LUYH 348	praise
Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer	Cwm Rhondda	PH 543	LUYH 43	
Holy God, We Praise Your Name	Grosser Gott	PH 504	LUYH 540	
Holy, Holy, Holy	Nicaea	PH 249	LUYH 538	Trinity
How Firm a Foundation	Foundation	PH 500	LUYH 427	
How Great Thou Art	O Store Gud	PH 483	LUYH 553	praise
I Love to Tell the Story	Hankey	PH 530	LUYH 262	witness
I Will Sing of My Redeemer	PH Hyfyrdol (LUYH My Redeemer)	PH 479	(LUYH 568)	
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise	St. Denis	PH 460	LUYH 579	
Jesus Shall Reign	Duke Street	PH 412	LUYH 219	
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee	Hymn to Joy	Not in PH	LUYH 581	adoration
Lead On, O King Eternal	Lancashire	PH 555	LUYH 328	
Let All Things Now Living	Ash Grove	PH 453	LUYH 5	creation-praise
Lift High the Cross	Crucifer	PH 373	LUYH 137	
Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending	Westminster Abbey (Helmsley)	PH 612	(LUYH 479)	
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	Hyfyrdol	PH 568	LUYH 351	
May the Mind of Christ My Savior	St. Leonards	PH 291	LUYH 334	
Now Thank We All Our God	Nun Danket	PH 454	LUYH 543	thanksgiving
O Sacred Head Now Wounded	Herzlich Tut.	PH 383	LUYH 168	
O Worship the King	Lyons	PH 428	LUYH 2	praise
Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing	Azmon	PH 501	LUYH 590	
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	Lobe Den Herren	PH 253	LUYH 575	
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven	Lauda Anima	PH 475	LUYH 571	
Psalm 23: The Lord My Shepherd Rules My Life	Crimond	PH 23	LUYH 732	
Rejoice, the Lord is King	Darwell's	PH 408	LUYH 224	
Take My Life and Let It Be	Hendon	PH 288	LUYH 863	dedication
The Church's One Foundation	Aurelia	PH 502	LUYH 251	
This Is My Father's World	Terra Beata	PH 436	LUYH 21	creation-praise
To God Be the Glory	To God Be the Glory	PH 473	LUYH 604	
We Praise You O God	Kremser	PH 237	LUYH 560	
We Sing the Mighty Power of God	Kingsfold/Ellacombe	PH 430	LUYH 10	
What Wondrous Love	What Wondrous Love	PH 379	LUYH 164	
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	Hamburg	PH 384	LUYH 175	
When Peace Like a River/It Is Well	Ville Du Havre	PH 489	LUYH 451	