

HYMN TUNES FOR THE DIVINE OFFICE

The following indices relate to the following books:

M&EP = Morning & Evening Prayer, 1976, Collins/Dwyer/Talbot

LHON = Liturgical Hymns Old & New

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[M&EP list sorted alphabetically - PDF](#)

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Unfamiliar hymns can be sung to familiar tunes if a match can be found. The tables which follow list the hymns of the Divine Office along with the name of a very well-known hymn whose tune can be used. There are, of course, a much wider range of tunes available. For a much vaster selection, see [The Cyber Hymnal™](#) .

Where there is a choice of tune, it is appropriate to choose one which fits the mood of the time of year or the occasion being celebrated. Particularly seasonal choices for frequently occurring metres are:

† SM hymns are appropriately sung to the tunes of the following:
Lent or days of penance: Lord Jesus think on me.

‡ CM hymns are appropriately sung as follows:
Christmastide: While shepherds watched
OR Joy to the world (with repeat of 4th line)

Lent: There is a green hill OR Amazing grace

Eastertide: Praise to the holiest OR Come Holy Ghost Creator Come

□ LM hymns are appropriately sung as follows:

Advent: On Jordan's bank

Christmastide: On Christmas night (repeat first 2 lines)

Lent: When I survey OR Creator of the stars of night

Eastertide: Forth in the peace of Christ we go

OR All creatures of our God and king (with Alleluias)

Angels and Saints

<i>Angels of God, you see the Father's face</i>	M&EP p. 892	10 10 10 10 (Tell out my soul)
<i>Apostle of the gentiles, Paul</i>	M&EP p. 718	LM AA XB ☐ (Creator of the stars of night)
<i>Christ died but soon revived again (Magdalen)</i>	M&EP p. 825	LM AA BB + Alleluias (All creatures of our God and king)
<i>For all the saints</i>	M&EP p. 1064 (#58)	10 10 10 Alleluias
<i>For all thy saints, O Lord</i>	M&EP p. 1053 (#54)	SM † (Breathe on me, breath of God)
<i>God called great prophets to foretell (John the Baptist)</i>	M&EP p. 806	CM ‡ (Praise to the holiest)
<i>God's blessed spirit moved his virgin saint</i>	M&EP p. 1057 (#56)	10 10 10 10 (Abide with me)
<i>Jesus, true God and rock of our salvation (Peter)</i>	M&EP p. 740	11 11 11 5 (Father we praise you)
<i>Joseph, the scriptures love to trace</i>	M&EP p. 748	DLM ☐☐ (And did those feet - <i>Jerusalem</i>)
<i>Joseph, wise ruler of God's earthly household</i>	M&EP p. 751	11 11 11 5 (Father we praise you)
<i>Leader now on earth no longer (George)</i>	M&EP p. 1185	87 87 D (Alleluia, sing to Jesus OR Daily, daily, sing to Mary)
<i>Let all on earth their voices raise (apostles)</i>	M&EP p. 1006 (#49)	LM AA BB ☐ (Fight the good fight)
<i>Lord God, we give you thanks for all your saints</i>	M&EP p. 832 (#60)	10 10 10 10 (Tell out my soul)
<i>O fair is our Lord's own city (All Saints)</i>	M&EP p. 920	76 76 (The Church's one foundation, omit initial "O")

<i>O fathers of our ancient faith (apostles)</i>	M&EP p. 1004 (#48)	LM AB XB ☐ (Forth in the peace)
<i>O great Saint David</i>	M&EP p. 1183	11 10 11 10 11 10 11 9
<i>O Jesu thou the virgin's crown</i>	M&EP #55	LM AA BB ☐ (Creator of the stars of night)
<i>O Peter, who were named by Christ</i>	M&EP p. 739	LM AB XB ☐ (All people OR When I survey)
<i>Our Lord the path of suffering trod (martyrs: not Lent)</i>	M&EP p. 1021 (#51)	LM AB AB ☐ (O salutaris)
<i>Praise we the woman, who, endued</i>	M&EP p. 1072 (#59)	LM AA BB ☐ (On Jordan's Bank)
<i>The Father's holy ones, the blest</i>	M&EP p. 924	LM AB XB ☐ (On Jordan's Bank)
<i>The martyrs living now with Christ</i>	M&EP p. 1017 (#50)	CM ☩ (Amazing grace)
<i>The saints who toiled from place to place (pastors)</i>	M&EP p. 1040 (#52)	LM AA BB ☐ (All people)
<i>They come, God's messengers of love (angels)</i>	M&EP p. 899	LM AA BB ☐ (Creator of the stars of night)
<i>This is the day whereon the Lord's true witness</i>	M&EP p. 1067 (#57)	11 11 11 5 (Father we praise you)
<i>What fairer light is this than time itself doth own? (P&P)</i>	M&EP p. 812	12 12 12 12
<i>When Christ our Lord to Andrew cried</i>	M&EP p. 1213	DCM ☩☩ (It came upon a midnight clear)
<i>Who are these like stars appearing? (pastors)</i>	M&EP p. 1043 (#53)	87 87 77 (Once in Royal David's city)

Hymns for the Faithful Departed

<i>Merciful saviour, hear our humble prayer</i>	M&EP p. 1094 (#62)	10 10 10 10 10 (God and man at table)
<i>Remember those O Lord</i>	M&EP p. 1087 (#61)	SM (Lord Jesus, think on me)

General Hymns

<i>All creation was renewed (Annunciation)</i>	M&EP p. 756	77 77 (Ding dong merrily, OR Come ye thankful people repeating 1st verse at end)
<i>Father, most holy, gracious and forgiving</i>	M&EP p. 305	11 11 11 5 (Father we praise you)
<i>Firmly I believe and truly</i>	M&EP #37	87 87 (Firmly I believe)
<i>Forth from on High the Father Sends</i>	M&EP p. 315	LM AB AB □ (Forth in the peace)
<i>Hail redeemer, king divine (Christ the King)</i>	M&EP p. 357	77 77 D (Hail redeemer, king divine)
<i>Hail to the Lord who comes (Presentation)</i>	M&EP p. 726	66 66 (Lord, thy word abideth)
<i>More ancient than the primal world (Transfig'n)</i>	M&EP p. 842	LM AA XB □ (Creator of the stars of night)
<i>O sacred heart</i>	M&EP #39	4 6 8 9 4 (O holy night)
<i>The Church's one foundation</i>	M&EP p. 967 (#41)	76 76 D (The Church's one foundation)
<i>To Christ the lord of worlds we sing (Christ the King)</i>	M&EP p. 361	LM AB AB □ (Forth in the peace of Christ)
<i>When time began, God walked with man</i>	M&EP p. 973 (#40)	88 88 88 AB XB CC (O bread of heaven)

Morning Hymns

<i>Transcendent God in whom we live</i>	M&EP p. 388 (Sun Wk 1 & 3)	LM AB AB □ (All people)
<i>Christ is the world's redeemer</i>	M&EP p. 389 (Sun Wk 1 & 3)	76 76 D (The Church's one foundation)
<i>The day is filled with splendour</i>	M&EP p. 402 (Mon Wk 1 & 3)	76 76 (The Church's one foundation)
<i>O Christ the light of heaven</i>	M&EP p. 411 (Tue Wk 1 & 3)	76 76 (The Church's one foundation)
<i>Lord God, your light which dims the stars</i>	M&EP p. 421 (Wed Wk 1 & 3)	84 84
<i>The Father's glory, Christ our light</i>	M&EP p. 430 (Thu Wk 1 & 3)	LM AB AB □ (All people)
<i>We bless you, Father, Lord of life</i>	M&EP p. 441 (Fri Wk 1 & 3)	LM AB AB □ (On Jordan's bank OR When I survey)
<i>It were my soul's desire</i>	M&EP p. 451 (Sat Wk 1 & 3)	66 66 (Blest are the pure in heart by stretching "desire" in 3rd line)
<i>I bind unto myself this day</i>	M&EP p. 460 (Sun Wk 2 & 4) & #87	Complex
<i>All people that on earth do dwell</i>	M&EP p. 461 (Sun Wk 2 & 4)	LM AB AB □ (All people)
<i>Come, O Creator spirit, come</i>	M&EP p. 475 (Mon Wk 2 & 4)	LM AA BB □ (On Jordan's Bank)
<i>Father, we praise you, now the night is over</i>	M&EP p. 486 (Tue Wk 2 & 4)	11 11 11 5 (Father we praise you)
<i>Now that the daylight fills the sky</i>	M&EP p. 496 (Wed Wk 2 & 4)	LM AA BB □ (On Jordan's Bank OR Fight the good fight)
<i>Alone with none but Thee, my God</i>	M&EP p. 507 (Thu Wk 2 & 4)	86 86 88 (Amazing Grace plus last couplet of O Bread of Heaven)
<i>Sing all creation, sing to God in gladness</i>	M&EP p. 528 (Sat Wk 2 & 4)	11 11 11 5 (Father we praise you)

Evening Hymns

<i>O light serene of God the Father's glory</i>	M&EP p. 382 (Sun Wk 1 & 3 EP I)	11 6 11 4
<i>Praise to the holiest</i>	M&EP p. 395 (Sun Wk 1 & 3 EP II)	CM ⊕ (Praise to the holiest)
<i>In the beginning God created heaven</i>	M&EP p. 396 (Sun Wk 1 & 3 EP II)	11 6 11 6
<i>Come, praise the Lord, the Almighty</i>	M&EP p. 407 (Mon Wk 1 & 3)	14 14 4 7 8
<i>O strength and stay, upholding all creation</i>	M&EP p. 417 (Tue Wk 1 & 3; Mon Wk 2)	11 10 11 10
<i>Christ be near at either hand</i>	M&EP p. 426 (Wed Wk 1 & 3)	77 77 (Christ be near at either hand)
<i>When God had filled the earth with life</i>	M&EP p. 436 (Thu Wk 1 & 3)	CM ⊕ (Come Holy Ghost, creator, come)
<i>When God made man, he gave him all the earth</i>	M&EP p. 447 (Fri Wk 1 & 3)	10 10 10 10 (Tell out my soul)
<i>Bless'd be the Lord our God</i>	M&EP p. 455 (Sun Wk 2 & 4 EP I)	DSM (Crown him with many crowns)
<i>Holy God, we praise thy name</i>	M&EP p. 468 (Sun Wk 2 & 4 EP II)	78 78 77
<i>Praise my soul, the king of heaven</i>	M&EP p. 468 (Sun Wk 2 & 4 EP II)	87 87 87 (Praise my soul)
<i>Before we end our day, O Lord</i>	M&EP p. 491 (Tue Wk 2 & 4)	CM ⊕ (The Lord's my shepherd)
<i>O Trinity of blessed light</i>	M&EP p. 502 (Wed Wk 2 & 4)	LM AA BB □ (All people)
<i>Blest are the pure in heart</i>	M&EP p. 513 (Thu Wk 2 & 4)	SM † (Blest are the pure in heart)
<i>Day is done</i>	M&EP p. 523 (Fri Wk 2 & 4) / LHON 232	84 84 8884
<i>We praise you, Father, for your gift</i>	M&EP p. 639 (Mon Wk 4)	LM mixed □ (On Jordan's bank)

Night Hymns (Evening Hymns may also be suitable)

<i>Abide With Me</i>	LHON 97 / M&EP #112	10 10 10 10 (Abide with me)
<i>Christ the true light of us, true morn</i>	M&EP #109	LM AB AB □ (When I survey)
<i>I Watch the Sunrise (vv 3 & 4)</i>	LHON 378	96 97 86 97
<i>Lead Kindly Light</i>	LHON 415 / M&EP #111	10 4 10 4 10 10
<i>Lord of All Hopefulness</i>	LHON 450 / M&EP #115	10 11 11 12
<i>Now it is Evening</i>	M&EP #110	11 11 11 5 (Father we praise you)
<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	LHON 497 / M&EP #114	67 67 66 66
<i>Sweet Saviour, Bless Us</i>	LHON 636 / M&EP #116	88 88 88 AB AB CC (Sweet saviour, bless us)
<i>The Day Thou Gavest</i>	LHON 650 / M&EP #113	98 98 (The day thou gavest)
<i>Yahweh, I Know You Are Near</i>	LHON 744	Complex

Eucharistic Hymns (see also Eastertide: Corpus Christi)

<i>Adoremus In Aeternum</i>	LHON 1085	Complex
<i>All ye who seek</i>	LHON 127 / M&EP p. 321	CM ⊕ (The Lord's my shepherd)
<i>At the Lamb's High Feast</i>	LHON 146 / M&EP #28	77 77 D (Come ye thankful people, come)
<i>Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord</i>	LHON 165	96 96 66 96
<i>Come Adore This Wondrous Presence</i>	LHON 1083	
<i>Guide me O Thou Great Redeemer</i>	LHON 307	Complex

<i>Godhead here in hiding</i>	LHON 287	75 75 D
<i>Hail Our Saviour's Glorious Body</i>	M&EP p. 310	87 87 87 (Let all mortal flesh)
<i>I am the Bread of Life</i>	LHON 349	69 677 5584
<i>I am the Holy Vine</i>	M&EP p. 518 (Fri Wk 2 & 4)	66 66 44 44 (My song is love unknown)
<i>Jesus Lord of Glory</i>	LHON 396	
<i>Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i>	LHON 418	87 87 87 (Let all mortal flesh)
<i>O Bread of Heaven</i>	LHON 500	88 88 88 AB AB CC (O bread of heaven)
<i>O Salutaris</i>	LHON 1079-82	LM AB AB □ (O salutaris)
<i>O Saving Victim Op'ning Wide</i>	LHON 1079-82	
<i>One Bread, One Body</i>	LHON 538	Complex
<i>Tantum Ergo Sacramentum</i>	LHON 1083-84	87 87 87 (Tantum Ergo)
<i>The Love of God was shown to man</i>	M&EP p. 325	LM AB XB □ (On Jordan's Bank)
<i>To Christ, the Prince of Peace</i>	LHON 692 / M&EP #38	SM † (Blest are the pure in heart)
<i>When true love is present</i>	LHON 738	65 65 66 75

Hymns for Our Lady

<i>Alma Redemptoris Mater</i>	LHON 128 / M&EP #117	Plainchant
<i>As I Kneel Before You</i>	LHON 141	67 4 4 6
<i>At the Cross Her Station Keeping</i>	LHON 145	887 D
<i>Ave Maria, O Maiden, O Mother</i>	LHON 149	11 10 12 10
<i>Ave Regina Caelorum</i>	LHON 150 / M&EP #119	Plainchant
<i>Bring Flowers of the rarest</i>	LHON 185	
<i>Daily, Daily Sing to Mary</i>	LHON 230	87 87 D (Daily, daily, sing to Mary)
<i>God Who Made the Earth & Sky</i>	M&EP #46	75 75 (Mary crowned with living light)
<i>Hail Our Queen</i>	M&EP #125	76 76 D (Good King Wenceslaus)
<i>Hail Queen of Heaven beyond</i>	M&EP #120	DLM □□ (And did those feet - Jerusalem)
<i>Hail Queen of Heaven the Ocean</i>	LHON 309 / M&EP #45	88 88 88 AB AB CC (Hail Queen of Heaven, the ocean star)
<i>Holy Light on Earth's Horizon</i>	M&EP p. 950	87 87 D (Love divine)
<i>Holy Virgin, By God's Decree</i>	LHON 343	87 9 10
<i>I'll Sing a Hymn to Mary</i>	LHON 358	76 76 D (I'll sing a hymn to Mary)
<i>Immaculate Mary</i>	LHON 360	65 65 99
<i>Joy Fill Your Heart</i>	M&EP #122	LM AA BB + Alleluias (All creatures of our God and king)
<i>Maiden Yet a Mother</i>	LHON 468 / M&EP #43	65 65 D (At the name of Jesus)
<i>Mary Crowned with Living Light</i>	M&EP #44	75 75 (Mary crowned with living light)
<i>Mary Immaculate,</i>	LHON 473	

<i>Star of the Morning</i>		
<i>Mother of Christ</i>	(M&EP #118) ◇82	10 10 10 10 10 10 (O thou who at)
<i>O Most Holy One</i>	M&EP #127	Complex
<i>O Mother Blest</i>	LHON 532	CM
<i>O Purest of Creatures</i>	LHON 549	66 11 66 12
<i>O Sanctissima</i>	M&EP #126	10 7 10 7
<i>Queen of heaven rejoice, Alleluia</i>	M&EP #123	Poem
<i>Queen on Whose Starry Brown Doth Rest</i>	M&EP #47	LM AB AB □ (On Jordan's bank)
<i>Regina Caeli</i>	LHON 588 / M&EP #121	Plainchant
<i>Salve Regina</i>	LHON 597 / M&EP #124	Plainchant
<i>Sing of Mary, Pure & Lowly</i>	LHON 622	87 87 D (Daily, daily, sing to Mary)
<i>Star of Sea and Ocean</i>	LHON 632 / M&EP #42	66 66 (Lord, thy word abideth)
<i>The Angel Gabriel from heaven came</i>	LHON 646	10 10 12 7 7
<i>The Ark Which God has Sanctified</i>	M&EP p. 855	CM ⊕ (Praise to the holiest)
<i>The Sign of Hope</i>	LHON 671	87 87 (The King of Love)
<i>Who is she ascends so high?</i>	M&EP p. 853	75 75 (Mary crowned with living light)

METRES OF WELL-KNOWN HYMNS

To use this index, count the number of syllables in each line of the hymn you wish to sing, and go to the appropriate section, where you will find a short list of well-known hymns with the same pattern. Occasionally attention will also be given to the rhyming pattern.

65 65 65 65

At the Name of Jesus
Now the green blade riseth

65 65 65 65 65 65

Onward Christian soldiers

66 66

Lord, thy word abideth

67 67 66 66

Now thank we all our God

66 86 SM: Short Metre

Breathe on me, breath of God (fill me with life anew)
Blest are the pure in heart (for they shall see our God)
Lord Jesus, think on me

66 86 66 86 DSM: Double Short Metre

Crown him with many crowns

75 75

Mary crowned with living light

76 76

All things bright and beautiful

76 76 76 76

The church's one foundation

O Jesus I have promised

All glory, laud and honour

The day of resurrection

Good King Wenceslaus

I'll sing a hymn to Mary

76 77

Unto us is born a Son (with repeat of 4th line)

77 77

Take my life and let it be

Christ be near at either hand

Christ the Lord is risen today (plus Alleluias)

Ding dong merrily on high (omitting refrain)

77 77 77

As with gladness men of old

77 77 77 77

Hail redeemer, King Divine
Come ye thankful people come
At the Lamb's high feast
See amid the winter snow

86 86 CM: # Common Metre

Amazing grace
The Lord's my shepherd
Praise to the holiest
Come Holy Ghost Creator Come
There is a green hill
O God our help in ages past
We walk by faith and not by sight
While shepherds watched
Joy to the world (with repeat of 4th line)

86 86 86

Christ is made the sure foundation

86 86 86 86 DCM: ## Double Common Metre

O little town of Bethlehem
It came upon a midnight clear

87 87

Firmly I believe and truly
Hark! A herald voice is calling
The king of love my shepherd is

Brother, sister, let me serve you
Angels we have heard on high (omitting refrain)

87 87 77

Once in Royal David's city

87 87 87

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Praise my soul the King of Heaven
Christ is made the sure foundation
Sing to God a song of glory
Tantum Ergo Sacramentum

87 87 87 87

Glorious things of thee are spoken
Love divine all loves excelling
Alleluia, sing to Jesus
Daily, daily, sing to Mary
Lord, you give the great commission
Ode to joy

888 + Alleluias

Battle is o'er

88 88 LM: ♪ Long Metre - AB AB

All people that on earth do dwell
Forth in the peace of Christ we go

We have a Gospel to proclaim
O God creator of us all
When I survey the wondrous cross
O salutaris hostia

88 88 LM: Long Metre - AA BB

On Jordan's bank
Fight the good fight
Creator of the stars of night
Now with the fading light of day
On Christmas night (repeat first 2 lines)
All creatures of our God and king (with Alleluias)

88 88 88

Eternal father, strong to save
O bread of heaven beneath this veil
Hail Queen of heaven the ocean star
Sweet Saviour, bless us ere we go
On Christmas night all Christians sing
O come, O come Emmanuel

88 88 88 88 DLM: ɹ ɹ Double Long Metre - AB AB CD CD

And did those feet in ancient times (*Jerusalem*)

9 8 9 8

The day thou gavest Lord has ended

99 99 98 98

Gather us in

10 10 10 10 AA BB

Abide with me

Be thou my vision

Soul of my Saviour

10 10 10 10 AB AB

Tell out my soul

Jesus, the Christ

Welcome all ye noble saints of old (with repeat of 4th line)

10 10 10 10 10 10

O thou who at thy Eucharist didst pray

10 11 11 12

Lord of all hopefulness

11 10 11 10

O strength and stay

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

Mary Immaculate, star of the morning

Sweet Heart of Jesus (without refrain)

11 11 11 5

Father, we praise you, now the night is over