

# Side Dishes for the “Hymn and Sermon” Sandwich

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## Side Dishes

- Prayer interspersed with hymn verses or chorus
- Psalm reading interspersed with chorus or refrain
- Pre-service hymn sing
- Handbell ostinato on hymns
- Opening hymn medley  
(*We chose hymns close together in the hymnal to avoid printing text in bulletin*)  
example: Come Ye Thankful People Come (2 vs.)  
Great is your Faithfulness (1 vs)  
For the Fruit of All Creation (2vs)  
  
All People That on Earth Do Dwell (2vs.)  
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (2 vs)  
From All That Dwell Below the Skies (1 vs)
- Advent Candle Lighting
- Camp Songs
- Call and response
- Verse and Refrain (solo or choir sings verses, cong. sings refrain)
- Rhythm instruments (hand out to willing participants as they arrive for worship, ask them to play during a lively hymn)  
example: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*  
*Siyahamba*
- Position choir in different areas of the sanctuary
- Sung benediction by choir or congregation
- Choir anthem as prelude or postlude

## RESOURCES

Hymnal, anthems, camp songs

GIA Publications, [www.giamusic.co](http://www.giamusic.co)

Gather Hymnal

Tiaze

Iona Community

*Planning Blended Worship*, Robert Webber, Abingdon Press, 1998, [www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com)  
(*Excellent review of worship elements, order and purpose*)

*Renew! Songs and hymns for Blended Worship*, Hope Publishing, 1995, [www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com)  
Code No 1998 accomp. edition, 1997 singer's edition

*Reformed Worship*, Faith Alive Christian Resources, [www.reformedworship.org](http://www.reformedworship.org)  
(*Quarterly publication with seasonal worship ideas*)

*Prepare, an Ecumenical Music and Worship Planner*, Abingdon Press, [www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com)  
(Contains lectionary texts and suggestions for service music)

*Your Imagination !!!*

Piano Jazz/Gospel Arrangements

J. Carter Spirituals for Piano Hope Publishing # 262

J. Carter Folk Hymns for Piano Hope Publishing #240

M. Hassell Jazz Sunday Morning Augsburg Press #11-10700  
(several books in this series)

R. J. Stewart Contemporary Hymn Reflections Lorenz/Unity Press #70/1157U

John Purify Contemporary Hymn Settings Lorenz/ Unity Press #70/1125U  
(for flute and piano)

J. Raney Overtures of Praise Hope Publishing # 8067  
(Praise and Worship genre)

C. Marohnic Christmas Jazz Morningstar # MSM-15-820

J. Young PianoForte Christmas #11-10716 Augsburg Press

## Musical examples

Participants	Form	Title	Composer/source	Publisher
Handbell ostinato	Opening hymn	All Creatures of Our God Now Sing		
choir/cong.	partner song with Silent Night	Night of Silence	Daniel Kantor	GIA (Gather)
cantor/choir/cong.	prayer respone	Amen (we praise your name, O God	New Century Hymnal	
choir choreography	anthem	Ascribe to the Lord	Rosephanye Powell	Hal Leonard JG2224
cong.	benediction	Bind Us Together	Bob Gillman (RENEW)	Hope 1998
choir/cong.	verse/chorus	Blest Are They	Haas, David	GIA 2958
cong. Visual	anthem	Cloth for the Cradle	Bell, John	GIA 5495
choir introit	introit (part A)	Come, Now is the Time to Worship	Jack Schrader, arr.	Hope
cong.	chorus, simple verse change	Glorify Your Name	Donna Akins (RENEW)	Hope 1998
cong. Benediction	canon	Go Now in Peace	Sleeth, Natalie	Hinshaw Music
choir postlude	anthem	Hallelujah	Meir Be-Ure	Th. Presser 392-00319
choir or solo/cong.	verse/chorus	I Am the Bread of Life	S. Suzanne Toolan	GIA 1693
cantor/cong.	call & response	I Will Call Upon the Lord	Michael O'Shields (RENEW)	Hope 1998
cong.	familiar, simple verse changes	I've Got Peace Like a River	Traditional	
choir or cong.	chorus	Jesus, Name Above All Names	Naida Hearn (RENEW)	Hope 1998
choir/children	movement	Lord is My Light, The	Christopherson, Dorothy	Augsburg Fortress (POP)
choir	refrain as prayer response	Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying	Ken Medema	Hope GC 850C
cong.	sung prayer	Lord's Prayer	Malotte (RENEW)	Hope 1998
solo/cong./children	anthem	Mary, Mary	Avery & Marsh; arr. Pfautsch	Abingdon Press 892
choir or solo/cong.	verse/chorus/movement	On Bread, One Body	John Foley/Schrader, Jack arr.	Hope
cong.	refrain with psalm reading	On Eagle's Wings	Joncas/Wagner	Hope A 675
cantor/cong.	simple verse change	Send Me Jesus (Thuma Mina)	South African (RENEW)	Hope 1998
choir choreography	anthem	Song at the Center	Marty Haugen	GIA
choir/cong.	interspersed with prayer	There is a Balm in Gilead		
choir/cong.	verse/chorus	We Are the Church	Avery & Marsh	