The indices of the Service Music edition of The Hymnal 1982

Included in the Service Music edition of the Hymnal 1982 is an Appendix which can be very helpful to church musicians. The music found in the Appendix has provision for the local reproduction of the settings. At the end of the Appendix are several indices which will aid you in planning liturgies.

Composers, Arrangers, and Sources for the Appendix

Like the index in the Hymnal, composers are arranged in alphabetical order.

Index of the Appendix

All of the music in the Appendix is listed alphabetically.

Metrical Psalm and Hymns based on Psalms (p. 679)

The Hymnal 1982 includes settings of twenty-four psalms and they are listed here in numerical order.

Hymns Based on Canticles and other Liturgical Texts (p. 680-681)

Settings of the Invitatory Psalms, the Evening Hymn, all of the Canticles (both Rite I and Rite II), and the Anthems at the Burial of the Dead are listed.

Index of Hymns for Use with Children (p. 682-683)

This index is for use with children in kindergarten and lower primary grades. Though not an exclusive list, the hymns included were “chosen for their immediacy and for their ability to touch a child’s life” (The Hymnal 1982 introduction to the index).

Liturgical and Subject Index (p. 684-702)

Liturgical planning becomes easier with this index which includes hymns for the Daily Office, the seasons of the church year, hymns for Baptism, the Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, as well as such subjects as Healing, Prayer, Discipleship, and Faith.

Index of Scriptural References (p. 703-711)

Another aid to liturgy planners is this list of hymns arranged by biblical citation.
Index of Hymns on the Consultation on Ecumenical Hymnody List (p. 712-713)

In 1968 the issue of ecumenical hymns began to be studied by the Consultation on Ecumenical Hymnody, a group that hoped to develop a list of standard hymns to be adopted in future hymnal projects. Three years later they adopted an official list of 150 hymns, most of which would be familiar to us today. After a group of hymnologists critiqued their original research, the CEH expanded their list to include 77 additional songs. This index lists those hymns.

The Hymnal and Worship Planning

Your hymnal is often the first resource to consult for worship planning. You may also have published additional resources to help with planning. All church musicians should be up-to-date on what resources are available. Look for those elsewhere on this site.

How can a hymnal help you in this important task?

- A topical index or scriptural index can help you find hymns appropriate for the day or season.
- The names and dates of text writers and music composers can help you plan hymnody from across the generations.
- Copyright listings help musicians and office administrators obtain permission to copy hymns in bulletins or other printed items.