

## Theological Themes for Worship

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The numbers (1, 2, 4, etc) before the themes has to do with how many times in a year that theme would be THE PRIMARY them addressed in our worship.

### God:

- 1 God is Three-in-One/Trinity
- 1 God is holy, perfect and just (transcendence and perfection)
- 1 God is the all-powerful (omnipotent) Creator
- 1 God is sovereign and majestic
- 1 God is all-knowing (Omniscient)
- 4 God is loving, full of mercy and grace.
- 1 God is immanent (omnipresent)
- 1 God is faithful
- 1 God is our provider and protector
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### God the Father:

- 1 God is our heavenly Father

### God the Son:

- 1 God the Son (Jesus) is fully divine and fully human (plus Christmas)
- 4 God the Son was the perfect substitute whose sacrifice atoned for the sins of his people
- 1 God the Son rose from the dead (plus Easter)
- 1 God the Son ascended into heaven and intercedes for his own.
- 4 God the Son will come again to earth in power and glory to usher in the end of the age (response of hope and holy living).
- 1 God the Son (Jesus) is Lord of his Church and of all.
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### God the Holy Spirit:

- 1 God the Holy Spirit is fully divine and is a person. (Pentecost)
- 1 God the Holy Spirit regenerates, convicts, and gives faith to His people to trust Jesus.

4 God the Holy Spirit indwells his people, edifying, comforting, interceding, protecting and empowering for service.

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God's Word:

1 God reveals himself through his Word.

1 God verbally inspired and illuminates his Word by his Spirit.

1 God transforms our lives by his Word.

1 God's Word is the final authority for faith and life.

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God's relationship to humanity:

1 God created humanity in his own image.

1 God judgment stands against all sinful and alienated humanity.

God satisfied his judgment against the sin of his people by the sacrificial death and resurrection of his own Son. (See God the Son above)

4 God restores our relationship with him solely by his grace through repentant-faith in the person and work of Jesus. (includes Reformation Sunday)

4 God grants assurance to his people that they belong to him by his grace.

1 God calls his people to an intimate relationship of dependent prayer.

1 God formed, sustains and empowers his church to:

2 love him with all our heart, soul and strength. (worship and godly living)

2 love their neighbors as themselves. (witness, mission and compassion)

2 God gave his church Baptism and the Lord's Supper to tangibly express the gospel and strengthen our faith

God, in the person of his Son, will come again to bring final judgment against sinners and his eternal presence for his people (See God the Son above)

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53 Sundays

The following song selections for themes are not necessarily best nor complete. Some of these songs may not be as “singable” as we would wish and thus inappropriate even though the theology is good. Finding a different, more singable tune, or discarding the song are options. Page numbers are from the Celebration Hymnal (Word Music). I have yet to look in other hymnals for good songs.

### Regarding the songs we sing:

1<sup>st</sup> The songs we sing should convey enough truth about God to be worth memorizing and singing both privately and publicly.

2<sup>nd</sup> The songs we sing is that they should reflect the fullness of our God’s person and work.

3<sup>rd</sup> The music we use should fit the content of the song.

4<sup>th</sup> The music and lyrics should be sing-able by a congregation.

5<sup>th</sup> The music and lyrics should be easy to remember.

## Theological Themes for Worship w/ Hymn suggestions:

God:

God is Three-in-One/Trinity

**Come, thou almighty king” 8**

*Call to worship, Trinity*

**God our Father, we adore Thee”93**

*Trinity, basic doctrine on all three persons*

**Holy God, we praise thy name” 2**

*Praise of the Trinity,*

Of the Father’s Love Begotten” 240

God is holy, perfect and just (transcendence and perfection)

**Holy, Holy, Holy” 3**

*Praise for the holiness of God, Trinity*

God is the all-powerful (omnipotent) Creator

**I sing the mighty power of God 128**

*Praise for natural creation and omnipresence of God*  
Praise the Lord, Ye heavens, Adore Him" 82

God is Sovereign and Majestic

**How great thou art" 147** (vss 1,3,4)

*Praise for creation(v1) cross(v2) and coming again (v3)*

**Immortal, Invisible" 33**

*Many of the attributes of God*

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" 169

The majesty and glory of your name" 152

God is All-knowing (Omniscient)

God is Love, Grace, Mercy

All People that on Earth do Dwell" 101

**Come thou fount of every blessing" 11**

*Praise for the grace of God*

Jesus the very thought of Thee" 89

**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" 90**

*Just praise!*

Ye Servants of God, Your Master proclaim" 38

God is immanent (omnipresent)

**Sing praise to God who reigns above" 97**

*Praise the God who is everpresent*

God is Faithful

Great is thy faithfulness" 139

God is our Provider and Protector

**A Mighty Fortress is our God" 151**

Children of the heavenly father" 719

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" 400

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah" 682

**O God our help in ages past" 686**

*The changeless, sufficient, eternal provider*

**O worship the king" 104**

*God's provision for his children*

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" 210**

*God reigns, protects, provides.*

Praise, My soul, the King of Heaven" 1

We praise thee, O God our redeemer" 68

God the Father:  
 God is our Father

God the Son: (General Praise)

How great thou art" 147 (vss 1,3,4)

Fairest Lord Jesus 87 verses 1,4

Join all the Glorious Names." 132

**Our great savior" 17**

*Hallelujah what a savior; friend, strength, help, guide*

God the Son (Jesus) is fully divine and fully human

God the Son was the perfect substitute whose sacrifice atoned  
 for the sins of his people

**O for a thousand tongues" 21**

*Praise for cancelled sin, freedom, life and peace*

**To God be the Glory" 56**

*Christ atoned for sin of all who believe, praise Him!*

Worthy is the Lamb" 303 (Don Wyrzten)

God the Son rose from the dead

Christ Arose" 357

**Christ the Lord is Risen today 367**

*The quintessential Easter hymn*

Crown Him with Many Crowns 45

Worship Christ the risen king 361

Jesus Christ is Risen Today 360

God the Son ascended into heaven and intercedes for his own.

God the Son will come again to earth in power and glory to  
 usher in the end of the age.

At the Name of Jesus" 766

Face to Face" 781

I'll fly Away" 779

Jesus is Coming Again 753

**Lo, he comes with Clouds Descending 754**

*All on 2<sup>nd</sup> coming – full of theology*

Soon and very soon 757

When the roll is called up yonder 774

When we all get to heaven" 772

God the Son (Jesus) is Lord of his Church and of all.

All hail the power of Jesus' name" 16, 43

Come Christians, Join to Sing 225

Glorious Is Thy Name" 122

**Jesus shall Reign, Where'er the Sun" 375**

My Jesus I love thee"

Name of All Majesty" 116

**Rejoice the Lord is King" 370**

To god be the glory" 56

When Morning Gilds the Skies" 215

God the Holy Spirit:

God the Holy Spirit is fully divine and is a person.

God the Holy Spirit regenerates, convicts, and gives faith to His people to trust Jesus.

The Comforter has come" 386

God the Holy Spirit indwells his people, edifying, comforting, interceding, protecting and empowering for service.

Breathe on me Breath of God" 393

Descend, O Holy Spirit" 395

Holy Ghost with light divine" 392

**Spirit of God descend upon my heart" 390**

*Prayer to the Spirit to do his work in us*

Spirit of the living God. 389

God's Word:

God reveals himself through his Word.

God has spoken by his Word 407

God verbally inspired and illuminates his Word by his Spirit.

God transforms our lives by his Word.

We have come to Join in Worship" 207

God's Word is the final authority for faith and life.

**Holy Bible, Book Divine 412 (another tune?)**

*The way the Bible teaches, disciplines, comforts,*

How firm a foundation" 408

O Word of God Incarnate" 414

Thanks to God Whose word was Spoken" 409

God's relationship to humanity:

God created humanity in his own image.

God judgment stands against all sinful and alienated humanity.

God satisfied his judgment against the sin of his people by the sacrificial death and resurrection of his own Son.

**Alas and did my savior bleed" 306**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus" 320

Christ the Lord is Risen Today 367

**Hallelujah, What a Savior" 311**

O Sacred Head, Now wounded 316

**Rock of Ages" 342**

The Old Rugged Cross 327

**When I survey the wondrous Cross" 321,324**

God restores our relationship with him solely by his grace through repentant-faith in the person and work of Jesus.

**Amazing Grace" 343**

**And can it be?" 347**

Grace Greater than our Sin 344

My Hope is in the Lord" 540

My Savior's Love 348

Redeemed" 516

The Solid Rock" 526

Wonderful Grace of Jesus" 338

God grants assurance to his people that they belong to him by his grace.

Be Still my Soul, The Lord is on Thy Side 712

Blessed assurance" 572

Children of the Heavenly Father 719

He hideth my soul" 611

His Eye is on the Sparrow" 624

I am His and He is Mine 748

I know Whom I have Believed" 527

It is well with my soul 705

Jesus lover of my soul" 710

Like a river glorious" 737

**My faith has found a resting place" 528**

My hope is in the Lord" 540

O Love that will not let me Go" 606

God calls his people to an intimate relationship of dependent prayer.

**Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” 639**

I Need Thee Every Hour” 638

God formed, sustains and empowers his church:

Christ is Made the Sure foundation 403

I love Thy Kingdom Lord 405

**The Church’s One Foundation” 401**

We are Called to be God’s People 415

To love him with all our heart, soul and strength. (worship and godly living)

A charge to keep I have 666

Be Thou My Vision” 562

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” 648**

May the mind of Christ, my savior” 568

My Faith Looks up to Thee” 539

Oh for a Heart to Praise My God” 650

To love our neighbors as ourselves. (witness, mission and compassion)

Christ is made the Sure Foundation” 403

Faith of our fathers 404

**Glorious is Thy Name Most Holy” 677**

God of Grace and God of Glory 435

God of Our Fathers” 809

Instruments of Your Peace” 637 (St. Francis of Assisi)

O Word of God Incarnate” 414

Rise up of Church of God “ 433

Shine, Jesus, Shine 431

Soldiers of Christ Arise” 723

We are Called to be God’s People”

**We are God’s People” 399**

God gave his church Baptism and the Lord’s Supper to tangibly express the gospel and strengthen our faith.

Come, Share the Lord” 462

God, in the person of his Son, will come again to bring final judgment against sinners and his eternal presence for his people. (See “God the Son” above)



**Christmas hymns:**

Angels from the Realms of glory" 259  
 Angels we have heard on high 278  
 Away in a manger 261  
 Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus" 244  
 Hark the herald angels sing 277  
 How great our joy 269  
 It came upon the midnight clear 251  
 Joy to the world' 270  
 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 271  
 O come all ye faithful 249  
 O come, o come Emmanuel, 245  
 O little Town of Bethlehem 250  
 Silent night 253  
 The birthday of a king 284  
 The first noel 265

**Thanks giving**

For the beauty of the earth" 182, 793  
 In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him 796  
 Let all things Now Living" 794  
 Now thank we all our God 788  
 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing 790

**Alphabetical Listing of "core" Hymns:****35 "Core1" Songs**

**A Mighty Fortress is our God" 151**  
**Alas and did my savior bleed" 306**  
**Amazing Grace" 343**  
**And can it be?" 347**  
**Christ the Lord is Risen Today 367**  
**Come thou fount of every blessing" 11**  
**Come, thou almighty king" 8**  
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**Hallelujah, What a Savior" 311**  
**Holy Bible, Book Divine 412**  
**Holy God, we praise thy name" 2**  
**Holy, Holy, Holy" 3**  
**How great thou art" 147 (vss 1,3,4)**  
**I sing the mighty power of God 128**

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 Jesus shall Reign, Where'er the Sun" 375  
 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" 90  
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 O worship the king" 104 Traditional and Tomlin version  
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 The Church's One Foundation" 401  
 To God be the Glory" 56  
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 When I survey the wondrous Cross" 321,324

### **"Contemporary" Songs**

Above All  
 Agnus Dei  
 Amazing Love/You Are My King  
 Ancient of Days  
 Ancient Words  
 Awesome God  
 Beautiful One  
 Better is One Day  
 Blessed Be Your Name  
 Come Let Us Worship (Tomlin)?  
 Come Share the Lord  
 Come, Now is the Time to Worship?  
 Forever  
 Give Thanks  
 God of Wonders  
 Hallelujah to the Lamb  
 Here is our King (Crowder)?  
 Holy Spirit Rain Down  
 How Great is our God  
 How Great is Your Love  
 I Come to the Cross  
 I Stand Amazed  
 I Stand in Awe  
 Isaiah 43  
 It is You?

**Lamb of God**  
**Lord Most High**  
**Made to Worship (Tomlin)?**  
**My Heart's Desire**  
**My Savior Loves, My Savior Lives**  
**Our Heart (missions)**  
**Revelation 19**  
**Salvation Belongs to our God**  
**Shine Jesus, Shine**  
**Shine On Us**  
**Shout to the Lord**  
**Show Your Power (missions)**  
**The Heart of Worship (singable?)**  
**The Power of Your Love**  
**The Solid Rock**  
**There is a Redeemer**  
**This is the Gospel of Christ (missions)**  
**To the Ends of the Earth (missions)**  
**We are the Body (Casting Crowns)?**  
**We Declare Your Majesty**  
**Wonderful, Merciful Savior**

### 100 "Core 2" songs:

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 All hail the power of Jesus' name" 16, 43  
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Questionable:

"All Creatures of Our God and King" – content is weak  
 How Deep the Father's Love for Us – what is this song?

\_\_\_\_\_ songs plus 20 for Christmas and Thanksgiving

52 Sundays in a year

3 special Sundays: Christmas (2), Easter,

49

4 Other special theme Sundays: Missions, Reformation, Pentecost,  
?

45 Sundays for standard theological themes

45 Sundays X 6 songs = 270 song opportunities

On average:

4 hymns each week = 180hymns/sung 4 times each year = 45 hymns

2 contemporary songs each week = 90 contemp/sung 4 times each  
year = 22 contemp songs

If we have not only a core1 list of the best of the best but also a core2 list of songs used less frequently it will be necessary to make the core1 list even smaller than 45 hymns and 22 contemporary songs to allow for other songs.

It will also be necessary to change the core1 and core2 lists as we add new songs that meet the criteria but we will also have to eliminate songs from the lists to make room for new ones.