

Learning Some New Songs

And a bit about music ministry in church
Anglican Church of Noosa | Parish Training Day 2012

Agenda

1. What kind of music does God like?
2. Why do we sing in church?
3. What's going on when we sing?
4. Characteristics of a great band member
5. Learning some new songs

What kind of music does God like?

Colossians 3:16-17 - Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Ephesians 5:18-20 - Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹speaking to one another with psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Adapted from Garage Hymnal Band Workshop – www.garagehymnal.com.au

What kind of music does God like?

- ▣ Through Jesus
 - ▣ Hebrews 13:15 – Jesus will never leave or forsake us
- ▣ For Jesus
 - ▣ Revelation 5:12 – Worthy is the Lamb to receive honour, glory, power...
- ▣ With passion
 - ▣ Eph 5:19 – Make music from your heart
 - ▣ James 5:13b – “Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.”

What kind of music does God like?

- ▣ With content
 - ▣ Colossians 3:16 – Teach and admonish each other in wisdom
- ▣ With skill!
 - ▣ Psalm 33 – skillfully, 1 Corinthians 14:26 – So that the church may be built up
 - ▣ Philippians 2:4 – not looking to your own interests but others’

Why do we sing in church?

- ▣ Singing is a great way to worship God
 - ▣ Congregational worship is a ‘particular expression of the total life-response that is the worship of the new covenant’ (David Peterson, *Engaging with God*)
 - ▣ Praising God in song is a just another way
- ▣ Singing is, and always has been, an important way for God’s people to respond to His character and acts
 - ▣ Psalm 96 – “Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth...”
 - ▣ Luke 1:46ff – Mary’s song

Why do we sing in church?

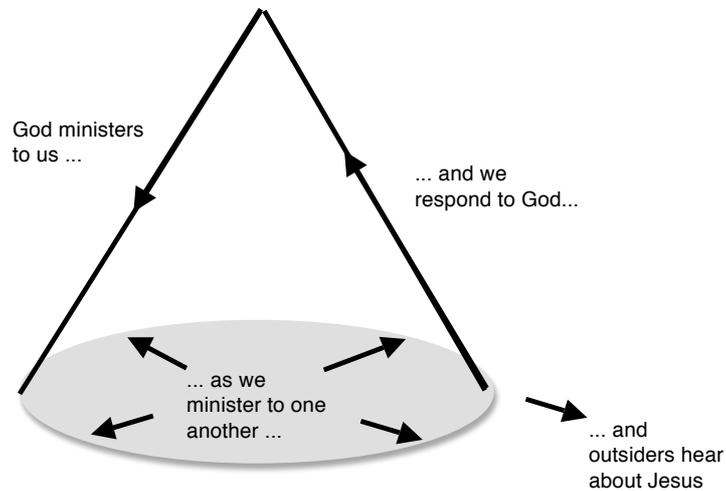
- ▣ Singing anticipates our fellowship with the wider church (other Christians) in the new creation

Revelation 5:9-10, 13 - And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. 10You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." ... 13Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

Why do we sing in church?

- ▣ Singing is good for us!
 - ▣ It builds us up as a church
 - ▣ It allows us to express our emotions
 - ▣ It can be an effective tool for evangelism
- ▣ We are told to

What's going on when we sing?



Characteristics of a great band member

- ▣ Committed member of our church - Christian
- ▣ A skilled musician!
- ▣ Humility – direction
- ▣ Commitment
- ▣ Practice

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- ▣ Take My Life – Garage Hymnal
- ▣ Desert Song – Brooke Fraser