**Suggested Hymns from *The Hymnal 1982***

*Please note, this list of hymns is not exhaustive. You might have other favorite hymns or songs. St. John’s clergy and church musicians can discuss these with you at any time.*

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| Hymn #178 188 207 208 287 293 296 304 335 336 339 343 366 373 376 379 383 388 390 397 400 410 423 429 439 447 455/6 457 460 473  | Common Title or First LineAlleluia, Alleluia! Give ThanksLove's Redeeming Work is Done Jesus Christ is Risen TodayThe Strife is O'er For All The SaintsI Sing A Song of the Saints of GodWe Know That Christ is RaisedI Come With Joy to Meet My LordI Am The Bread of LifeCome With Us, O Blessed JesusDeck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness Shepherd of SoulsHoly God We Praise Thy NamePraise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him Joyful, Joyful, We Adore TheeGod Is LoveFairest Lord JesusO Worship the King, All Glorious Above Praise to the LordNow Thank We All Our GodAll Creatures of Our God and King Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven Immortal, Invisible, God Only WiseI'll Praise My Maker While I've BreathWhat Wondrous Love Is ThisThe Christ Who Died But Rose AgainO Love Of GodThou Art the WayAlleluia, Sing to JesusLift High the Cross  | Hymn #477 482 488 490 492 493 517 579 608 618 620 623 625 635 637 641 644 645/6 657 658 662 663 664 669 671680 685 688 690 691  | Common Title or First LineAll Praise to TheeLord of All HopefulnessBe Thou My VisionI Want to Walk As A Child of the LightSing, Ye Faithful, Sing With GladnessO For A Thousand TonguesHow Lovely Is Thy Dwelling-PlaceAlmighty Father, Strong to SaveEternal Father, Strong to SaveYe Watchers And Ye Holy OnesJerusalem, My Happy HomeO What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be Ye Holy Angels BrightIf Thou But Trust In God To Guide TheeHow Firm A Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord Lord Jesus, Think On MeHow Sweet the Name of Jesus SoundsThe King of Love My Shepherd IsLove Divine, All Loves ExcellingAs Longs the Deer for Cooling StreamsAbide With MeThe Lord My God My Shepherd IsMy Shepherd Will Supply My NeedCommit Thou All That Grieves TheeAmazing GraceO God, Our Help In Ages PastRock of AgesA Mighty Fortress Is Our GodGuide Me, O Thou Great JehovahMy Faith Looks Up To Thee  |

**Suggested Readings**

**1)  Romans 8: 35, 37-39**

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**2) II Timothy 4:7-8**

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

**3) Lamentations 3:22-26,31-33**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,

   his mercies never come to an end;

they are new every morning;

   great is your faithfulness.

‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul,

   ‘therefore I will hope in him.’

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,

   to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly

   for the salvation of the Lord.

For the Lord will not

   reject for ever.

Although he causes grief, he will have compassion

   according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

for he does not willingly afflict

   or grieve anyone.

**4) 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9**

 So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

 So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

**5) John 5:24-27**

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life.

 ‘Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgement, because he is the Son of Man.

**Psalms**

**Psalm 23**

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

   for his name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

   I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

   your rod and your staff—

   they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

   in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

   my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

   all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

   my whole life long.

**Psalm 46**

God is our refuge and strength,

   a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

   though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

though its waters roar and foam,

   though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

   the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

   God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;

   he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

   the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord;

   see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

   he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;

   he burns the shields with fire.

‘Be still, and know that I am God!

   I am exalted among the nations,

   I am exalted in the earth.’

The Lord of hosts is with us;

   the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**Psalm 139:1-18**

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

   you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down,

   and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue,

   O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before,

   and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

   it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit?

   Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

   if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning

   and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

even there your hand shall lead me,

   and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, ‘Surely the darkness shall cover me,

   and the light around me become night’,

For it was you who formed my inward parts;

   you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

   Wonderful are your works;

that I know very well.

   My frame was not hidden from you,

when I was being made in secret,

   intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written

   all the days that were formed for me,

   when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

   How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them—they are more than the sand;

   I come to the end—I am still with you.

**Psalm 34**

I will bless the Lord at all times;

   his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

   let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,

   and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me,

   and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant;

   so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,

   and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the Lord encamps

   around those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good;

   happy are those who take refuge in him.

O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,

   for those who fear him have no want.

The young lions suffer want and hunger,

   but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Come, O children, listen to me;

   I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Which of you desires life,

   and covets many days to enjoy good?

Keep your tongue from evil,

   and your lips from speaking deceit.

Depart from evil, and do good;

   seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,

   and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against evildoers,

   to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,

   and rescues them from all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the broken-hearted,

   and saves the crushed in spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

   but the Lord rescues them from them all.

He keeps all their bones;

   not one of them will be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked,

   and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

The Lord redeems the life of his servants;

   none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.