Sunday by Sunday on the web Celebrating the Saints



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The music suggested here has been selected to help those planning services held on days when individual saints are celebrated, complementing the music for All Saints' Day listed on pages 28 and 29 of Sunday by Sunday Issue 57. The focus is chiefly, though not exclusively, on apostles and evangelists and on saints honoured particularly in the British Isles.

Lists of music in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary and ideas for music celebrating St Michael and All Angels can be found in separate documents on this website.

The Voice of Faith (VOF) is a helpful book of hymns by Timothy Dudley-Smith, including a number for specific saints' days or patronal festivals (Canterbury Press 2008). The music editor is William Llewellyn. Hymns for Prayer and Praise (HPP), currently out of print, is to be reissued in a revised edition with slightly different numbering.

Hymns and songs

Suitable for various saints' days:

A glorious company we sing (H&P 787, R&S 570)

Behold what witnesses unseen (CH4 743)

By all your saints still striving (verses for different saints; L 372)

By every nation, race and tongue (HTC 579, SG 30)

Captains of the saintly band (apostles; AMNS 299, CP 212, HON 91, NEH 215)

Christ is our corner-stone (many books)

Christ who called disciples to him (apostles; SG 620)

Come, pure hearts, in sweetest measures (evangelists; AMNS 300)

Drawn from every tribe (SOF 1220)

For all the saints who showed your love (L 387, SPR 114)

For all thy saints, O Lord (AMNS 358, CH5 461, CP 215, HON 179, NEH 224)

For all your saints in glory (verses for different saints; CH5 460)

Give thanks for Christ's apostles (HPP 419)

Glory to you/thee, O God (AMNS 353, CH4 741, CP 217, HON 208, SPR 115)

God of gods, we sound his praises (BPW 46, HTC 340, SG 504, VOF 16)

God, we praise you! God, we bless you! (BPW 49, CH4 120, CH5 696, CP 450,

HTC 341, SG 38, SPR 201)

God, whose city's sure foundation (CH5 464, CP 219, NEH 199)

Great and wonderful, Lord God (SBSE 59)

Let all on earth their voices raise (apostles; HPP 310)

Let the round world with songs rejoice (apostles; NEH 214)

Lord God, we give you thanks for all your saints (AMNS 488)

O Jesus, Saviour of us all (HPP 330)

Praise to God for saints and martyrs (HON 571, LHON 580)

Rejoice in God's saints (AMNS 508, CH4 742, CH5 471, CP

227, SBSE 62, SG 675, SPR 116)

Saints of God! Lo, Jesu's people (apostles; NEH 179)

Sing for God's glory (CG 111, CH4 172, HON 598)

Thanks be to God for his saints (SG 64, SPR 117, VOF 14)

The call to holiness is ours (HPP 328)

The eternal gifts of Christ the king (martyrs; HPP 319)

The eternal gifts of Christ the king (apostles; AMNS 297,

HON 639, HPP 312, L 374, NEH 21)

The martyrs, living now with Christ (HPP 318)

The saints who toiled from place to place (NEP 616)

Through saints we glimpse the light of Christ (CH4 748)

We have a gospel to proclaim (evangelists; many books)

Will you come and follow me (apostles; many books)

Suitable for specific saints' days:

The Conversion of Paul, 25 January

A heavenly splendour from on high (HPP 401, NEH 154)

Disposer supreme (many books)

Fight the good fight (many books)

From heaven's height Christ spoke (HPP 402)

Give praise to God for his apostle Paul (VOF 12)

Lord, I was blind (many books)

Lord of glory, in our darkness (SG 603)

O gently blinding, glorious light (HPP 403)

We sing the glorious conquest (AMNS 313, CP 237, NEH 155)

David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, I March

O great Saint David, still we hear thee call us (CFE 532, L 382)

We praise thy name, all-holy Lord (NEH 158)

Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, 17 March

All glory and praise to you (CH5 473)

Christ be beside me (CFE 106, CH4 577, CH5 611, L 910, LHON 194)

Hail, glorious Saint Patrick (CFE 234, L 383, LHON 308)

I bind unto myself today (many books)

This day God gives me (AMNS 516, CFE 729, CP 205, L 673, LHON 680, R&S 79)

We praise you and thank you (CFE 783, L 384)

Joseph of Nazareth, 19 March

Blessed Joseph, yours the praise (HPP 409)

Come now, and praise the humble saint (L 376)

Hail, holy Joseph (CFE 235, L 377)

Lord, hear the praises (HPP 408, NEH 160)

Saint Joseph, God has chosen you (CFE 627)

To Joseph of Nazareth (VOF 3)

We praise you, Father, for that man (HPP 410)

George, Martyr, Patron of England, 23 April

Leader now on earth no longer (CFE 352, L 386, LHON 414)

Lord God of Hosts, within whose hand (NEH 162)

O God of earth and altar (many books)

Mark the Evangelist, 25 April (See also the general hymns for evangelists above)

Praise be to God for servants of the word (VOF 5)

The saint who first found grace to pen (NEH 163)

Philip and James, Apostles, I May (See also the general hymns for apostles above)

Christ is the world's light (many books)

Thou art the way/You are the way (many books)

Twin princes (NEH 164)

Matthias the Apostle, 14 May (or 24 February) (See also the general hymns for apostles above)

The highest and the holiest place (NEH 165)

Barnabas the Apostle, 11 June (See also the general hymns for apostles above)

The son of consolation! (NEH 167)

The Birth of John the Baptist, 24 June

God called great prophets to foretell (HPP 418)

Hail, harbinger of morn (NEH 169)

O prophet John, O Man of God (HPP 416)

On this high feast day honour we the Baptist (HPP 415)

Saint John was like a flaming torch (HPP 417)

The great forerunner of the morn (CP 235, L 378)

Peter and Paul, Apostles, 29 June (See also the general hymns for apostles above)

Into a world of darkness (L 380)

O Peter, you were named by Christ (HPP 420, L 379)

The saints of Christ are one in every place (SG 629)

With golden splendour (NEH 171)

Peter the Apostle, 29 June (See also the general hymns for apostles above)

Long before the world is waking (VOF 9)

O Peter, you were named by Christ (HPP 420, L 379, omitting verses related to Paul)

Thou art the Christ, O Lord (AMNS 317, CP 236, NEH 172)

We praise you for the fisherman (HPP 407)

Thomas the Apostle, 3 July (or 21 December) (See also the general hymns for apostles above)

Blessed Thomas, doubt no longer (NEH 173)

How often we, like Thomas (CH4 432)

Jesus, stand among us in thy risen power (many books)

'Peace be to you,' was Jesus' word (VOF 10)

Strong Son of God, immortal Love (NEH 455)

These things did Thomas count as real (SS 49)

We walk by faith and not by sight (CFE 789, L 284)

Mary Magdalene, 22 July

Comes Mary to the grave (CH4 407, HTC 152, SG 401)

I sought him whom my heart desires (HPP 424)

Mary, weep not, weep no longer (NEH 174)

Mary, who stayed with your mother and John (HPP 425)

To God be glory, love and praise (VOF II)

Walking in a garden (AMNS 518, CH5 290, HON 75, NEH 123, R&S 334)

James the Apostle, 25 July (See also the general hymns for apostles above)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence (from the Liturgy of St James; many books)

Lord, who shall sit beside thee (NEH 175)

Barthomolew the Apostle, 24 August (See also the general hymns for apostles above)

King of saints, to whom the number (Anglican Hymn Book 444)

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, 21 September (See also the general hymns for apostles and evangelists above)

He sat to watch o'er customs paid (NEH 189)

What debt of sin that none can pay (VOF 4, Sunday by Sunday Issue 36)

Luke the Evangelist, 18 October (See also the general hymns for evangelists above)

Saint Luke, beloved physician (VOF 6)

Saviour, who didst healing give (NEH 194)

Simon and Jude, Apostles, 28 October (See also the general hymns for apostles above)

Lord of all the saints, we praise thee (NEH 195)

Andrew the Apostle (Patron of Scotland), 30 November (See also the general hymns for apostles above)

Great Saint Andrew, friend of Jesus (Patron of Scotland; CFE 232, L 385)

Jesus calls us: o'er/in the tumult (many books)

Sing of Andrew, John's disciple (CH4 339)

What sense of need led Andrew on (VOF 8)

When Christ our Lord to Andrew cried (Patron of Scotland; LHON 727)

Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr, 26 December (See also the general hymns for martyrs above)

God's only Son, the source of life (HPP 453)

Head of thy Church triumphant (H&P 818)

Stephen, first of Christian Martyrs (HPP 452, NEH 201)

John, Apostle and Evangelist, 27 December (See also the general hymns for apostles and evangelists above)

If on our hearts the light of Christ has shone (VOF 7)

Word supreme, before creation (NEH 202)

Northern saints (various)

Alone with none but thee, my God (Columba; CH5 560)

Christ who has sent us Celtic saints (NEP 615)

Proud yet humble, strong and gentle (God is Good, God is Truth, God is Beauty, Praise Him 418)

Anthems and vocal music

Title	Composer	Voices	E/M/D	Book source	Single sheet publisher		
UNISON/TWO PART/HIGH VO	UNISON/TWO PART/HIGH VOICES						
Settings of the Te Deum	Various	U/SATB	Е	CWP, MCWI			
Alleluia Beati	Walker	U/2 part#	E	С			
Alleluia! Raise the Gospel	Farrell	U/SATB#	E	GBU, BFS, SPR	ОСР		
Gaudent in coelis	Dering	2 part	М	AC2, SFL2	Schott		
Give us the wings of faith	Blatchly	SS	М	HP			
Let saints on earth	Ridout	U	E	AC2			
Litany of the Saints	Becker	U#	Е		ОСР		
Saints of God, come to our aid! (Litany of the Saints)	Walsh	U + speaker	E	CFES, L			
Saints of God in glory (Litany of the Saints)	Farrell	U + speaker	E	GBAN			
The angel rolled the stone away (Mary Magdalene)	Trad arr Weaver	U	E	SFLI			
The souls of the righteous	Nares	SS	М	AC2			
We walk by faith (Thomas)	Haugen	U	E	CFE, L	GIA		
You are Peter	Aston	2 part	E		RSCM		
THREE/FOUR PARTS							
A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester	Archer	SATB	E		RSCM		
Blest are the pure in heart	Archer	SATB	Е	SBSE			
Fight the good fight	Gardner	SATB	М	MTHI	OUP		
For all thy saints	Bullard	SATB	E/M	NOEAB			
Hymn to St Peter	Britten	SATB	D		B&H		
I beheld, and Io, a great multitude	Blow	SATB + SATB soli	D		OUP		

In the city of the Lord	Harper	SATB	M/D	LOL	
Justorum animae	Berkeley	SATB unacc	D		Chester
Justorum animae	Stanford	SATB unacc	М	ASA	B&H
Lo, round the throne	Ley	SATB	E	FSB3, NCAB	Banks
O King all glorious	Willan	SATB unacc	E/M	ETAS	OUP
O quam gloriosum	Byrd	SATB unacc	М	OBTA	Banks
O quam gloriosum	Victoria	SATB unacc	M	ESM, NCAB	Novello
Pasce agnos meos (Peter)	M.Berkeley	SATB + optional organ	D	CN	
Praise his name in the dance	Kelly	SATB	M/D		Encore
Prayer of St Patrick	Rutter	SATB unacc	E/M		OUP
Stand firm (Litany of the Saints)	Trad arr Bell, Haugen	SAB + cantor#	Е		GIA
The Beatitudes	Chilcott	SATB	М		OUP
The Beatitudes	Pärt	SATB	D		Universal
The Beatitudes	Wilson	SATB + cantor	Е	Sunday by Sunday Issue 54	
The Church triumphant	Shephard	SATB	М	SBS1	RSCM
The Communion of Saints	Gower	SATB	M/D		Encore
The eternal gifts of Christ the King	Guidetti arr Ley	SAMen	E	OBFA	Banks
Tu es Petrus	Duruflé	SATB unacc	М		Durand/UMP
Tu es Petrus	Spicer	SATB	М		Banks
When Mary through the garden went (Mary Magdalene)	Stanford	SATB unacc	E	ASA	S&B
When the saints go marching in	Rutter	SATB	М		OUP
Woman, why weepest thou? (Mary Magdalene)	Schütz	SATB	М		Concordia

FIVE OR MORE PARTS					
Beati mundo corde	Byrd	SSATB unacc	M/D	ETAS	CMS/OUP (Four Motets for All Saints)
Christ is the morning star	Carter	SSAATTBB	D		OUP
Christus est stella	Todd	SSAATTBB unacc	D	CN	
Duo seraphim	Guerrero	SSSAAATTTBBB unacc	М		Mapa Mundi
Gaudent in coelis	Philips	SSATB unacc	М	TAN	Banks
Glorious in heaven	Whitlock	SATBB unacc	E/M	ETAS	Banks
Justorum animae	Byrd	SSATB unacc	M/D	ОВТА	OUP
Laudens exultet gaudio (any saint's name can be inserted)	Croce	SATB + SATB unacc	М		Proctor
Maria stabat ad monumentum (Mary Magdalene)	A.Gabrieli	SAATTB unacc	М		Proctor
Prayer of St Cuthbert	Spicer	SATB + SATB unacc	M/D		Banks
Prayer of St Richard	Halsey	SATBB unacc	М		Encore
The Twelve	Walton	SSAATTBB + solo B	D		OUP
Tu es Petrus (Peter)	Palestrina	SSATBB unacc	M/D	ESM	
Victimae paschali (Mary Magdalene)	Byrd	SSATB unacc	M/D		Banks

Taizé, Iona and world music

Adoramus te, Domine	TI
Beati voi poveri	CLM
Christe lux mundi	CLM
In te confido (Christ of compassion)	TSFP
Let us sing to the Lord	TSFP
Praise our God and Saviour	CLM
Qui regarde vers Dieu (Look to God and be filled)	CLM
For all the saints who showed/who've shown your love	LFB, WGIR
From Erin's shores Columba came	LFB, SS
God it was who said to Abraham	LFB
Goodness is stronger than evil	TIOAU, LAA
I bow my knee in prayer	OITB, CG
James and Andrew, Peter and John	HSNW
The strangest of saints	HSNW
He came singing love	IECS, VFLS1
Kay Yahweh ako (l'Il follow my Lord)	WP, IECS, C, SG
Sent by the Lord am I	WP, IECS, SBTL, BC, CG, CFE, CH4, L, SG, AGP
Sizohamba naye (We are on the Lord's road/We will walk with God)	IECS, OITB, SFL1, WP, CH4, SG
Tatanaca (Men and women, let us walk)	IECS, SBTL, WP, SG

Organ music

Composer	Title	Source	Level of difficulty			
BEFORE						
Beechey	Prelude on 'Placare Christe servulis'	(Fagus)	E/M			
Chaminade	Offertoire (All Souls)	In La Nef Sacrée (Enoch)	E/M(*)			
Dupont	Pour le Toussaint	(Eschig/MDS)	М			
Guilmant	Communion 'Placare Christe servulis'	In Liturgical Organist Op.65 Bk.7 (Masters, Schott)	E/M			
Harker	Iste confessor (Angers)	In Three Pieces Based on French Church Melodies (Novello)	E/M			
Karg-Elert	Before the image of a saint	No.8 from Sempre Semplice Op.142 (Breitkopf, Butz)	E/M			
Peeters	Aeterna Christi munera	No.2 of Thirty Chorale Preludes on Gregorian Themes Op.76 (Peters)	E*			
Ridout	Prelude on 'St Thomas honour we'	In New Music for Organ Bk.2 (Mayhew)	Е			
Ridout	Gospel or Procession (Salve regina)	From Messe d'Orgue (Encore)	E & E/M			
Saint-Saëns	Pro defunctis	No.6 of Sept Improvisations Op.150 (Durand, Butz)	E/M			
Shearing	There is a happy land	In Sacred Sounds from George Shearing (SMP)	E/M			

DURING					
Cameron	Song 67 In Six Preludes on Hymn Tunes (Novello)		E/M		
Floyd	Chorale Prelude 'Kilmarnock'	In Musical Miniatures (Mayhew)	E		
Nixon	Ad tuum nomen	In Hymn Tune Preludes (Fagus)	E/M		
Oortmerssen	For all the saints	From Five Chorale Preludes (Tactus)	E/M		
Peeters	Sine nomine	In Hymn Preludes for the Liturgical Year Op.100 Bk.5 (Peters)	E/M		
Peeters	O what their joy and their glory must be	In Hymn Preludes for the Liturgical Year Op.100 Bk.21 (Peters)	E		
Ropartz	Dum esset rex, Veni electa mea or Ista est speciosa	Nos. I, 4 & 5 from Les Vêpres du Commun des Saints (Schola Cantorum)	Е		
Tallis	Iste confessor (two settings)	In The Complete Works (Hinrichsen)	E*		
Tournemire	Movements from 'Festum omnium sanctorum'	In Petites Fleurs Musicales Op.66 (Universal Edition)	E*		
Vierne	Stèle pour un enfant défunt	No.3 from <i>Triptyque</i> Op.58 (Lemoine)	М		
Willan	Prelude on 'Newbury'	In Ten Hymn Preludes Set 3 (Peters)	E/M		

AFTER					
Bédard	Variations sur 'Lasst uns erfreuen'	(Cheldar)	E/M		
Callahan	Voluntary on 'Engelberg'	(MorningStar)	М		
Chaminade	Offertoire (All Saints)	In La Nef Sacrée (Enoch)	E/M(*)		
Choveaux	Toccata 'Lasst uns erfreuen'	No.3 of Three Pieces (Lengnick)	M/D		
Dupré	Placare Christe servulis	No.16 in Le Tombeau de Titelouze Op.38 (H.W.Gray)	M/D		
Gibbs	Who are these, like stars appearing?	No.2 in Wings of Faith (Bardic)	M/D		
Groves	Lasst uns erfreuen	In Twelve Hymn-Tune Preludes Set 2 (Novello)	E/M(*)		
Harker	Iste confessor (Rouen)	In Three Pieces Based on French Church Melodies (Novello)	М		
lbert	Choral 'Justorum animae'	(UMP)	D		
Matthews	St Anne	In Twelve Chorale Preludes on Familiar Hymns (Presser)	E/M		
Peeters	Placare, Christe, servulis	No.6 of Ten Chorale Preludes on Gregorian Themes Op.77 (Peters)	M/D		

Peeters	Lasst uns erfreuen	In Hymn Preludes for the Liturgical Year Op.100 Bk.3 (Peters)	М
Rawsthorne	Alleluias (Lasst uns erfreuen)	In Twelve Miniatures for Festive Occasions (Mayhew; manuals-only edition also available)	E
Redford	Iste confessor with a meane	In The Mulliner Book (Stainer)	E/M*
Sowerby	Hymn Prelude 'Sine nomine'	(Gray)	M/D
Stanford	Fantasia (In festo omnium sanctorum) Op.121/1	(Fitzjohn)	M/D
Vann	Preludes on 'Hanover' or 'Solothurn'	In Six Preludes (Mayhew)	E/M
Willan	Prelude on 'Iste confessor'	In Ten Hymn Preludes Set 3 (Peters)	М
Willan	Prelude on 'Old 104th'	In Ten Hymn Preludes Set 2 (Peters)	М
Wood	Old 104th Psalm	No.8 of Sixteen Preludes on Melodies from the English and Scottish Psalters Vol.2 (FitzSimons)	М

Movements from **Self** Variations on 'Iste confessor', E/M-M (Animus) or **Edwards** Partita 'Iste confessor' Op.379, E-M (Fagus) would be suitable before, during and after.

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