

Sunday 11th June 2023 – RSCM Music Sunday

Themes: Celebrating music and musicians in the service of the Church’s worship

Season: Trinity 1/RSCM Music Sunday. (*The Feast of St Barnabas is usually transferred to the Monday*)

Resources: for a range of planning ideas and resources, see <https://www.rscm.org.uk/whats-on/music-sunday/> and <https://www.rscm.org.uk/whats-on/music-sunday/toolkit/>

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Gathering Music/songs leading into worship	Hymns/songs/music suitable for Preparation for worship.	Good planning starts with getting a working group together in good time, to include ministers & musicians & key lay leaders for the churches involved.	Organist/Choir /Music group/ Cantor
Gathering Hymn	For suggestions see RSCM Music Sunday 2023 hymns/anthems online.	https://www.rscm.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Music-Sunday-2023.pdf	Ditto
Greeting, and opening prayer	Including an invocation to the Holy Spirit	Led by a Lay or Ordained minister	Officiant
Prayers of Penitence	Common Worship; or maybe with a sung Kyrie response (e.g. Taizé)	Include a pause for silent reflection on times we’ve become a barrier to, rather than an instrument of, faith and fellowship	Officiant
Absolution		Inclusive option to be included for lay leaders	Officiant
Gloria	Ideally a version that includes the participation of the congregation.	Use locally known settings; or introduce a version for both choir and congregation, perhaps with a repeated response.	Organ/ Music group/ Cantor
Collect	An RSCM Collect or Trinity 1. E.g. God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: be with your servants who make music with your people, that, with joy, we on earth may glimpse your beauty; and bring us to the fulfilment of that hope of perfection, which will be ours as we stand before your unveiled glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	See RSCM Toolkit	Officiant
First Reading	One of New Testament readings Colossians 3.12–17 Ephesians 5.15–20 Revelation 4 Revelation 5.6–end	One of the suggested readings from RSCM website <i>or</i> Readings of the day (Trinity 1 – Proper 6): Genesis 12.1-9; Romans 4.13-25	Lay person
Hymn or Psalm (sung)	See RSCM suggestions.	A responsorial or a versified Psalm. E.g. Psalm 33. 1 – 12 (set for Trinity 1)	Organ or Music group + cantor?
Gospel	One of suggested Gospel readings Matthew 28.16–20 Luke 1.46–55 Luke 1.57–68 Luke 2.8–14 Luke 7.31–35	One of the suggested Music Sunday Gospels, Or the Gospel of the day: - Matthew 9.9-13,18-26.	Lay person, Deacon or Officiant

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Anthem	See RSCM Sunday by Sunday list: or 'In the sound of song' – anthems by Chris Artley and Anthony Gray. For a simple 2 part setting, see 'He came singing love' – Words & Music: Colin Gibson, arr. Geoff Weaver	Ideally the words of the anthem chosen should be included in the booklet, or given on a separate sheet. See 'In the sound of song' – new anthems written for this Music Sunday: https://www.rscmshop.com/books/A4066/in-the-sound-of-song 'He came singing love' is no. 25 in the Voice for Life Songbook (RSCM 2006). A rehearsal recording is available.	Choir/keyboard Organ/music group?
Sermon	Possible Themes: Music – a resource for building the Kingdom of God?	Possibility of including a brief interview with a leading church musician or two?	Preacher
Creed (sung or said)	If sung, consider using a versified one, or responsorial.	E.g Common Worship authorised Creeds from New Patterns for worship. https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/common-material/new-patterns-28	Organ/Music group
Intercessions	Lay led, maybe involving some of the music team. Possibly use a sung response.	E.g. of response: 'Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come'. (Bell & Maule – A&M 410)	Lay person
The Peace			Officiant
Offertory Hymn	See RSCM list.		Organ/Music group
<i>[Optional Eucharistic Prayer]</i>		Local choice from Common Worship, if this is to be a Holy Communion service. See Church of England website for liturgical resources: https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources	Priest
<i>[Optional] Sanctus/Benedictus Agnus</i>	Local used setting, or possibly a new version from RSCM with congregational responses		Organ/Music group or Cantor
<i>[Optional] Invitation</i>			President
<i>[Optional] Distribution</i>	Administer each other Music during Distribution	Possibly do this in the round?	Assistants to help; Music group
<i>[Optional] PC prayer</i>		Find or write a prayer of commitment to be inspired by the harmony of the Kingdom of heaven as we live our lives.	President
<i>[Optional] Hymn</i>	See RSCM list	A sending out hymn	Music group

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<p><i>The Dismissal (the Sending out)</i></p> <p>Blessing</p>	<p>May the songs of the angels sustain you (<i>us</i>), may the praises of the saints inspire you (<i>us</i>), may the silent music of the Unseen Trinity be in your (<i>our</i>) hearts, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you (<i>us</i>) and remain with you (<i>us</i>) always. Amen.</p>	<p>This or another Blessing: if no priest is present, then an inclusive version to be used.</p>	<p>Officiant</p>
<p>Dismissal response</p>	<p>Maybe a sung dismissal response, if one is known.</p>		<p>Organ/Music Group or Cantor</p>
<p>Music</p>	<p>Invite people to stay seated to listen, before moving. Include info about the piece in the service book.</p>	<p>Not a substantial piece designed for a long listen, but a 'sending out' piece!</p>	<p>Organ/Music Group</p>