

Conrad Grebel University College
University of Waterloo
TS 652: The Christian Hymn
Fall 2021

Class Time: Monday 7:00-8:20 PM

Location: CGR 1208

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Course Description:

The origins and development of the Christian hymn (including contemporary hymn styles) considered as theological, poetic, musical, cultural and spiritual expression, and the use of hymns in a variety of worship settings.

Prerequisite: None.

Course Objectives:

By the end of this course you will be able to:

1. recall the major figures and movements in church history that contribute to contemporary hymns;
2. articulate the benefits of singing for the life of a church community;
3. analyze hymns for form and style;
4. connect cultural movements in Christian history with hymn styles;
5. utilize research tools for context and interpretation of individual hymns.

Required Reading Materials:

Hawn, C. Michael, John L. Bell, Pablo D. Sosa, and James Abbingtion. *New Songs of Celebration Render: Congregational Song in the Twenty-First Century*. Chicago: GIA Publications, Inc., 2013.

- This book covers the practices in North America today, and attempts to align them theological and denominational identities.
- Available at the UWaterloo Bookstore.

“Voices Together.” Ed. By Benjamin Philip Bergey, Desmond Harrison, Russel Adrian, Brandon Leis, Mark Diller Harder, Darryl Neustaedter Barg, and Bradley Kauffman. Harrisonburg, Virginia: MennoMedia, 2020.

- Although a new denominational hymnal, this resource attempts to represent historical, Global and contemporary hymnody while making it accessible to Mennonite Congregations.
- Available in the UWaterloo Bookstore

Other readings made available on LEARN, including but not limited to:

Kim **Belcher**, “Trinitarian Hymns in the East and the West” *Hymns and Hymnody*, vol. 1, pp. 95-105

Mellonnee **Burnim**, “Tropes of Continuity and Disjuncture in the Globalization of Gospel Music” *The Oxford Handbook of Music and World Christianities* pp. 469-486

Jeremy **Dibble**. "John Bacchus Dykes." *The Canterbury Dictionary of Hymnology*. Canterbury Press, accessed August 31, 2021, <http://www.hymnology.co.uk/j/john-bacchus-dykes>.

Margot **Fassler**, “Psalmody and the Medieval Cantor: Ancient Models in the Service of Modern Praxis.” *Musicians for the Churches: Reflections on Formation and Vocation*, editor Margot Fassler. Yale Institute of Sacred Music, 2001. pp. 3-14.

Margot **Fassler**, “Hymns and Sequences in the Twelfth and Thirteenth Centuries” in *Hymns and Hymnody*, vol. 1, pp. 144-159

Steven R **Guthrie**. “Love the Lord with All Your Voice: Singing Is a Forgotten--but Essential--Spiritual Discipline.” *Christianity Today* 57, no. 5 (June 2013): 44–47.

Joseph **Herl**, “German Lutheran Hymnody” *Hymns and Hymnody* vol. 2, pp 179-193.

Beverly **Howard**, “Fanny Crosby: Songs of Salvation, Consecration, Service and Heaven.” *Hymns and Hymnody* vol. 3, pp 15-33.

Monique **Ingalls**, “Style Matters: Contemporary Worship Music and the Meaning of Popular Musical Borrowings” in *Liturgy*, vol. Liturgy, 33:3, 37-45.

Birgitta J. **Johnson**, “When We All Get Together: Musical Worship in Two African American Megachurches,” *Liturgy*, 33:4 (2018), 43-51

Swee Hong **Lim**, “[Blessed Are the Poor: Lessons from the Music of the Global South.](#)” *The Yale ISM Review*. Vol. 4: No. 2 (2018), Article 4.

Erin **Lambert**, “Walking in the Resurrection: Anabaptists” in *Singing the Resurrection*, pp. 85-118

Nathan **Myrick**. “[Embodying the Spirit: Toward a Theology of Entrainment.](#)” *Liturgy* 33, no. 3 (July 3, 2018): 29–36.

Anna **Nekola**, “Negotiating the Tensions of U.S. Worship Music in the Marketplace” *The Oxford Handbook of Music and World Christianities* pp. 513-532

Calvin **Stapert**, *A New Song for an Old World: Musical Thought in the Early Church*, (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2007), pp. 13-28 and 42-59

Brian **Wren**, “Why Congregational Song is Indispensable” in *Praying Twice* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2000), pp 47-97.

Evaluations:

Assignment	Weighting	Due Date
Discussion Posts	10%	Every Sunday
Reflections (5)	10%	Every class
Book Presentation	15%	October 18
Hymn Memorization and Presentation	5%	Monday, Oct 25
Hymn Analysis	15%	Monday, November 22
Article/Book Review (5-8 pages)	20%	Monday, December 6
Podcast Project Or Term Paper (10 pages)	25%	Monday, December 13

Details on Evaluations:

- Discussion Posts: answer questions on the reading and respond to a peer. Due every Sunday by midnight. Your posts will be graded on your address of the question, your careful reading of your peer, and whether your post furthers the discussion. Only 10 modules will be graded.
- Reflections: Each week I will ask you to listen to, read, and sing a hymn. Choose 5 to write a reflection on (or more, and I will only count the top five). The reflection should record your responses and observations from listening, reading, and singing this hymn for 5 minutes at least three separate times during the week.
- Memorize a hymn: choose a hymn not discussed in class to memorize and present to the class. You may present by saying the text or singing it. Give a brief (1 minute) explanation of why you chose it.
- Hymn Analysis: Write analyses of two hymns of different styles. Include an aesthetic, stylistic, and theological examination and suggest appropriate liturgical uses. Each analysis should be 3 pages double-spaced.
- Book presentation: A presentation of the material in several chapters of Kubicki, *Songs of the Singing Assembly* in 10-15 minutes.
- Article/Book review: 5-8 page paper reviewing a book or substantial article on a topic chosen in consultation with the professor.
- Podcast project: you and a partner will plan and record two ten-minute podcasts that introduce a great hymn. The podcast should be conversational but informative, and also give some personal information about what drew you to the hymn. Discuss both the text and the music, and why they fit together well. The best podcasts in the class will be broadcast along with a recording of the hymn performed by the Chapel Choir of the University of Waterloo.
- Term Paper: A research paper that examines the influence of a particular person or culture on hymn-making or hymn-singing.

Grading Scale:

Assigned Letter Grades	Percentage Range	Average Calculation Values
A+	90-100	95
A	85-89	89
A-	80-84	83
B+	77-79	78
B	73-76	75
B-	70-72	72
C+	67-69	68
C	63-66	65
C-	60-62	62
D+	57-59	58
D	53-56	55
D-	50-52	52
F+	42-49	46
F	35-41	38

Assigned Letter Grades	Percentage Range	Average Calculation Values
F-	0-34	32

Alternative Arrangements for In-Person Class Cancellation

In the event that classes cannot meet in person either short term or long term, we will move our classes to a Zoom meeting online on Mondays from 7pm-8:20pm. This information and the link will be shared through the Announcements tool on Learn.

In the event that a student must self-isolate and therefore cannot attend, submit an Illness Self-declaration. Students can find the [Illness Self-declaration form in the Personal Information section of Quest](#). A doctor's note for accommodation is not required. After submitting the Self-Declaration please contact me (ksteiner@uwaterloo.ca) to set up a Zoom meeting to discuss the missed lecture once you are feeling well enough.

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The Writing Centre: Writing Centre staff offer one-on-one support in planning assignments and presentations, using and documenting research, organizing and structuring papers, and revising for clarity and coherence. Make an appointment or drop in at the Library for quick questions or feedback. To book a 50-minute appointment and to see drop-in hours, visit www.uwaterloo.ca/writing-centre