



## Music Suggestions for Moravian Music Sunday 2026 *The Psalm of Joy and the Celebration of Peace*

Called upon to celebrate the end of the Revolutionary War, the Moravians did what they always do, they turned to music. Out of this was born the *Psalm of Joy*. Importantly, the Moravians did not revel in victory, but rather sought unity in the promise of **peace**. At this moment, we choose to honor that legacy by searching for peace in whatever form it can be found.

### Organ Music

The Moravian Music Foundation has published a significant body of music for organ or piano based on Moravian tunes. We encourage you to consider these for Moravian Music Sunday. For specific contents of collections, please visit the website: [Organ/Piano Sheet Music | Moravian Music Foundation](#)

For this year's theme, we suggest the following as options:

- [Three Settings on Covenant | Moravian Music Foundation](#)
  - One of the texts often associated with Covenant (185A) is "Grace and Peace from God."
- [A Moravian Celebration | Moravian Music Foundation](#)
  - An advanced organ work that includes a setting of Covenant and many other notable Moravian tunes.
- [Five Organ Preludes \(Hartzell\) | Moravian Music Foundation](#)
  - Particularly relevant for the theme is "All Glory Be to God on High, and Peace on Earth from Heaven."

### Choral Anthems

For potential anthems, the Moravian Music Foundation offers two possible avenues to explore: the Moravian Star Anthem Series (modern editions) and the lending library (out-of-print editions).

#### **Moravian Star Anthem Series:**

There are many works, both historical and modern, that can be found for purchase as part of this collection. For this year's theme, you may wish to consider the following:

- Christian Gregor (1723–1801):
  - [Now Behold/ The Peace of God | Moravian Music Foundation](#)
- Ernst Immanuel Erbe (1854–1927)
  - [Make a Joyful Noise | Moravian Music Foundation](#)
  - A lower accompaniment is available to bring the soprano part down.
- A selection from the *Psalm of Joy* (1783) by Johann Friedrich Peter (1746–813)
  - [This Is A Day | Moravian Music Foundation](#)

Depending on the direction that you take the theme, you may find many other suitable works here:

[Moravian Star Anthem Series | Moravian Music Foundation](#)

For smaller choirs, suitable works may also be found in the following collection: [Come Then, Come O Flock Of Jesus | Moravian Music Foundation](#)

**Lending Library:**

There are also many out-of-print works that are available to borrow for free.

A full list of items available for use may be found here: [Lending Library | Moravian Music Foundation](#)

We are also available for consultations, suggestions, or questions. Please feel free to reach out to Chris anytime ([christopher@moravianmusic.org](mailto:christopher@moravianmusic.org)) or Erik at 336-725-0651 ext. 4.

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