## Where To Acquire Songs: Online Access And Purchase

Finding and researching songs is not enough. To use songs in your local church, you will need sources that allow for legal access to online versions of songs or purchase of the songs and resources. In this section, we have listed what we believe are the best sources for you to access and purchase those songs. The examples are notable entities that offer a large selection of worship songs available for purchase or access online. You will note that in this section we only list sites that allow you to acquire legal song content. We do not list sites that illegally allow access to sheet music, chord charts or MP3s that are used without the permission and licensing of the publishers/labels. All sources listed here are legal in that regard, according to our review of the site and checking with the music companies for verification.

## WorshipTeam.com

★★★★★




WorshipTeam.com is an online worship planning service, with tools for your entire worship ministry. This includes giving you legal access to both chord charts/lyrics and full length audio to thousands of worship songs (including the latest). You can print off chord charts and lyrics, and play full length audio of any song from its database of over 6000 worship songs (and growing) which are preloaded into its song database.

Includes publishers and labels such as Vineyard Music USA/UK, Integrity Music, Word Music (Fervent, Word, Myrrh), Vertical Music, Hillsong Australia, EMI CMG (sixsteps, Sparrow, Worshiptogether), Kingsway Music UK, INO Records, Jesus Culture/Bethel Music, Ardent Records, and dozens of others. Song lyrics are instantly exportable to Media Shout, EasyWorship, ProPresenter and other display software databases.

While WorshipTeam.com provides songs with its service, songs are just one of its components. It is a complete planner, with scheduling, and other features. Pricing varies by the size of your worship team, and the first month is free. Canceling the service at any time is a simple and a pain free experience. Details, free trial, FAQs, and more found at:

URL: http://www.worshipteam.com
Review: **SM9**

## PraiseCharts.com

★★★★★

PraiseCharts.com (sheet music and praise band arrangements) offers thousands of individual worship songs available for online download purchase via their web site. For their song titles, they have written lyrics, chord charts, lead sheets, worship choir charts, praise band arrangements, jazz band arrangements, and full orchestrations available. Plus, they have a wide range of audio tracks to complement the charts.

This site has a regular feature of a free sheet music and audio track download for joining the site (free).

PraiseCharts has been *the undisputed leader of the print music arrangement category for modern worship songs* and has recently added the entire catalog of one of the other providers in the online worship music genre (WordMusicNow) to its site. Absolutely worth checking out.

URL: http://www.praisecharts.com
Review: **SM10**

Phone: (800) 695-6293
Mailing address: PraiseCharts
Suite 123 #505-8840 210th Street
Langley, BC V1M 2Y2 / Canada

## HymnCharts



HymnCharts is the brain child of its owner/arranger Don Chapman. It is part of the larger network of sites called HeartsToGod.com. Don's passion with HymnCharts.com comes out clearly because he provides just one thing – and does that very well – *the best contemporary arrangements and resources for using a large collection of hymns* in modern service contexts. The selection of hymns is strong (over 100 fully arranged hymns), but what is most impressive is that there is literally 14 different arrangement components for each hymn are available (everything you would need in any church context). HymnCharts is unique in that it sticks just to hymns, and that makes it easily the best resource anywhere for those wanting to get access to this great collection of arrangements. The service is simple and clear – it is an online access, monthly fee, allowing you access to the library of songs and an additional 1 new hymn arrangement added each month. While there are others who provide hymns within their catalog of songs, none focus and succeed in the world of blended and contemporary arrangement of hymns as well as HymnCharts.

This site has a regular feature of a free 43 page sheet music download for joining the site newsletter (free).

URL: http://www.hymncharts.com
Review: **SM11**

Telephone: (800)761-3550
Mailing Address: HymnCharts
PO Box 232, Mauldin, SC 29662

## LifewayWorship.com

★★★★☆

LifewayWorship.com allows users to arrange (via Songmap), purchase, download and print flexible, music arrangements, audio MP3s, backing tracks and multi-tracks for worship teams, choirs, praise bands, and orchestras. They also have lead sheets, chord charts, Power Point lyrics, and other formats on selected songs.

This site has a regular promotional feature of a free PDF lead sheet (called a SuperChart), MP3, or even an occasional downloadable video.

The main power feature of this resource is its online drag/drop arrangement tool for audio files (called Songmap). You can *literally create an audio track by dragging and dropping components of a song* around on the screen. The audio is professional and perfect for local churches that need audio reference customized.

URL: http://www.lifewayworship.com
Review: **SM12**

Phone: (800) 436-3869
Mailing address: LifeWay Worship
1 LifeWay Plaza, MSN 126,
Nashville, TN 37234-0126

## DiscoverWorship.com



DiscoverWorship.com offers both pay-as-you-go as well as subscription purchase plans (however, I believe that currently there are over twice as many songs available for subscribers than are available in their pay-as-you-go offerings). When you download a song you have purchased from their web site, you will receive all the audio tracks, charts, written lyrics, and other files bundled together in one easy ZIP file. You can also print as many copies of the sheet music as you want for your church music ministry.

URL: http://www.discoverworship.com/subscriptions
Review: **SM13**

Telephone toll free: (866) 859-7622

## WordMusicNow.com



WordMusicNow allows users to purchase, download and print flexible, two-key single-song music arrangements of the newest and best songs for worship teams, choir, praise bands, and orchestras. Also, selected songs have lead sheets, chord charts, sheet music, written lyrics, and rhythm/vocal arrangements.

This site has a regular promotional feature of a free PDF sheet music arrangement with rhythm, SAT, SATB, Praise band and Orchestral sections included.

URL: http://wordmusicnow.com
Review: **SM14**

Mailing address: Word Music
25 Music Square West
Nashville, TN 37203

## GreatWorshipSongs.com

★★☆☆☆

GreatWorshipSongs.com is an online store offering a selection of songs from Brentwood-Benson. Each song typically comes with downloadable MP3 full audio, and printable chord charts. Some songs have printable sheet music and audio accompaniment trax.

This site has regular promotional features of several free PDF lead sheets, MP3s and chord charts.

URL: http://www.greatworshipsongs.com
Review: **SM15**

## Vineyard Resources / Music

★★★☆☆

Vineyard Resources is the online distribution arm of Vineyard music and churches. Includes With Vineyard music and resources being produced worldwide, it is nice to see one place that has all the Vineyard material in one location. This site includes every Vineyard song, every CD, many out of print projects, plus some PDF songbooks, loop packages (for some songs) and more. If you are looking for Vineyard stuff, this is your place to go.

URL: http://www.vineyardresources.com/equip/music
Review: **SM16**

Telephone toll free: (800) 852-8463

## ION Worship



ION Worship is a little known online site that represents a community of several well known leaders such Brian Doerksen, Andy Park, David Ruis, Michael Larson, Sean Dayton, Bethel Church and others. ION Worship is the defacto franchise for Vineyard music in Canada and includes the music from Vineyard including all of the US Vineyard projects. ION sells both MP3s and CDs and everything is reasonably priced.

This site has regular promotional features of several free MP3s and chord charts.

URL: http://ionworship.org
Review: **SM17**

## Kingsway Shop



Kingsway Music has a nice selection of downloadable single song sheet music, and a nice selection of songbooks. It also has a good selection of traditional hymns and contemporary-genre, sheet music and charts. Most of the music is from Kingsway and its partners. Site layout and search, though complete, is not very user friendly.

URL: http://www.kingswayshop.com
Review: **SM18**

## J.W.Pepper



J.W. Pepper has "e-Print Download" individual song sheet music available for hundreds of Christian worship songs and hymns. Many persons find that using their web site for the first time can be somewhat challenging when seeking the song downloads. To save you some time, you can try using the following URL to go straight to their current selection of Christian genre sheet music downloads (hint: while on the web page select the "e-Print Downloads" search filter in the left margin of the web page):

http://bit.ly/eJxZW0 (all Church music)
http://bit.ly/hfrhYn (Choir music)
Review: **SM19**

## Cyber Hymnal



Cyber Hymnal has been online for about 15 years. They have over 8000 hymns and songs from many denominations. Almost exclusively public domain songs, downloads from this web site are free for anyone to access. Lyrics and sheet music scores are in NoteWorthy Composer or PDF format. This site has a poor interface, but has a vast collection of hymns with MIDI file audios, pictures, biographies, song histories, and more. This site and all of its song download offerings (not software) are free.

URL: http://www.hymntime.com/tch
Review: **SM20**

## Hymnal.net



Hymnal.net has thousands of songs available, and it offers songs and hymns that are either posted with legal permission or that belong to the public domain. This site has a reasonable web interface; however the search function is problematic. Most songs on this site contain guitar and piano sheet music (melody line only) with MIDI and MP3 audio available. All song downloads here (MIDI, MP3, PDF Guitar and Piano lead sheets) are free.

URL: http://www.hymnal.net
Review: **SM21**

## CCLI SongSelect

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CCLI SongSelect is a fee based online service with differing content based on price plan (Basic Plan, Premium Plan, Advanced Harmony Plan, and Advanced Melody Plan). CCLI SongSelect is *only* available to "Church Copyright License" holders (I.E. you must first pay for and own the basic CCLI license, then you can pay for this extra service in addition to the basic license). SongSelect subscribers can download individual song transposable Lead Sheets, Chord Charts, and Vocal/Hymn Sheets (SATB hymn format). Strictly speaking, the sheet music available in SongSelect is stripped down to its core components and is the basic representation of the song. It is not "arranged" for your band. If you are looking for the core melody, chords, and a 4 part harmony template then CCLI Song Select is a strong source. SongSelect has 30-second samples to hear online to help you confirm selected songs. More details and a video demo can be found at:

URL: http://bit.ly/eo3ql6
Review: **SM22**

Phone: (800) 234-2446
Mailing address: CCLI
17201 NE Sacramento Street,
Portland, OR 97230

## MusicNotes.com



MusicNotes.com is a popular online store that has both secular music and a large quantity of Christian worship songs and hymns available. MusicNotes.com offers downloadable single-song sheet music, and some songbooks as well. Here is their URL.

URL: http://www.musicnotes.com
Review: **SM23**

## SheetMusicPlus.com



SheetMusicPlus.com is similar to MusicNotes.com, in that it is a popular online store carrying both secular and Christian worship music. SheetMusicPlus.com has downloadable single-song sheet music, and songbooks. SheetMusicPlus.com makes it a bit tedious to find the Christian section, but once you are there it is extensive. The shortened URL below will drill you into their site to start your search.

URL: http://bit.ly/eilTcH
Review: **SM24**

## WorshipMusic.com / CBDTunes



For over 12 years WorshipMusic.com was the premier destination for worship resources in physical format. With over 8,000 different products they covered CD, tracks, print music, hymnals, instructional DVDs, MPEG DVD-ROMs, books, MIDI and much more. In September of 2010, WorshipMusic.com became part of the Christianbook.com / CBD family. For several years CBD has been building its presence in Christian music and church resourcing, through the brand CBDTunes. With the addition of the WorshipMusic.com brand and product lines, they have become even stronger. CBD has over 180,000 different products, which includes CDs, DVDs, printed music, tracks, PDFs, MP3s and more. While CBD is always a good destination to check for the lowest price, its breadth of product sometimes makes it difficult to navigate. They have made starting your search for worship resources easier with this URL.

URL: http://www.christianbook.com/WorshipMusic
Review: **SM25**