

HYMN PREVIEW

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Note to Worship Planners:

For May 8, the Year C Planner (available at <u>The Foundation</u>) recommends hymn 888 as the opening hymn. This tune is in the new hymnal four times and was in TLH (but not CW93), so it might not need introduction assistance from a choir or vocalist. (Note that the melody in the last line doesn't do what you might expect!) The hymn accompaniment volumes offer alternate accompaniments at 887, 888. The left hand solo'd setting with 887 could be used in multiple ways with 888: 1) to intone the hymn with organ only using a soft registration, 2) to accompany a choir or vocalist on stanzas 1 (and 3 or 4), 3) to accompany the congregation with a festive registration for the final stanza.

The pastor may comment on the hymn in his worship welcome. "Today's Second Reading from Revelation 7 brings us a comforting and inspiring vision of perfect peace and worship ... in heaven. The opening hymn, new to us, is based on this reading. The prolific author of the text has written over 200 hymns; four appear in our new hymnal." Or if these comments appear in the worship folder rather than in a worship welcome, include this: "As part of preservice meditation, worshipers are invited to compare the text of the hymn with the reading from Revelation on page _##__."