

## **HYMNAL** Highlight

## All Is Well

## Note to worship planners:

On August 13, some churches will sing a new hymn recommended in the Year A Planner from The Foundation, 802 - "All Is Well." This hymnal highlight, modified from something similar last fall, comes two weeks in advance to give musicians ample time to prepare. While this modern hymn is often accompanied by a modern ensemble, it also works with an organ accompaniment. The CW21 Accompaniment for Hymns includes both piano and organ options. You can hear a version in the video Worship Led by a Modern Ensemble beginning at 16:26. For first use it's probably best for the congregation to sing only the refrains from verse two forward.

Here's an idea for the final piece of preservice music. Either two minutes before the service begins (if length is a concern) or right at the beginning the pastor says:

Before we begin worship today, I call your attention to a new hymn: #802. Please turn to that hymn [on page ## of the worship folder]. Today's readings all mention suffering, injustice, persecution, or betrayal. Yet because God will have the final word, we can live patiently and faithfully as his people. Hymn 802 points to our ultimate victory in verse 3: "His coming soon will fill the sky and all that's wrong will be made right." Therefore, "all is well because of God's great love." For our final preservice music now—and to help you to become familiar with the tune—we hear music based on this new hymn.

Alternatively, comments such as these can appear in the worship folder. The pastor then simply calls attention to them before the music plays.

Options for final preservice: organ, use the alternate setting in *Accompaniment for Hymns*; piano option, add a melody instrument to the tune for some verses and refrains. Eventually we hope that instrumental parts will be available in the *Musician's Resource*. Those who want such resources for August 13 can find them here: <u>All Is Well | Sovereign Grace Music</u>, but note that these are in the key of B-flat rather than C as found in CW21.

<u>The Foundation</u> recommends three other new hymns for August 13, some easier than 802, all wonderfully reflecting the day's theme: 832 - "Immovable Our Hope Remains," 875 - "What Threat of Harm Can Hinder Me," 845 - "What God Ordains Is Always Good" (Bauder). Musician's Resource offers parts for 875.

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The following message can be shared by social media or e-mail during the week before August 13.

## Message:

Our worship August 13 features a wonderful new hymn, 802 - "All Is Well." To become better acquainted with the music and the message of this hymn, you're invited to listen to a recording in the video <u>Worship Led by a Modern Ensemble</u> beginning at 16:26.