

HYMN PREVIEW

God's Right Hand and Holy Arm

Note to Worship Planners:

If hymn 937 is planned for the Easter season, an e-mail to the congregation can invite people to listen to a recording before the Sunday when they will first sing it. Note that the hymn is from the Service Music section, placed with substitutes for the Gloria. This hymn, like 938, "This Is the Feast," could replace the Gloria for every Sunday during the Easter season. For the first few usages, a cantor or choir should sing the first refrain and verses.

If you're from that minority of congregations with an SATB choir, brass, and timpani, consider planning the concertato version from the recording next year. The setting by K. Lee Scott is 50-4026 from MorningStar. (Order from NPH.) Brass, timpani, and handbells are optional. The music for the choir is moderately easy.

Message:

This coming Sunday we will sing "God's Right Hand and Holy Arm," hymn 937 in our new hymnal. This powerful combination of text and tune includes a refrain based on Psalm 98:1. "Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him." To become better acquainted with the music and the message of this hymn, you're invited to watch and hear a festive rendition with a large choir, brass, and timpani. Find this recording by The Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee at 26:15 here: https://www.lutheranchorale.org/listen (O God, Our Help; Spring 2022). The church in the video is historic Grace, downtown Milwaukee—the founding church of WELS.