

Bell Blitz



Greetings!

Wow! Who could have predicted an around the world pandemic this year? Then the mass shootings in Nova Scotia and the flooding in various parts of Canada are added!

Self isolation and social distancing is not an easy thing to do. In addition to missing our own families, we are also missing our handbell families. We are blessed to have access to technology to help us all get through this.

Some of us are keeping busy with polishing handbells and choosing music for when ringers can ring again. Some of us are having online zoom meetings or rehearsals with ringers. Some of us are organizing our music library and realizing that there are some things that we need! Some of us are trying out solo ringing! And there are some of us who can hardly wait until we can ring again!

We would love an email from you that lets us know what you are up to during this difficult time.

In the meantime, let's stay home, stay safe and stay healthy.

Camille Ream Susan Galloway

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**Ringers of the World 2020
Project**



**Capriccio by Kevin
McChesney**



**Reproducible Sacred Music
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What are Handbell Ringers Doing Around the World These Days?



Handbell ringers around the world are truly missing the opportunities to ring music and to spend time with their handbell families. Ringing is a community event that provides not only music but fellowship and friendships that builds bonds that last forever.

In April, Camille received an email from our friend Damien Lim from Singapore. He asked her to be part of the "Ringers of the World 2020 Project" video. Ringers from 12 different countries joined together to make the music for this video. It was truly a privilege to be part of the ringing event. Damien provided ringers with the music and the listening track so that each ringer could perform and record their own parts in their homes and then with the amazing technology available today, Damien edited and re-edited and was able to share with all of us the end result!

Ringers joined together as friends from Japan, England, Taiwan, Singapore, Canada, Thailand, Australia, Hong Kong, Scotland, United States, Puerto Rico and South Korea.

Damien writes on April 30, 2020

"Last week, 33 Friends from all over the world, came together after 1 call, as 1 Handbell voice, to play this 1 song with ONE MESSAGE for all of us in the world.

STAY HOME! STAY SAFE! STAY HEALTHY!

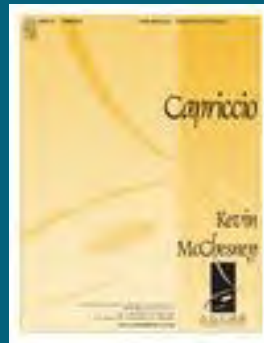
Let There Be Peace On Earth

By S Miller & J Jackson / arr: A Freeman

Dedicated to everyone in the world, from all of us.

[Click here to see the "Ringers of the World 2020"](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5DVjKCQsuUk)

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Capriccio from One Person's Perspective!



Imagine taking a Level 5 piece (especially a well known piece) and learning the music in every different position - yes - from four in hand to the lower bass!

We are quite certain that he spent significant time learning ALL the parts, recording it and then putting it into the format that he could share with all of us.

This is an amazing handbell video. We have never seen one like this before. It is truly inspirational!

Does this inspire you to try doing this? Let us know if it does! Kevin Quick posted this on facebook for us to see. He recorded it to share at an online worship service during the quarantine for Highlands United Methodist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina.

We thank Kevin Quick from making this happen!!!

[Click here to see Capriccio performed by Kevin Quick!](#)

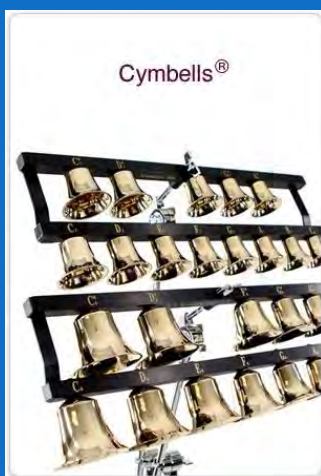
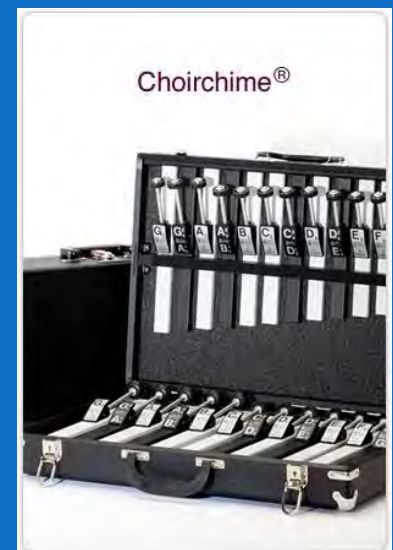
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Handbells etc is excited to announce that we are expanding our services to our Canadian customers in Eastern Canada and now in addition to providing you with handbell music, gloves and mallets, we can now provide you with Malmark Handbells and Choirchimes.

We have been selling Malmark Handbells and Choirchimes for over 25 years and look forward to helping you from British Columbia to Newfoundland with your handbell needs.

You can now reach out to us via email at susan@handbellsetc.ab.ca or phone call or text at 780-437-9096 from anywhere in Canada when you are seeking information about Malmark Handbells and Choirchimes.



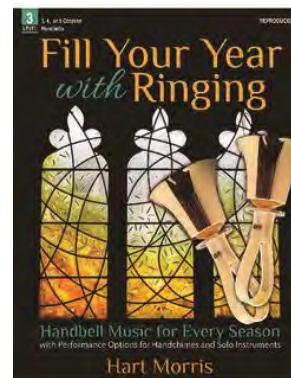
Reproducible Sacred Handbell Music Sale

(while stock lasts)

Now is the time to be searching for your handbell music for the upcoming season. With budget concerns across many churches, these reproducible collections may be exactly what you need to fill in the handbell music gaps in your current library. There are ideas for all seasons of the church, with a focus on Christmas and Easter in this sale. All in stock books are 25% off (shipping and GST are not included).

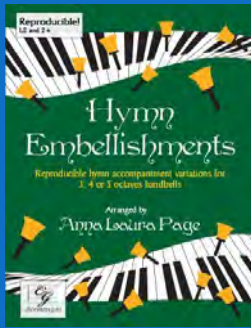
Take a look at our ideas for you!

First Five Orders on Reproducible Sacred Books Get Free Shipping!



These handbell pieces represent the entire church year! Hart Morris has included Advent, Christmas, Easter, Communion, All Saint's Day and more... Hart has a wonderful way of adding some pizzaz to each of his arrangements - it may be ringing a piece in 3/4 time instead of 4/4 or adding singing bells or, of course, adding some percussive techniques! Selections include:

- Immanuel Shall Come
- Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
- They Crucified My Lord
- Celebration on "Lancashire"
- Gather at the Table
- Prelude on "Azmon"
- Savior for the Saints
- For the Beauty of the Earth



Hymn Embellishments

Level 2 or 2+

23 or 345 octaves

Arranged by Anna Laura Page

Directors are often seeking hymn accompaniment music for congregational singing. It is sometimes hard to find exactly what you want - one that is not too hard but sounds good and really enhances the arrangement. Of course, you need the same key as the organist or pianist are using! These embellishments are likely exactly what you need. Each hymn has two versions - one standard and one enhanced. Depending on your ringers or the time you have to rehearse, you might want to just learn the standard version or you might have enough time and can learn both! Anna Laura Page gives you four possible ways to use these hymn embellishments. Selections include:

- Jesus Shall Reign
- For the Fruit of All Creation
- Come O Come Emmanuel
- Come, All Ye Faithful
- Joy to the World
- For the Beauty of the Earth
- Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
- Christ the Lord is Risen Today
- Thine is the Glory
- Holy, Holy, Holy

Arranged by Anna Laura Page



Christmas Near and Far Level 2 and 3

23 or 345 octaves

Arranged by Tucker

This collection is filled with music from around the world so if you are looking for multicultural music, this is the book that you need. The 23 octave version is totally compatible with the 345 octave version. You may have fewer ringers available on Christmas eve so the 23 octave version could be a great choice! Selections include:

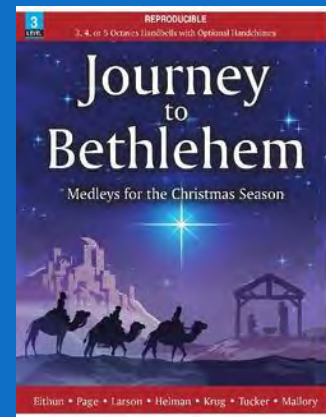
- The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy - West Indies
- Sleep, Dear Holy Baby (A La Ru) - Hispanic
- He is Born (Il Est Ne) - French
- Wexford Carol - Irish
- From a Distant Home (De Tierra Lejana Venimos) - Puerto Rican
- Fum, Fum, Fum - Catalan
- Sleep, My Baby (Sua Gan) - Welsh
- Go, Tell It on the Mountain - African American



Celebrate the Season Level 2 and 2+
345 octaves
Arranged by Cathy Moglebust

As you are planning for Christmas repertoire, it always seems that you need just one more piece to add to the worship service or concert that you are preparing for. This book will have likely have music that you need! Some of these arrangements have option Choirchimes or percussion just to make it a little more interesting for the listeners. Selections include:

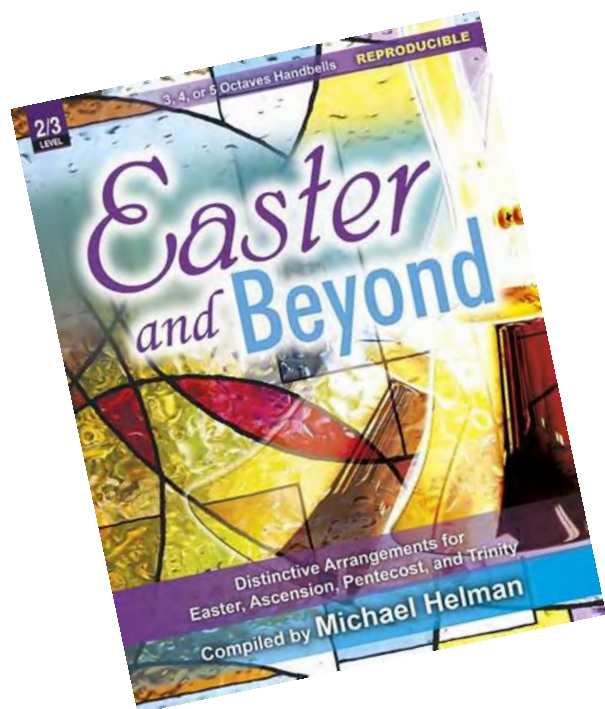
- Rejoice! Rejoice!
- Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
- 'Twas in e Moon of Wintertime
- What is This Lovely Fragrance
- Away in a Manger
- Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
- Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow
- Still, Still, Still



Journey to Bethlehem Level 3
345 octaves
Arranged by Various Composers

There are 7 selections cover all the themes of the Christmas story - Advent, Mary and Joseph, the Manger, Shepherd, Angels and Wisemen. Each selection is a medley of themed pieces so if you are wanting music about Angels, you would choose "The Heavenly Hosts" which includes Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Angels from the Realms of Glory and Angels We Have Heard on High....Mendelsson, Regent Square, and Gloria. This is one of favourites because of how the music is grouped together and the variety of arrangers. Selections include:

- The Promised Coming
- The Cherry Tree Carol
- Manger Medley
- Come, Let Us Adore
- Keeping Watch Over Their Flocks by Night
- The Heavenly Hosts
- Wisemen from the East



Easter and Beyond Level 2 and 3

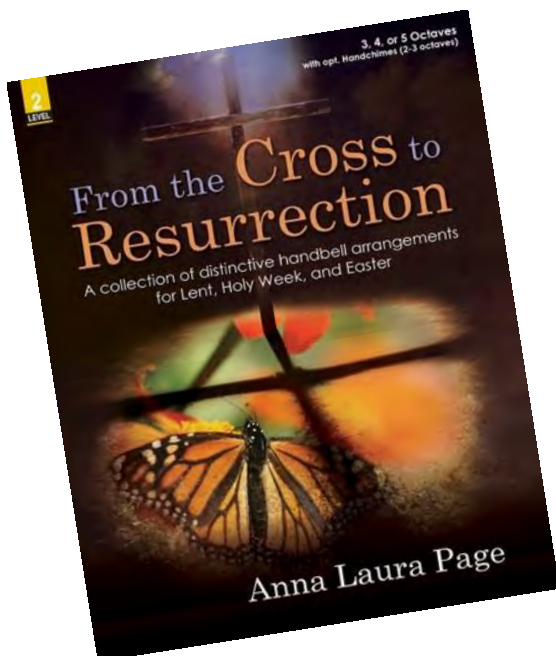
345 octaves

Arranged by Various Composers

This book definitely includes music for Easter and Beyond! Michael Helman has arrangements for Easter, Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity.

Selections include:

- This Joyful Eastertide
- Celebration on “Lancashire”
- Crown Him Lord
- Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us
- Come Down, O Love Divine
- Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
- Holy God, We Praise Your Name
- Variations on “Holy Manna”



From the Cross to Resurrection Level 2

345 Octaves

Arranged by Anna Laura Page

We know that Lent and Easter has just passed but most of us didn't have a chance to ring bells at all! This book will cover the entire season, including Palm Sunday! Selections include:

- In the Cross of Christ I Glory
- When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
- Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
- Go to Dark Gethsemane
- Jesus Christ is Risen Today
- We Welcome Glad Easter
- Rejoice, The Lord is King

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