

# Suggestions for New Thought Easter Choral Music

## Here are some Easter Choral resources from your Music Ministry Team:

### David Ezell

Here are some Easter choral selections available from www.heartwindmusic.com:

- "Easter Celebration" (David Ezell)
- "Jesus Teaches Life" (David Ezell)
- "The Stone That Was Rejected" (Ishtar)
- "May You Know God" This is a new choral piece which I feel works great for Easter. The last couple of years some of my selections for Easter have been songs which teach the spiritual lessons we gain from Easter, but are also appropriate for general use. The creation of this song was initiated by Don and Patricia Lansky, with Laurence Elder, Sue Riley and Karen Taylor-Good as co-writers.

#### **Fred Bogert**

 "Wake Up Rejoice" is a 40 minute Easter musical with choir, soloists and narration. Here is the link to listen and purchase. <u>http://www.fredbogert.com/fredbogert.com/Easter\_Musical.html</u>

#### Melinda Wood Allen

Picks for small choirs, the first being the head and shoulders favorite:

- "Festival Alleluia" by Allen Pote 2-pt, CGA 280
- "One Single Light" by Dave and Jean Perry 2-pt, 5830
- "One Voice, One Song" by Strommen 3-pt, SV 9789
- "Reach for the Light" great song—with a really good theme for Easter about coming out of the darkness into the light, SAB 08740566. This arrangement might be too difficult for most small choirs, but you might find a 2-pt or unison arrangement.
- "Colors of Praise" Faith Rivera in her songbook which you can find at <u>www.faithrivera.com</u> Some version of this could be done with a really strong lead vocal.

#### **Carole Tomhave**

I suggest:

• "One Faith, One Hope, One Lord" This is from a major publisher, not New Thought but the words work. So you can Google it and see what comes up.

#### **Richard Mekdeci**

I pulled out my Bible of song resources – Sue Riley's *Music Resources for New Thought Churches* every music director should have this book. You can get your copy by emailing Sue at <u>sue@empowerma.com</u> or in the store at www.empowerma.com. I found these choral suggestions:

- "All Things Bright and Beautiful" by John Rutter 2 part
- "For the Beauty of the Earth" by John Rutter SATB
- "Dona Nobis" arranged by Jay Althouse for SATB
- "Morning Has Broken" Google this title with choral music and see what comes up.
- "Prepare Ye" and "You are the Light of the World" from Godspell, work great for Easter. Look at JWPepper.com for a lot of these above.
- "That Stone" by Leddy Hammock and Fred Bogert. Contact Sue for choral parts (sue@empowerma.com).
- "The Stone Has Rolled Away from My Heart" by Carol Johnson in *Unity's Special Services* and Chants Volume 2 Songbook.
- "The Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah is available in a variety of levels of difficulty.