

Music *She* Wrote: Sacred Music by Women Composers for Worship, Liturgy, and Service
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Online Resources

Amplify Female Composers

Resources, Articles, Recordings, Events, etc

<https://www.amplifyfemalecomposers.org/>

Under “Resources:”

A Great Host of Composers: Sacred Music Database

Database, Year A/B/C choir/organ repertoire for different Liturgical Days, score links available

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1x0_Bc-mEffPaEG3P4N8CrGGallYtCGCPhvsrMi9NcZg/edit?gid=1910294678#gid=1910294678

Cecilia’s List (Under “Music Lists”)

#Blog, music by different seasons and services, links to score and recording available, mostly choral music

<http://ceciliaslist.org/music-lists/>

Society of Women Organists (under “Composers,” updated May 2026)

#Directories for Organ and Liturgical Music, community, events, etc

<https://www.societyofwomenorganists.co.uk/women-composers>



Seasonal Repertoire from Lent to Corpus Christi (under “Society of Women Organists”)

#Organized by Liturgical day and performance type, composer’s name and work titles are provided, links to the score available

https://www.societyofwomenorganists.co.uk/_files/ugd/db5fbc_8c1ef30a65d14abea47e0c8251cacb0.pdf

Seasonal Repertoire from Advent to Christmas (under “Society of Women Organists”)

#Organized by Liturgical day and performance type, composer’s name and work titles are provided, links to the score available

https://www.societyofwomenorganists.co.uk/_files/ugd/db5fbc_69db3e88b7a34589833bf3275a52b6b2.pdf

Directory of Women Composers (under “Society of Women Organists”)

#Composers arranged based on their countries of origin, short bio and links to composers available, organ and other music

https://www.societyofwomenorganists.co.uk/_files/ugd/db5fbc_8fd1496cf65f4f8193f470d747bd8da80.pdf

Work Catalogue (under “Society of Women Organists”)

#Lists the composers alphabetically, short bio and links to composers available, organ and other music

https://www.societyofwomenorganists.co.uk/_files/ugd/db5fbc_2adf590092d7413098cfade3b649307a.pdf

SWO Repertoire List (under “Society of Women Organists”)

#Organ and Choral Music, organized in different levels, most are public domain

https://www.societyofwomenorganists.co.uk/_files/ugd/db5fbc_e60ba72c083a4827a29c9386dd0dab0a.pdf

Advent Calendar Project (under “Amplify Female Composers”)

#Advent and Christmas choral music by female composers and arrangers, recordings and links to purchase score available

<https://www.amplifyfemalecomposers.org/advent-calendar-project.html>

Multitude of Voyces

#Choral music, introduce women composers for secular and sacred music

<https://www.multitudeofvoyces.org/>



Under “Anthology Series”

#Three series of sacred choral music by women composers, links to purchase available.

<https://www.multitudeofvoyces.org/anthology-series/>

Sarah MacDonald Choral Series

#Mostly Choral Music (by women) database, arranged by performance types: Choral/Vocal, Congregational Song, Instrumental, Organ/Keyboard, labeled with church season, difficulty levels, links to purchase

<https://www.selahpub.com/MacDonald.html>

Kassian Choral Series—Highlighting Women Composers

#Anthems by women composers, named after 9th century composer Kassia.

<https://www.banksmusicpublications.co.uk/kassian-choral-series>

Hildegard Publishing Company---Choral Sampler Packs for 2025

#New Choral Repertoire by women composers, three sets included, repertoire titles and performance types labeled, links to purchase available

<https://www.hildegard.com/2025/08/08/choral-sampler-packs-for-2025/>

Voices Found

#A collection of hymns and spiritual songs by, for, and about women

<https://churchpublishing.org/products/9781640655447-voices-found>

Table content:

https://books.google.com/books?id=6n2-yqBn2mIC&pg=PP11&source=gbs_selected_pages&cad=1#v=onepage&q&f=false

Other Resources by Female Composers

International Alliance for Women In Music (IAWM)

#Resources, advocate women in music

<https://iawm.org/>

Under “News & Resources”



The BIG LIST of Women Composers

#From pre-medieval composers to 21st century singer-songwriters, labeled by time periods, update regularly

<https://donne-uk.org/the-big-list.php>

Boulanger Initiative Database (BID)

#database, provides access to works by women and gender-marginalized composers, composers' dates, country origins, and links to works are available

<https://database.boulangerinitiative.org/>

Collections

“The Oxford Book of Organ Music by Women Composers”

Thomas, Anne Marsden, and Ghislaine Reece-Trapp, eds. *The Oxford Book of Organ Music by Women Composers*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2023.

https://www.ficksmusic.com/products/the-oxford-book-of-organ-music-by-women-composers-oup?google_shopify_campaign_id=17500218934&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=17177949009&gbraid=0AAAAADhOo_iztNTt0rZzTrZoPCiiJtyJ&gclid=Cj0KCQjwo_PRBhDNARIsAEcVALXSOQQGAw4txsY2DXD3d18CAnoDDxfqeFNFSM0YzcYpUlfX4khHf7UaAkOIEALw_wcB

“Women Composers’ Album: Twenty Pieces for Organ From the 17th – 20th Centuries”

Callahan, Charles, ed. *Women Composers’ Album: Twenty Pieces for Organ from the 17th – 20th Centuries*. St. Louis, MO: MorningStar Music Publishers, 2014.

<https://www.ficksmusic.com/products/women-composers-album-20-pieces-for-organ-from-the-17th-20th-centuries-morningstar>

“Organ Music by Women Composers before 1800”

Johnson, Calvert, ed. *Organ Music by Women Composers before 1800*. Pullman, WA: Vivace Press, 1993.

https://www.jwpepper.com/organ-music-by-women-composers-before-1800-5257845-1239758/p#.YMwM_C1h1PM

“Female Composers: 22 Organ Pieces from the 19th and 20th Century”

Heller, Barbara, and Lucia Schnellbacher, eds. *Female Composers: 22 Organ Pieces from the 19th and 20th Century*. Mainz: Schott, n.d.

<https://www.schott-music.com/en/organ-music-by-female-composers-no175469.html>

“Organ and Harpsichord Music by Women Composers: An Annotated Catalog”

Heinrich, Adel, comp. *Organ and Harpsichord Music by Women Composers: An Annotated Catalog*. New York: Greenwood Press, 1991.

<https://archive.org/details/organharpsichord0000hein>

Repertoire and Collections (instrumental)

Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179), monophonic chants

#written for liturgy itself, not for concert performance, beautiful introductions, improvisation themes, or communion meditations, public domain

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel (1805-1847), *Präludium in F Major, H 242*

#wrote for her own wedding, Wedding Processional music, public domain

Cécile Chaminade (1857-1944), *La Nef Sacrée*

#for harmonium, provides pieces for particular moments of the Mass or specific feast days, offertory, communion, All Souls' Day, wedding Mass, All Saints' Day, public domain

Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968), *Twelve Chorale Preludes on Gregorian Chant Themes, Op. 8*

#chants associated with specific seasons, feasts, and liturgical functions, miniature Chant-prelude form, improvisation models, public domain

Johanna Senfter (1879-1961),

Seven Chorales for Organ, Op. 30B

Ten Chorales for Organ, Op. 70

Six Chorales for Organ, Op. 73

Variations on the Chorale “Morgenglanz Der Ewigkeit” Op. 66

#accessible late-Romantic chorale preludes, for both service playing and concert performance, recently published