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Guidance on Music

Preparation for the Leavers' Service does pay dividends. It gives pupils confidence to take part fully on the day, while enriching learning experience and school ethos at the same time.

The backing tracks can be found at: <https://schools.chichester.anglican.org/2022-leavers-celebrations/>

Please use these not only in preparation for the Leavers Celebrations but also in assemblies and at other times.

1. **All Creatures of our God and King**

A great hymn of praise, attributed to St Francis who lived in the 13thC. He taught that we should look upon animals and the natural world as our friends and join with the whole of creation in praising God. This is a new version for us and pupils will need to take a big breath to sing the extra-long "Allelu...ia" at the end of each verse. Two versions of the accompaniment track are enclosed for practice – one with a guide vocal part and one without. To be sung joyfully and vigorously.

2. **Hear My Prayer, O Lord**

This sung refrain is a way of joining in with each prayer that is read. The recording allows for the response to be sung once at the beginning, then repeated after each section of prayer, with quiet music as the prayer is read.

3. **The Lord's My Shepherd.**

Psalm 23 is a really precious text to learn and know and this version is particularly memorable. We will sing it seated to help us concentrate on the words and watch the procession of the Bible and candle. There is a descant in the chorus for confident singers. The verses should be sung thoughtfully and the chorus strongly.

4. **Creation Sings The Father's Song**

This is a new song for this year. A song of joyful praise that explores the theme of creation but goes into the 2nd verse exploring the wonders of the one who created and sustains it. Verse 3 looks to the future of creation where just like us it carries the marks of suffering and brokenness and therefore looks forward to the return of Christ when all will be liberated and made whole again. The rhythm is a bit 'different' (mostly 3 beats to a bar) but comes naturally once you have sung it a few times. [The Getty version](#) [The Stuart Townend version](#)

5. **I, The Lord of Sea And Sky (Here I am Lord)**

This song, based on words from the prophet Isaiah, recognises that there is a place for each one of us in God's plan and a task that we can do. It is a song of hope and love.

6. **Prayer Of St Richard**

This has become something of a theme song for us since it connects particularly with Chichester Diocese as St Richard was Bishop of Chichester in 1244. It is a prayer but it has a flowing melody and the chorus in particular can be sung joyfully and confidently.

7. **Sing it in the Valleys**

You need a good sense of rhythm and plenty of practice to get the most from this song. It recognises the simple need to follow Jesus and should be sung with energy and enjoyment – and shouting "oh-oh!" from the mountaintops is acceptable!