

## **Guidance on Music -Leavers 2026**

### **Mystery of Faith**

All our music resources are available on our website. The backing tracks, sheet music and lyrics can be found at: [2026 Music - Diocese of Chichester Education](#)

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 words of all the songs will be printed in the order of service which will be given to each child at the service.

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

*If you are unfamiliar with any of the songs, follow the links below to a pre-recorded version with words and music (but please use our backing track to rehearse as there may be slight differences in tempo).*

### **01, The Lord of Sea And Sky (Here I am Lord)**

For our opening hymn we are returning to a familiar favourite. This song, based on words from the prophet Isaiah, recognises that we are all included in God's plan and that, even when we feel at our most helpless, there is something good that we can do. It is a song of hope and love, and we will sing it during the procession of the Bible and Candle, followed by the banners. [1, The Lord Of Sea And Sky](#)

### **02 The Lord's My Shepherd.**

Psalm 23 is a really precious text to learn and know and this version is particularly memorable. It reminds us of how God is with us in our hearts and speaks to us in the words of scripture. There is a descant in the chorus for confident singers. The verses should be sung thoughtfully and the chorus enthusiastically.

[The Lord's My Shepherd - Stuart Townend \(youtube.com\)](#)

### **03 Thou Whose Almighty Word**

The choir will lead us in the first verse of this beautiful hymn which was introduced to our service last year. All schools will join in at verse 2.

[Thou Whose Almighty Word \(Tune: Italian Hymn - 4vv\) \[with lyrics for congregations\]](#)

### **04 Hear My Prayer, O Lord**

This sung refrain is a way of joining in with and affirming each prayer that is read. The response is sung after each section of Looking back and Looking forward prayers, with quiet music as the prayers are read.

[Hear My Prayer - Maranatha Singers \(youtube.com\)](#)

*(you tube version -first part only)*

### **05 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.

### **06 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)**

Our recessional song this year is a school favourite. Written in 2011, this is a great worship song for any time or occasion. It reminds us not only of the psalm on which it is based but also the words of the hymn *Amazing Grace*. If you already know it, you'll find there can be slight variations in performance. We have simplified it for our needs.

[10,000 Reasons \(Bless the Lord\) \(youtube.com\)](#)