

Musician

Paul F. Page



Versatile best describes composer, arranger and performer, Paul Page. Musical director at St. Lucy's in Campbell, he conducts the choir and orchestra at Saratoga High School and participates in numerous national conventions.

Paul has composed over 200 hymns and mass settings. His most recent collection, "Look For The Savior", is featured in this issue of Modern Liturgy and the preceding one. "Look For The Savior" was first performed at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress to an enthusiastic crowd. It is intended as "music for families praying the liturgy together". In addition to this project, Paul has produced and arranged over 30 album length cassettes for Modern Liturgy. An active church musician for 13 years, Paul is a veteran choir director in the San Jose area. Choral groups and orchestras under Paul's direction have enjoyed notoriety. His chamber choir was a featured group at the MENC Western States convention in Los Angeles. He directed the Music Spectrum California Choir which toured Europe for 21 days in 1977.

Paul has recently requested a leave from Resource Publications where he has served as Music Editor of Modern Liturgy since its inception seven years ago. He will be devoting more time to his duties at St. Lucy's and working on choral and orchestral composition. Paul's contributions to this magazine have been immense, and the Editorial Board cited him with

a letter of thanks and commendation at its September 13 meeting.

Single copies of "Look For The Savior" are available in both LP and cassette for \$7.98.

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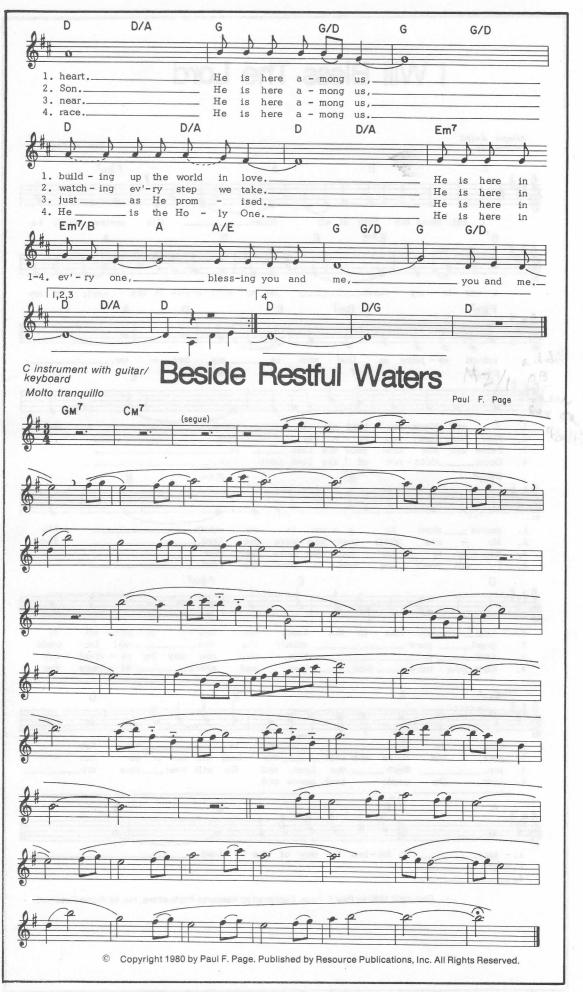
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candlelight service we used slides to illustrate the Christmas story being told in Scripture and music. Most of the slides, ranging from a fourteenth century Book of Hours to a Titian Madonna, came from the local museum. A few others, views of stained glass windows at Salisbury Cathedral, were loaned to us by a couple who had visited England the previous summer. To fill the gaps, we added a few slides from the Metropolitan Museum these last slides supplied by a church member who'd gone to New York to do her holiday shopping.

But what if there's no museum in your area? That's no problem; you can use slides of local scenes: "Christmas card" winter landscapes, groups of holiday carolers, decorations in the village park, lighted stained glass windows, manger scenes, outdoor pageants whatever way your community celebrates Christmas. Put out a general appeal for slides have your church members ask their neighbors and co-workers — and you'll be surprised how many people take very good pictures.

For a different kind of visual effect, you might stage a sequence of dramatic tableaus depicting the Christmas story. This kind of project requires the help of many people — for designing costumes, building props, painting scenery, and above all, directing the actors — but it's work that's fun, and the results are impressive.

If you have an experienced stage director in your midst, there's an even more ambitious



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project waiting for you: perform a medieval mystery play such as The Adoration Of The Shepherds from the Chester cycle or The Birth Of Jesus from the York cycle. These plays (available in modern translations) feature simple action, down-to-earth characters, and a directness of speech which make them a delight to perform or watch. They're ideally suited to church use: they're short, they need no elaborate stages or lighting, and they rquire only a minimum of costumes and properties. Good acting is their one essential ingredient. If you can put together a good cast and director, your Church can present a Christmas Eve service that will be remembered for years.

Whether you plan a largescale production or a simple service of worship, look to your community for ideas and assistance. Out there is a gold mine of talents, skills, and resources, just waiting to be discovered. Help yourselves.

Constance E. Scofield Hudson Falls, NY

Dear Editor:

So often what those of us in liturgy fail to do, is that which all of us need - affirmation from one another! This letter is written to offer you and your staff the appreciation of the Worship Team in Birmingham. We feel your publication Modern Liturgy is consistently good and consistently helpful. The articles have a sense of realism about them - "this is good liturgy which works!" Thank you for the contribution you are making to worship in the United States.

Sr. Jacqueline DeBone Birmingham, AL



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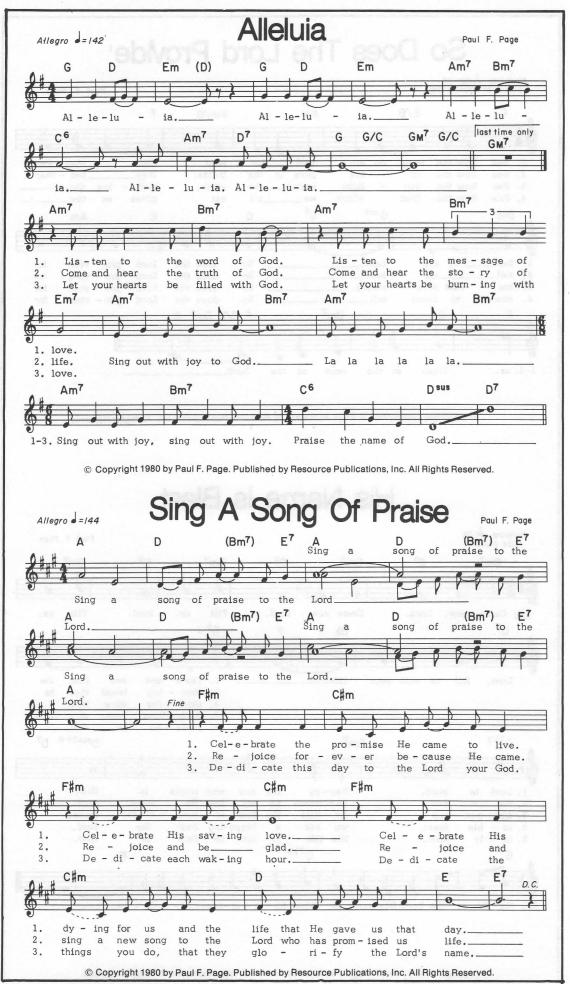
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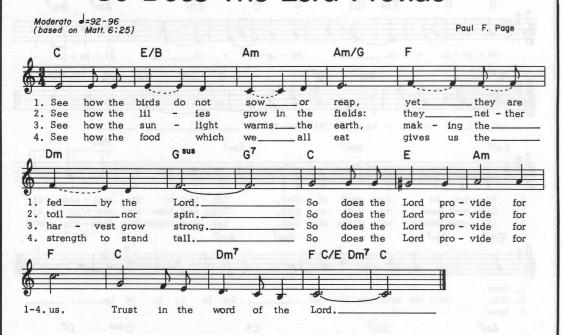
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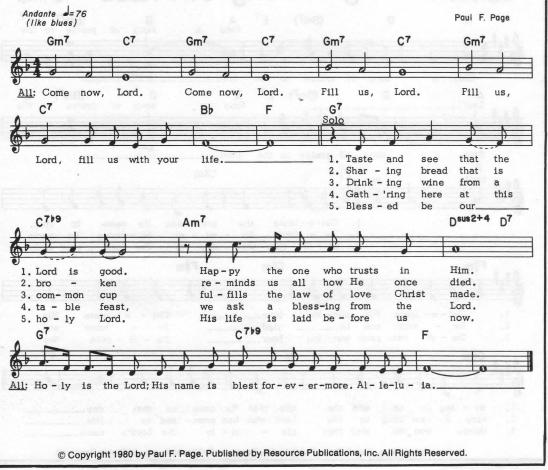


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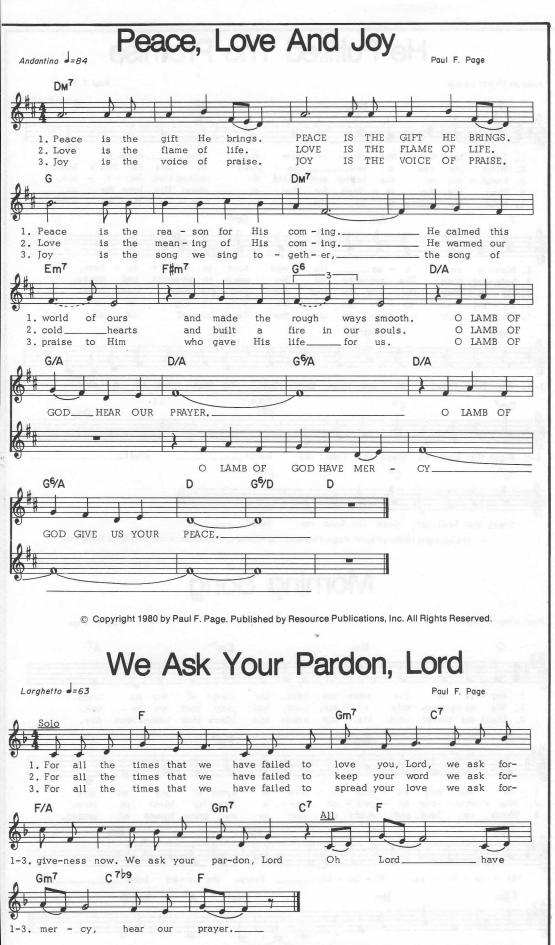
His Name Is Blest



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Note: Insert between each verse a short scripture reading. e.g. Christ's acts of mercy and forgiveness found in the Gospels.

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