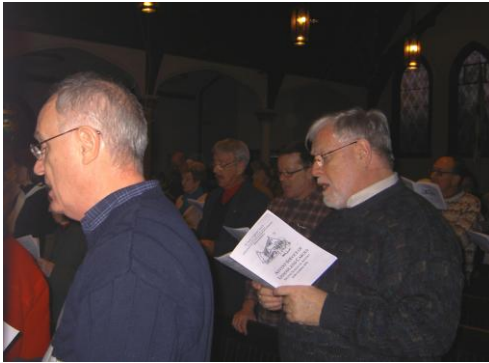


## Music at St Paul's

In line with Anglican liturgical tradition, music plays an essential role in worship at St Paul's, facilitating our approach to our transcendent God. Hymns, together with the principal parts of the liturgy, are sung at all Sunday services but one.

The exception is the 8 o'clock Eucharist which is said using the *Book of Common Prayer*.



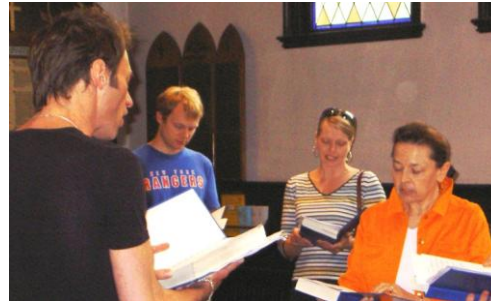
We take our music mostly from *Common Praise*, the hymn book of the Anglican Church of Canada. This is supplemented by *Songs for a Gospel People* and other sources.

From time to time we use music of a particular genre – gospel, Latino, First Nations, African, and from the Iona Community, for example.

***Praise the Lord with the harp;  
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.  
Sing for him a new song;  
sound a fanfare with all your skill  
upon the trumpet.***

**Psalm 33:2-3**

At the 9:15 Eucharist, we sing without instrumental accompaniment. Before the service begins we practice the hymns under the direction of the liturgical facilitator.



At the 11 o'clock Eucharist (and at the 10 o'clock Eucharist celebrated on the first Sunday of the month) our singing is led by the church choir. The choir and congregation are accompanied by the Music Director on organ or piano and, at special times, by other instrumentalists.



*The church has a long tradition of choral singing, dating back to a renowned men and boys' choir that sang in cathedral style. Today's mixed-voice choir serves to encourage full participation from the congregation.*



The magnificent organ is Opus 264 by Casavant Frères of Québec. It was installed in 1906, the year the church was dedicated, and is the first of its kind west of the Rockies. It was fully renovated in 2002.



**The Music Director plays the Yamaha grand piano, purchased in 2003 to add to the instrumental resources of the church.**

The liturgy follows the *Book of Alternative Services* except for three special services. The exceptions are the First Sunday of Lent and the Commemorations of Thomas Cranmer and of the First Anglican Eucharist celebrated in Canada, when we sing the *Book of Common Prayer* rite to the settings of John Merbecke.

Membership of St Paul's choir is open to all parishioners. It meets for training by the Music Director every Thursday evening, and for practice before the Sunday Eucharist. For information about the church choir contact Dianne Warren, Music Director, at 604-921-8971.

St Paul's church has a warm acoustical ambiance which makes it a sought-after venue for vocal and instrumental performances. For information about rental, contact the parish office by telephone at 604-685-6832 or by email at [office@stpaulsanglican.bc.ca](mailto:office@stpaulsanglican.bc.ca)



**A choral performance at St Paul's  
(Photograph by courtesy of Vancouver Mens Chorus)**

Music at St Paul's is a parish ministry. Parishioners support this ministry as part of their financial donations to St Paul's Anglican Church.

Non-parishioners who wish to give special support to the music ministry are invited to contribute to the Music Fund. All identified donations receive tax-deductible receipts.