

Chapter Ten: Official Hymnals of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

"...our hymnals serve as instruments by which the spiritual heritage received from the past is celebrated in the present and transmitted to future generations. Next to the Bible, our hymnals have been our most formative resource."

(The Untied Methodist Hymnal (Nashville: United Methodist Publishing House, 1989) page v)

"... a living faith must have both roots and wings. A hymn book is one place we find both."

(Singing in the Living Tradition (Boston: Beacon Press, 1993) page vii)

Other LDS-related hymnals exist,
but these are the English-language hymnals *officially* commissioned by the Church.

1835	"A Collection of Sacred Hymns, for the Church of the Latter Day Saints" (Kirtland Hymnal); collected by Emma Smith; edited by W. W. Phelps; Kirtland, Ohio; 90 hymns; also referred to as 'Emma's Hymnal'.
1840	"A Collection of Sacred Hymns for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Europe"; Manchester, England (Manchester Hymnal); collected by Brigham Young, Parley P. Pratt, and John Taylor; 277 hymns in the first edition, including nearly 50 Pratt texts; new hymns added with most every edition (see chart below). Here is a PDF of the Fourth Edition.
1841	"A Collection of Sacred Hymns, for the Church of the Latter Day Saints"; (Nauvoo Hymnal); 304 hymns collected by Emma Smith; published 1841 by Ebenezer Robinson, Nauvoo, Illinois. Much of Phelps' 1835 editing was restored to their original texts. Emma expanded this edition in 1843 but it was never printed.
1871	With the 14th edition of the Manchester hymnal, printing transferred from England to Salt Lake City, and the book was renamed Sacred Hymns and Spirituals Songs for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints .
1880	The Children's Primary Hymn Book and Tune Book for the Primary Association of the Children of Zion ; both compiled by Eliza R. Snow
1884	Deseret Sunday School Union Music Book ; Eliza R. Snow assisted in its compilation. I know this went through at least five editions as I have a Fifth Edition.
1889	Latter-day Saints' Psalmody ; supplement to the hymnal; this was the first LDS hymnal to include musical notation. <u>Hymns are titled by the tune name</u> . It took existing texts from the hymnal and set them to various tunes; <u>no new texts introduced in the first edition of this book</u> .
1909	Deseret Sunday School Songs replaced the Deseret Sunday School Union Song Book.
1918	Songs of Zion – a hymnal created by several of the eastern-US missions with church approval and backing
1919	Relief Society Song Book – for both sacred singing and recreational singing
1927	Latter-day Saint Hymns replaced the Manchester Hymnal and the Latter-day Saints' Psalmody; was used in conjunction with the Deseret Sunday School Songs; 421 hymns, 308 by LDS composers. In my view this was the last of the "Pioneer Hymnals"; many of the hymns still reflecting that era in the

	church. A Church Music Committee member told me that the Deseret Sunday School Songs was actually more popular and more widely used than this hymnal.
1939	Primary Song Book replaced The Children's Primary Hymn Book. This was both a community song book and a hymnal as it contained not only hymns but nursery rhyme songs, seasonal songs, and children's secular favorites, including Halloween, Santa Claus, fairies, and Cinderella. It contained 175 songs and 19 instrumentals for prelude and marching. <i>NOTE: I have two copies of this hymnal, and the page numbers are different between either copy - I do not know why; they are even the same edition...!</i>
1940	Relief Society Songs - <i>this was bound with opening rings so supplemental hymns could be printed and added; the copy I have has two such supplements.</i>
1948/ 1950	HYMNS: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints replaced everything but the Primary Song Book. The 1948 edition included thirteen hymns that were replaced for the second (1950) edition, which has 355 titles with a total of 431 hymns due to duplication of tunes and additional choir arrangements. In my view this hymnal took the church from being a Utah-based "Pioneer church" and graduated it up to at least being an "American church".
1949	Recreational Songs , a community singing book for the youth auxiliaries; 261 folk songs, hymns, and classic favorites, including eight 'Negro' spirituals
1951	The Children Sing replaced the Primary Song Book; 199 hymns, many duplicated from the 1950 hymnal but with fewer verses to each hymn; 13 instrumentals for prelude and postlude
1969	Sing With Me replaced The Children Sing; 218 hymns and songs; 13 instrumentals for prelude and postlude
1985	Hymns of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1985 replaced the 1950 hymnal; 323 titles with a total of 341 hymns due to duplication of tunes and additional choir arrangements; 358 composers represented, 168 of which are LDS. In my view, this hymnal is the first to begin reflecting the world-wide scope of the Church.
1989	Children's Songbook replaced Sing With Me; 281 hymns and songs; 13 instrumentals for prelude and postlude

Editions of Congregational Hymnal Editions (does not include Sunday School and Primary song books)

(chart below was copied from

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Church_of_Jesus_Christ_of_Latter-day_Saints_hymns#List_of_LDS_Hymnals_Published.2C_1835-1985 and adapted)

	Edition	Date	Location	Compiler	Number of Hymns
A Collection of Sacred Hymns		1835	Kirtland, USA	Emma Smith, WW Phelps	90
Manchester Hymnal	1	1840	Manchester, England	Parley P. Pratt, BY, JT	271
Manchester Hymnal	2	1841	Manchester, England	Parley P. Pratt, BY, JT	271
A Collection of Sacred Hymns		1841	Nauvoo, USA	Emma Smith	304
Manchester Hymnal	3	1843	Manchester, England	Hiram Clark, Thos Ward	271
Manchester Hymnal	4	1844	Liverpool, England	Reuben Hedlock, T. Ward	272
Manchester Hymnal	5	1846	Liverpool, England	F.D. Richards, O. Spencer	?
Manchester Hymnal	6	1847/8	Liverpool, England	Orson Spencer	283
Manchester Hymnal	7	1848	Liverpool, England	Orson Pratt	?
Manchester Hymnal	8	1849	Liverpool, England	Orson Pratt	283
Manchester Hymnal	9	1851	Liverpool, England	Franklin D. Richards	296
Manchester Hymnal	10	1854	Liverpool, England	Orson Pratt	296
Manchester Hymnal	11	1856	Liverpool, England	Franklin D. Richards	322
Manchester Hymnal	12	1863	Liverpool, England	George Q. Cannon	331
Manchester Hymnal	13	1869	Liverpool, England	Albert Carrington	330
Manchester Hymnal/ Sacred Hymns and Spirituals Songs	14	1871	Salt Lake City, UT, USA	George Q. Cannon	345
Manchester Hymnal	15	1871	Liverpool, England	Albert Carrington	344
Manchester Hymnal	16	1877 (1887)	Liverpool, England (USA)	Franklin D. Richards	344
Manchester Hymnal/ Sacred Hymns and Spirituals Songs	17	1883	Salt Lake City, England		345
Manchester Hymnal	18	1884	Liverpool, England	John Henry Smith	345
Manchester Hymnal	19	1889	Liverpool, England	George Teasdale	352
Manchester Hymnal	20	1890	Liverpool, England	George Teasdale	356
Manchester Hymnal/ Sacred Hymns and Spirituals Songs	20	1891	Salt Lake City, UT, USA		369

Manchester Hymnal/ Sacred Hymns and Spirituals Songs	21	1894	Salt Lake City, UT, USA		370
Manchester Hymnal/ Sacred Hymns and Spirituals Songs	22	1897	Salt Lake City, UT, USA		370
Manchester Hymnal/ Sacred Hymns and Spirituals Songs	23	1899	Salt Lake City, UT, USA		370
Manchester Hymnal/ Sacred Hymns and Spirituals Songs	24	1905	Salt Lake City, UT, USA		383
Manchester Hymnal/ Sacred Hymns and Spirituals Songs	25	1912	Salt Lake City, UT, USA		385
The Songs of Zion		1918	Salt Lake City, UT, USA	Joseph F Smith	269
Latter-day Saints' Psalmody	1	1889	Salt Lake City, UT, USA	Careless, Beesley, Daynes, Stephens, Griggs	330
Latter-day Saints' Psalmody	2	1896	Salt Lake City, UT, USA		354
Latter-day Saints' Psalmody	3	1906	Salt Lake City, UT, USA		367
Latter-day Saints' Psalmody	4	1908	Salt Lake City, UT, USA		367
Latter-day Saints' Psalmody	5	1912	Salt Lake City, UT, USA		367
Latter-day Saints' Psalmody	6	1915	Salt Lake City, UT, USA		367
Latter-day Saints' Psalmody	7	1920	Salt Lake City, UT, USA		367
Latter-day Saint Hymns		1927	Salt Lake City, UT, USA	General Church Music Committee	421
Hymns, Church of Jesus Christ		1948	Salt Lake City, UT, USA	General Church Music Committee	387
Hymns, Church of Jesus Christ		1950	Salt Lake City, UT, USA	General Church Music Committee	389
Hymns of The Church of Jesus Christ		1985	Salt Lake City, UT, USA	General Church Music Committee	341