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Preface.

This book contains a selection of hymn texts from the interdenominational Apostolisches Liederbuch, first published in German language. The book is intended to build musical bridges of mutual understanding, and gives you the opportunity to use, today, the past for building a better tomorrow, following the motto of Apostolic History Network (Netzwerk Apostolische Geschichte e. V.), a registered charity in Germany, dedicated to researching Apostolic church history.

The book has been organized much like a small hymnal, and the songs contained herein are being sung in many different churches and congregations, hence, it is a useful tool: for spontaneous collective singing; also for ecumenical meetings; youth gatherings; Christmas events with the congregation; and for many more occasions. The appendix includes a proposal for a prayer gathering from our Apostolic tradition that can be celebrated together.

The songs were selected from the most popular German hymns contained within the various German-language Apostolic sources. For this reason, the selection will not be matching precisely all the popular songs in other languages. We still hope you will enjoy this book. Next to every hymn you will find references to the various German-language books that contain this specific song.

For the Apostolisches Liederbuch, an official accompaniment book for organ has been published containing music and all German lyrics (ISBN 978-3-939291-14-5, 24,90 €). You may use the accompaniment books of the churches, as well, and use the respective reference number next to the song as cross-reference, provided that the respective number has not been put into brackets, which indicate incompatibility between the melodies in the books. There also is a sturdy-bound melody version of the Liederbuch in German that can be ordered at your favourite book-seller (ISBN 978-3-939291-12-1, 9,90 €). And we have also published a very low-priced paperback version only containing the German part of this book (ISBN 978-3-939291-13-8, 2,90 €).

We hope that you will have much joy and pleasure singing, making music and confessing together! And if you don't really know where to start, have a look at the very last page of this English part (in the middle of the book)...

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B. Divine Service.

3. Peace, which passeth understanding, / joy, the world can never give, / now in Jesus I am finding; / in His smiles of love I live. / *Now I'm resting, sweetly resting . . .*

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Lyrics: Charles Wesley (1707-1788).

AG1906: 291, NGB1910: 304, NGB1925: 304, RefApGB: 520, ApGB1959: 13, GBAJ: 148, GBAJC: 322, SdH: 511, GBNAC: 168a.

1. Jesus, Lover of my soul, / let me to Thy bosom fly / while the waters nearer roll, / while the tempest still is high.
2. Other refuge have I none, / hangs my helpless soul on Thee; / leave, Oh, leave me not alone, / still support and comfort me.
3. All my trust on Thee is stayed, / all my help from Thee I bring; / cover my defenceless head / with the shadow of Thy wing.
4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found, / grace to cover all my sin; / let the healing streams abound, / make and keep me pure within.
5. Thou of life the Fountain art, / freely let me take of Thee; / spring Thou up within my heart; / rise to all eternity.
6. Hide me, O my Saviour, hide me, / till the storm of life is past; / safe into the haven guide, / O receive my soul at last.

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Lyrics: Jane Borthwick (1823-1895) based on Benjamin Schmolck (1672-1737), see Luke 22:42.

NGB1910: 310, NGB1925: 310, RefApGB: 515, ApGB1959: 15, GBAJC: (328), SdH: 394, GBNAC: (216).

1. My Jesus, as Thou wilt! O may Thy will be mine! / Into Thy hand of love I would my all resign. / Through sorrow, or through joy conduct me as Thine own, / |: and help me still to say: "My Lord, Thy will be done!" :|
2. My Jesus, as Thou wilt! Though seen through many a tear, / let not my star of hope grow dim or disappear; / Since Thou on earth hast wept and sorrowed oft alone, / |: If I must weep with Thee, my Lord, Thy will be done! :|
3. My Jesus, as Thou wilt! All shall be well for me; / each changing future scene I gladly trust with Thee. / Thus to my home above I travel calmly on, / |: and sing, in life or death: "My Lord, Thy will be done!" :|

Lyrics: Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) based on

Samuel Rodigast (1649-1708).

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HymnKAG: (224), LWM: 126, NGB1910: 314, NGB1925: 314, RefApGB: 572, ApGB1959: 21, GBAJC: 151, SdH: (410), GBNAC: 156, EG: (372), GL: (416).

1. Whatever God ordains is good! / Holy His will abideth; / I will be still whate'er He doth, / and follow where He guideth, / He is my God; / though dark my road, / he knoweth how to shield me, / wherefore to Him I yield me.
2. Whatever God ordains is good! / My Life, my Light can never / intend me harm; then, to His care / I give myself forever / In weal or woe; / for well I know, / I once shall see quite clearly, / that God did love me dearly.

3. Whatever God ordains is good! / Here shall my stand be taken; / though sorrow, need, or death be mine, / yet I am not forsaken; / my Father's care / is round me there, / His arms embrace and shield me; / then to my God I yield me.

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Lyrics: Joseph Medicott Scriven (1819-1886).
NGB1910: 317, NGB1925: 317, RefApGB: 428, ApGB1959: 24, SdH: 471, GBNAK: 237.

1. What a Friend we have in Jesus, / all our sins and griefs to bear. / What a privilege to carry / ev'rything to God in prayer! / Oh, what peace we often forfeit; / Oh, what needless pain we bear! / All because we do not carry / ev'rything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations? / Is there trouble anywhere? / We should never be discouraged; / take it to the Lord in prayer. / Can we find a Friend so faithful / who will all our sorrows share? / Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness; / take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden, / cumbered with a load of care? / Precious Saviour, still our refuge; / take it to the Lord in prayer. / Do our friends despise, forsake us? / Take it to the Lord in prayer. / In His arms He'll take and shield us; / we will find sweet solace there.

Lyrics: Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) based on
Georg Neumark (1621-1681).

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HymnKAG: (229), LWM: 122, NGB1925: 319, RefApGB: 537, ApGB1959: 26, GBAJC: 391, SdH: (434),
GBNAK: 154, EG: (369), GL: (424).

1. Leave God to order all thy ways, / and hope in Him whate'er betide, / thou'lt find Him in the evil days / thy all-sufficient strength and guide; / who trusts in God's unchanging love, / Builds on the rock that nought can move.

2. What can these anxious cares avail, / these never-ceasing moans and sighs? / What can it help us to bewail / each painful moment as it flies? / Our cross and trials do but press / The heavier for our bitterness.

3. He knows when joyful hours are best, / He sends them as He sees it meet; / when thou hast borne the fiery test, / and now art freed from all deceit, / He comes to thee all unaware, / and makes thee own His loving care.

4. Nor in the heat of pain and strife, / think God hath cast thee off unheard, / and that the man, whose prosperous life / thou enviest, is of Him preferred; / time passes and much change doth bring, / and sets a bound to everything.

5. Sing, pray, and swerve not from His ways, / but do thine own part faithfully, / trust His rich promises of grace, / so shall they be fulfilled in thee; / God never yet forsook in need / the soul that trusted Him indeed.

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