

How to Conduct Any Hymn

*“Know that the Song of the Righteous
is a prayer unto our Father in Heaven “
“and it shall be answered with a blessing upon (your) heads”*

● Basics of Music (Hymn #2 – The Spirit of God)

- Hymn vs Page number
- Lyrics (verses – chorus)
- Notes, staff, measures, bar lines
- Time signature (2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 6/8), Treble Clef, Bass Clef
- Speed / tempo / metronome markings, style of the music
- Introduction markings ǀ ǂ

● Beats / Counts

- 2, 3, or 4 beats
- Just “FEEL THE BEAT” 😊
- Clap along or tap your foot

● Easy Conducting

- Holding a hymn book – looking at congregation – smiling 😊
- Conducting just the **downbeats (EVERYTHING in ONE)**
 - 2 beats – Hymn #201, 3 beats – Hymn #116, 4 beats – Hymn #203, 6 beats – Hymn 207)
- Methods: **one hand, two hands, baton**
- Conducting the **end of hymn**
- Count out loud – **lip sinking** 🗨️
- Conducting **pickup notes (upbeats) (Hymn #206)**
- Conducting a **pause (fermata) (Hymn #301)** ⤴️
- Conducting **Primary (for children)**
- Conducting unusual hymns (**Hymn #30, Hymn #78**)

● What If's

- What if the pianist/organist stops?
- What if there is no pianist/organist?
- What if you get lost?
- What if there are additional verses – (**Hymn 116**)
- How to do advanced conducting – (**Page 384-385**)



Its' Easy!!

Examples of Various Types of Hymns

Beats per Measure	No Pickup	With a Pickup
2 beats (2/4)	#201 - Joy to the World	#226 - Improve the shining Moments
(6/8)	#117 - Come unto Jesus	#207 - It Came upon the Midnight Clear
(2/2)	#9 - Come, Rejoice	# 211 - While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
3 beats (3/4)	#116 - Come, Follow Me	#206 - Away in a Manager
4 beats (4/4)	#203 - Angels We Have Heard on High	#208 - O Little Town of Bethlehem
Unusual beginning	#78 - God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand	
3 beats and 4 beats	#30 - Come, Come Ye Saints	
Fermata 	#301 - I Am a Child of God	

