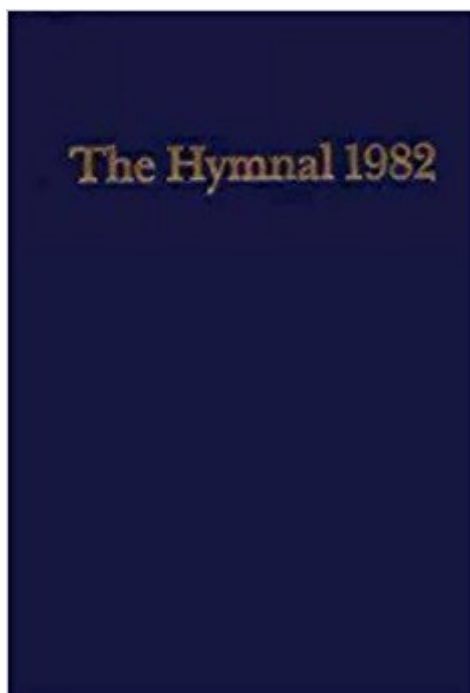


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Synopsis

This pew edition (also called basic singers edition) contains all hymns and service music for all who sing, choir and congregation alike. It is the current official Episcopal Hymnal.

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Customer Reviews

This review is not for the actual content of the Hymnal, which I have absolutely no problem with, but the format - which is a Kindle edition of the book. Short story short: DO NOT BUY KINDLE EDITION. Short story long: You know how in church they post the hymn numbers on the wall and/or in the bulletin for you to know what you are going to be singing today? Yeah, they didn't include an option to search by hymn number. Not only that, but the table of contents is "Not Available For This Title"! How do they expect people to search? Especially when the service is going, and you need to be able to quickly flip to the hymn. Completely idiotic idea to convert the Hymnal to a digital format and not accompany it with the smart search option. There is an option to search by keyword, so let's say I entered the Hymn number 690, which happens to be this Sunday hymn, I got 18 search results. Second major bummer is -- all the music score is an image, so while you do have an option to zoom in on a page to be able to read the tiny font, the images are fuzzy, and if you need to "flip the page", you can't do it in the zoomed view, so you have to zoom out, flip, and zoom in again. Keep away from this option, it'll save your money and your nerves.

I bought this for my Kindle for those instances in which I could remember some lyrics to a hymn and

wanted to find the rest of them without having to use an internet search engine. I wasted my money. Perhaps I'm just too dull to figure it out, but I cannot see how to navigate through this book. It would have been so much easier if the Table of Contents and the various Indices contained links to the hymns, but they don't. I can only locate a particular hymn by scrolling through the book and guessing where it should be. And the hymns aren't always there. Let's say I'm looking for hymn number 595. I may get to a page that has the heading for that hymn, but it's likely that I will have to continue to scroll to find the "picture" of what the page would look like in the printed hymnal. In many cases, when I scroll through subsequent pages, all I find is the page heading (number and hymn title) - no lyrics or music. This book is mostly completely useless. It makes me wonder if my copy is somehow broken, or if all the positive reviews were actually intended for a different ebook.

I love e-books and the convenience. So after recently joining the choir, I was excited to see a few members with e-readers. I wasn't even discouraged when they told me how they had come across incomplete songs. I was so sure that wouldn't happen with my kindle (they had other brands). Even though at least one review I read mentioned small print, I didn't think it would be as bad as it turned out to be. On my older kindle fire - unreadable. On my kindle fire tablet better, but not good enough to use while singing (and why else would I buy a hymnal?). I was going to give it 2 stars, but for the cost (money I couldn't afford to waste) I expect a fully functional book. This isn't one.

One of the reasons I bought a Kindle is because I can resize the print so books are comfortable to read. I bought a BCP, NRSV and this Hymnal for my kindle because the books in the pew are difficult for me to read and keep up with. The Kindle solved my problem with the BCP and the Bible, but the music in the hymnal are all image files. The only text that is resizable is the hymn numbers. This book is less than useless tome, because it's even smaller than the pew copies of the hymnal. Get with things, , and fix this image problem.

Very nice hymnal for your library. Nicely bound, and the pages lie flat

I am very disappointed, as I have found that the Kindle edition does not include all of the songs. I am trying to plan music for the service on Sunday, and checking the words in the hymnal against the recorded tracks we have to use at our church-and three of the four songs I am checking today have only the title and copyright information, the actual music and lyrics are not there. Had I known this I would not have purchased this hymnal.

I find the Kindle edition of The Hymnal 1982: Basic Singers useful. Church Publishing has done a terrible job of formatting its books for the Kindle but I have found a way to search for the hymns. It is cumbersome but useful at church. The Christian Miracle Foundation Press has created a very usable Kindle edition of the Book of Common Prayer and I wish that they would do the same for the hymnal.

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