

# Ancient Church Music

*“Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.” James 5:13, English Standard Version*

The closer we get to the \_\_\_\_\_, the less chance for contamination.

## The Ancient Church Sang

A. Singing in the background:

1. Mark 14:26 – Did Jesus \_\_\_\_\_? This is the only mention, but as a \_\_\_\_\_ He would have a rich heritage in singing.
2. 1 Corinthians 14:15 – It’s important that we \_\_\_\_\_ with our \_\_\_\_\_, as well as with the spirit.
3. The earliest Christians sang different songs in different \_\_\_\_\_, but there is no doubt that they sang.

B. Why singing was important for the ancient church:

1. Psalm 100:4 – Singing has always been a way of \_\_\_\_\_ God. It’s how He wants us to approach Him.
2. Colossians 3:16 – In singing we \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ one another.
3. Revelation 15:3 – Singing can be \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ as we celebrate God’s \_\_\_\_\_.
4. James 5:13 – Singing is a way to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ that we feel (to ourselves and to others).

C. Acts 16:25 – No wonder these two were \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_!

## The Ancient Church Sang A Cappella

A. A *Cappella* means “in \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ style”.

B. Was this the ancient style of singing?

1. Ephesians 5:18,19 – No mention is made of \_\_\_\_\_; the melody (*psallo*) is to be produced in the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. 1 Chronicles 16:4-6 - \_\_\_\_\_ were used in the \_\_\_\_\_ covenant. Why?
3. 2 Chronicles 29:25 – The commandment was from the \_\_\_\_\_ through His \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Ferguson: Instruments were \_\_\_\_\_ from the church for approximately the first \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Jeremiah 6:16 – The people didn’t want the \_\_\_\_\_ paths, even though this was how to find \_\_\_\_\_ for their \_\_\_\_\_.

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