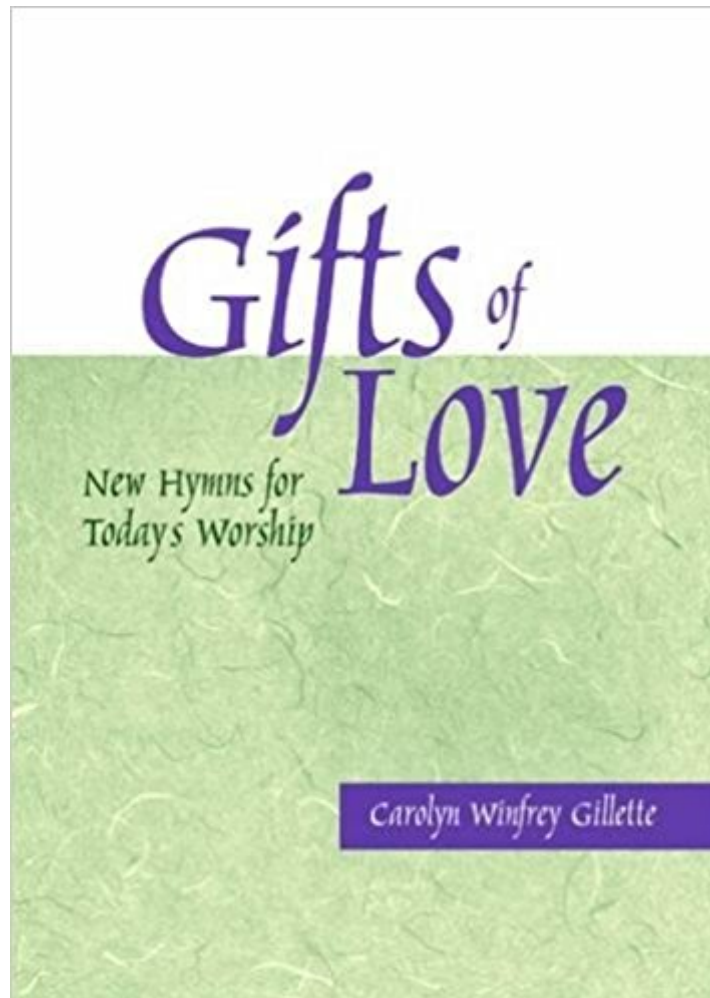




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# Gifts Of Love: New Hymns For Today's Worship



## Synopsis

This book contains texts for forty-five contemporary hymns on a wide variety of topics--biblical stories, the church, and seasons and special occasions in the church year. Well-known hymn tunes are suggested for each hymn and a brief commentary section provides interesting background. The volume contains a full range of indexes, making it usable in a variety of settings.

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## Customer Reviews

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette is co-Pastor, with her husband Bruce, of Limestone Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Delaware. Her books include *Gifts of Love: New Hymns for Today's Worship* and *Songs of Grace: New Hymns for God and Neighbor*.

Fabulous resource for helping church address contemporary concerns without making long-time parishioners feel alienated.

This is a great resource for Christian choir directors who wish to interface their worship music closely with the liturgical offerings. The settings are easy to prepare, well referenced and suitable for choirs of any size or experience.

Mrs. Gillette has truly written lyrics appropriate for nearly any circumstance! This lets us use familiar hymns and songs in situations where they didn't fit before! Congratulations Mrs. Gillette! Thank you

for making the choice of music for special occasions easier and more meaningful! We have used some of your music to design our church services! Plainville Christian Church, UCC.

I bought this book after visiting the authors website. It met my expectations. I really like the style of hymns that this Mrs. Gillette writes. They are modern and topical. They are a nice fit for our urban congregation. Because she pairs the new words with (mostly) well know tunes they are easy to learn, and very singable. My only dislike of this book was that the music was not included, as part of th hymn, although we project our hymns on a screen, with just the words, a music sheet would have been helpful for musicians and leader.

I like the words of the new hymns. Up to date and timely. I am having complaints from my congregation about the "old" music and some of the music for the hymns, although familiar, aren't any more singable.

I was introduced to this volume through my research for a suitable and new hymn to use during a Mother's Day sermon. I came across the hymn "God of the Women," and found it perfect for my message celebrating the prophetic gifts women have brought to Christianity. The tune Ms. Gillette used, "Be Thou My Vision," is one thoroughly familiar to my congregants, and I received many positive responses to its use following the service. I look forward to using this collection frequently in the future.

Hymn selection is a renewed joyful experience since I have purchased "Gifts of Love" and the companion book "Songs of Grace" by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. It is so gratifying to discover new hymns with contemporary lyrics set to familiar tunes. The additional resources, such as the commentaries, topical index, and index of Biblical references are helpful. I highly recommend this book to all pastors, church musicians and worship planners.

Fantastic volume of creative hymnody - even better interaction with the author following email contact!

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