

# What YOU can do to embrace, enhance, and share our liturgical singing

As a member of the Body of Christ		As a cantor – all those things, plus the following:		In every parish:	
<b>SING</b> – every chance you get!	Dust off folk songs, church hymns – anything worthwhile – then bring your singing voice to church	<b>LEARN</b> everything you can	The cantor should be able to teach others, especially children: explore our services and chants and find out how they “work”	<b>ASSESS</b> the singing as it is today	What is working well? What could be improved? Make a plan and try something (more or fewer melodies or services)
<b>LISTEN</b> to those around you	Practice singing <i>together</i> , matching pitch and tempo, and blending your voices to the glory of God	<b>PREPARE</b> for each and every service	Walk through the service you are about to lead so that it flows as a seamless prayer to God	<b>WRITE</b> a history of your parish singing	Every parish has something unique to share: cantors, choirs, melodies, recordings
<b>LEARN</b> our liturgy and chant	When you have questions, ask your priest or cantor! Memorize common hymns.	<b>BE SURE</b> to welcome newcomers	Our chant is participatory – beauty and faith-filled worship are not optional!	<b>UNITE</b> opposites	Alternate men and women, adults and children, clergy & people
<b>COMMIT</b> chants to memory	Start with the basics. It’s easier than you think – you know many of them already	<b>RAISE UP</b> assistants / successors	Look for others to sing with you at the kliros	<b>Hold a parish singing workshop</b>	Whether encouraging the quiet to sing, explaining our liturgy and chant, or teaching everyone to sing in harmony.
<b>LIVE</b> the liturgy	Come to church to share in singing and fellowship, and discover the liturgical year	<b>LEAD</b> clearly and with love	Set the melody, pitch and tempo – then (if possible) back off and let them sing!		

The **Metropolitan Cantor Institute** provides online, self-paced classes in liturgy and church singing: [mci.archpitt.org/classes](http://mci.archpitt.org/classes)

Intro classes are FREE. Cantor education is also free for parishes with no serving cantor, and in cases of financial need.

More resources, including a liturgical calendar, can be found at: [mci.archpitt.org](http://mci.archpitt.org)