



## How Copyright and Song Use Licensing Works At CMP

We realize that copyright and licensing issues can get complicated, especially now during the COVID-19 pandemic when so many congregations are using zoom and/or some kind of livestreaming option.

So the answer to our most commonly asked question these days is, **“YES-- any song file you download from the CMP site can be used in your online worship service.”** Consider yourself granted permission.

We just ask that you give the artist and songwriter (almost always the same) credit and indicate that you have permission from The Convergence Music Project to use the song. Use whatever wording you like.

Here is how licensing works overall at CMP. We hope this is clear but feel free to contact us if you have any additional questions.

1. **If you are a CMP annual subscription member, your annual membership includes the right to use any product on the site in worship of any kind (in the physical building or online) at no additional charge.** This is one of the greatest values of joining as an annual member. This makes it all very simple.

**Important Note:** While you as a member have access to every song on the site, **PLEASE do not go through the site and download every song you think you might want and create your own personal library, unless you KNOW that you are going to use the song in worship.** The reason we ask you not to do this is because we pay a royalty to the songwriter for every download by a member or non member. If you download every file for every song you will wind up generating way more royalty payments than your membership fee will come close to covering. We WANT this to be a great value for you, and we WANT the songwriters to be paid generously, but if too many members download indiscriminately then the company will not be financially sustainable. So please keep this in mind and help promote the growth of CMP by being sensitive to this reality. Thanks!

2. **Some songs on the CMP site are also licensed by the copyright holder with other licensing agencies such as CCLI or LicenSing or OneLicense.** When that is the case you will see on the product page for that song that it is registered with this other agency. If you have a license with that organization, then we ask that you report using it as you normally would, even if you are a CMP annual subscriber. You do not need to pay anything additional to CMP, but reporting use of this will enable the songwriter to receive additional royalty income from that agency. CMP is committed to trying to be as “just and

generous” to the songwriters and artists who share their songs on our site. Reporting your use will put more income in their pockets. Obviously this, like all song use reporting, is on the honor system.

3. Again, **CMP membership includes the right to use any product related to any song on the site in the context of worship for the year your membership is current.** One month prior to the end of your annual subscription expiration date you will receive an email from us reminding you that your membership is coming up for renewal, and giving you the option to renew. You will receive another email a day the membership expires, giving you the option to renew.

## **For Customers Purchasing Individual Downloads Who Do Not Have an Annual Subscription**

Most songs on the CMP site are licensed by CMP. **If you are downloading files a la carte as a non-subscriber, you must check one of the licensing options on the product page that you will see below the products listed for that song.** They are as follows:

1. No licensing deal needed for one of two following reasons: 1). I am not yet certain that I will use this song in public worship, or 2). My church has licensing for this song via CCLI or Licensing or OneLicense.net or some other church music licensing organization.
2. I am a CMP Annual Subscription Service Member and am enjoying the great value of performance rights for worship services in my local church or online being included in my membership fee. Therefore I do not need an additional license to use.
3. I need a one-time use license for this one song (use the song at one service or event or online worship service. Permission included to print words in a bulletin or on projected slides or to livestream). \$10.00
4. I need an ongoing license for this song for one year, which I can renew this time next year. \$20.00

We are not trying to nickle and dime people for using the songs and we don't want to complicate the process. But honoring performance licensing like this is another way to honor copyright and more importantly to put additional income in the pockets of the songwriters and treat them fairly and generously.

Once you have purchased a license if you need one, **you may use the song in any way you like, including livestreaming,** for a year.

## **Videos Now Available!**

In response to the COVID-19 virus and the fact that many people are needing lyric videos for worship, we have recently made it possible for you to purchase downloads of videos for songs whenever we have them available. We will be adding many more as soon as possible. Purchasing a lyric video means

you will be able to download the mp4 file itself to your own computer and then use it in any way you like in the context of worship. You have permission to do so, and this is not just a link to a YouTube video. It is the actual file itself. The licensing process and fees are the same for videos on our site as for any other product.

Thanks so much for your compliance with copyright and licensing. We want to make this simple and a great value, while making sure with honor the songwriters and copyright holders who make their music available on our site.