

Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS): An African American Hymnal

LEVAS is used frequently during our worship service. This collection of hymns and songs was published in 1993 by the Church Hymnal Corporation as a supplement to The Hymnal 1982.

It contains 234 hymns and songs, and thirty-six selections of service music for the Holy Eucharist. The music is drawn from various genres that include: Negro spirituals, traditional and contemporary gospel songs, adapted Protestant hymns, missionary and evangelistic hymns, and service music and Mass settings in both traditional and gospel styles.

The Episcopal Commission for Black Ministries developed the book with The Right. Reverend. Arthur B. Williams, Jr., former Suffragan Bishop of Ohio, as chair of the editorial board. Dr. Horace Clarence Boyer was general editor, and Dr. Carl Haywood was service music editor. The volume was dedicated to the memory of The Reverend. Curtis Winfield Sisco, Jr. (1958-1992), who was liturgical editor.