

# Timeline of Sacred Music Development

## Psalmody

## Hymnody

Roman Catholic music:  
Gregorian chants started in the 9th & 10th century, are Latin translations of psalms sung by clergy during mass even into the 20th century

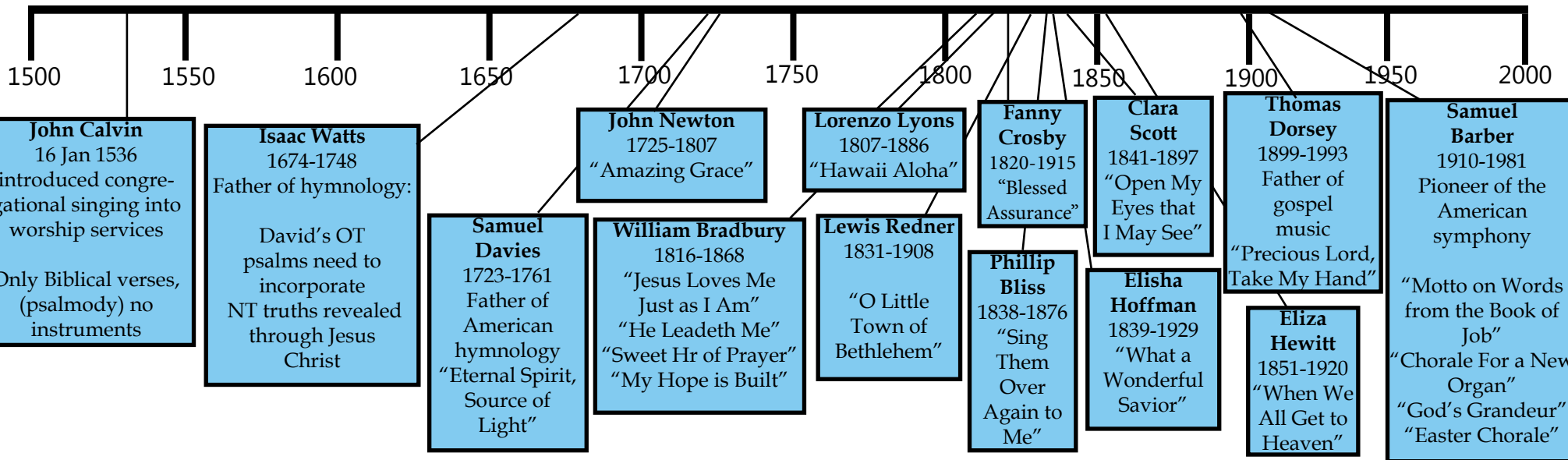
Early psalmody was just vocal: paradoxical, since psalms often mention use of musical instruments in praise of God

1640  
Puritans in the American Massachusetts Bay Colony:  
Faithfully translated Book of Psalms into English metrical

1701-1800  
Metrical psalmody is norm  
1720  
1st New England singing school  
1737  
Methodists start hymnody  
Catholics continue Latin tradition

1801-1900  
Metrical psalmody begins to die out  
1850  
Complete Watts is hymnal of choice, Sunday school songs become popular  
1871  
Denominational hymn books published  
Catholics continue Latin tradition

1901-2000  
Hymn singing is norm  
1945  
1st hymnals by Southern Baptists & African Americans  
1966  
Contemporary music worship begins  
1959  
Vatican II allows some English into Catholic mass



## Presbyterian Links to Sacred Music