

## WHY CAN'T WE SING AT CHURCH?

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Birds can chirp, dogs can bark, cats can meeee-ow. So why, oh why, can I not sing the hymns at a church service? That's a good question and here is a good answer. The scientists who investigate the spread of viruses have computed the rate of droplets you send out when you tune up your vocal cords and sing. The ratio of singing versus speaking can be an astonishing SIX TIMES MORE DROPLETS and those droplets could be carrying the virus. (American Review of Respiratory Diseases and other research on google. )

So, sing the hymns to yourself while you drive, watching for other singing drivers. Sing in the shower, sing at the supper table, if your family permits, and sing when you are outside and no one except birds, dogs and cats, are around. Which hymn will it be? Mine would be "Amazing Grace." What's yours?"