Class numbers for choral music and dramatic music


Choral music encompasses secular and sacred choruses and cantatas, with or without solo voices, with or without accompaniment.

Operas | Incidental music | Ballets | Oratorios | Masses
Choruses: Accompaniment of 2 or more instruments; Mixed voices | Men's voices | Women's (treble) voices
Collections of both accompanied and unaccompanied works
Accompaniment of 1 instrument or unaccompanied: keyboard instrument | 1 instrument other than keyboard | unaccompanied
Unison choruses

Operas
M1500  Complete works
M1501  Concert arrangements
M1502  Vocal and chorus scores without accompaniment
M1503  Vocal and chorus scores with accompaniment
M1503.5  Concert arrangements
M1504  College operas
Excerpts
M1505  Original accompaniment
Arranged accompaniment or unaccompanied
M1506  Orchestra or other ensemble
Keyboard instrument and unaccompanied; including sheet music with only the melody or lead sheets
M1507  Collections
M1508  Separate works. By title
canceled; Vocal and chorus scores without accompaniment
M1508.1  canceled; see M1507
canceled; see M1508
M1509  Operatic scenes (independent works)

Incidental music
M1510  Full scores
M1512  Vocal and chorus scores without accompaniment
M1513  Vocal and chorus scores with accompaniment
Excerpts
M1515  Original accompaniment
Arranged accompaniment
M1516  Orchestra or other ensemble
Piano or organ
M1517  Collections
M1518  Separate works. By title

Ballets
M1520  Full scores
M1522  Vocal and chorus scores without accompaniment
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M1523 Piano scores. Vocal scores with piano
Excerpts
M1524 Original accompaniment
Arranged accompaniment
M1525 Orchestra or other ensemble
M1526 Piano

**Oratorios**

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**Masses**

(See also Parts of the Mass [11])
Use for cyclical choral works set to liturgical or other texts, whether or not for use in a church

Settings of the Ordinary and Requiems Complete works
M2010 Accompaniment of orchestra or other ensemble
M2011 Vocal and chorus scores without accompaniment and unaccompanied
M2013 Accompaniment of organ, piano, or other instrument; vocal scores
M2013.5 Unison voices
M2014 Excerpts
M2014.5 Settings of Propers
M2014.6 Offices and other services
For Anglican, Jewish, etc. services, see Class M, M2015-M2017.6;
Use M2020-M2102.5 for individual parts of liturgical (e.g., Credo) or nonliturgical services set as separate compositions

**Choruses**
For sacred choral music, follow the instructions preceding M2060 in Class M, music and books on music:
Class works in the following priority unless otherwise noted: 1) by type or absence of accompaniment, 2) by text, 3) by season or occasion, 4) by type of chorus

Accompaniment of 2 or more instruments: Mixed voices
Men's voices | Women's (treble) voices
Collections of both accompanied and unaccompanied
### Accompaniment of 1 instrument or unaccompanied:
- keyboard instrument
- 1 instrument other than keyboard
- unaccompanied

### Unison choruses

#### Accompaniment of 2 or more instruments

### Mixed voices

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M1544 ---- General
M1544.3---- With recitation
M1544.5 M2033.5 Vocal and chorus scores without accompaniment

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Special seasons and occasions

M2065 Christmas
M2066 Easter
M2067 Thanksgiving
M2068.A- Other, A-Z (for a complete list, see Class M)
Z

Separate works

M1552 M2072 mixed voices
M1560 M2073 men's voices
M1570 M2074 women's (treble) voices

Special seasons and occasions

M2075 Christmas
M2076 Easter
M2077 Thanksgiving
M2078.A- Other, A-Z (for a complete list, see Class M)
Z
M2079.A- works with liturgical text (for a complete list of texts, see Table M6)
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Choruses
Accompaniment of 1 instrument other than keyboard

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Special seasons and occasions

M2085 Christmas

Note: LC class numbers in subject authority records for choruses with accompaniment of piano (4 hands) indicate that "piano (4 hands)" is considered to be 1 keyboard instrument.
LC class numbers for in subject authority records for choruses with accompaniment of pianos (2) also fall within this range (M1548-1570 and M2061-M2080).
However, in some LC bibliographic records, choruses with accompaniment of 2 pianos are sometimes classed in M1543.5

Collections (including collections with accompaniment of other solo instrument)

M2065 Christmas
M2066 Easter
M2067 Thanksgiving
M2068.A- Other, A-Z (for a complete list, see Class M)
Z

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M2086  Easter
M2087  Thanksgiving
M2088.A-  Other, A-Z (for a complete list, see Class M)
  Z

Separate works
M1582  M2092  mixed voices
M1590  M2093  men's voices
M1600  M2094  women's (treble) voices

Special seasons and occasions
M2095  Christmas
M2096  Easter
M2097  Thanksgiving
M2098.A-  Other, A-Z (for a complete list, see Class M)
  Z
M2099.A-  works with liturgical text (for a complete list of texts, see Table M6)
  Z

Choruses

Unison
Secular  Sacred
M1609  2101.5  Unison choruses, with and without accompaniment
Cutter numbers for special texts (for a complete list of texts, see Table M6)
If more than one language is present and one of those is Latin, use "L" in the cutter number.
    _11 Agnus Dei
    _14 Alma Redemptoris Mater
    _16 Ave Maria
    _161 Ave Maria Stella
    _165 Ave Verum corpus
    _169 Beatus vir
    _25 Cantate Domino
    _34 De profundis
    _373 Dixit Dominus
    _4 Gloria in excelsis Deo
    _5 Kyrie eleison
    _6 Magnificat
    _62 Miserere mei
    _7 Nunc dimittis
    _77 Regina Caeli
    _8 Salve Regina
    _82 Stabat Mater
    _9 Te Deum
    _94 Veni Creator Spiritus
For special texts not listed in Table M6, class works by medium of performance.

The M schedule doesn't offer a solution to special texts in languages other than those listed in the Table M6, but begin with the letter of one the languages listed there (e.g., "L" is used for Latin, and cannot be used with Latvian, Lithuanian, etc., special texts). The cutting directions use up all the available numbers under a given letter, so unless a different lettering system were introduced for letters already occupied, there's no class legitimately available.

Several workarounds are possible:

1. Add a cutter number between "L" and the number for the text (e.g., La, Li),
2. Class with medium of performance instead of special texts,
3. Interfile all languages beginning with a specific alpha character without regard for their differences

Source: dialog on MLA-L, Geraldine Ostrove (LC), Joe Bartl (LC), and Chuck Herrold (Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh)