

Hymns – Sunday, July 19, 2020

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go – VU 658

1. O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

2. O Light that followest all my
way,
I yield my flickering torch to
thee;
my heart restores its borrowed
ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its
day
may brighter, fairer be.

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1884.*

The Lone, Wild Bird – VU 384

1. The lone, wild bird in lofty
flight
is still with you, nor leaves your
sight.

And I am yours! I rest in you,
Great Spirit, come, rest in me
too.

2. The ends of earth are in your
hand,
the sea's dark deep and faroff
land.

And I am yours! I rest in you,
Great Spirit, come, rest in me
too.

3. Each secret thought is known
to you,
the path I walk my whole life
through;
my days, my deeds, my hopes, my
fears,
my deepest joys, my silent tears.

4. In secret depths you knit my
frame,
before my birth you spoke my
name;
within my soul, as close as
breath,
so near to me, in life, in death.

5. O search me, God, my heart
reveal,
renew my life, my spirit heal;
for I am yours, I rest in you,
Great Spirit, come, rest in me
too.

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness – VU 288

1. Great is thy faithfulness, God
our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning
with thee;
thou changest not, thy
compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever
wilt be.

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!**

**2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. R**

**3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. R**

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The Lord's Prayer (sung) – VU 959

**Our Father, in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your Kingdom come, your will be done,
on Earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
forgive us our sins,**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil:
for the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

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We Shall Go out with Hope of Resurrection – VU 586

**1. We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.**

**2. We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.**

**We'll share our joy with those
who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for
hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the
resurrection story,
including all in circles of our
love.**

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Readings

Genesis 28: 10-19

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder^[a] set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the LORD stood beside him^[b] and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed^[c] in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!” ¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” ¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first. ²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, ²¹ so that I come again to my father’s house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, ²² and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God’s house; and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you.”

Psalm 139 – VU p. 861

Refrain:

God, you have searched me, you know me through and through.

O God, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You discern my path and the places I rest;

you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue, you know it, O God, completely.

You guard me from behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

It is beyond my knowledge; it is a mystery, I cannot fathom it.

Refrain

Where can I escape from your spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

**If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I lie down in the grave, you are even there.**

*If I take wing with the dawn and alight at the sea's farthest limits,
there also your hand will be guiding me
your powerful hand holding me fast.*

*If I say, "Let the darkness cover me and my day be turned to night,"
Even darkness is not dark to you: the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.*

Refrain

*It was you who formed my inward parts;
you fashioned me in my mother's womb.*

**I praise you, for I am fearfully, wonderfully made.
Wondrous are your works; that I know very well.**

*My frame was not hidden from you when I was being fashioned in secret,
intricately woven in the mystery of clay.*

**Your eyes saw my substance taking shape;
in your book my every day was recorded;
all my days were fashioned, even before they came to be.**

Refrain

How deep your designs are to me, O God! How great their number!

I try to count them but they are more than the sand.

I come to the end – I am still with you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

test me and know my thoughts.

Watch closely, lest I follow a path of error

and guide me in the everlasting way.

Refrain

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Romans 8: 22-25

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in[a] hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes[b] for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.