

Hymns – Sunday, July 26, 2020

Many are the Lightbeams - VU588

**1. Many are the lightbeams from
the one light.**

Our one light is Jesus.

**Many are the lightbeams from
the one light;
we are one in Christ.**

**4. Many ways to serve God, the
Spirit is one,
servant spirit of Jesus.**

**Many ways to serve God, the
Spirit is one;
we are one in Christ.**

**5. Many are the members, the
body is one,
members all of Jesus.**

**Many are the members, the body
is one;
we are one in Christ.**

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God of the Bible - MV 28

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**1. God of the Bible, God in the
Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to
come,
you are our centre, daylight or
darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our
home.**

Refrain (2X)

**Fresh as the morning, sure as the
sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not
change.**

**2. God in our struggles, God in
our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our
part,
still you empow'r us, mothering
Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your
own heart.**

**3. Those without status, those
who are nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with
rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of
justice,
birthing new systems, lighting
new lights.**

**4. Not by your finger, not by
your anger
will our world order change in a
day,
but by your people, fearless and
faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the
way.**

**5. Hope we must carry, shining
and certain
through all our turmoil, terror
and loss,**

**bonding us gladly one to the other,
‘til our world changes facing the Cross.**

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Unbounded Spirit, Breath of God – MV 155

**1. Unbounded Spirit, breath of God,
refreshing water, cleansing flame,
we give allegiance, through your call,
to Christ, and to no other name.**

**2. Receive and open for review
the work we do, the word we preach,
and school us, as we teach and learn,
in careful thought and truthful speech.**

**3. Uncover all the hopeless ways
we run, resist, rebel, or hide.
Unwrap with love and bathe in light
our pain, our sadness, and our pride.**

**4. Assemble, leaven, mix, and knead
our clashing norms, opposing views
and bake a loaf of joy and peace
that hungry hearts will not refuse.**

**5. Inscribe on every growing skill, on every action, every vow
the living name of Jesus Christ,
beginning here, beginning now.**

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Open My Eyes, That I May See – VU 371 (used on June 28, 2020)

**1. Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!**

**2. Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me,
Spirit divine!**

**3. Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth
everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,**

ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

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O God Beyond All Praising – VU 256

1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

2. The flower of earthly splendour in time must surely die, its fragile bloom surrender to you our God most high; but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown, though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown: for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory.

3. Then, hear O gracious Saviour, this song of praise we sing. May we, who know your favour, our humble service bring; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our

sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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Like a Healing Stream - MV 144

1. Like a healing stream in a barren desert, Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth, God is trickling through our lives as in a dream unfolding, promising revival and rebirth like a healing stream

2. Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden, Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed, God is bubbling through the soil to coax a new creation yearning for an end to want and need like a gentle rain.

3. Like a river strong with a restless current, Spirit water rushing on to distant shore, God is carving out a channel in a new direction, calling for an end to hate and war like a river strong.

4. Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,

**Spirit water with a love both
deep and wide,
God is working in our hearts
to shape a new tomorrow:
God will always challenge and
provide!
Like a mighty sea, like a river**

**strong,
like a gentle rain, like a healing
stream.**

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Readings

Matthew 13:1-3, 9, 31-33, 44-45, 51-52

¹³ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow.

⁹ Let anyone with ears^[a] listen!”

³¹ He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with^[a] three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls

⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”