

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.”