

Hymns – Sunday, September 27, 2020

Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works - VU 308

Many and great, O God, are your works,
Maker of earth and sky.
Your hands have set the heavens with stars,
your fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at your word the waters were formed;
deep seas obey your voice.

Grant unto us communion with you,
O star-a-biding one.

Come unto us and dwell with us,
with you are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end,
eternal life with you.

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It's a Song of Praise to the Maker – MV 30

1. It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker,
The gray whale sings in the sea,

Refrain

And by the Spirit
you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

2. It's a call of life to the Giver
when waves and waterfalls roar.

It's a call of life to the Giver
when high tides break on the shore,
R

3. It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover,
the summer breeze joins the song,
R

4. It's the chorus of all creation;
it's sung by all living things.
It's the chorus of all creation;
a song the universe sings, R

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God of the Bible - MV 28

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.

**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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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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Scripture Reading -Psalm 147

Praise the Lord!

**How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.**

**The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

**He heals the broken-hearted,
and binds up their wounds.**

**He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.**

**Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.**

**The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.**

**Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.**

**He covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.**

**He gives to the animals their food,
and to the young ravens when they cry.**

**His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;
but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.**