

Large Print Hymns – Sunday, October 11, 2020

Come Touch Our Hearts – MV 12

1. Come touch our hearts that we
may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing
fire;

love strong enough to overturn
injustice,
to seek a world more gracious, come
touch and bless our hearts.

2. Come touch our souls that we may
know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears
dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in
us,
let life and beauty fill us, come touch
and bless our souls.

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For the Beauty of the Earth – VU 226

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Refrain:

God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light, R

3. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, R

4. For each perfect gift sublime
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
R

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As Those Of Old Their First-Fruits Brought - VU 518

1. As those of old their first-fruits
brought
of vineyard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good,
the source of bounteous yield;

so we today our first-fruits bring:
the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home,
of mind and heart and hand.

2. A world in need now summons us
to labour, love, and give,
to make our life an offering
to God, that all may live.

**The church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed, by Christ-like
love,
all life in Christ made new.**

**3. With gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best to you,
not just to serve your cause, but
share
your love with neighbours too.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your son,
help us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.**

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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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Now Thank We All Our God – VU 236

**1. Now thank we all our God,
with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom God's world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way,
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us in God's grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

**3. All praise and thanks to God
for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest
who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

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Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Deuteronomy 24: 19-22

When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all your undertakings. When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.

When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this.