

Lent 2022



# Introduction

Welcome to our 40 Days of Worship through Lent 2022. Firstly a massive thank you to everyone who helped to put this together as it is a team effort.

Each day you will find a song, passage and thought related to the song along with the lyrics. Take the time to reflect on the songs and verses and ask God to speak to you through them.

We have 'themed' each day of the week to try and help mix up the songs in a week but also provide a structure through the 40 days. There is a right mix of styles and topics so it should be an interesting time reflecting on them together.

If you have any particular thoughts that come to you each day as you journey through Lent, please share them with us. Either speak to Tim on Sundays, put it on the blog post or email Tim.

If you find anything doesn't work please let Tim know so he can try to fix it for everyone.

# Planner

1) 2 <sup>nd</sup> March <i>Ash</i> <i>Wednesday</i> Be Still CD 1 – 1	2) 3 <sup>rd</sup> March Onward Christian Soldiers CD1 - 2	3) 4 <sup>th</sup> March On the bloodstained ground CD 1 – 3	4) 5 <sup>th</sup> March All the way my saviour leads me CD 1 – 4	5) 6 <sup>th</sup> March In Christ Alone CD 1 – 5	6) 7 <sup>th</sup> March 10,000 reasons CD 1 – 6	7) 8 <sup>th</sup> March Amazing Grace CD 1 – 7
8) 9 <sup>th</sup> March What a beautiful name CD 1 – 8	9) 10 <sup>th</sup> March Jerusalem CD 1 – 9	10) 11 <sup>th</sup> March Oh to see the dawn CD 1 – 10	11) 12 <sup>th</sup> March Lighthouse CD 1 - 11	12) 13 <sup>th</sup> March Because He lives CD 1 – 12	13) 14 <sup>th</sup> March Praise my soul the King of heaven CD 1 – 13	14) 15 <sup>th</sup> March My hope is built on nothing less CD 1 – 14
15) 16 <sup>th</sup> March King of Love CD 1 – 15	16) 17 <sup>th</sup> March For those in peril CD 1 – 16	17) 18 <sup>th</sup> March Into the darkness CD 1 – 17	18) 19 <sup>th</sup> March Guide me o thou great redeemer CD 1 – 18	19) 20 <sup>th</sup> March Low in the grave He lay CD 1 – 19	20) 21 <sup>st</sup> March Blessed be your name CD 1 – 20	21) 22 <sup>nd</sup> March How He loves us CD 2 – 1
22) 23 <sup>rd</sup> March There is a place for us CD 2 – 2	23) 24 <sup>th</sup> March We are marching CD 2 – 3	24) 25 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Annunciation</i> <i>Day</i> Mary did you know? CD 2 – 4	25) 26 <sup>th</sup> March Oceans CD 2 – 5	26) 27 <sup>th</sup> March From the squalor of a borrowed stable CD 2 - 6	27) 28 <sup>th</sup> March Easter Hallelujah CD 2 – 7	28) 29 <sup>th</sup> March Who breaks the power CD 2 – 8
29) 30 <sup>th</sup> March Now thank we all our God CD 2 – 9	30) 31 <sup>st</sup> March We plough the fields CD 2 – 10	31) 1 <sup>st</sup> April Calvary CD 2 – 11	32) 2 <sup>nd</sup> April Abide with me CD 2 – 12	33) 3 <sup>rd</sup> April There is a green hill CD 2 – 13	34) 4 <sup>th</sup> April Our God is a great big God CD 2 – 14	35) 5 <sup>th</sup> April Amazing Grace (My chains are gone) CD 2 - 15
36) 6 <sup>th</sup> April Jesus is Lord CD 2 – 16	37) 7 <sup>th</sup> April Holy Over- shadowing CD 2 – 17	38) 8 <sup>th</sup> April See what a morning CD 2 – 18	39) 9 <sup>th</sup> April There's a way back to God CD 2 – 19	40) 10 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Palm Sunday</i> Majesty CD 2 - 20		

# Be still for the presence

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZugvUQ4m90U>

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Paul chose this one saying “When I sing or hear this hymn it reminds me that there is one God and we need to stop and focus on him.”

It becomes very easy now days to rush everywhere, or be detached from the world and God through the overuse of technology.

Lent was a time that Jesus deliberately chose to go and rely on God and to withdraw from everyone else.

This Lent, as we work through 40 Days of Worship, remember to Be Still! And I pray that you'll feel God's presence as you worship God through the different songs that people have chosen and the reflections included with them.

Each of them brings you a different angle on worshipping God, so take the time each day to Be Still and worship Him, be cleansed by Him, be healed by Him and gain a greater understanding of His power.

As you start your journey through 40 Days of Worship, stop and pray that you'll gain a closer relationship with God.



# Be still for the presence

## © 1986 Thankyou Music

### Verse 1

Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here  
Come bow before Him now  
With reverence and fear  
In Him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground  
Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here

### Verse 2

Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around  
He burns with holy fire  
With splendor He is crowned  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant King of light  
Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around

### Verse 3

Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal  
To minister His grace  
No work too hard for Him  
In faith receive from Him  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place

# Onward Christian Soldiers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9HO-Q95A7v0>

## Joshua 6

V16: The seventh time they marched around the city, the priests blew their trumpets. Then Joshua gave the command: “Now, shout! The LORD is giving you this city!”

Alan and Albert both chose this song to get us to reflect on previous experiences and how we are soldiers for God.

We have all been through different ‘battles’ in our lives and the only way to get through them is to seek out and then follow God’s will. In Joshua 6, the Israelites are obedient to following a rather strange battle plan in order to take Jericho. But onward they marched.

Jesus was given a rather strange ‘battle plan’ in order to save us – becoming obedient to death for us.

What is God’s ‘battle plan’ for your current situation or next adventure with Him?



# Onward Christian Soldiers

## Sabine Baring-Gould

### Verse 1

Onward Christian soldiers  
Marching as to war  
With the cross of Jesus  
Going on before  
Christ the royal Master  
Leads against the foe  
Forward into battle  
See His banners go

### Chorus

Onward Christian soldiers  
Marching as to war  
With the cross of Jesus  
Going on before

### Verse 2

At the name of Jesus  
Satan's host doth flee  
On then Christian soldiers  
On to victory  
Hell's foundations quiver  
At the shout of praise  
Brothers lift your voices  
Loud your anthems raise

### Verse 3

Like a mighty army  
Moves the church of God  
Brothers we are treading  
Where the saints have trod  
We are not divided  
All one body we  
One in hope and doctrine  
One in charity

### Verse 4

Crowns and thrones may perish  
Kingdoms rise and wane  
But the church of Jesus  
Constant will remain  
Gates of hell can never  
'Gainst that church prevail  
We have Christ's own promise  
And that cannot fail

### Verse 5

Onward then ye people  
Join our happy throng  
Blend with ours your voices  
In the triumph-song  
Glory laud and honour  
Unto Christ the King  
This through countless ages  
Men and angels sing

# On the bloodstained ground

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j1yZ156f\\_0Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j1yZ156f_0Q)

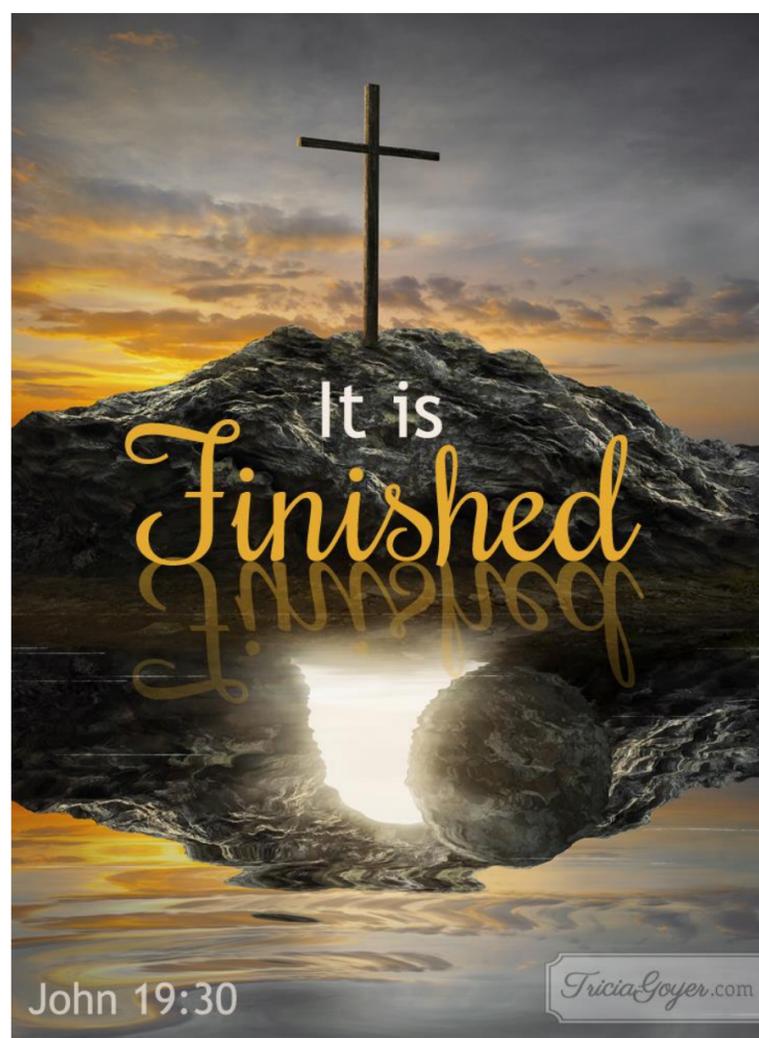
John 19:30  
“It is finished.”

This beautiful song takes us to the heart of the Easter message that Jesus died in our place. In so doing, he effectively washed our sins away.

*My guilt, my shame, my pride; all gone!*

We cannot stand in the face of such a painful and powerful sacrifice. We must bow down and kneel before him in worship and gratefulness, and in renewed determination to serve the one who is worthy of every last drop of our energy in his service.

We must linger a while on the Good Friday scene before we can truly appreciate Easter Sunday!



# On the bloodstained ground

## © 1998 Make Way Music

### Chorus

I come just as I am  
This is my only plea  
One hope in which I trust  
This blood was shed for me

### Verse 1

On the bloodstained ground  
Where the shadow falls  
Of a cross and a crown of thorns  
I kneel down I kneel down  
I lift my eyes to a tearstained face  
Who is this dying in my place  
I kneel down I kneel down

### Verse 2

As you wash the stains  
Of my guilty heart  
'Til I'm clean in every part  
I kneel down I kneel down  
Wash away my shame my pain my pride  
Every sin that I once denied  
I kneel down I kneel down

### Bridge

This is where I'll always come  
This is where I'll always run  
To worship You  
This is where I'll always come  
This is where I'll always run  
To worship You Jesus

### Ending

Jesus worship Jesus  
Jesus worship Jesus  
Worship Jesus

# All the way my saviour leads me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vh2cHbEeTZ0>

Proverbs 16:9

In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps.

Matthew 4:4

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

This classic hymn reminds us that our Lord has plans for our lives that we can choose to follow. Jesus knew that He had a plan given for Him to follow, which included being tested in the wilderness by the Devil. The first of the temptations is to create bread from stones. And Jesus refused, instead trusting in God rather than misusing his powers to satisfy his own needs.

Later on in the Gospels, Jesus comments that He is the bread of life, which we can follow and use to nourish our lives, which is picked up at the end of the first verse of the hymn.

How are you doing at following God's plan for your life?



# All the way my Saviour leads me

© Words: Public Domain

Music: 1992 Universal Music

## Verse 1

All the way my Saviour leads me  
What have I to ask beside  
Can I doubt His tender mercy  
Who through life has been my guide  
Heavenly peace divinest comfort  
Here by faith in Him to dwell  
For I know whate'er befall me  
Jesus doeth all things well

## Verse 2

All the way my Saviour leads me  
Cheers each winding path I tread  
Gives me grace for every trial  
Feeds me with the Living Bread  
Though my weary steps may falter  
And my soul athirst may be  
Gushing from a Rock before me  
Lo a spring of joy I see

## Verse 3

And all the way my Saviour leads me  
Oh the fullness of His love  
Perfect rest to me is promised  
In my Father's house above  
And when my spirit clothed immortal  
Wings its flight to realms of day  
This my song through endless ages  
Jesus led me all the way

# In Christ Alone

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16KYvflc2bE>

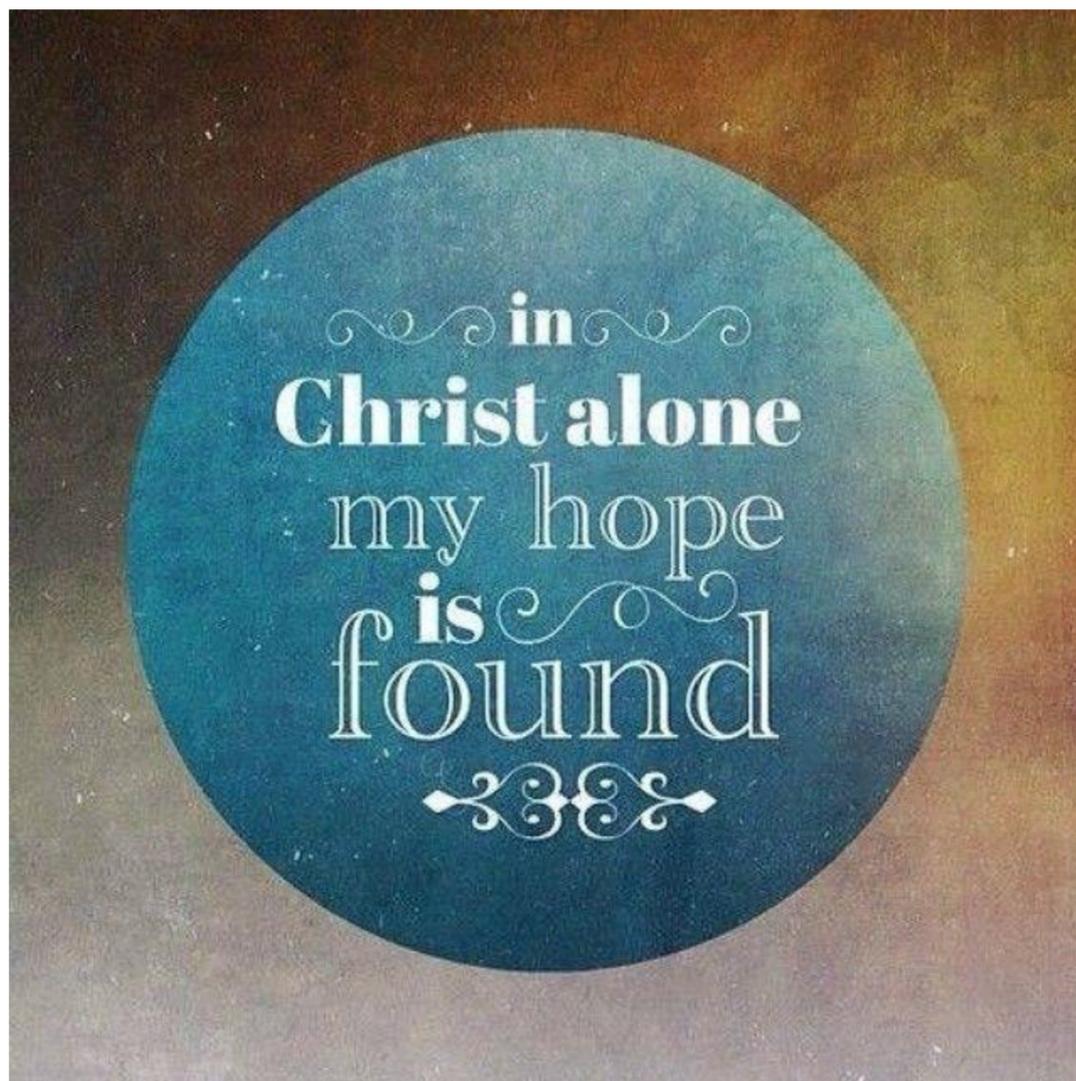
1 John 1 v 9

If we confess our sins he is faithful and just and will forgive us  
our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness

This is one of Jeff's favourite modern hymns and is one of the nation's most used songs.

This song says so many different things which is probably why it is one of the favourites. It covers our relationship with God, how through Christ we're saved, and how in Jesus' strength we're able to stand in victory.

Where do you need Jesus to strengthen you today? Like with our verse for the year, God wants to strengthen and help us. So confess where you need to confess, and ask God to give you the strength to stand in Jesus' name.



# In Christ Alone

## © 2001 Thankyou Music

### Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

### Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

### Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

### Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

# 10,000 Reasons

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7utzmfkQmJA>

Ephesians 2:4

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved.

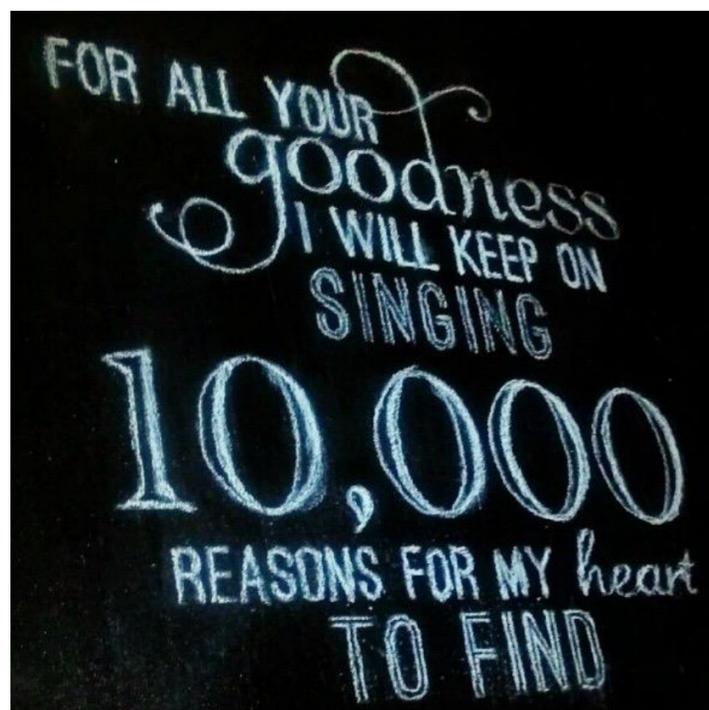
Psalm 103:1

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Both Ann and Margaret chose this one, with Ann really enjoying it when the full congregation are able to join in.

Margaret wrote: Apparently this song was inspired by Psalm 103 when David is telling himself to praise God with his whole heart .

I know this isn't a song really about Easter but it's one I really like. This is all about singing as we worship God, none of us in our family are singers although Santi does blast it out as part of his medley of songs he sings on his way home each day. It starts with the sun coming up, well if the suns shining when I get up that's always a better start to the day for me. The song was sung at Hannah and Dans wedding, my Aunt said she didn't know the song but this is definitely my aunts song. The song talks about the day when our strength is failing, Aunt would admit her strength is failing but she sings all the time worshipping God with all her old favourites. When I get to that day when my strength is failing I doubt I'll be singing out loud like aunt but in my head I'll still have lots of reasons to sing Gods praises.



# 10,000 Reasons

© 2011 Thankyou Music (Admin. by  
Integrity Music Ltd)

## Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

## Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

## Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

## Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

## Tag

Worship Your holy name  
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

## Ending

Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name

# Amazing Grace

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HsCp5LG\\_zNE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HsCp5LG_zNE)

Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

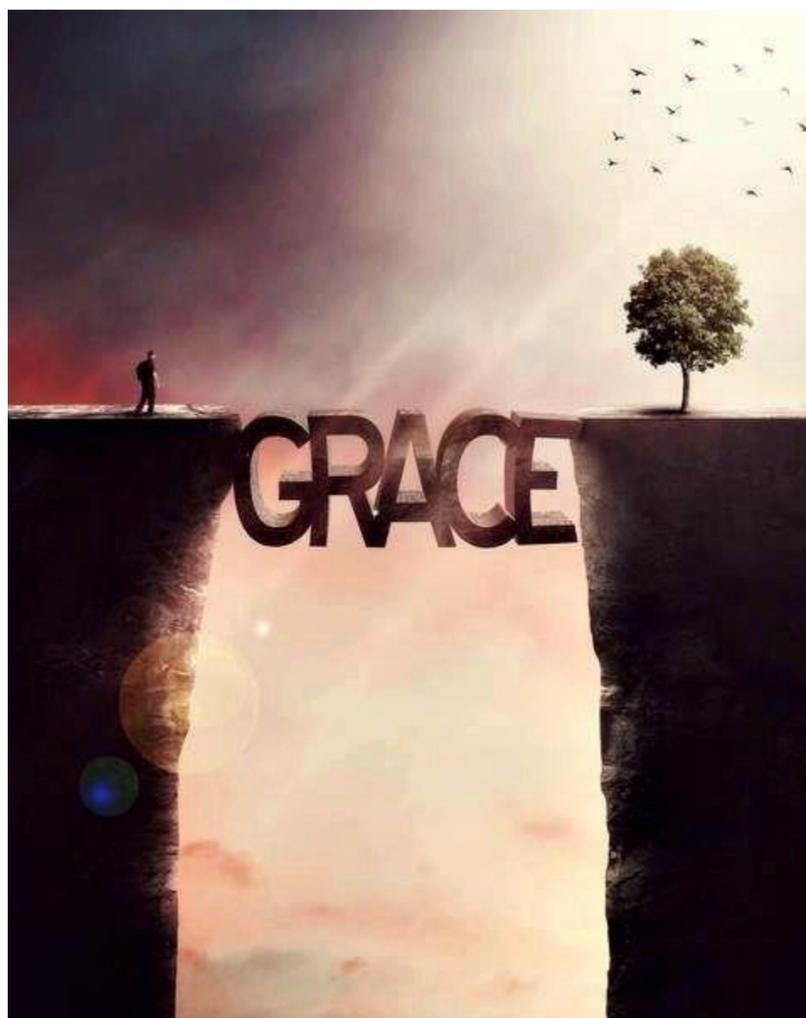
Put yourself in Jesus' sandals. You're probably about 30, and your mission is relatively unknown, except to John the Baptist who heard God's voice declare that you're his son. Up to now you've been relatively normal, except at your birth.

And now you're wandering in the wilderness. No food. No drink. No one with you. Well the devil shows up to tempt you, but no one helpful.

Jesus faith in God's masterplan is what got him through those challenges.

We can face all sorts of challenges, and with God's help we can overcome them and find his will in the situation.

Then once we've followed Jesus all the way, after 10,000 years, we'll still be able to celebrate God's gift of Amazing Grace to us.



# Amazing Grace

## John Newton

### Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found  
Was blind but now I see

### Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

### Verse 3

Through many dangers toils and snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home

### Verse 4

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun

# What a beautiful name

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r5L6QIAH3L4>

John 1:1, 14

Before the world began, the Word was there. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The Word became a man and lived among us. We saw his divine greatness—the greatness that belongs to the only Son of the Father. The Word was full of grace and truth.

Steve writes: This is a beautiful song full of striking imagery to make you stop and THINK! The tune is meditative but builds to a powerful crescendo of praise.

Beginning at the beginning with God's hidden Word, the song reveals this to be Jesus Himself and celebrates the power of His name (which means Saviour of course). It starts with Creation and takes us through Jesus' death to the silence of the grave and on to the "roaring" heavens. It's quite the tour de force!

But the line that won't leave me is, You didn't want heaven without us so Jesus You brought heaven down. The bluntness of the words are shocking - and the truth revealed is the greatest truth that can be revealed, which is also shocking. God loves us so much He wants us to spend eternity with Him and He was willing to pay any price to accomplish that. The price was the death of His Son. As a father and grandfather, words fail me to express such love....



**You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great,  
Your love was greater  
What could separate us now**

# What a beautiful name

© 2016 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia

## Verse 1

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

## Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

## Verse 2

You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great Your love was  
greater  
What could separate us now

## Chorus 2

What a wonderful Name it is  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

## Bridge

Death could not hold You  
The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and  
grave  
The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

## Bridge

You have no rival  
You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom  
Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

## Chorus 3

What a powerful Name it is  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

## Ending

What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

# Jerusalem

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sc9Ww3rmT7I>

Ephesians 6:10-20 (11 and 12 below)

Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Jerusalem is Marie's favourite and has at times been the number 1 hymn on Songs of Praise. It asks the question of whether Jesus visited England (not likely) with potential reference to the industrial revolution. As with any poem, it is important to not necessarily take it too literally but it was used as an anthem for equal rights by the suffragettes and does call us to arms with its rousing tune.

It calls to mind the passage about the armour of God in Ephesians 6. It is important to remember that we are also told by Jesus in John 13:15 that "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." We're called to be Jesus' hands and feet and to carry on the work that He started. Where we see injustice we need to ask God to equip us to fight it, in his strength and with his weapons of truth, grace, mercy and his word.



# Jerusalem

© Words: Public Domain

## Verse 1

And did those feet in ancient time  
Walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God  
On England's pleasant pastures seen?  
And did the countenance divine  
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
Among those dark Satanic mills?

## Verse 2

Bring me my bow of burning gold  
Bring me my arrows of desire  
Bring me my spear O clouds unfold  
Bring me my chariot of fire  
I will not cease from mental fight  
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand  
Till we have built Jerusalem  
In England's green and pleasant land

# Oh to see the dawn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPFv-ywTY-c>

Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.

“But I wasn’t doing anything!!” .... “But they were doing it!!” ... “It’s not FAIR!!” .... This could be the kind of reaction from a child just caught misbehaving who didn’t want to face up to the consequences of their behaviour.

But it is also what Jesus could have said to us. He didn’t do anything wrong, that was us who were doing the sinning! And it certainly wasn’t *fair* that He took that punishment for us.

But take the punishment is what He did. And He didn’t moan about it either. The crowd urged him to call down angels to save him – but He didn’t. Jesus didn’t do the *fair* thing – on that darkest day He did the ONLY thing that could save us.

Spend some time reflecting on the pain that your sin put Jesus through on the cross in your place – thank Him that He’s taken your place to make you clean.



# Oh to see the dawn

## © 2005 Thankyou Music

### Verse 1

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day  
Christ on the road to Calvary  
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then  
Nailed to a cross of wood

### Chorus 1

This the pow'r of the cross  
Christ became sin for us  
Took the blame bore the wrath  
We stand forgiven at the cross

### Verse 2

Oh to see the pain written on Your face  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin  
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

### Verse 3

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head  
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life  
Finished the vict'ry cry

### Verse 4

Oh to see my name written in the wounds  
For through Your suff'ring I am free  
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live  
Won through Your selfless love

### Chorus 2

This the pow'r of the cross  
Son of God slain for us  
What a love what a cost  
We stand forgiven at the cross

# My lighthouse

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=reAIJKv7ptU> (Without actions)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WebAIYjxnB4> (With my dodgy actions)

Matthew 14:22-33

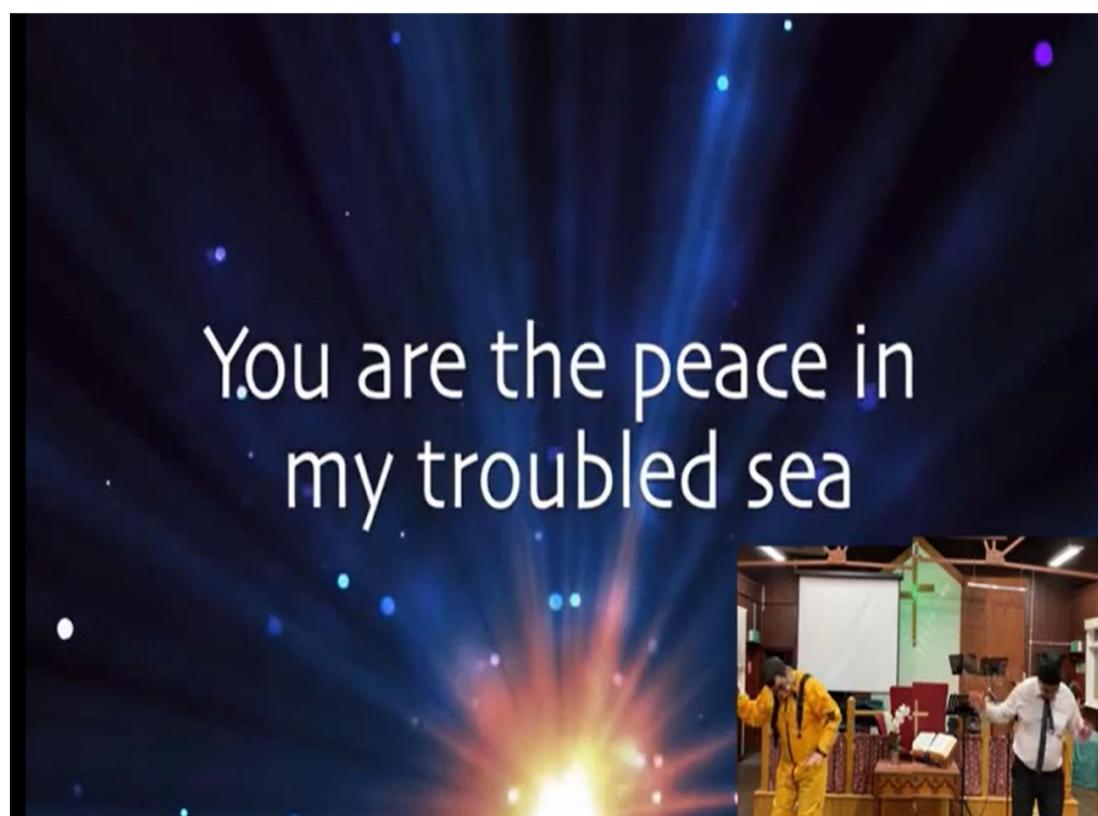
V25 – Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.

I couldn't let you go through 40 days of worship without one Rend Collective song in the mix!

I admit that whilst in the Bible we're told to use all of our bodies in our worship to God, dancing and actions don't come at all naturally to me! I'd much rather be at the back out of the way.

But there's something incredibly joyous that I've missed over the past 2 years, which is the kids at Messy Church worshipping God through the actions of songs like Lighthouse. And you know what, I wonder whether when Jesus said we needed to become like little children, there's something about their worship through action songs that we can learn from. They put their all into it (well, maybe not the 'cool' kids!), not caring how undignified they look, because it is about enjoying being with God.

Today – could you be brave? Have a go at worshipping God with all of you. Maybe not the jumping up and down (but that can be fun too!), but remember you have all of your body to worship God with. Could you worship Him through helping someone, through speaking to someone – take action!



# My Lighthouse

## © 2013 Thankyou Music

### Verse 1

In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

### Verse 2

In the silence You won't let go  
In the questions Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

### Chorus

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness  
I will follow You oh  
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore  
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

### Verse 3

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

### Bridge

Fire before us  
You're the brightest  
You will lead us  
Through the storms (hey)  
(REPEAT 3X)

# Because He Lives

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4M-zwE33zHA&ab\\_channel=EvolsiayTulip](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4M-zwE33zHA&ab_channel=EvolsiayTulip)

John 20, 24-28;

John 21, 15-19.

Luke 24, particularly 44-53

John writes: This has been a long-time favourite since I first heard it at the Mission years ago. It doesn't have a fascinating rhythm or stunning key changes, and it's a very simple melody.

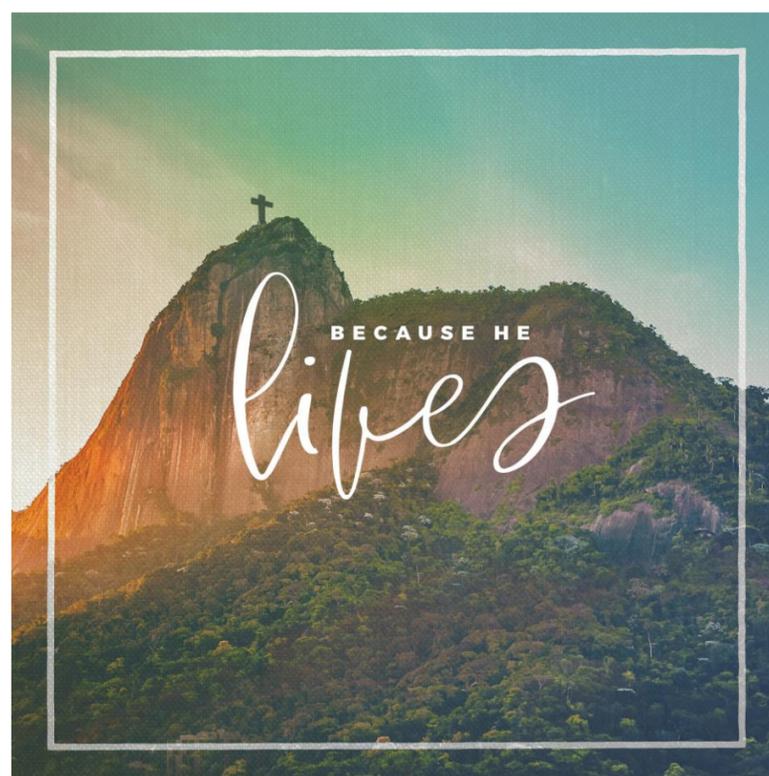
But the words .... "Because He lives I can face tomorrow" – oh yes.

Because He lives: doubting Thomas found his faith again (John 20: 24-28).

Because He lives: Peter, who betrayed Jesus and was utterly bereft, was rehabilitated and became the leader of the Apostles (John 21, 15-19).

Because He lives: a group of completely defeated disciples were totally re-energised and against overwhelming odds started the Christian movement that has grown ever after (e.g. Luke 24).

Because He lives...



# Because He Lives

© 1971 Hanna Street Music

## Verse 1

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus  
He came to love heal and forgive  
He bled and died to buy my pardon  
An empty grave is there to prove  
My Savior lives

## Chorus

Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives

## Verse 2

How sweet to hold our newborn baby  
And feel the pride and joy he gives  
But greater still the calm assurance  
This child can face uncertain days  
Because Christ lives

## Verse 3

And then one day I'll cross that river  
I'll fight life's final war with pain  
And then as death gives way to vict'ry  
I'll see the lights of glory  
And I'll know He reigns

# Praise my soul the King of Heaven

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GP8aoIMJc7M>

Psalm 119:175

Let my soul live and praise you,  
and let your rules help me.

At school we used to have to sing hymns, and this must have been one of the Head's favourites as this one stuck in my mind from how often we sung it (it was number 56 in our school hymn book).

It is funny what we remember sometimes, but the songs that we learn early on tend to stick with us and help us when we're struggling, or they come to mind when we need to convey something to God.

Just taking the first line of this song, there's so much we can gain from it.

I've got to **Praise** – thank and adore, bow down and worship

With all **My soul** – with everything that I've got, anything I've got

Who? **The King** – my ruler, my guide, my leader, my saviour

Where? Up to **Heaven** – my final destination, where everything is perfect, beyond my wildest dreams and imagination.

Today, let ALL of you, praise ALL of your Heavenly King contributing your little bit to the chorus of worship in Heaven.



# Praise my soul the King of Heaven

## © Praise Trust

### Verse 1

Praise my soul the King of heaven  
To His feet your tribute bring  
Ransomed healed restored forgiven  
Who like me His praise should sing  
Praise Him praise Him  
Praise Him praise Him  
Praise the everlasting King

### Verse 2

Praise Him for His grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress  
Praise Him still the same for ever  
Slow to anger swift to bless  
Praise Him praise Him  
Praise Him praise Him  
Glorious in His faithfulness

### Verse 3

Father like He tends and spares us  
Well our human frame He knows  
In His hands He gently bears us  
Rescues us from all our foes  
Praise Him praise Him  
Praise Him praise Him  
Widely as His mercy flows

### Verse 4 (Not on recording)

Frail as summer's flower we flourish  
Blows the wind and it is gone  
But while mortals rise and perish  
God endures unchanging on  
Praise Him praise Him  
Praise Him praise Him  
Praise the high eternal One

### Verse 5

Angels help us to adore Him  
You behold Him face to face  
Sun and moon bow down before  
Him  
All who dwell in time and space  
Praise Him praise Him  
Praise Him praise Him  
Praise with us the God of grace

# My hope is built on nothing less

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvLxZEU02uI>

1 Peter 2:6-7

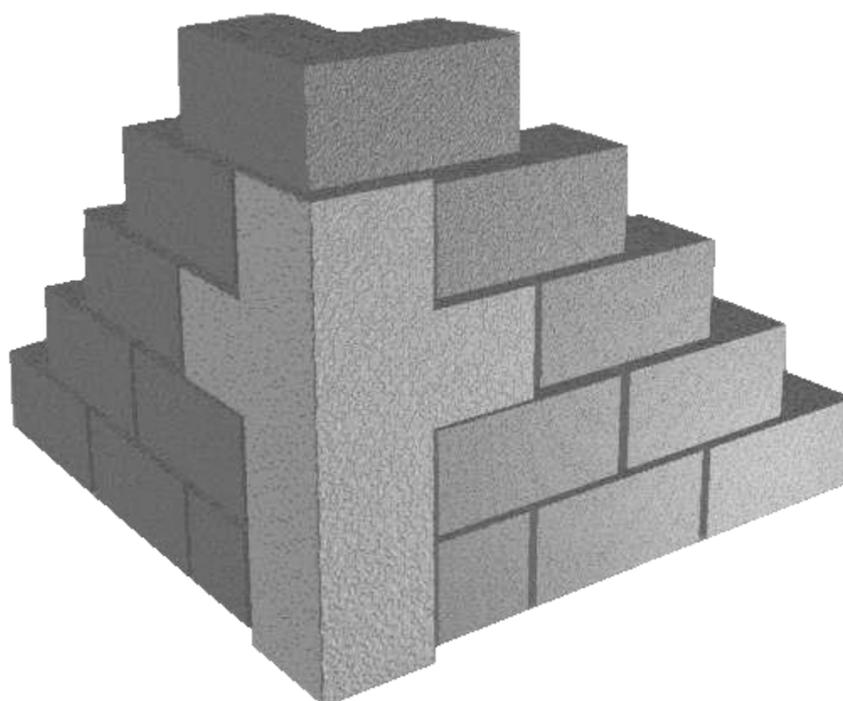
For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”

Sandra writes: It is a song about hope, because of what Jesus has done for us on the cross. When he seems far away, we can rely on his unchanging grace and trust him with our lives. He will be with us through all the storms of life.

When Jesus returns with sounds of trumpets, I want to be ready and be found in him, dressed in the right clothes (his righteousness), and standing faultless before him, because of his grace. He is my cornerstone. In my weakness, he makes me strong.



# Cornerstone

© 2011 Hillsong MP Songs

## Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name  
(REPEAT)

## Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all

## Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil

## Interlude

He is Lord Lord of all

## Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne

# King of Love

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Au3otElq6D4>

Psalm 23:1

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

I was 'suggested' this song by YouTube because of my like of Rend Collective, and it is one that I like a lot. It pulls to mind the images in Psalm 23, where we're given the picture of God leading us by a relaxing stream to refresh us. Even when we wander, or are facing those dark times, our King of Love is still there to guide and comfort us.

The section that really speaks to me writing this is the chorus –

“Never failing, ruler of my heart, Everlasting, lover of my soul”

We've got a God who never fails.

We've got a God who is everlasting.

We've got a God who loves our soul (enough to die for it)

So what is our response? Can we make him the ruler of our hearts?



# King of Love

© Sony/atv Tree Publishing,

The King of Love my Shepherd is  
Whose goodness faileth never  
I nothing lack if I am His  
And He is mine forever  
And He is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And where the verdant pastures  
grow  
With food celestial feedeth

Never failing, Ruler of my heart  
Everlasting, Lover of my soul  
On the mountain high or in the  
valley low  
The King of Love my Shepherd is  
The King of Love my Shepherd is

Lost and foolish off I strayed  
But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid  
And home rejoicing brought me

In death's dark veil I fear no ill  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still  
Thy cross before to guide me

Never failing, Ruler of my heart  
Everlasting, Lover of my soul  
On the mountain high or in the  
valley low  
The King of Love my Shepherd is  
The King of Love my Shepherd is

Oh, Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Oh, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Never failing, Ruler of my heart  
Everlasting, Lover of my soul  
On the mountain high or in the  
valley low  
The King of Love my Shepherd is

Never failing, Ruler of my heart  
Everlasting, Lover of my soul  
On the mountain high or in the  
valley low  
The King of Love my Shepherd is  
The King of Love my Shepherd is

And so through all the length of  
days  
Thy goodness faileth never  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Your  
praise  
Within Your house forever  
Within Your house forever

# For those in peril on the sea

<https://youtu.be/bDjwUzUnNpU>

Mark 4:35-41

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

Albert chose this one as his favourite for its links to a dangerous and arduous life.

This song reminds us of the times that Jesus controlled the uncontrollable – He calmed a storm with His words, and He was able to walk on stormy waters.

What storms are there in your life at the moment? How is God dealing with them with you? Is He calming them with His voice? Is He just walking right on through them to rescue you? Or is He calling you out into the storm and waves like He did with Peter?

Use the song as a reminder to pray for the Trinity’s protection over you whilst you and those you know go through the many different storms of life we face.



# For those in peril on the sea

## William Whiting - Public Domain

### Verse 1

Eternal Father strong to save  
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
For those in peril on the sea

### Verse 2

O Saviour whose almighty word  
The winds and waves submissive heard  
Who walkedst on the foaming deep  
And calm amid its rage didst sleep  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
For those in peril on the sea

### Verse 3

O sacred Spirit who didst brood  
Upon the waters dark and rude  
And bid their angry tumult cease  
And give for wild confusion peace  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
For those in peril on the sea

### Verse 4

O Trinity of love and pow'r  
Our brethren shield in danger's hour  
From rock and tempest fire and foe  
Protect them whereso'er they go  
And ever let there rise to thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea

# Into the darkness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qXKOxub5obc>

John 1:4,5

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Colin writes: This beautiful worship song reminds us of Jesus, the light of the world, coming into this dark place. We tend to sing it in the run up to Christmas but there are important messages to be heard in all seasons!

Our world is a dark place in many ways, not least because so many people live without the light of God in their lives. Jesus brings that light into our lives. And yet that light reflected in us can so easily grow dim.

Let us invite Him to burn brightly in us once again.



# Into the darkness of this world

## © 1993 Thankyou Music

### Verse 1

Into the darkness of this world  
Into the shadows of the night  
Into this loveless place You came  
Lightened our burdens eased our pain  
And made these hearts Your home  
Into the darkness once again  
O come Lord Jesus come

### Chorus 1

Come with Your love to make us whole  
Come with Your light to lead us on  
Driving the darkness far from our souls  
O come Lord Jesus come

### Verse 2

Into the longing of our souls  
Into these heavy hearts of stone  
Shine on us now Your piercing light  
Order our lives and souls aright  
By grace and love unknown  
Until in You our hearts unite  
O come Lord Jesus come

### Verse 3

O Holy Child Emmanuel  
Hope of the ages God with us  
Visit again this broken place  
Till all the earth declares Your praise  
And Your great mercies own  
Now let Your love be born in us  
O come Lord Jesus come

### Chorus 2

(LAST CHORUS)

Come in Your glory take Your place  
Jesus the Name above all names  
We long to see You face to face  
O come Lord Jesus come

# Guide me o thou great redeemer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y3NmfmVGblw>

Exodus 13:22

Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

Mike selected this hymn as it reminds him of his youth and him playing school rugby in the Rhondda Valley (after which the tune is named). It is one of the few Welsh songs (after a bit of translation) to have become popular in English and as such was used as an informal 'anthem' during the Welsh section of the 2012 Olympics opening ceremony. It will probably be sung today as part of the final games of the Six Nations.

The song takes us on the journey of Christian faith, reminding us of our weakness, His strength and provision, His guidance, leading and comfort. It then tells us what our response should be to all of that:

“Songs of praises songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee  
I will ever give to Thee”



# Guide me o thou great redeemer

John Hughes | Peter Williams | William Williams

© Words: Public Domain

## Verse 1

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah  
Pilgrim through this barren land  
I am weak but Thou art mighty  
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand  
Bread of heaven Bread of heaven  
Feed me now and ever more  
Feed me now and ever more

## Verse 2

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through  
Strong Deliverer strong Deliverer  
Be Thou still my strength and shield  
Be Thou still my strength and shield

## Verse 3

When I tread the verge of Jordan  
Bid my anxious fears subside  
Death of death and hell's destruction  
Land me safe on Canaan's side  
Songs of praises songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee  
I will ever give to Thee

# Low in the grave He lay (Christ Arose)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2fs760h4yI4>

Romans 6 vv8-11(ERV)

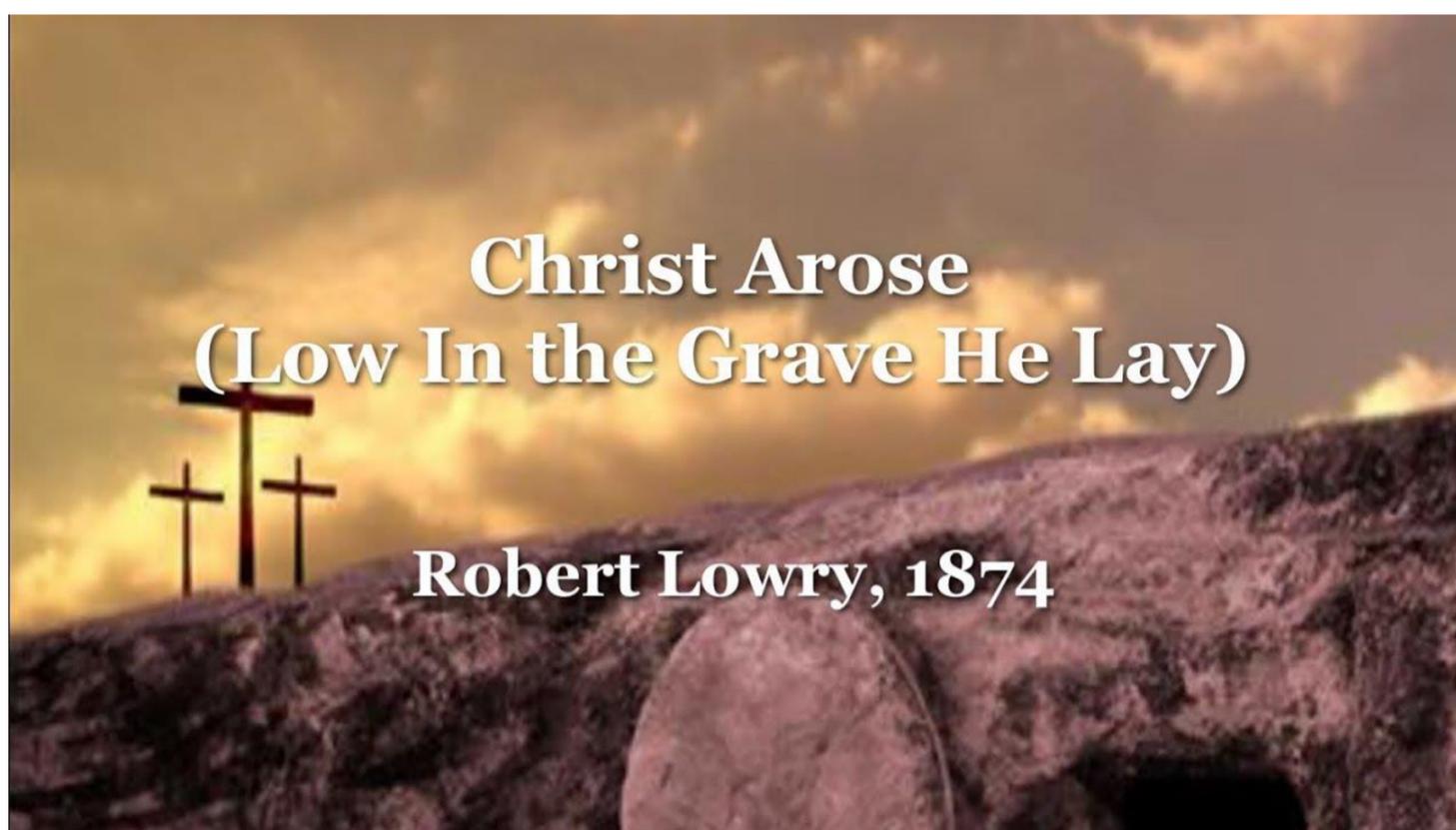
Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

Heather writes, this is my favourite Easter hymn as it contrasts the sadness of Good Friday and Christ's death (in the sad or minor key for the verse) and the happiness of Easter Sunday and the resurrection (in the happy or major key for the chorus).

This recording of it is especially good at contrasting the two and that's why I've chosen it.

The verse that I've chosen to go with it also details how Christ died and defeated death and how we too should live as being dead to sin but alive for God.

Yes we are sad because of our human nature being prone to sinning, but we are happy that he forgives our sin and enables us to look forward to the future with hope.



# Low in the grave He lay

## © Words: Public Domain

### Verse 1

Low in the grave He lay Jesus my Saviour  
Waiting the coming day Jesus my Lord

### Chorus

Up from the grave He arose  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes  
He arose a victor from the dark domain  
And He lives forever with His saints to reign  
He arose He arose  
Hallelujah Christ arose

### Verse 2

Vainly they watch His bed Jesus my Saviour  
Vainly they seal the dead Jesus my Lord

### Verse 3

Death cannot keep his prey Jesus my Saviour  
He tore the bars away Jesus my Lord

# Blessed be Your name

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTpTQ4kBLxA>

Luke 61:22-23

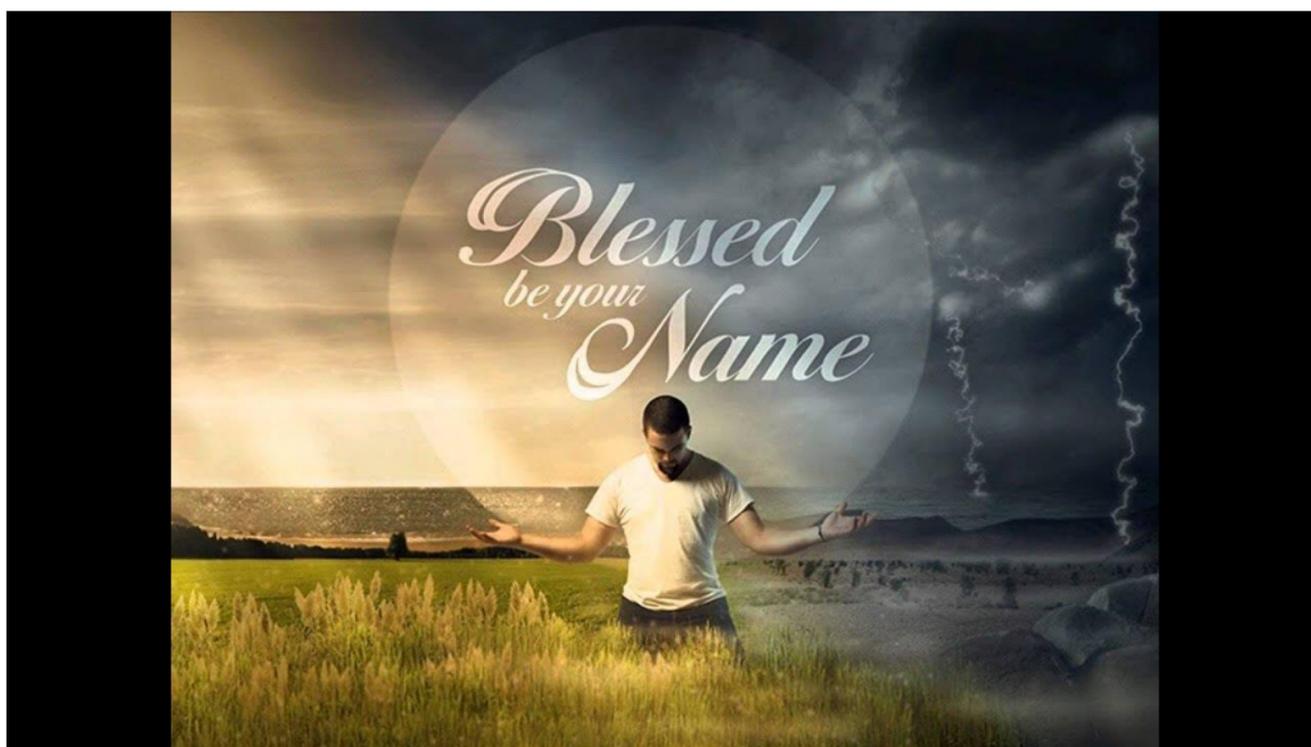
Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

“Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

I think this is probably my second or third earliest ‘favourite’ song (behind My Jesus, My Saviour and the riff from Touching Heaven, Changing Earth) and is certainly one that stuck with me for ages.

At uni, I heard about a Christian festival called Greenbelt that was based at Cheltenham racecourse. When I went, there’d recently been some quite bad flooding nearby that had affected the local area. We were worshipping at the main stage where Matt Redman (the author) was signing the song, and as we get to the second verse where it says ‘when the sun’s shining down on me’ for the first time that weekend the sun comes out from the clouds and lights up the whole area. We all sang that verse a couple of times in response to God.

No matter whether you’re going through a desert place (like Jesus was), or the world’s all as it should be – take the time to praise God today for who He is.



# Blessed be Your name

© 2002 Thankyou Music

## Verse 1

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of  
abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

## Verse 2

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert  
place  
Though I walk through the  
wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

## Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in  
Lord, Still I will say

## Chorus

Blessed be the name of the  
Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the  
Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

## Verse 3

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down  
on me  
When the world's all as it  
should be  
Blessed be Your name

## Verse 4

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with  
suffering  
Though there's pain in the  
offering  
Blessed be Your name

## Bridge

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name

# How He loves us

<https://youtu.be/GzfPHnoT0-0>

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Dan commented: It reminds me of how loved we are by God, despite all our indiscretions.

He loves US.

He sent His son to die on the cross for us so that we can have eternal life with Him. Like John 3:16, it talks about God's overwhelming love for us and being drawn to redemption by His grace.

Allow the imagery in the song to remind you of how powerful God's love for you is.



# How He loves us

© 2005 Integrity's Hosanna! Music

## Verse 1

He is jealous for me loves like a hurricane  
I am a tree bending beneath  
The weight of His wind and mercy  
When all of a sudden I am unaware of  
These afflictions eclipsed by glory  
I realize just how beautiful You are  
And how great Your affections are for me

## Pre-Chorus

Oh how He loves us so  
Oh how He loves us  
How He loves us so  
(REPEAT)

## Chorus

(Yeah) He loves us  
Oh how He loves us  
Oh how He loves us  
Oh how He loves  
(REPEAT)

## Verse 2

We are His portion and He is our prize  
Drawn to redemption by the grace in His eyes  
If grace is an ocean we're all sinking  
So Heaven meets earth  
Like a sloppy wet (unforeseen) kiss  
And my heart turns violently inside of my chest  
I don't have time to maintain these regrets  
When I think about the way that

# There is a place for us

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGUU-jclGJ4>

Ephesians 6:10

To end my letter I tell you, be strong in the Lord and in his great power.

John 14:3

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

Marie has chosen this song by a Christian artist called Carrie Underwood who rose to fame via American Idol where she won and the first song she released was 'Jesus take the wheel' (which is also worth looking up - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lydBpm2KRau>) There is a place for us comes from one of the Narnia films and we've heard in church several times about the links between some of the narrative in the Chronicles of Narnia and the Easter story (especially The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe). There is a place for us reminds us that we've got a place that Jesus is preparing for us in Heaven, where our faith in God makes us belong, just as we are – clothed in King Jesus' righteousness.

Spend some time today appreciating what Jesus has done to prepare a place for you to be with Him and God in Heaven.



# There's a place for us

## © BMG Rights Management,

There's a place out there for us  
More than just a prayer or anything you've ever dreamed of  
So when you feel like giving up  
Cause you don't fit in down here  
Fear is crashing in, close your eyes and take my hand yeah

We can be the kings and queens of anything if we believe  
It's written in the stars that shine above  
A world where you and I belong  
Where faith and love will keep us strong  
Exactly who we are is just enough  
There's a place for us, there's a place for us

When the water meets the sky  
Where your heart is free and hope comes back to life  
When these broken hands are whole again  
We'll find what we've been waiting for  
We were made for so much more

We can be the kings and queens of anything if we believe  
It's written in the stars that shine above  
A world where you and I belong  
Where faith and love will keep us strong  
Exactly who we are is just enough  
There's a place for us, there's a place for us

So hold on, hold on  
There's a place for us

We can be the kings and queens of anything if we believe  
It's written in the stars that shine above  
A world where you and I belong  
Where faith and love will keep us strong  
Exactly who we are is just enough  
Exactly who we are is just enough  
There's a place for us

# We are marching

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSOWN0\\_0lrk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSOWN0_0lrk)

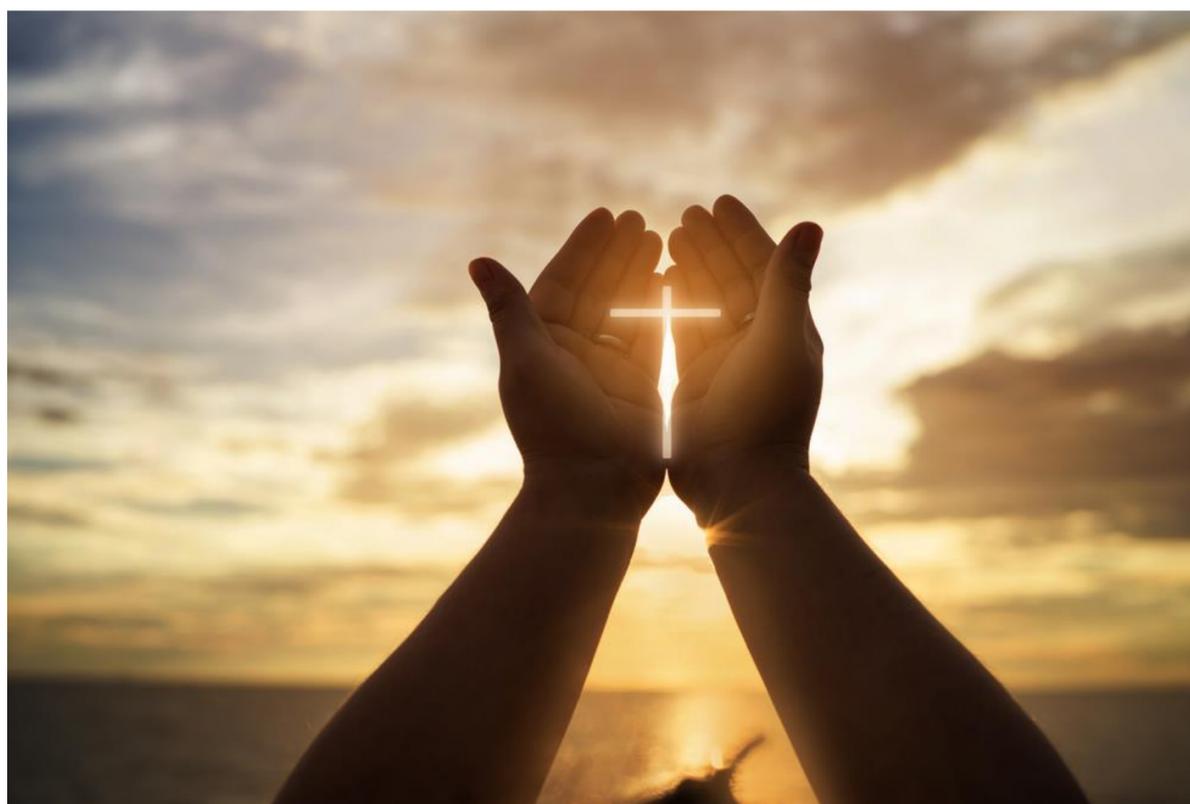
John 1:1

Before the world began, the Word was there.  
The Word was with God, and the Word was God.

A google search said “This is a protest song from South Africa and was sung by those protesting against apartheid. It can still be sung as a call for freedom, in solidarity with those who are oppressed, or simply as a commitment to living in the light, love and power of God.”

This is part of Santiago’s car repertoire, a long with 10,000 reasons which he will often enthusiastically sing on our 30-minute journey to and from pre-school. When asked why he likes this song, he said “because it’s big John’s favourite song and it makes big John happy”.

It makes me happy when he is singing away to his “Jesus’ songs”, you can’t not smile and pray that it will always be like this, that he will grow up marching in the light of God.



# We are marching

© 1987, 1991 Peace Of Music Publishing

## Verse 1

We are marching in the light of God  
We are marching O-oh  
We are marching in the light of God  
We are marching O-oh  
We are marching in the light of God

## Verse 2

We are living in the love of God  
We are living in the love of God  
We are living in the love of God  
We are living in the love of God

## Verse 3

We are moving in the power of God  
We are moving in the power of God  
We are moving in the power of God  
We are moving in the power of God

## Verse 4

Xhosa:

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'  
Siyahamba O-o  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'  
Siyahamba O-o  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

# Mary did you know?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bYe7odIJLFO>

Matthew 1:21

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,  
because he will save his people from their sins.

This seemed like an appropriate song for the day when churches traditionally remember Mary being visited by the Angel Gabriel.

Hannah writes: Lowry who wrote the song said, “As my mind went back to the manger scene, I began to think about the power, authority and majesty she cradled in her arms.”

The song repeatedly asks whether Mary knew all the wonderful things that her baby would go on to do, that He would walk on water, give sight to a blind man, calm storms and save our sons and daughters. Yes, Mary knew her son was the Son of God, the angel told her in Luke 1:31 and maybe, even more than other mums-to-be, she wondered what His life would have in store.

The song, whilst typically one we’d hear at Christmas, leads us to remember how Jesus came as a baby, the miracles He did during His time on earth and through to Easter, when as prophesied, He died to save us from our sins. Jesus is The Great I AM.



# Mary did you know?

© 1991, 1993 Curb Word Music

## Verse 1

Mary did you know  
That your baby boy  
Would one day walk on water  
Mary did you know  
That your baby boy  
Would save our sons and  
daughters  
Did you know  
That your baby boy  
Has come to make you new  
This Child that you delivered  
Will soon deliver you

## Verse 2

Mary did you know  
That your baby boy  
Would give sight to the blind  
man  
Mary did you know  
That your baby boy  
Would calm a storm with His  
hand  
Did you know  
That your baby boy  
Has walked where angels trod  
And when you kiss your little  
baby  
You've kissed the face of God  
Oh Mary did you know

## Interlude

Ooh Mary did you know ooh  
ooh

## Bridge

The blind will see  
The deaf will hear  
The dead will live again  
The lame will leap  
The dumb will speak  
The praises of the Lamb

## Verse 3

Oh Mary did you know  
That your baby boy  
Is Lord of all creation  
Mary did you know  
That your baby boy  
Will one day rule the nations  
Did you know  
That your baby boy  
Is heaven's perfect Lamb  
And the sleeping Child you're  
holding  
Is the great I Am  
Oh Mary oh

# Oceans

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GGFb6LcX3U>

Psalm 23:4

Even if I walk through a valley as dark as the grave,  
I will not be afraid of any danger, because you are with me.  
Your rod and staff comfort me.

Dave writes: On the morning of 18/9/2016 whilst on holiday in Gozo, Malta for some reason my attention was drawn to the front cover of my Bible on which this particular verse was printed – it really registered at the time but I didn't have a clue why. However, later that day whilst diving at around 30m/100 feet taking photographs I suffered from the bends and was rushed into hospital – I lost the use of my legs and was placed in a decompression chamber for 6 hours to counteract the problem of having too much nitrogen in my body. I felt an unusual sense of peace in the circumstances and long story short I was transferred to the main hospital in Malta where I stayed for further sessions in a decompression chamber which successfully resolved the situation – along with prayers and support from family and friends. Although sadly I can no longer dive I did discover that I had diabetes type 2, high blood pressure and high cholesterol plus I needed to lose weight. I wasn't aware of any of those other than the last one but now as a result of this experience I know about them and they are all under control. Particular words in the song that resonate in relation to this experience and others are – 'In oceans deep my faith will stand' – 'You've never failed and you won't start now' – 'My soul will rest in your embrace', 'I am Yours and You are mine', and because I can no longer dive I love instead 'Let me walk upon the waters!'



# Oceans

© 2012 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia

## Verse 1

You call me out upon the  
waters  
The great unknown where feet  
may fail  
And there I find You in the  
mystery  
In oceans deep my faith will  
stand

## Chorus 1

And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the  
waves  
When oceans rise  
My soul will rest in Your  
embrace  
For I am Yours and You are  
mine

## Verse 2

Your grace abounds in deepest  
waters  
Your sov'reign hand will be my  
guide  
Where feet may fail and fear  
surrounds me  
You've never failed and You  
won't start now

## Interlude

Oh and You are mine oh

## Bridge

Spirit lead me where my trust is  
without borders  
Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet  
could ever wander  
And my faith will be made  
stronger  
In the presence of my Saviour

## Interlude

Yeah yeah yeah yeah  
Oh Jesus yeah my God

## Chorus 2

I will call upon Your name  
Keep my eyes above the waves  
My soul will rest in Your  
embrace  
I am Yours and You are mine

# From the squalor of a borrowed stable

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YksTeR61O1I>

Philippians 2:5-11 (Verse 7 below)  
Rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

Sharon chose this as it summed up the whole Christmas story and is pertinent to Easter as we see in verse 3.

It is sometimes easy to take sections of the Bible that inspired the festivals of Lent, Christmas and Easter out of the bigger picture. And whilst they're all important in their own right, it is important to sometimes step back and reflect on how it all links together.

Without Jesus' miraculous birth at Christmas, there would be no Jesus to be tempted in the wilderness at Lent. Without the temptation at Lent, there would be no sinless saviour to die for us on Good Friday. Without the death on Good Friday, there's no resurrection on Easter Sunday. And without the Ascension, there's no mediator for us in Heaven, sat at the right hand of the Father.

Use the song to pause and reflect on how it all knits together so beautifully to save us.



# From the squalor of a borrowed stable

## © 1999 Thankyou Music

### Verse 1

From the squalor of a borrowed stable  
By the Spirit and a virgin's faith  
To the anguish and the shame of scandal  
Came the Savior of the human race  
But the skies were filled  
With the praise of heav'n  
Shepherds listen as the angels tell  
Of the gift of God come down to man  
At the dawning of Immanuel

### Verse 2

King of heaven now the friend of sinners  
Humble servant in the Father's hands  
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit  
Filled with mercy for the broken man  
Yes He walked my road and He felt my pain  
Joys and sorrows that I know so well  
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again  
I will follow my Immanuel

### Verse 3

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal  
He was lifted on a cruel cross  
He was punished for a world's transgressions  
He was suffering to save the lost  
He fights for breath He fights for me  
Loosing sinners from the claims of hell  
And with a shout our souls are free  
Death defeated by Immanuel

### Verse 4

Now He's standing in the place of honor  
Crowned with glory on the highest throne  
Interceding for His own beloved  
'Til His Father calls to bring them home  
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds  
Hope of heaven or the fear of hell  
But the bride will run to her Lover's arms  
Giving glory to Immanuel

# (An Easter) Hallelujah

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-j3NZEedHQal>

Psalm 150 (Message)

Hallelujah!

Praise God ....

Let every living, breathing creature praise GOD!

Hallelujah!

There are many covers of Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah with their mix of secular and Biblically themed lyrics. However, the version on the link is of an Easter Hallelujah. The version on the link was written when the author was asked by her priest to sing the original at an Easter service but felt the words didn't fit, so re-wrote it and got permission to record it herself from the original publishers.

Hallelujah is a two part Hebrew word meaning something like 'joyously praise the Lord'.

This morning as you listen to this version of the Easter story, what makes you want to 'joyously praise the Lord'? What can you thank Him for by singing or praying your own Hallelujah?



# An Easter Hallelujah

## Kelley Mooney

A crown of thorns placed on His head  
He knew that He would soon be dead  
He said, "Did you forget me, Father did you?"

They nailed Him to a wooden cross  
Soon all the world would feel the loss  
Of Christ the King before His Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

He hung His head and prepared to die  
Then lifted His face up to the sky  
Said, "I am coming home now Father, to you"

A reed which held His final sip  
Was gently lifted to his lips  
He drank His last and gave His soul to glory  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

The soldier who had used his sword  
To pierce the body of our Lord  
Said, "Truly, this was Jesus Christ our Savior"

He looked with fear upon his sword  
Then turned to face his Christ and Lord

Fell to his knees crying Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Took from his head the thorny crown  
And wrapped him in a linen gown  
Then laid him down to rest inside the tomb

The holes in his hands, his feet, and side  
Now in our hearts, we know he died  
To save us from ourselves, oh Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Three days went by, again they came  
To move the stone, to bless the slain  
With oil and spice anointing Hallelujah  
But as they went to move the stone  
They saw that they were not alone  
For Jesus Christ has risen, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

# Who breaks the power

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JkUShXCEGeM>

2 Corinthians 6:18 (The Voice)

“I will be your father, and you will be my sons and daughters,”

Revelation 5:12-13

13. “All praise and honour and glory and power forever and ever to the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb!”

Liz learnt this song the first time that Mike and her went to Spring Harvest with Tim and Ruth in 2016. This turned out to be an important year for her, and it was the year that she first picked up a bass guitar! The song talks about all the wonderful things that God does and how he turns situations around (e.g. 'who makes the orphan a son and daughter') repeatedly affirms God's absolute power in everything ('the King of glory, the King above all things') and reminds us of the ultimate sacrifice and gift that God has given us ('this is amazing love, that you would take my place,' 'You laid down your life that I would be set free').

“Aside from the happy memories attached to it, this song is a declaration of the wonder of God and a beautiful reminder that God is bigger than any problem I have.”



# Who breaks the power

## © 2012 WC Music Corp.

### Verse 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

### Verse 2

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

### Chorus

(Yeah) (Oh) This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

### Verse 3

Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory the King of Glory

### Verse 4

Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

### Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy worthy worthy

# Now thank we all our God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s99dNPKYtHk>

1 Chronicles 29:13 (ERV)  
Now, our God, we thank you,  
and we praise your glorious name!

This is George's favourite hymn as we have so much to thank God for.

When my daughter Debbie was first diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) by a consultant in Suffolk, she and her husband Martin were told that their chances of having a child were very slim.

Years later, the MS unit moved to Colchester and Debbie's new consultant in Essex told them, if they still wanted a child, they should start trying for one now but it may be a long wait.

One year later Abigail was born.

For this and many other reasons, I think that we should thank God. And if you'll going to do it, you should do it well. So this recording with a full orchestra, choir and a few thousand people gives thanks to God in style.



# Now thank we all our God

© Leavers, Greg (Admin. by Greg P. Leavers)

## Verse 1

Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices  
Who wondrous things has done  
In whom His world rejoices  
Who from our mothers' arms  
Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today

## Verse 2

We thank You then O God  
That through our life You're near us  
For joy that fills our hearts  
Which with Your peace restores us  
Lord keep us in Your grace  
And guide us when perplexed  
That we may love Your ways  
In this world and the next

## Verse 3

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given  
The Son and Him who reigns  
With Them in highest heaven  
The one eternal God  
Whom earth and heaven adore  
For thus it was is now  
And shall be evermore

# We plough the fields and scatter

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ccVEjKfKAV4>

Matthew 6:26-28

<sup>28</sup> “And why do you worry about clothes? Look at the wildflowers in the field. See how they grow. They don’t work or make clothes for themselves.

Jenny’s choice reminds us of who provides us with everything we have. Which is apt for a song during Lent when Jesus relied on God for his strength and answers to the temptation thrown his way.

In the song we’re then reminded of the creation and how it is God who creates both big and small for us.

The chorus and the final verse then point us to thank God and praise Him for everything that has been provided for us.

So today look out of your window and notice what God has provided you with. Praise and thank Him for what you can see and hear and what He draws to your attention.



# We plough the fields and scatter

Jane Montgomery Campbell | Johann Abraham  
Peter Schulz | Matthias Claudius

## Verse 1

We plough the fields and  
scatter  
The good seed on the land  
But it is fed and watered  
By God's almighty hand  
He sends the snow in winter  
The warmth to swell the grain  
The breezes and the sunshine  
And soft refreshing rain

## Chorus

All good gifts around us  
Are sent from heaven above  
Then thank the Lord  
O thank the Lord for all His love

## Verse 2

He only is the Maker  
Of all things near and far  
He paints the wayside flower  
He lights the evening star  
The winds and waves obey Him  
By Him the birds are fed  
Much more to us His children  
He gives our daily bread

## Verse 3

We thank Thee then O Father  
For all things bright and good  
The seed time and the harvest  
Our life our health our food  
No gifts have we to offer  
For all Thy love imparts  
But that which Thou desirest  
Our humble thankful hearts

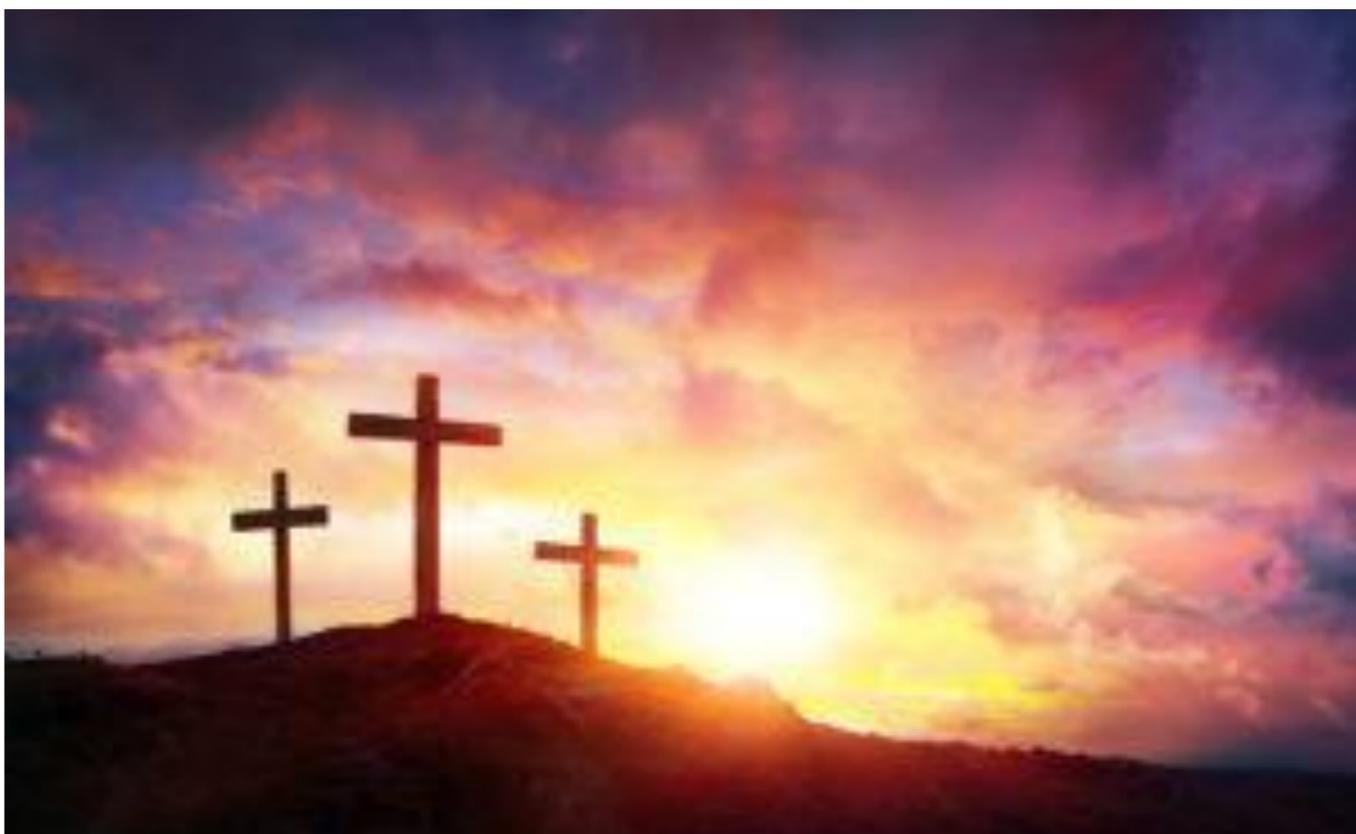
# Calvary

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iR9ygGyE2ew>

Revelation 5:11-14 (V12 below)  
“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and praise!”

Whilst today is April Fools Day, our song today deals with something very serious.

Gary said: The chorus goes, Calvary covers it all. This song is all about Jesus saving me from going to hell. I hate this world I live in with every fibre of my being, I hate it (See [John 12:24–25](#)). Because of Calvary Jesus is coming back for me to take me out of this world and I will be with Jesus forever and ever. Joy overflows in my heart when I think I'm never ever coming back to this world ever again. There is no one in Heaven and Earth I love more than Jesus. I close my eyes in prayer and tell Jesus I love him. One day I will put my hands into his nail pierced hands, with my eyes open looking into the eyes of Jesus and tell him, I love you Jesus. "To him who sits on the throne and to the lamb be praise and honour and glory and power, FOREVER and EVER.



# Calvary

© (Inspired by "Calvary Covers It All" by Mrs. Walter G. Taylor) 2014 Curb Word Music

## Verse 1

The Saviour alone carried the cross  
For all of my debts He paid the cost  
Salvation complete now and forever I'm free  
Calvary covers it all

## Chorus

Calvary covers it all  
My sin and shame don't count anymore  
All praise to the One who has ransomed my soul  
Calvary covers it all

## Verse 2

No power on earth not even the grave  
Can separate us from mercy and grace  
He is faithful to save oh His blood never fails  
Calvary covers it all

## Bridge

No one but Jesus can make us pure as snow  
We stand in Your freedom  
Calvary covers it all

## Ending

All praise to the One who has ransomed my soul  
Calvary covers it all

# Abide with me

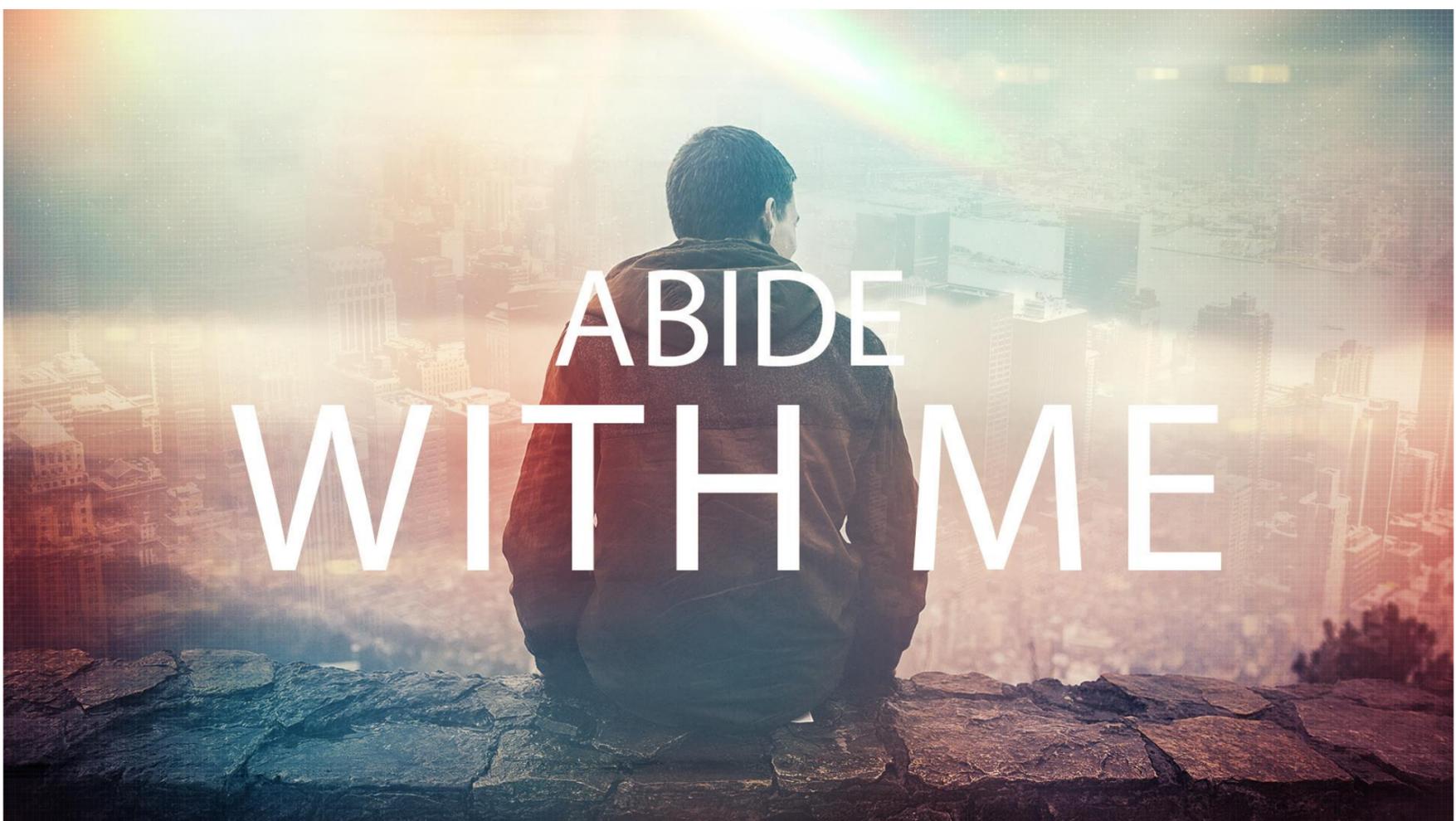
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=84YASWe3\\_2Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=84YASWe3_2Q)

Psalm 23:4

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

This is a song that is probably one of the most known by non-church goers in our hymnbooks because of its use on Remembrance and at the FA Cup. But it struck me that in Lent, when Jesus was fasting in the wilderness, in an earthly sense He was on his own. And when Jesus was on the cross He famously called out “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?” showing how again Jesus knew what it was like to be alone.

When we call out to God when we’re on our own, Jesus is there interceding for us, because He knows what it is like.



# Abide with me

## Henry Francis Lyte | William Henry Monk

### Verse 1

Abide with me fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee  
Help of the helpless O abide with me

### Verse 2

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day  
Earth's joys grow dim its glories pass away  
Change and decay in all around I see  
O Thou who changest not abide with me

### Verse 3

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r  
Who like Thyself my Guide and Stay can be  
Through cloud and sunshine O abide with me

### Verse 4

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness  
Where is death's sting where grave thy victory  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me

### Verse 5

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies  
Heav'n's morning breaks  
And earth's vain shadows flee  
In life in death O Lord abide with me

# There is a green hill far away

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D6Cn4-dW78o> – House of the Rising Sun  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ogRvBVRvqvk> - Original

Matthew 27: 32-56  
V33 They came to a place called Golgotha

I think Jesus got used to being uncomfortable. He was born in a stable, a refugee in Egypt, didn't seem to have a permanent 'home' on Earth from his travelling around, was harassed by the religious leaders.... The list goes on.

At Lent we focus on him depriving himself of his earthly needs for 40 days and then the temptation that arrived. And after Lent, in our calendar (even though not in Jesus lifeline) we have Easter where he suffered pain that we can not even begin to understand.

But as verse 4 reminds us, without Jesus overcoming the temptation at Lent, he wouldn't have been good enough to save us. Only Jesus was capable of saving us from our sin.

Is there something that you can abstain from today, and instead spend that time focusing on God and relying on his strength to help you through?



# There is a green hill far away

## Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander & William Horsley

### Verse 1

There is a green hill far away  
Outside a city wall  
Where the dear Lord was crucified  
Who died to save us all

### Verse 2

We may not know we cannot tell  
What pains He had to bear  
But we believe it was for us  
He hung and suffered there

### Verse 3

He died that we might be forgiv'n  
He died to make us good  
That we might go at last to heav'n  
Saved by His precious blood

### Verse 4

There was no other good enough  
To pay the price of sin  
He only could unlock the gate  
Of heav'n and let us in

### Verse 5

O dearly dearly has He loved  
And we must love Him too  
And trust in His redeeming blood  
And try His works to do

# Our God is a great big God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OK3TUFFpmhA>

Psalm 139:13-14

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Our God is a great big God might not be a song that people think of immediately on the run up to Easter but it is James' favourite church song. The reason he gave for why it is his favourite is that 'I like it because He [God] built us.'

And there is a huge joy that comes from knowing that we are made by God. He's known us from before our parents met, and has plans for our lives if we choose to follow them. I had slightly mis-remembered v14 of Psalm 139, forgetting the 'I praise you because'... and this song reminds us to praise the God who is bigger than anything we can get our heads around, yet holds us in the palms of his hands. And it reminds us at the end of the second part that we're part of God's amazing plan – that amazing plan that involved Jesus dying for us on the cross at Easter and coming back to life so that we could have that relationship with God again.



# Our God is a great big God

©2001 Vineyard Songs (UK/Eire).

Our God is a great big God  
Our God is a great big God  
Our God is a great big God  
And He holds us in His hands

He's higher than a skyscraper  
He's deeper than a submarine  
He's wider than the universe  
And beyond my wildest dreams  
He's known me and He's loved me  
Since before the world began  
How wonderful to be a part of  
God's amazing plan

# Amazing Grace (My Chains are gone)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrwkCOUOliI>

Psalm 85:10-11

God's love will come together with his faithful people.

Goodness and peace will greet them with a kiss.

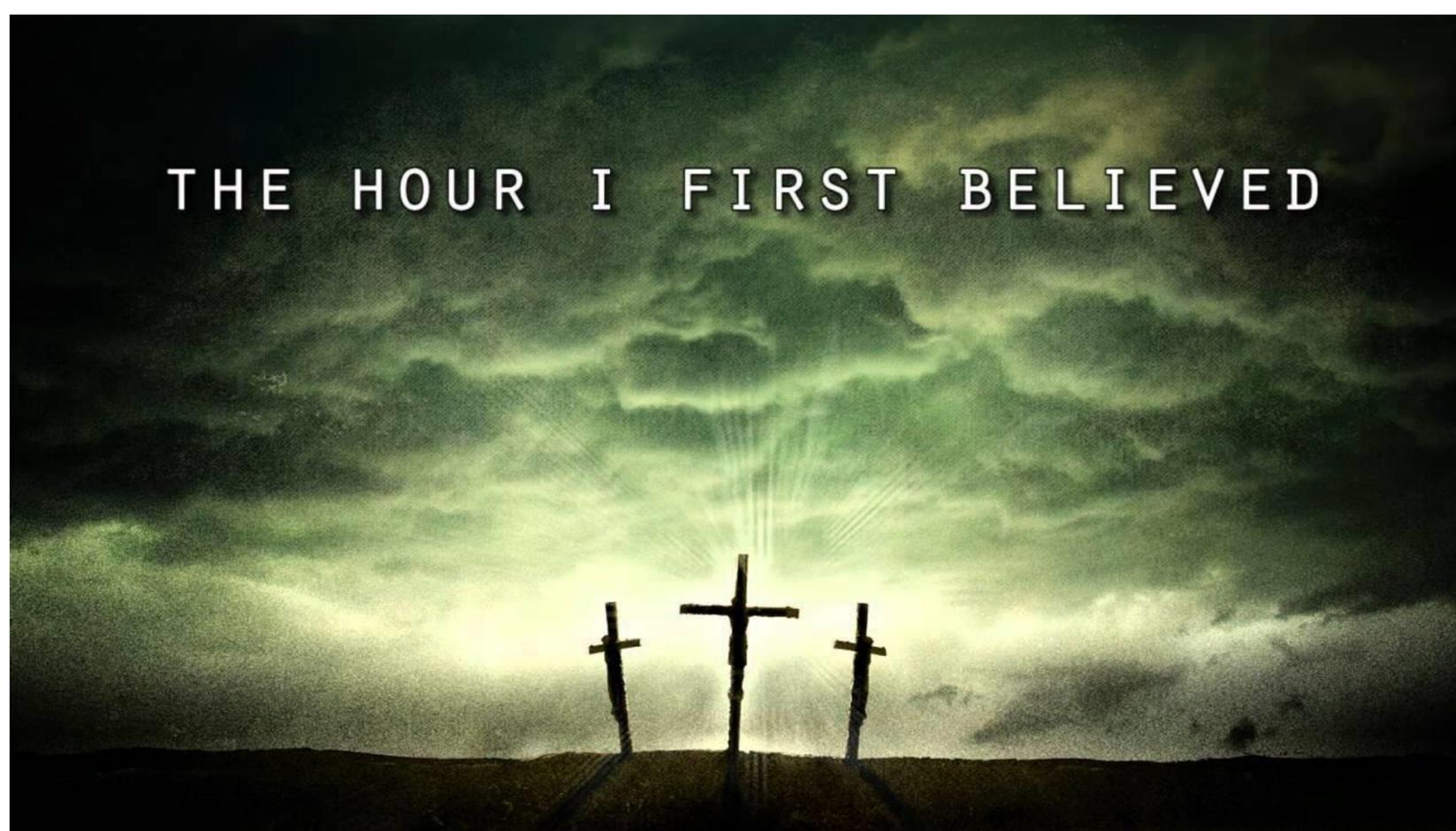
People on earth will be loyal to God,  
and God in heaven will be good to them

This is one of Liane's favourite songs and reminds her of the support given her through challenging situations.

Grace is a gift that we don't deserve, and God wants to help us and strengthen us. And this very famous song is one that reminds us of just how amazing that Grace is. God's ability to work in any situation and to break those chains that were holding us back is beyond our understanding.

In the face of all of that grace – what is our response to be? Like in the Psalm, we're called to be faithful to Him and loyal. Seeking to serve Him and through that those around us.

Pray that God will give you a fresh understanding of His grace to you and give you opportunities to show that and share that with other people.



# Amazing Grace (My Chains are gone)

## © 2006 sixsteps Music

### Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

### Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

### Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

### Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

### Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

# Jesus is Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8HHYt40whHQ>

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Jeff commented: When I was 11 I went to Pathfinders and the challenge was to remember bible verses, and this is the chorus that stuck in my mind.

And Lent and Easter both remind us of who is Lord. We all have a choice, like Jesus did in the wilderness. We can either bow down to God and Jesus as our Lord, or we can bow to Satan like he tried to get Jesus to.

When we make Jesus our Lord, we've got access to God's forgiveness and we also receive the Holy Spirit to do God's works in our lives.

Is Jesus your Lord today?



# Jesus is Lord

© D.J. Mansell

1. Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it, for by his power each tree and flower was planned and made. Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it - sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: `Jesus is Lord!'

**Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord! Praise him with alleluias, for Jesus is Lord.**

2. Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree. Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding - yet gave his life a ransom thus setting us free.
3. Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror; from death he rose and all his foes shall own his name. Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.

# Holy Overshadowing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8irzioaRPF1>

Psalm 17:7,8

Show me the wonders of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes. Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings

Colin reminds us that the Bible is full of verses that speak of God's protection over us! He is our rock, our hiding place, our refuge, our safe place, our shield.

Of course, this doesn't mean that nothing bad will ever happen to us! But it does mean that we can place our full trust in him at all times, even when the storms are raging about us!

As you listen to the words of the song, try to visualise God as an eagle sheltering you in his wings.



# Holy Overshadowing

## © 2013 Make Way Music

### Verse 1

O spread Your wings of mercy over me  
And guard my heart with true humility  
No shadow of the darkness pressing in  
Only the holy overshadowing

### Pre-Chorus

Underneath Your wings  
Overshadowing

### Verse 2

No refuge will I seek but God alone  
No hiding place save only at Your throne  
Only the cross the blood to wash my sin  
Only the holy overshadowing

### Chorus

You are my shield and my glory  
You are the lifter of my head  
And though the storms may rage around me  
I'll be safe within  
Beneath the holy overshadowing

### Verse 3

No burden on my back too hard to bear  
Only the easy load You bid me wear  
Until these troubles pass my heart will sing  
Praise for the holy overshadowing

### Ending

Underneath Your wings  
Overshadowing overshadowing  
Underneath Your wings  
Overshadowing overshadowing

# See what a morning

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Rs529D0HQU>

Lamentations 3: 22-23

The steadfast love of the Lord never fails. His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning, great is thy faithfulness.

Ruth wrote: “This is my favourite Easter song because it is lively. It reminds me that our blessings are new every morning. Given the apparent bleakness of Good Friday, it is a good reminder that the tomb is filled with light not darkness and that through all the pain there is then joy.

It is a really bouncy tune that I enjoy playing and having a dance with.”

This morning, maybe have a little bounce, jig, or full on dance whilst celebrating what it is that God has done for you at Easter.



# See what a morning

## © 2003 Thankyou Music

### Verse 1

See what a morning gloriously bright  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem  
Folded the grave-clothes tomb filled with light  
As the angels announce Christ is risen  
See God's salvation plan wrought in love  
Borne in pain paid in sacrifice  
Fulfilled in Christ the Man for He lives  
Christ is risen from the dead

### Verse 2

See Mary weeping where is He laid  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb  
Hears a voice speaking calling her name  
It's the Master the Lord raised to life again  
The voice that spans the years  
Speaking life stirring hope bringing peace to us  
Will sound till He appears  
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

### Verse 3

One with the Father Ancient of Days  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty  
Honour and blessing glory and praise  
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority  
And we are raised with Him  
Death is dead love has won Christ has conquered  
And we shall reign with Him  
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

# There's a way back to God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ess2nPqyhg>

Revelation 3:20

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and eat with you. And you will eat with me.

Roy chose this song as it reminds him that 'It was opening the door and let Jesus come in was my start to the Christian pathway for me.'

We all will have different experiences of becoming Christians and someone reading this may not be a Christian yet. Some people may know the time and date, others it might be a general period, some might be quite dramatic and others more run of the mill days.

If you've become a Christian, spend some time thinking about your 'story' with God. Pray through it, maybe even write it down and if even braver share it with someone.

If you're not yet a Christian, consider praying to God about becoming a Christian, and chat to one of us if you need some help.

If you've drifted a bit in your walk, pray with God that He'll help you come back to His loving arms.



# There's a way back to God

## Eric Hubbert Swinstead

Chorus

There's a way back to God  
From the dark paths of sin  
There's a door that is open  
And you may go in  
At Calvary's cross is where you begin  
When you come as a sinner to Jesus

# Majesty, worship his majesty

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SNnTFDNPT3U>

Psalm 145:3-5

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

Debbie chose this song because of the memories it brings back as a teenager in the Mission.

Today is Palm Sunday when people spontaneously broke out in praise to Jesus, worshipping Him as their King coming in the name of the Lord. When the Pharisees challenged Jesus to get people to stop He replied that the stones would call out if he did! If you were asked by someone to stop singing, would your foot keep tapping? Or would you break out into dance instead?

How enthusiastically do you worship God? Does every bit of effort go into worshipping God or is it just going through the motions? Yes worship is more than the songs we sing, but they form an important part of our collective worship.

Pray today that God will help you worship more deeply than before to really worship him for all of his majesty!



# Majesty, worship his majesty

## © 1981 New Spring

Chorus

Majesty worship His majesty  
Unto Jesus be all glory  
Honour and praise  
Majesty kingdom authority  
Flow from His throne  
Unto His own His anthem raise

So exalt lift up on high  
The name of Jesus  
Magnify come glorify  
Christ Jesus the King  
Majesty worship His majesty  
Jesus who died now glorified  
King of all kings