

# Streams of Hope

Vital Church Maritimes Conference  
2017

## Worship Guide



**Streams of Hope**  
**Vital Church Maritimes Conference - 2017**  
**Opening Welcome Service**

**Theme Song**            *Streams of Hope*

**Opening Responses:**

Leader:            Creator of the world, eternal God,

**All:                We have come from many places for a little while.**

Leader:            Redeemer of humanity, God with us,

**All:                We have come with our differences, seeking common ground.**

Leader:            Spirit of unity, go between God,

**All:                We have come on journeys of our own, to a place where journeys meet.**

Leader:            So here in this meeting place, let us take time together. For when paths cross and pilgrims gather, there is much to celebrate.

**All:                In your name, three-in-one God, pattern of community. Amen.**

**Song:**            *I Come With Joy*

**Psalm 1** (*read responsively by verse*)

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

**All:** Giver of life, save us from the desert of faithlessness and nourish us with the living water of your word, that we may bring forth fruit that will last, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

## **Proclamation of the Word *Isaiah 12: 1-6***

**Leader:** For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Invitation to the Stream of Hope**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

**Leader:** God makes peace within us.

**All:** **Let us claim it.**

**Leader:** God makes peace among us.

**All:** **Let us share it.**

*You are invited to exchange a hug or handshake with those near you as a sign of peace.*

## **The Lord's Prayer (sung)**

### **Closing Prayer**

**All:** **O Christ, we are one body. United within your Holy Trinity. Saved through your ultimate sacrifice.**

**Women:** O Christ, help us to feed the hungry, help us to care for your creation, help us to work for your kingdom. Together we worship your wisdom, praising your holy Word.

**All:** **O Christ, guide us towards equality for all, guide us when we are frustrated, guide us when we are weary, guide us when we lose hope. Together we worship your glory, waiting for you to come again.**

**Men:** O Christ, Teach us to love those who hate, teach us to spread your word, teach us to heal broken souls. Together we worship your light that brightens our dark world.

**All:** O Christ, You have called us to share in God's story of hope. And so we offer ourselves to its telling. Breathe your life through ours, that the story may continue within us, until the world is remade. AMEN.

## **Closing Responses and Blessing**

Leader: The blessing of the Trinity ...

**All:** The blessing of God the Father

Leader: who is in this place and every place;

**All:** The blessing of Jesus

Leader: who is among us, often unrecognized;

**All:** The blessing of the Holy Spirit

Leader: encouraging us to welcome, and to feel at home;

**All:** ... be with us all.

Leader: As we are gathered together, sharing this place and time, may our life in community reflect the dance of the Trinity, by which the world is blessed. **Amen.**

## **Streams of Hope Vital Church Maritimes Conference - 2017 Evening Worship I**

### **Opening Responses:**

Leader: I will light a light in the name of the Maker,  
who lit the world and breathed a the breath of life for me.  
*{the first tea light is turned on at each table}*

Leader: I will light a light in the name of the Son,  
who saved the world and stretched out his hand to me.  
*{the second tea light is turned on at each table}*

Leader: I will light a light in the name of the Spirit,  
who encompassed the world and blessed my soul with yearning.  
*{the third tea light is turned on at each table}*

**All:**           **We light these three lights for the Trinity of Love**  
                    **God above us**  
                    **God beside us**  
                    **God beneath us**  
**The beginning, the end, the everlasting one.**

**Song:**        ***Christ Be Our Light***

**Psalm 46: 1-5,7** (*read responsively by verse*)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;**

Though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

**The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

**The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.**

**All:**    **God our strength, your power is for peace, and the pride of your mighty acts secures the city of the humble. Teach us to put our trust in your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Proclamation of the Word *Genesis 2: 10-14***

Leader:       For the Word of God in scripture,  
                  For the Word of God among us,  
                  For the Word of God within us.

**All:**        **Thanks be to God.**

## Prayers of Concern

Leader: In brief periods of silence, let us say a prayer for those who need to be remembered tonight.

Those who have made the news headlines today because of what they have done or said or because of what has been done or said against them *{silence}*

Those who have been brought to our attention through an encounter or conversation *{silence}*

Those who are in hospital or in care, or who are ill at home and those who find themselves in a place which is strange to them *{silence}*

Those who are in relationships where there is stress and pain and those who find themselves feeling hopeless and alone *{silence}*

Those who are awaiting an event or news which will dramatically affect their lives *{silence}*

Those who need to forget the god they do not believe in and meet the God who believes in them *{silence}*

And all others whose pain or potential we want to share with God tonight *{silence}*

Merciful and loving God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Hear the prayers of your people.

## The Lord's Prayer (sung)

### Closing Responses

Leader: O God, grant us your light this night, your grace as we sleep,  
your joy in the morning

**All: Lift us from any anguish, take us from empty pride,  
And lighten our souls with the light of your love.**

Leader: Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer,  
Holy Spirit, Light of Life,  
Shield and sustain us and all whom we pray for, this night and every night.

**All: Amen.**

## Blessing

Leader: Now let the fire die down, let the anvil be silent.  
Let the peace of God descend this night;  
To stay with us, to comfort and refresh us,  
And to bless us, now and always. **Amen.**

## Streams of Hope Vital Church Maritimes Conference - 2017 Morning Worship I

**Theme Song**      *Streams of Hope*

### Opening Responses

Leader: O God, you summon the day to dawn;  
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

**All: Great is your name, Great is your love.**

Leader: For you the earth will sing for joy, for you water its furrows abundantly,  
Settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

**All: Great is your name, Great is your love.**

Leader: To you we shall bow and shout out for joy.

**All: Great is your name, Great is your love.**

Leader: Your love and justice shall last forever,  
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

**All: Great is your name, Great is your love.**

**Song**      *May the Spirit of Christ*

**Prayer**

Leader:      O God our Creator, we thank you for the gift of this new morning. Help us to leave yesterday behind and to avoid the temptation to jump to tomorrow. Help us to be present and accept the uniqueness of today.

By your love celebrated in your Word, seen in your Son, and brought near by your Spirit, take from us what we no longer need to carry, so that we may be free again to choose to serve you and to serve others.

**All:**          **We believe that God forgives and sets us free. And at this day's beginning, we commit ourselves to following where Christ calls and to loving one another. Amen.**

**Psalm 65: 5-13** *(read responsively by verse)*

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

**You make fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about with might.**

You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamour of the peoples.

**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvellous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

**You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.**

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

**You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.**

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

**All: Lord God, joy marks your presence; beauty, abundance, and peace are the tokens of your work in all creation. Work also in our lives, that by these signs we may see the splendour of your love and praise you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Proclamation of the Word *John 4: 7-14*

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Invitation to the Stream of Hope

### Prayers of Concern

Leader: Let us prepare ourselves for the day before us, and claim its potential sent by God.  
Let us pray.

Leader: We bring to God our hopes for today; hopes for our faith communities; hopes for the environment and sustainability; hopes for the impoverished; **Our** hopes which we now name aloud or silently in our hearts. *{silence}*

You, O Lord.

**All: You are our hope and joy.**

Leader: We bring to God the people of today; those who are suffering or afflicted in any way – those who are ill; those who are hungry; those who are grieving; those who are homeless and displaced; those who suffer with mental and/or physical disabilities; those who are in prison; those who feel hopeless and alone. And, those who we now name aloud or silently in our hearts. *{silence}*

You, O Lord.

**All: You are our hope and joy.**

Leader: Lord you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence – with hope in our hearts, Your truth in our minds, and Your strength in our wills.

**All: As we begin our day together we pray for:  
Wisdom before we speak and understanding while we listen,  
Sensitivity towards those we meet,  
And with the perspective of your kingdom as we learn and grow in faith and fellowship. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer (sung)

### Closing Responses

Leader: From where we are now, to where you need us to be

**All: Jesus, now lead us.**

Leader: From the familiarity and comfort of what we know, to the wonder of what you will reveal.

**All: Jesus, now lead us.**

Leader: To transform the fabric of our communities, and this world, until they resemble the shape of your kingdom.

**All: Jesus, now lead us.**

Leader: Because we believe that you are the way, the truth and the life..

**All: Jesus, now lead us.**

### Blessing

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Bless God's holy name,  
Who raises us each morning to a new day bestowing on us its freshness, its promise,  
That we may not be captive to the past, but walk in the assurance of his love and  
forgiveness, which proves as dependable as is day succeeding day. **Amen.**

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**Evening Worship II**

**Opening Responses:**

Leader: In the beginning when it was very quiet, the Word was with God.

All: **And what God was, the Word was.**

*{the first tea light is turned on at each table}*

Leader: In the beginning when it was very dark, God said, "Let there be light."

All: **And there was light.**

*{the second tea light is turned on at each table}*

Leader: When God knew the time was right, God sent his Son.

All: **He came among us, He was one of us.**

*{the third tea light is turned on at each table}*

**Song: *Day is Done***

**Psalm 77: 16-20** *(read responsively by verse)*

The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; the very depths were shaken.

**The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed to and fro;**

The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

**Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, yet your footsteps were not seen.**

You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

**All: God of saving power, remember us in times of sorrow and despair. Redeem us with your strength and guide us through the wilderness. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.**

## Proclamation of the Word *John 7: 37-39*

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Prayers of Hope

Leader: Gracious God, You have promised to hear us when we pray in the name of your Son.  
Therefore, with confidence and trust,

We pray for the church *{silence}*

Enliven the church for its mission,

**that we may be salt of the earth and bring joy to the world.**

Breathe fresh life into your people.

**Give us power to reveal Christ in word and in action.**

We pray for the world *{silence}*

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace,

**that we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

**Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

We pray for the community *{silence}*

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives  
of others

**that we may act with integrity and courage.**

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

**May we serve Christ in one another, and love as He loves us..**

We pray for those in need *{silence}*

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit,  
**that they may know the power of your healing love.**

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

**Strengthen us as we share in making people whole..**

We remember those who have died and those who mourn *{silence}*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ  
and those whose faith is known to you alone.

**Father, into your hands, we commend them.**

Bring comfort to those who mourn.

**Bring them peace in their time of loss..**

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

**May their example inspire and encourage us..**

We pray for ourselves and our ministries *{silence}*

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

**Grant that we may walk in your presence with your love in our hearts,  
your truth in our minds, and your strength in our wills. Until, at the end  
of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of  
your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer (sung)**

### **Closing Responses**

Leader: For this time and this place and these people, through this night and at every day's  
dawning.

**All: May Jesus Christ be praised.**

Leader: Bless to us, O God,

**All: The moon above us, the earth beneath us,  
the friends around us, your image deep within us,  
and the evening's rest which is before us. Amen.**

## Blessing

Leader: Now let the fire die down, let the anvil be silent.  
Let the peace of God descend this night;  
To stay with us, to comfort and refresh us,  
And to bless us, now and always. **Amen.**

## Streams of Hope Vital Church Maritimes Conference - 2017 Morning Worship II

Theme Song            *Streams of Hope*

### Opening Responses

Leader: May God be among us throughout this day.  
All:            **Amen.**

Leader: May Christ be beside us throughout this day.  
All:            **Amen.**

Leader: May the Spirit be within us throughout this day.  
All:            **Amen.**

Leader: May we as God's people, be at one with the saints in heaven and live in harmony  
with the blessed three to whom be praise and glory forever.  
All:            **Amen.**

Song Medley –            *We Have Come Into His House – You Are  
Awesome In This Place – What A Mighty God  
We Serve*

## Prayer

Leader: Let us pray.

Gracious God, if we came to your house, we'd find the door wide open – because your hospitality has no closing hours. If we came to your house, we'd see people of all shapes and sizes, with varying abilities and disabilities, of all colors and ethnicities, speaking in many tongues and accents.

If we came into your house we'd see people who never thought they'd be allowed entrance, if admittance was based on merit. But your invitation is extended to all. We are all welcome through your grace.

**All: If we came to your house, we would all be welcome, for you have no favorites in the commonwealth of heaven. Reveal to the community here gathered all that we must see, all that we must hear, and all that we must do to welcome others as you welcome us.**

Leader: Gracious God, we pray that you will give us the grace to surrender our presumptions as to what we should be or do, and then amend our lives until we become the people you intended us to be. **Amen.**

## **Psalm 66** *(read responsively by verse)*

Be joyful in God, all you lands; sing the glory of his name; sing the glory of his praise.

**Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.**

All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name"

**Come now and see the works of God, how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.**

He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in him.

**In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; let no rebel rise up against him.**

Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard;

**Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.**

For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

**You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

**I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

**Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue.

**If I had found evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;**

But in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

**Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his love from me.**

**All: God of power and might, you bring your people out of darkness and slavery into light and freedom through the waters of salvation. Receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and keep us always in your steadfast love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## **Proclamation of the Word *Jeremiah 17: 7-13***

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Invitation to the Stream of Hope**

### **Prayers of Hope**

Leader: Let us pray to the God whose love for us never ceases.

Lord our God, broaden our vision of your will and help us to respond to your calling, wherever it may be, whether it suits us or not, and whether it is convenient or not.

*{silence}*

Lord God,

**All: You are our hope.**

Leader: May the whole church reflect on your light and your beauty in the love for God and neighbour, displayed in new ways and places for worship, and individual Christ-like living. *{silence}*

Lord God,

**All: You are our hope.**

Leader: May no corruption, cruelty or injustice go unchallenged in any part of the world, however unpopular the challenging may be. May our society protect the vulnerable and encourage mutual care and support. *{silence}*

Lord God,

**All: You are our hope.**

Leader: May our care of the very young and the elderly imitate the faithful and generous caring of our God. We pray for more loving forgiveness in all our relationships, for more self-knowledge, and the grace to recognize when we are in the wrong and the courage to seek God's forgiveness. *{silence}*

Lord God,

**All: You are our hope.**

Leader: May all whose bodies cause them pain or immobility be affirmed in value by loving encounters with Jesus Christ and his followers. And may those who are spiritually crippled be set free to love and serve God. *{silence}*

Lord God,

**All: You are our hope.**

Leader: May those who have died in faith live forever in the joy and peace of heaven as children of Promise. And may those who miss their company feel comforted and supported. *{silence}*

Lord God,

**All: You are our hope.**

**May our gratitude and joy for the One who sets us free be shown in the ways we live and serve each and every day. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer (sung)

### Closing Responses

Leader: From where we are now, to where you need us to be

**All: Jesus, now lead us.**

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**Closing Worship and Commissioning**

**Theme Song**            *Streams of Hope*

**Opening Responses**

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the Way for you."

**All:**            **And so we come to follow Christ.**

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the Truth for you."

**All:**            **And so we come to dwell in the light.**

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the Life for you."

**All:**            **And so we come, leaving behind all else to which we cling.**

**Song – *Shine Jesus Shine***

**Proclamation of the Word *Matthew 4: 18-20***

Leader:            For the Word of God in scripture,  
                         For the Word of God among us,  
                         For the Word of God within us.

**All:**            **Thanks be to God.**

**Prayers of Gratitude and Hope**

Leader:            For the roots of our communion with one another; for the roots of all our  
                         communities:

**All:**            **We thank you, living God.**

Leader:            For the joys and hopes we have shared together here, and for the life we share with  
                         others:

**All:**            **We thank you, living God.**

Leader: For the path that lies before us now, for our hopes and for our future which lies in your hands:

**All: We thank you, living God.**

Leader: Living God, we thank you for the gift of a Church that is always changing and for the inspiration poured forth upon every generation to be a people of your calling, sent out to live and share the new life opened for all in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

As we leave this place, we pray for the communities of faith to which we shall return...

We pray for the neighbourhoods, villages, country roads and cities where we live; we pray for our neighbours – those known to us, and those unknown...

We pray for those your Son came to serve – those who are hungry; those who are tired and torn by life; those who are in pain in body, mind or spirit; those whom the world has forgotten...

We pray for ourselves and for one another...

God may we be enlivened and filled with hope that the world can be transformed by the power of your love.

**All:** Living God, Loving God, receive these prayers which we offer today  
**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer (sung)**

### **Commissioning**

Leader: O God of the high heavens,  
O Christ of the deep earth,  
O Spirit of the flowing waters,  
O Trinity of love  
As you do each and every day, you have offered your love to us over our time together - these days and evenings.  
You reside within each one of us and renew us.

Ours are the eyes with which you, in the mystery, look out with compassion on the world.

Ours are the feet with which you, in the mystery, walk amongst your people.

Ours are the voices and the hands with which you, in the mystery, offer hope, presence and assistance.

We bless you for this time and this place, for your directing of us, your redeeming of us, and your indwelling.

Now, take us outside, O Christ, outside familiar comforts and habits, more aware of the tasks you have for all of us, more aware of the gifts you have given to each of us, more aware of the hope that you offer to others through each of us.

Take outside to the crossroads of the world with your mission in our hearts, a message of this hope upon our lips; with a message of love to tell with our lives.

So shall your kingdom come.

We ask this for your own name's sake. Amen.

## **Departing Blessing**

May God who is present in the sunrise and the nightfall, and in the crossing of the sea, guide your feet as you go.

May God who is with you when you sit and when you stand, encompass you with love and lead you by the hand.

May God who knows your path and the places where you rest, be with you in your waiting, be your good news for sharing, and lead you in the way that is everlasting. **Amen**

## **Sending Forth**

Go forth now  
in the Faith that overcomes the world,  
in the Hope which will not disappoint you,  
in the Love that never fails.

## **Blessing Song** *You Shall Go Out With Joy*

# Worship Resources

## Opening Worship

Liturgy compiled from Iona Abbey Worship Book, Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2001; A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa, The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, New York: HarperOne, 1997; The Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada, Toronto: Anglican Book Centre, 1985; A COMMUNION LITURGY FROM IONA ABBEY ON THE THEME OF HOPE. Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2010, and original material by Taunya Dawson.

## Evening Worship I

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## Commissioning

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## Streams of Hope and Living Water

### *Chorus*

Streams of Hope and Living Water  
Freely flow through this land.  
Drench our souls in your Holy  
Spirit  
Streams of Hope refresh our land.

### *Verse 1*

Jesus the living water  
the hope of all the earth.  
He bids us come and join Him  
In the streams of re-birth. *Chorus*

### *Verse 2*

Drink the water that I give you  
and never thirst again.  
The stream is ever flowing  
Hope in Jesus never ends. *Chorus*

### *Verse 3*

Don't fear, or be discouraged  
But be strong and be brave.  
Rivers of hope flowing from you  
To refresh the land again. *Chorus*

### *Verse 4*

Blessed is the Nation  
Whose God is the Lord  
Streams of hope flow from them  
To a broken hurting world. *Chorus*

*Rev'd Ron Barkhouse* (Vital Church  
Maritimes Conference 2017)

## I Come with Joy (Common Praise #60)

### *Verse 1*

I come with joy a child of God  
Forgiven loved and free  
The life of Jesus to recall  
In love laid down for me

### *Verse 2*

I come with Christians far and near  
To find as all are fed  
The new community of love  
In Christ's communion bread

### *Verse 3*

The Spirit of the risen Christ  
Unseen but ever near  
Is in such friendship better known  
Alive among us here

### *Verse 4*

Together met together bound  
By all that God has done  
We'll go with joy to give the world  
The love that makes us one

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## Christ Be Our Light

### ***Chorus***

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts, shine through  
the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered  
today.

### *Verse 1*

Longing for light, we wait in  
darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy  
people,  
light for the world to see. ***Chorus***

### *Verse 2*

Longing for peace, our world is  
troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save  
us.  
Make us your living voice. ***Chorus***

### *Verse 3*

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for  
others,  
shared until all are fed. ***Chorus***

### *Verse 4*

Longing for shelter, many are  
homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering  
others,  
walls made of living stone. ***Chorus***

### *Verse 5*

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come. ***Chorus***

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## May the Spirit of Christ Be Our Hope (Common Praise #483)

### ***Chorus***

May the Spir-it of Christ be our hope  
through the day  
Be our guard through the night,  
Our companion on the way.

### *Verse 1*

Christ up-on our left hand watch-ing,  
At our right hand guid-ing  
Christ a-bove be-neath us guard-ing,  
Near to us a-bid-ing. ***Chorus***

***Chorus***

May the Spir-it of Christ be our hope  
through the day  
Be our guard through the night,  
Our companion on the way.

*Verse 2*

Christ be in each ho-ly si-lence, Christ  
be in our speak-ing,  
Christ in ev-ery work we off-er, Ev-er  
in our seek-ing ***Chorus***

*Verse 3*

Let us be God's light in the dark-ness,  
let us be God's Kind-ness  
Let us be God's Jus-tice and mer-cy,  
hands and feet of Christ. ***Chorus***

*Verse 4*

God cre-a-tor bless and keep us, Christ  
be ev-er near us,  
Spir-it be the light be-fore us; gen-tle be  
our path-way ***Chorus***

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**Day Is Done But Love Unfailing**  
**(Common Praise #20)**

*Verse 1*

Day is done, but love unfailing  
Dwells ever here;  
Shadows fall, but hope, prevailing,  
Calms every fear.  
God our maker, none forsaking,  
Take our hearts, of Love's own  
making,  
Watch our sleeping, guard our waking,  
Be always near.

*Verse 2*

Dark descends, but light unending  
Shines through our night;  
You are with us, ever lending  
New strength to sight:  
One in love, your truth confessing,  
One in hope of heaven's blessing,  
May we see, in love's possessing,  
Love's endless light!

*Verse 3*

Eyes will close, but you unsleeping  
Watch by our side;  
Death may come, in love's safekeeping  
Still we abide  
God of love, all evil quelling,  
Sin forgiving, fear dispelling,  
Stay with us, our hearts indwelling,  
This eventide.

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## Saturday (VCM) Morning Medley

We have come into His house and  
gathered in His name to worship  
Him.

We have come into His house and  
gathered in His name to worship  
Him.

We have come into His house and  
gathered in His name to worship  
Christ the Lord.

Worship Him, Christ, the Lord.

You are Awesome in this Place  
Mighty God.

You are awesome in this place Abba  
Father.

You are worthy of our praise  
To you our voice we raise

You are Awesome in this Place  
Mighty God

Let us lift up holy hands and magnify  
His name and worship Him.

Let us lift up holy hands and magnify  
His name and worship Him.

Let us lift up holy hands and magnify  
His name and worship Christ the  
Lord.

Worship Him, Christ, the Lord.

You are Awesome in this Place Mighty  
God.

You are awesome in this place Abba  
Father.

You are worthy of our praise  
To you our voice we raise

You are Awesome in this Place Mighty  
God.

What a mighty God we serve.

What a mighty God we serve.

Angels bow before Him,

Heaven and earth adore Him,

What a mighty God we serve.

**Shine, Jesus, Shine** (*Lord the Light of Your Love is Shining*)  
(Common Praise #460)

***Chorus***

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with  
the Father's glory!  
Blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on  
fire!  
Flow, river flow, flood the nations  
with grace and mercy;  
Send forth you word, Lord and let  
there be light.

*Verse 1*

Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon  
us,  
set us free by the truth you now bring  
us,  
Shine on me, shine on me. ***Chorus***

*Verse 2*

Lord, I come to you awesome  
presence;  
from the shadows into your radiance.  
By the blood I may enter you  
brightness;  
Search me, try me, consume all my  
darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me. ***Chorus***

*Verse 3*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness;  
so our faces display your likeness.  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here, may our lives tell your  
story;  
Shine on me, shine on me. ***Chorus***

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**You Shall Go Out With Joy**  
(Common Praise #662)

You shall go out with joy and be led  
forth with peace.  
The mountains and the hills will  
break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy and all the  
trees of the field,  
Will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap  
their hands,  
The trees of the field will clap their  
hands,  
The trees of the field will clap their  
hands,  
While you go out with joy.  
***REPEAT ALL***

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## Reign

### *Verse 1*

Lord of my life You reign  
Lord of my life You reign  
Spirit of God come and cleanse me  
through  
Soften my heart help me worship You  
Lord of my life You reign  
You reign.

### *Verse 2*

Lover of hearts draw near  
Lover of hearts draw near  
Unveil my eyes let me see Your face  
Intimate worship in Your embrace  
Lover of hearts draw near  
Draw near.

### *(Bridge)*

Saviour Redeemer my Shepherd my  
Healer  
My Hope and Provider my God  
Glory and honour and blessing and  
power  
Forever and ever are Yours.

### *Verse 3*

Spirit of God change me  
Spirit of God change me  
Come and transform all my heart's  
desires  
Consume my soul with Your holy fire  
Spirit of God change me  
Spirit of God change me  
Spirit of God change me  
Change me.

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## All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty  
All who are weak  
Come to the fountain  
Dip your heart in the stream of life  
Let the pain and the sorrow  
Be washed away  
In the waves of His mercy  
As deep cries out to deep (We sing)

### ***Chorus 1***

Come Lord Jesus come  
(REPEAT X4)

### ***Chorus 2***

Holy Spirit come  
(REPEAT X4)

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# King Of My Heart

## ***Chorus***

You are good good oh  
You are good good oh  
You are good good oh  
You are good good oh

## *Verse 1*

Let the King of my heart  
Be the mountain where I run  
The fountain I drink from  
Oh He is my song  
Let the King of my heart  
Be the shadow where I hide  
The ransom for my life  
Oh He is my song

## *Verse 2*

Let the King of my heart  
Be the wind inside my sails  
The anchor in the waves  
Oh He is my song  
Let the King of my heart  
Be the fire inside my veins  
The echo of my days  
Oh He is my song.

## *Ending*

When the night is holding on to me  
God is holding on  
When the night is holding on to me  
God is holding on

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# Let the Fire Fall

## *Verse 1*

Holy Spirit (Holy Spirit) come with Your  
fire  
Holy Spirit (Holy Spirit) come with Your  
fire  
Holy Spirit (Holy Spirit) come with Your  
fire  
Holy Spirit (Holy Spirit) come with Your  
fire

## ***Chorus***

Come Holy Spirit let the fire fall  
Come Holy Spirit let the fire fall  
Let the fire fall  
Let the fire fall

## *Verse 2*

Holy Spirit (Holy Spirit) purify my heart  
(4X)

## *Verse 3*

Holy Spirit (Holy Spirit) set my life on fire  
(4X)

## *Verse 4*

Holy Spirit (Holy Spirit) set Your church  
on fire (4X)

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## Refiners Fire

### *Chorus*

Refiners fire, My heart's one desire,  
is to be holy, set apart for you Lord.  
I choose to be holy,  
set apart for you my master,  
Ready to do your will.

Purify my heart, cleanse me from  
within and make me holy.  
Purify my heart, cleanse me from  
my sin, deep within. *Chorus*

Purify my heart let me be as gold and  
precious silver.  
Purify my heart let me be as gold, pure  
gold. *Chorus*

## You Are Awesome in This Place Mighty God

You are Awesome in this place Mighty God	As I come into your presence Past the gates of praise. Into you
You are awesome in this place Abba Father	Sanctuary When we're standing face to face
You are worthy of our praise To you our voice we raise	I look upon your countenance I see the fullness of your grace
You are Awesome in this Place Mighty God	I can only bow down and say.....

## Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You