

Readings and Songs for Worship on Sunday, April 26th, 2020

Generous Giver

Verse 1

You don't withhold Your love from us
Arms open wide upon a cross
You give no matter what the cost
Jesus we see You

Verse 2

All of these worlds Your hands have made
A billion stars stretched out in space
These are just echoes of Your grace
Jesus we see You

Chorus

You are the Gen'rous Giver
Your mercy overflows
Your blessing is a river
On and on and on it goes
You are an endless fountain
You're filling up my life
My heart must sing Your praises
Jesus You be glorified

Verse 3

Jesus You reach us in our pain
Your mercy meets us ev'ry day
Your love will never turn away
Jesus we see You

Vamp

On and on
On and on
On and on
Jesus You be glorified

Bridge

You're so much better
You're so much kinder
Than anything we think You are
Your love is deeper
Your love is wider
Open our eyes to see You God

Holy Spirit

Verse 1

There's nothing worth more
That will ever come close
No thing can compare
You're our living hope
Your Presence

Verse 2

I've tasted and seen
Of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free
And my shame is undone
In Your Presence, Lord

Chorus

Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord

Interlude

Your Presence, Lord

Second Interlude

Your Presence, Lord
Your Presence
Your Presence, Lord

Bridge

Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness
(Lord)

Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 61:1-4 CEB

The Lord God's spirit is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me
to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim release for captives,

and liberation for prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and a day of vindication for our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
to provide for Zion's mourners,
to give them a crown in place of ashes,
oil of joy in place of mourning,
a mantle of praise in place of discouragement.
They will be called Oaks of Righteousness,
planted by the Lord to glorify himself.
They will rebuild the ancient ruins;
they will restore formerly deserted places;
they will renew ruined cities,
places deserted in generations past.

New Testament Reading—1 Thes. 1:2-8 CEB

We always thank God for all of you when we mention you constantly in our prayers. This is because we remember your work that comes from faith,^[a] your effort that comes from love, and your perseverance that comes from hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father. Brothers and sisters, you are loved by God, and we know that he has chosen you. We know this because our good news didn't come to you just in speech but also with power and the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know as well as we do what kind of people we were when we were with you, which was for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord when you accepted the message that came from the Holy Spirit with joy in spite of great suffering. As a result, you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The message about the Lord rang out from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place. The news about your faithfulness to God has spread so that we don't even need to mention it.

Prayer

Holy God, Open our eyes to the presence of your Spirit
upon us, within us, among us.

For our apathy in the presence of oppression,
Forgive us.

If we have contributed to the brokenheartedness of
anyone,
Forgive us.

For our participation in systems that enslave,
Forgive us.

When we are deaf to your good news,
Have mercy and open our ears.

When our mouths remain too tightly closed,
Loosen our lips with songs of praise.

Hear our prayer, O God, and forgive our sins.
**Hold us in your mercy, by the power of your
Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

#389 Spirit of the Living God

Verse 1

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Verse 2

Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.
Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.
Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me.
Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.

Verse 3

Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.
Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.
Shield me, free me, call me, lead me.
Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.