

GATHERING SONGS

Be Unto Your Name

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Verse 1

We are a moment You are forever
Lord of the ages God before time
We are a vapor You are eternal
Love everlasting reigning on high

Chorus 1

Holy holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises honor and glory
Be unto Your name
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Verse 2

We are the broken You are the healer
Jesus Redeemer mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You blessing Your name

Misc 1

(Ending)
Be unto Your name
(REPEAT)

I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever

Martin Smith

Verse 1

Over the mountains and the sea
Your river runs with love for me
And I will open up my heart
And let the Healer set me free
I'm happy to be in the truth
And I will daily lift my hands
For I will always sing
Of when Your love came down yeah

Chorus 1

I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever

Misc 1

(Bridge)
Oh I feel like dancing
It's foolishness I know
But when the world has seen the light
They will dance with joy like we're dancing now

NO LONGER STRANGERS PRAYER

Dear Jesus, **You come into our lives and show us how to live by doing things we would never think to do. You are especially drawn to people who don't know you. Help us to see you in them and open us up to how you transform our lives bit by bit and all of a sudden. Amen.**

LUKE 16:1-13

Our story and God's story continues today in a reading from Luke.

Reader 1: Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself,

ALL: 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'

Reader 2: So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first,

ALL: 'How much do you owe my master?'

Reader 1: He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him,

ALL: 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.'

Reader 2: Then he asked another,

ALL: 'And how much do you owe?'

Reader 1: He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him,

ALL: 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'

Reader 2: And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

ALL: "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much."

Reader 1: If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Reader 2: The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all this, and they ridiculed him. So he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of others; but God knows your hearts; for what is prized by human beings is an abomination in the sight of God.

Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

Thanks be to God.

RIVER OF HOPE'S PURPOSE – WHY DO WE EXIST?

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.