



Looking back on 2020 I'm sure many of you have felt, like me, it was a year of real contrasts – the darkness of Covid, racial tensions, Brexit uncertainty, and for many, personal suffering or disappointments; interspersed with some joys. I hope that all of us can say that we've felt the presence of God through the tough times and have been blessed by remembering what a faithful God we have.

As we move into 2021 let's keep fixing our eyes on Jesus, let's keep supporting one another and sharing the love of Jesus with everyone.

Song

He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
Every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Our God is a lion
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
Every knee will bow before Him

Our God is a lamb
The lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world
His blood breaks the chains
Every knee will bow before the lion and the lamb
Every knee will bow before him

Open up the gates
Make way before the King of Kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty
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Read John 13:31 – 14:4

Teaching

Song

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

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

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

So 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

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

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Prayer

Jesus, the hope of all who trust you;
the power of all who serve you;
the wisdom of all who follow you;
the uniter of all who worship you.
Grant us light at the beginning of this year;

Fill us with strength and boldness according
to your promises,
That we might reach our needy nation, with
your love, in this season of Hope.
We humbly acknowledge our weakness and
failure,
But our eyes are fixed on you.
Fulfil your purposes and plans that your
name may be honoured in our land.
In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Father,
Thank you that in a world of despair,
You are our Hope.
In a world of darkness,
You are our Light.
In a world of sorrow,
You are our joy.

Help us to share the Hope of our hearts with
one another
Enable us to give Hope to others through
Your work amongst us
Use us to transform our nation and to
spread Your Hope to every corner of this
nation.
May our land flourish by the preaching of
Your word and the praising of Your name.
In Jesus Name. Amen.

The steadfast love of the Lord never
ceases, his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your
faithfulness.

Song

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke your name into the night

Then through the darkness
Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless
grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame

The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The king of kings calls me His own
Beautiful saviour, I'm yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the
promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the roaring lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, yours is the victory, whoa!

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