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HOLY SPIRIT, LOVE DIVINE

Holy Spirit Love divine, glow within this heart of mine.
Kindle ev'ry high desire. Purify me with your fire.
Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine.
Voice of God, and inward Light, wake up my spirit and
clear my sight.
Holy Spirit, Peace divine, still this restless heart of mine.
Speak to calm this tossing sea; grant me your tranquility.
Lyrics: Samuel Longfellow, 1864 // Music: Seth Crissman, 2022 //
Vocals: Valerie Bess and Taylor Bess

CHRIST WHO LEFT HIS THRONE IN GLORY

Christ who left his home in glory,
and upon the cross was slain,
Now is ris'n! O tell the story that the Savior lives again.
Glory, sing Gloria; glory, sing Gloria.
Glory, sing Gloria, oooh.
While the world in peace was sleeping,
early on that Easter day
Came the faithful women, weeping,
But the stone was rolled away.
Hail to the One, God's only son, Jesus, Redeemer.
Hail to the one who conquered death and sin.
Hail to the One, God's only son, Jesus, Redeemer.
Highest praises now we sing.
Lyrics: Abram B. Kolb, 1896 // Music: Seth Crissman, 2022 // Vocals: Lauren
Yoder, Taylor Bess, Greg Yoder

HOLY DARKNESS

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust, my God, in whom I trust."
In your Holy Darkness, in your Holy Shadow
Under your wing I will hide myself
Safe and secure from all alarms
Lyrics: Direct quotation from Psalm 91:1-3 (NRSV), see full citation below; and by
Seth Crissman, 2022 // Music: Seth Crissman, 2022 // Vocals: Ebony Nicole, Ben
Luna, Jackson Maust

GOD, IN YOUR MERCY

God, in your mercy, turn your ear
God, in your mercy, hear us
God of compassion please come near
God, in your mercy, hear us
God, we are dust and our days our few
God, you are making all things new
God, of all time, we turn to you
God, of all mercy, hear us.
Lyrics: Seth Crissman, 2022 // Music: Greg Yoder, 2022 // Vocals: Greg Yoder,
Lauren Yoder, Seth Crissman

SONG OF CONFESSION

We have sinned against each other
Take our sins away
We've betrayed our sister and brother
Take our sins away
Teach us how to love our neighbor
Take our sins away
Teach our hands to do your labor
Take our sins away
All the times we have forgotten
The depths of your great love
All the times we have forgotten
The depths of your great love
Teach us how to have compassion
And take our sins away
Spur our words into action
Take our sins away
When we fail to turn and listen
Take our sins away
Building up the walls of division
Take our sins away
All the times we have forgotten
The depths of your great love;
All the times we have forgotten
The depths of your great love; take our sins away.
Lyrics and Music: Seth Crissman, 2015 // Vocals: Valerie Bess and Taylor Bess

AT THE CROSS HER VIGIL KEEPING

At the cross her vigil keeping
Stood the mournful mother weeping
Where he hung, the dying Lord
Through her soul of joy bereaved
Bowed with sorrow deeply grieved
Passed the sharp and piercing sword
Who upon that mother gazing
In her anguish so amazing
Born of woman, would not weep?
Who of Christ's dear mother thinking,
While her son that cup is drinking,
Would not share her sorrow deep?
יְתְּעוֹשִׁים קוֹחַר יְגַתְּבֶזַע הַמֶּל יֵלֵא יֵלֵא
Near your cross, O Christ, abiding,
Grief and love my heart dividing,
I with her would take my place
By your saving cross uphold me,
In your dying, Christ, enfold me,
With the deathless arms of grace.
יְתְּעוֹשִׁים קוֹחַר יְגַתְּבֶזַע הַמֶּל יֵלֵא יֵלֵא
Lyrics: Jacopone, da Todi, 13th century, translation by Edward Caswell // Music:
Seth Crissman, 2022 // Vocals: Ebony Nicole, Jackson Maust

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I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

Why so solemn? Why so gloomy? Jesus isn't here, he busted out, he left the tomb. He needed more room—he needed more room to bloom. They keep tryin' to bury Jesus, but God's love exhumes.

I know that my Redeemer lives, glory hallelujah!

You can't bury a seed and think it won't grow; Can't give a trumpet to a kid and think she won't blow, or give love to somebody, think it won't show, so let the horn blow, in case they don't know.

I know that my Redeemer lives, glory hallelujah!

Death tries so hard to win, it's almost comical. Death wastes time on Him, not economical. Balloons give up their air, become unpopable. When Jesus gave his life, he became unstoppable! Love so deep that you can't touch bottom. Love so wide that the net always caught 'em. Love so rich that the moon wears gold. Love so big that the tomb can't hold.

I know that my Redeemer lives, glory hallelujah!

God's kingdom is not built on domination. No, Jesus builds the kingdom like a different kind of nation built upside down with jubilation, celebration, and giving up power and money and station and being patient, gentle, humble, loving, kind, faithful, merciful, leaving fear and hate behind and loving God with heart, soul, and mind and knowing Jesus' love can never be confined.

I know that my Redeemer lives, glory hallelujah!

Jesus...Jesus had to decide in the wilderness, would he stand up or hide? Would he relent and give up, and ask that the cup pass from him?

Cut the ties, and give in? No, Jesus tethered himself to Love, together-ed himself with God, trusting that LOVE would sustain as he walked into the storm, the wind, the rain, the hurricane of resistance to the kind of life he was showing—seed he was growing, love he was knowing, the way he was going, not the way of a soldier, but the way of a lamb, giving himself over. Plants don't decide to give themselves over. They just do. Life flows through from the seed to the sprout to the flower to the bulb to the sprout to the seed in the streaming of Love. Jesus is the seed, the sprout, irrepressible. He ain't in the tomb, he's out, sing it "Yes, my Lord!"

I know that my Redeemer lives,
glory hallelujah!

What comfort that sweet sentence gives,
glory hallelujah!

Lyrics and Music: Greg Yoder, 2018, with chorus lyrics by Samuel Medley (1738-1799) and chorus music by Lewis D. Edwards (1858-1921)
Vocals: Greg Yoder, Lauren Yoder

I WANT TO KNOW CHRIST

(Phil. 3:10-11 NIV)

I want to know Christ

And the power of his resurrection
And the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings
Becoming like him in his death
And so somehow to attain to
The resurrection from the dead

Lyrics are direct quote from NIV (Phil. 3:10-11) // Music: Jason Wagner, 2008 // Vocals: Rachel Mast, Seth Crissman

EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME

For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Since, then, we have a great high priest
who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God,
let us hold fast to our confession.

Because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the
dead, you will be saved.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with
boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to
help in time of need.

Lyrics are direct quotes from NRSV (Romans 10:9, 13 and Hebrews 4:14, 16) // Music: Seth Crissman, 2022 // Vocals: Leah Wenger, Jackson Maust, Taylor Bess, and the EMU Chamber Choir

HOLY SPIRIT, TRUTH DIVINE

Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine.

Voice of God, and inward Light,

Wake up my spirit, wake up my spirit

And clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine.

Kindle ev'ry high desire,

Purify me, Purify me

With your fire.

Holy Spirit, Power divine, fill and nerve this will of mine

Boldly may I always live,

Bravely serve and gladly give.

Breathe upon me, and fill me with your Holy Spirit
Holy Spirit, breathe upon me, and fill me with your love
With your love, with your love, and fill me with your joy

Lyrics: Samuel Longfellow, 1864 // Music: Greg Yoder, 2022 // Vocals: Ben Luna, Greg Yoder

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WAIT FOR THE LORD

Wait for the Lord:
be strong and let your heart take courage.
O God, we put our trust in you when the earth
under our feet gives way,
and the mountains fall into the sea.

Wait for the Lord:
be strong and let your heart take courage.
*Lyrics are a direct quotation from Psalm 27:14 (NRSV),
see full citation below // Music: Seth Crissman, 2022 //
Vocals: Seth Crissman, Greg Yoder*

PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU

Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you.
When you fail, when you fall, when you're scared,
when you call for me: my peace I'll give to you.
Lyrics and music: Seth Crissman, 2022 // Vocals: Greg Yoder

Scripture Song References

*Holy Darkness (Track 3) - Psalm 91:1-2, NRSV
At the Cross, Her Vigil Keeping (Track 6) - Psalm 22:1b
I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Track 7) - Job 19:25a/b
I Want to Know Christ (Track 8) - Phil. 3:10-11, NIV
Everyone Who Calls on the Name (Track 9) - Romans 10:9, 13; Hebrews 4:14, 16, NRSV
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Peace I Leave with You (Track 12) - John 14:27a*

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