

Islington United Church

Summer 2020: Empowered by the Spirit
Hymns for Sunday, August 2

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky (MV 143)

1. We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wildflow'rs growing,
for we are part of all that is within life's river flowing.
With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation,
that all may have abundant life in ev'ry earthly nation.

2. When bodies shiver in the night and weary, wait for morning,
when children have no bread but tears, and warhorns sound their warning,
God calls humanity to wake, to join in common labour,
that all may have abundant life in oneness with their neighbour.

3. God calls humanity to join as partners in creating
a future free from want or fear, life's goodness celebrating,
that new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavour,
that all may have abundant life and peace endure forever.

Come Touch Our Hearts (MV 12)

1. Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice, to seek a world more gracious,
come touch and bless our hearts.

2. Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us, let life and beauty fill us,
come touch and bless our souls.

3. Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding, to welcome truth and wisdom,
come touch and bless our minds.

4. Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve, steady now our nerve,
come touch and bless our wills.

5. Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;
that we may love you with our heart, our soul, our mind, our strength, our all,
come touch us with your grace.

Where is Bread?

1. "Where is bread?" the great crowd murmured –
thousands strong, yet all in need.
"Where is bread?" your people wondered,
faced with such a crowd to feed.
Who, Lord Jesus, could have guessed it?
One small boy brought food to share.
Taking what he gave, you blessed it;
all were fed, with much to spare.

2. "Where is bread?" We know their yearning;
every day, we wish for more.
God, in time, we're slowly learning:
All we own can make us poor.
Our possessions can possess us,
leaving hunger deep inside.
Christ our Bread, come now and bless us;
at your feast, we're satisfied.

3. "Where is bread?" the call is rising;
millions cry who must be fed.
God, your answer seems surprising:
"You, my Church, you give them bread."
Bread to fill each hungry spirit,
bread for hungry stomachs too!
Give us bread and help us share it.
Richly blest, may we serve you.

Bread of Life, Feed My Soul (MV 194)

1. Bread of life, feed my soul,
as the presence of the Spirit makes me whole.
Bread of life, fill my heart
With the grace and mercy you impart.

2. I have heard your voice calling, "Come, my friend, and share
in the feast that is laid out for you to show how much I care."

3. Bread of life, help me live
a life as pure and true as Jesus did.
Bread of life, help me see
the boundless love of Christ for you and me.

4. I have heard your voice calling, "Come, my friend, and share
in the feast that is laid out for you to show how much I care."

5. Bread of life, feed my soul,
as the presence of the Spirit makes me whole.
Bread of life, fill my heart
With the grace and mercy you impart.

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (VU 468)

1. Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
break is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,

pass the Word around: loaves abound!

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2. Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. **R**

3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out, bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! **R**

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