

St James C of E

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Sunday 19 July
2020



Worship Songs

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[10,000 Reasons](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXDGE_IRI0E)

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Bible reading

Rom 8v12-25 - New International Version (NIV)

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you[a] free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life[d] because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of[e] his Spirit who lives in you.



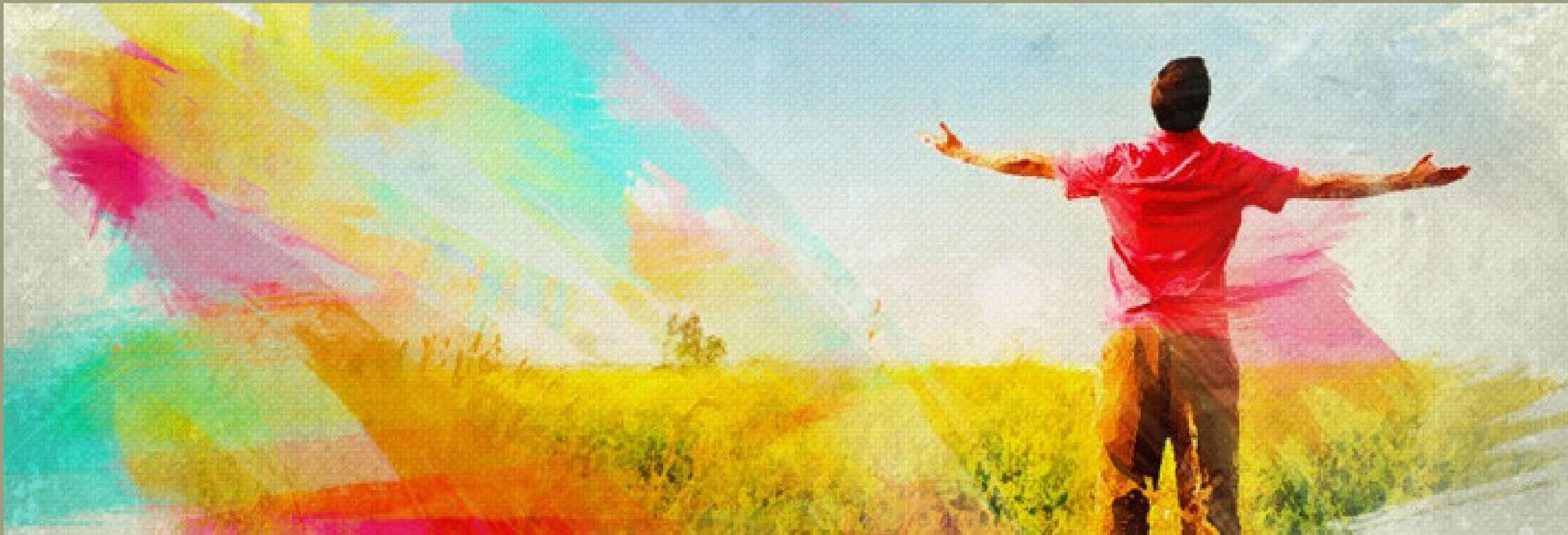
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WCn2spULgxE>



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Blessed Assurance

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDeiy9-t2GE>



Thought for Today

Click here to see a video recording of Jill's thoughts

<https://stjamesroundsgreen.com/openingtimes/our-church-services/>



Thought for Today

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TRINITY 6 SUNDAY 19 JULY 2020

By Jill Macdonald

Rom 8v12-25

INHERITANCE

When John was still working one of the things he would do on a regular basis was buy what he called 'moral boosters' for his colleagues. So, he'd appear in the office with Krispy Kreme doughnuts, or a variety of sweets, or, on hot days, ice lollies for everyone.

After a while people got the impression that he had lots of money.....which he didn't. He had enough and what he had he was generous with. One particular lady commented on his so called 'wealthy status' and so John searched on line for a fake million pound cheque.....which he gave her as a joke.

Since then we often joke about whether a million pound cheque will arrive in the post for us and what we could do with it for our church and diocese. Of course, it won't!

But people do receive inheritances from relatives or friends sometimes.

When my dad, who wasn't an overly rich person, died his estate (basically the proceeds from the sale of his house) was split between various people, as laid down in his will. So, 5% to each of his 4 grandchildren, 5% to his ex-daughter-in-law, and 37.5% each to my brother and myself. We were all his heirs: and for all of us it was a very nice gift thank you very much.....because it was a gift – we had done nothing to earn it. It was given freely to us.



Thought for Today

Rom 8v12-25

When both John and I have gone to glory, our estate will be split up – 10% to St James, and 45% to each of our two children: they are our heirs. What's to happen is written in our will; and they will be receiving an inheritance which they haven't earned.

My brother, however, hasn't written a will yet.....and that's because, even at the age of 78 he can't decide how to split his estate. He has two children so you'd think it would be easy, but his son's wife has never liked him and, over the years, has caused animosity between him and his son. There is bad feeling between them: and so, my brother doesn't want to leave any of his estate to his son because his daughter-in-law will then have access to it. So, although his son is technically one of his heirs, he may have no inheritance from his father!

This is not the case if we are one of God's children!! Verse 17 in our Romans reading for today clearly says that, if we are God's children, we are heirs: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ!

So, what inheritance is coming our way as God's heirs? What are we going to receive that we've done nothing to earn?



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Well, a future in heaven with God for all eternity for one thing. Of course, we don't know exactly what this part of our inheritance will look like, but the Bible gives us hints. Like:

- New body (Jesus, Moses, Elijah)
- God himself is going to wipe away all tears from our eyes – to me that suggests an assurance of comfort
- No more death, grief, crying or pain
- Safety because only those in Christ will be there. Revelation 21 says there won't be any cowards, traitors, perverts, murderers, immoral, those who practice magic, idol worshippers, or liars
- There will be no need for the light of the sun or moon or any form of artificial light because everywhere will shine with the glory of God, who is light
- We're going to rule with Christ
- We're going to receive glorious crowns which will never lose their brightness

Now, I think that all sounds pretty exciting – something to look forward to: and the thing is, it's not a maybe, or a perhaps; it's our guaranteed inheritance, waiting for us when our life on this earth is over.

Now, after hearing these facts, I really would like you to smile at this point.



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Rom 8v12-25

However, we have, in fact, already received some of our inheritance because we have already been given Jesus, forgiveness and eternal life – which I mention again because our eternal life begins as soon as we accept Jesus as our Saviour.

But there are some other brilliant elements to our inheritance which are also available to us before we leave this mortal life. Like:

- Freedom from fear and worry – throughout the Bible God exhorts us not to not be afraid; and Jesus himself tells us to cast all our burdens onto him
- A plan for our lives – God knows where he wants us and what he wants us to do.....and he will tell us that plan if we are prepared to ask him. We don't need to live in constant confusion. The answer may not be clear straight away, nor might it be an answer we were hoping for, but he will give us his plan for us in his time
- Loads of preparation for our future holy lives in heaven – through the Bible God tells us clearly how we are to live and what sort of qualities we should radiate; and he sends the Holy Spirit to give us the strength to succeed
- Inner peace



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Rom 8v12-25

- If we did a thorough search of the Bible I'm sure we would find many other parts of our inheritance from God already given to us now: but I think Ephesians 1 gives us a good overview, because it tells us that 'God has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing.' This means that we have all the benefits now of knowing God – being chosen for salvation, being adopted as his children, forgiven, insight, the gifts of the Spirit, power to do God's will, and the hope of living forever with Christ. What a list!!! And because we have an intimate relationship with Christ, we can enjoy these blessings now!

Some people receive an inheritance of significant earthly wealth and riches. Other people have no inheritance left to them at all. But everyone who chooses Jesus as their Saviour will receive the kingdom of heaven with all its glories as their inheritance.

All the money in the world cannot compare with that. It is more precious and more valuable than anything else we can possibly have!

Today, let's claim it as our own with thanksgiving.



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[I Can Only Imagine](#)

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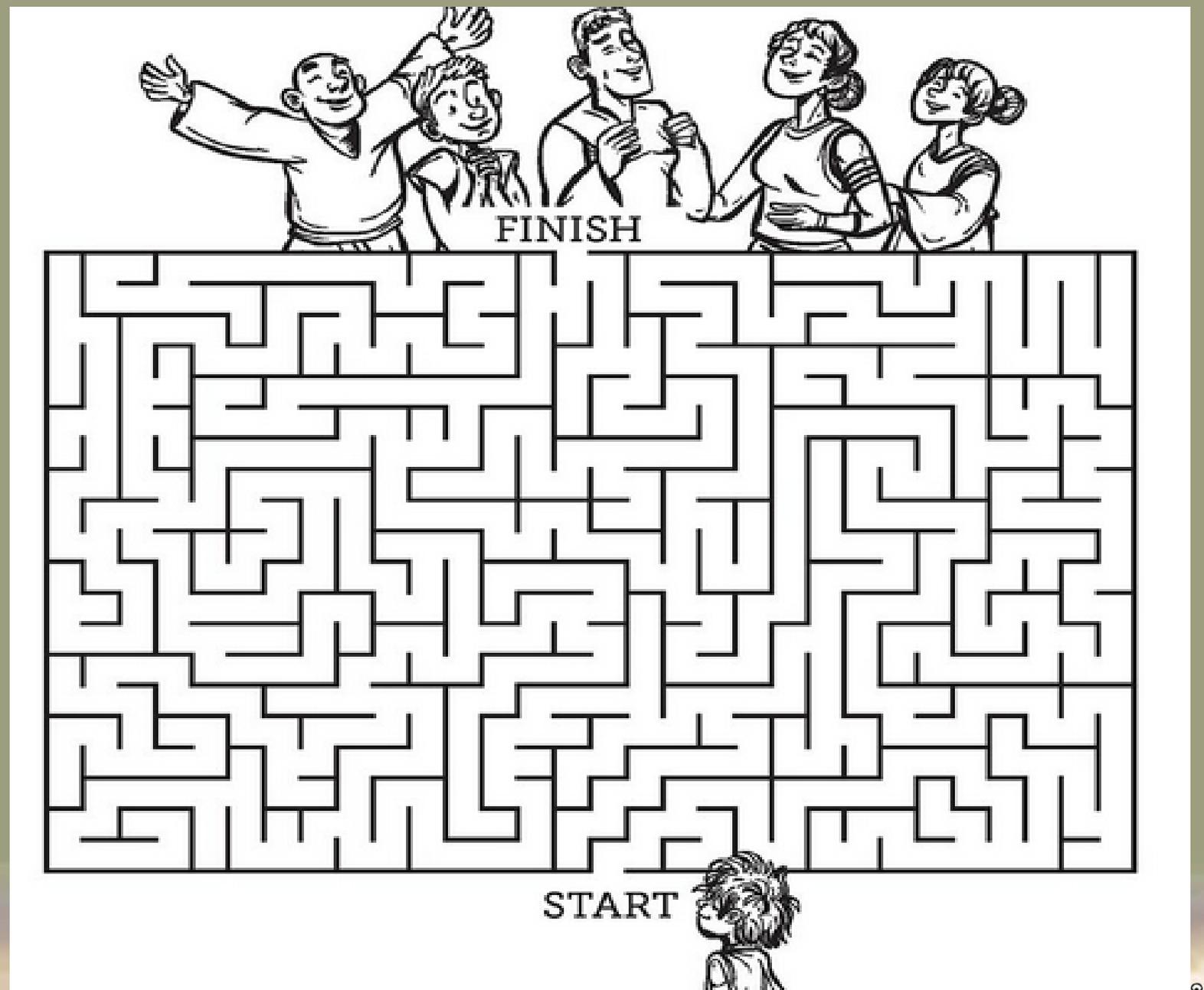


Sunday Activity

Adoption

Make your way
through the maze to
become part of the
family of God

Enjoy



Prayers

1

Intercessions for Trinity 6 - Sunday 19 July 2020

God we thank you for the freedom we have to meet together and be open about our faith. Help us as churches in this country to stand firmly on your word and be a place where all are welcome and so feel the hope that comes from knowing you. Help church leaders to continually trust you to guide them.

We pray for those who are unable to be open about their faith, strengthen their hearts and give them peace as they follow you. May they know your presence and leading in their lives so that despite the persecution and restrictions your church grows in strength and numbers.

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer



Prayers

2

Lord so many nations are struggling in the Covid crisis. Those who are poor and rich. Help us look beyond our own nation to those who need help and would you give political leaders a heart for those who suffer.

May your world nations and people groups learn to support one another and have an attitude of humility and recognise humanity in all. Help those who strive to make our nations fairer places to live, so that all can dream dreams and see those dreams come to fruition.

Lord in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayer



Prayers

3

Lord for our area we pray for our families. The summer holidays have started and there may not be the excitement there usually is because of the restrictions still placed on us. We pray for those who struggle financially that they will find the help they need. May children enjoy the summer and be able to relax and find good entertainment. Give parents patience and an overwhelming love for their children so they are swift to forgive and slow to anger.

We pray for school staff that they will enjoy the break and be able to recharge their batteries. We pray for those who are still struggling to adapt, draw near to them and bring them comfort, strength and hope.

Lord in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayer

Prayers

4

God we thank you that knowing you means that we can bring our concerns and fears to you. There are many who don't have that confidence in you. May those who need to cast their cares on you do so knowing that you always hear us and answer.

We pray for Barbara's family at this time. We thank you that she knew you and that she is not suffering anymore. Draw near to those who are saddened by her loss to this world. Help them remember all the good times and know that she loved you.

God help us as your representatives to live as you would have us live. Let us share the assurance we have as our hope is in you now and for the future. Let us claim the knowledge that we are sons and daughter of the amazing living God. Help us to be constantly asking you to show us how to love others and share our faith in both practical and spiritual ways.

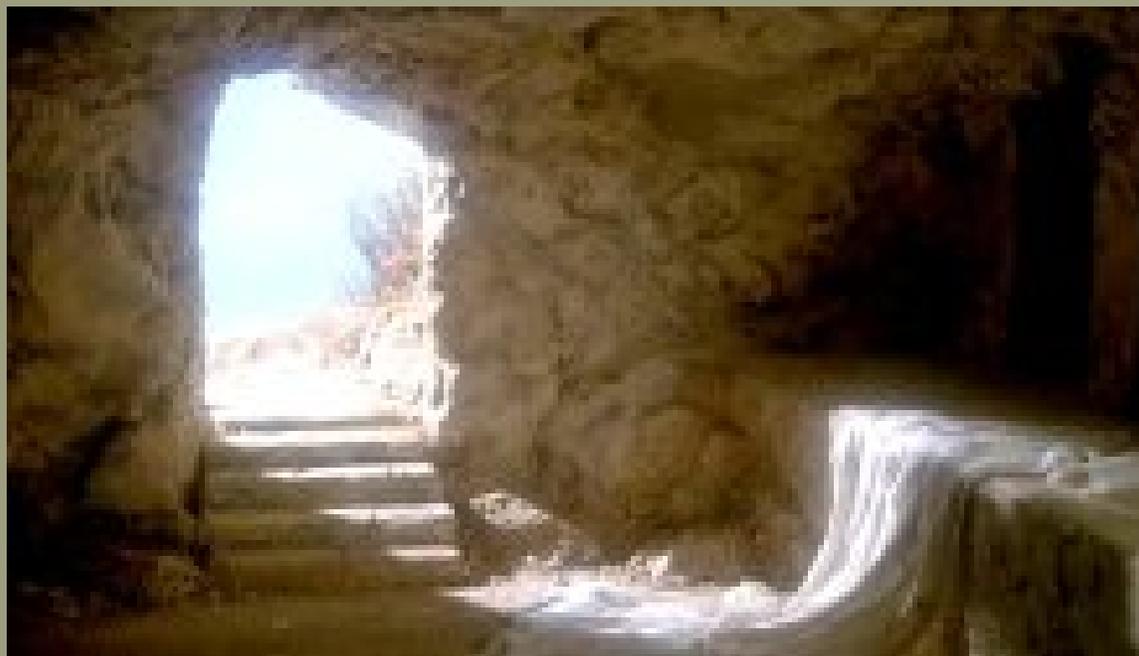
Merciful Father, accept these prayers through our saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen



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[Great Things](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4CY3nf1Mvw)

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.



New Songs - Some we have sung a few times and others are new to us

- Living Hope <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyOJInn5SZI>
- Who You Say I Am https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcC1Bp13n_4
- While I Wait <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkE-gEzTYJE>
- O Praise the Name <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqBpifDpNKc>
- Rescuer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7wCfHXgJbdg>
- Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxKLnySMbYM>
- Great Things <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4CY3nf1Mvw>
- Way Maker <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29IxnsqOkmQ>
- Come To the Table <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXXxLwxfo0U>
- Good Good Father <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ak0OoFBw3c>
- What A Beautiful Name https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUBBlddm_rM
- Do It Again https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0B_InQlITxU

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Lively Uplifting Songs - to dance around the kitchen to or bop in your chair

- Alive <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEvEVALLjNQ>
- Falling Into You <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlsthBWtxAI>
- Dance https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kkb7yf_fYDU
- This is Living <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gTojDT3Ky2c>
- Real Love <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xUI7aVsQ>
- Deep Down <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIX19TfG07U>
- Backseat Driver https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kME_Q5V82Us
- Love Broke Thru <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f42ykMcndeo>
- Move <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MX1G71WK-FA>

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