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Sunday 9 August  
2020

# Worship Songs

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[I Hear the Sound](#)

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## Bible reading

### **Rom 10: 5-15 - New International Version (NIV)**

Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

# Bible reading Romans 10:5-15

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xmZ8qqNjfwY>



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[Our God Reigns](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Px_MlclwLEw)

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# Thought for Today

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# Thought for Today

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**TRINITY 9 SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 2020**

**By Jill Macdonald**

**Rom 10: 5-15**

Some things I say this morning may be a bit controversial for some of you: all I ask is that you will think about it in the light of the Holy Spirit's guidance before you dismiss it out of hand!

I can still remember pretty well the first time I told someone that I was a Christian. I was in my early 30s, had not long given my life to Jesus, and I can remember feeling very nervous as I realised the moment had come to 'fess up' as they say. An opportunity had 'opened up' in a conversation I was having with someone to speak of my new faith; and the Holy Spirit was prompting me to speak out openly about it for the first time.

I actually felt very vulnerable and exposed and I remember it took a tremendous amount of courage to say the words 'I am a Christian and so therefore I don't feel I can do this or that, or go there or whatever.....'

But in fact, using that statement 'I am a Christian' is more powerful than saying 'I go to church'. It's a much more personal declaration of faith. Even today, many people may say they go to church but haven't a clue who Jesus really is, what faith in him entails, and have no conception of a relationship with him.

# Thought for Today

## **Rom 10: 5-15**

A vicar we once had here told me that he rarely said that he believed in God because, in his view, everyone has a god of some description – money, job, the car (washing), children.....

He would say that he believed in Jesus as his Saviour because that immediately made a significant distinction between Christianity and other faiths.

For it is true that many people, some Christians included, think that God is universal. By that I mean that God is the same God for every faith, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and so on. In other words, all roads lead to God so it doesn't matter which one we choose to take.

But, in my opinion, if we are professing to be a follower of Jesus, we should not believe that: and the reason I say this is because of some of the key things Jesus himself said:

- The only way to a heavenly eternal life with God is to believe in Jesus – John 6: 40 'Everyone who looks to the Son (Jesus) and believes in him shall have eternal life'
- The only way to be forgiven for sins committed is through confession to Jesus - Matt 26: 28 'This is my blood of the covenant which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins'

# Thought for Today

## **Rom 10: 5-15**

- The only way to God the Father is through Jesus – John 14: 6 ‘Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me’

In essence, Christians believe that Jesus is the Son of God; he died on a cross carrying the punishment for the sins of the whole world; and he rose again so that we can have eternal life with him. No other faith believes that. At best they acknowledge that Jesus was an historical figure, a good man, maybe even a prophet; but that’s as far as they go.

So, there’s a uniqueness to being a Christian. We believe things concerning Jesus that no other faith believes.....and we need to have that clear in our minds. There should be no fuzzing around the edges or mixing bits of other faiths in with ours – even though there will be similarities. Christianity is distinct and different to all other faiths: not least because it’s the only faith that is based on a relationship not a set of rules.

So, where on earth am I going with this? Why am I emphasising the fact that we need to make sure that we have clear in our minds the uniqueness of our faith?

Verse 9 from our reading today says – ‘If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.’

# Thought for Today

## **Rom 10: 5-15**

At the time of my 'first public declaration' so to speak I knew I believed all this in my heart; but verse 9 specifically specifies that we need to believe in our hearts AND confess with our mouths that Jesus Christ is Lord in order to be saved.

This greatly disputes the view of 'my faith is a private matter'. The belief that it's no-one else's business.

Something which we should never forget is that our God wants everyone to be saved for eternal life through Jesus. Jesus died for everyone, not for an elite few; and verse 13 assures us that 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved'.

Then we have verses 14 and 15 which are a plea for all those who have not yet made that call.

In a nutshell, they ask how anyone can believe in Jesus if no-one tells them about him. 'Anyone' refers to our family, friends, neighbours, people in our community around this church.

It's down to us to actively tell others the Good News that's found in Jesus Christ. We need to be sensitive to the opportunities that God will give us to share our faith, and then vocalise it.

# Thought for Today

## **Rom 10: 5-15**

That's why it's so important that we keep growing in our knowledge of Jesus because we must tell the truth as told to us in the Bible and not our own nuances about what we think the Christian faith is all about.

People need to know that we are the way we are because of Jesus. We do and don't do certain things because we follow how Jesus wants us to live.

This is actually a huge responsibility!!

So many people have a mixed up, muddied view of what Christianity and Jesus is all about based on a variety of equally mixed up and muddied sources. Once we find the courage to tell others who Jesus is and what he means to us we must have the truth clear in our minds and in our hearts in order to share it.

Politicians are very good at twisting the truth to suit their own ends as well as also telling downright lies.

We must not be tarred with their brush!

We must grow into bold and completely honest sharers of our faith.



# Prayers

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## **Intercessions for Trinity 9 - Sunday 9 August 2020**

Father God we pray for your church and for all those who profess to follow your Son, Jesus. Give us an ongoing desire to keep growing in our knowledge and understanding of who he is; give us Holy Spirit discernment and ability to absorb the holy truth of the scriptures; and give us the dedication and boldness to speak out the Good News at any and every opportunity. May we become known as people of integrity and compassion who are confident and fearless in standing up for, and spreading, the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer

# Prayers

2

Father God, in a world full of trouble and strife, heartache and needless death, we pray especially today for Beirut and the surrounding countryside in the wake of the massive explosion in the dock area this week. The images we have seen on our television screens leave us feeling helpless and impotent. We can't even imagine the horror the people who are living in the aftermath of this disaster are feeling.

So, we cry out to you, our mighty and magnificent God, and ask that help will flood into that country from all around the world. We ask that you give the people the strength they will need to pick themselves up and rebuild. We ask that enemies become friends as compassion drives people to work together for the good of all. We ask that wisdom will abound in all those given the responsibility to distribute resources and aid to everyone in need. We ask that shelters can quickly be erected for the thousands left homeless. We ask that all Christians living in the situation will be given godly, supernatural strength to help others and witness to a Living God when, to many, you may seem absent.

Lord in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayer

# Prayers

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Father God, we thank you that Chris and Rachel's on-line camp was a success and Sharon's kid's holiday club has got off to a good start.

We pray that you will infuse Lion Farm with your peace and tranquillity, especially after the recent conflict which resulted in a shooting. We ask that you change hearts and minds so that there is a genuine desire for harmony between the families and neighbours within our community.

Lord in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayer



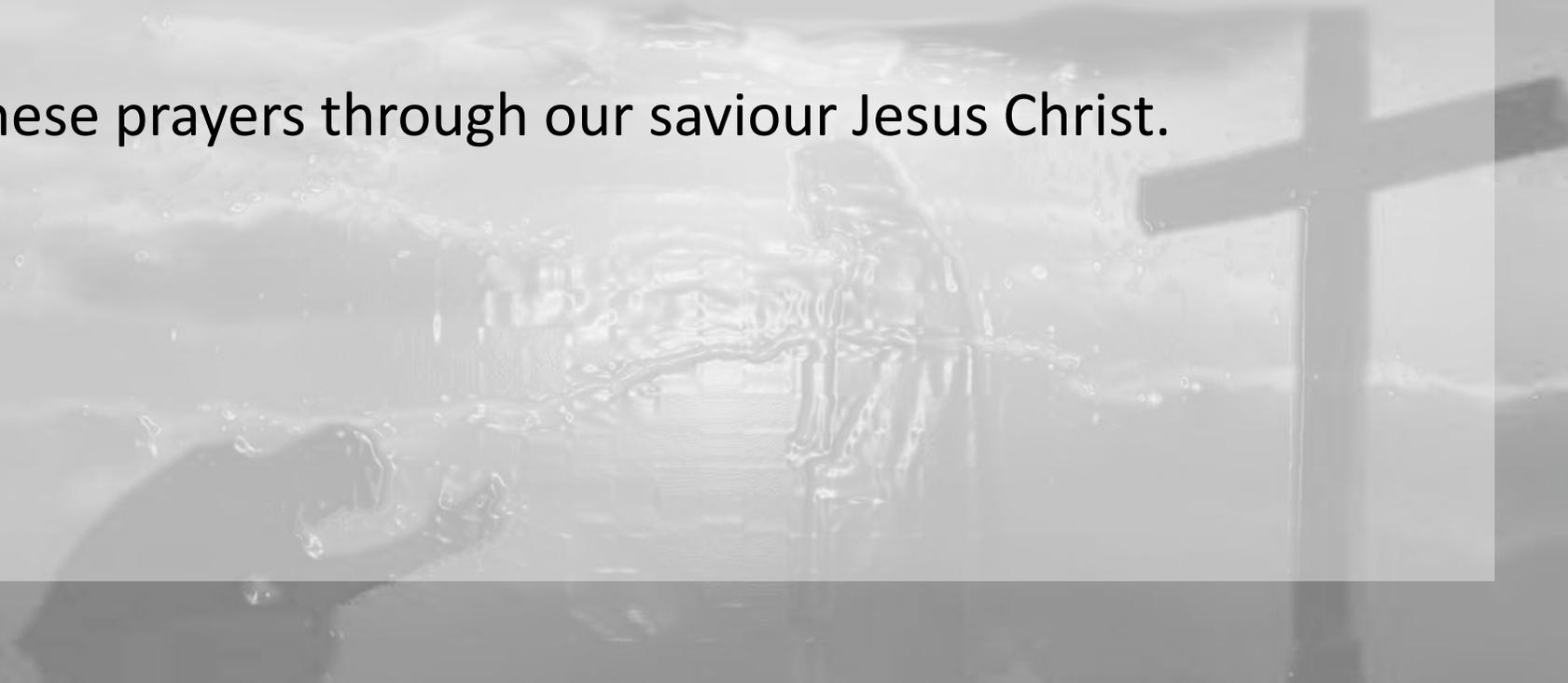
# Prayers

Father God, in a moment of silence we name before you all whom we know who are suffering in any way, whether it be in body, mind, or spirit.....

May your healing touch be upon them and may your presence bring comfort which is tangible.

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

Amen



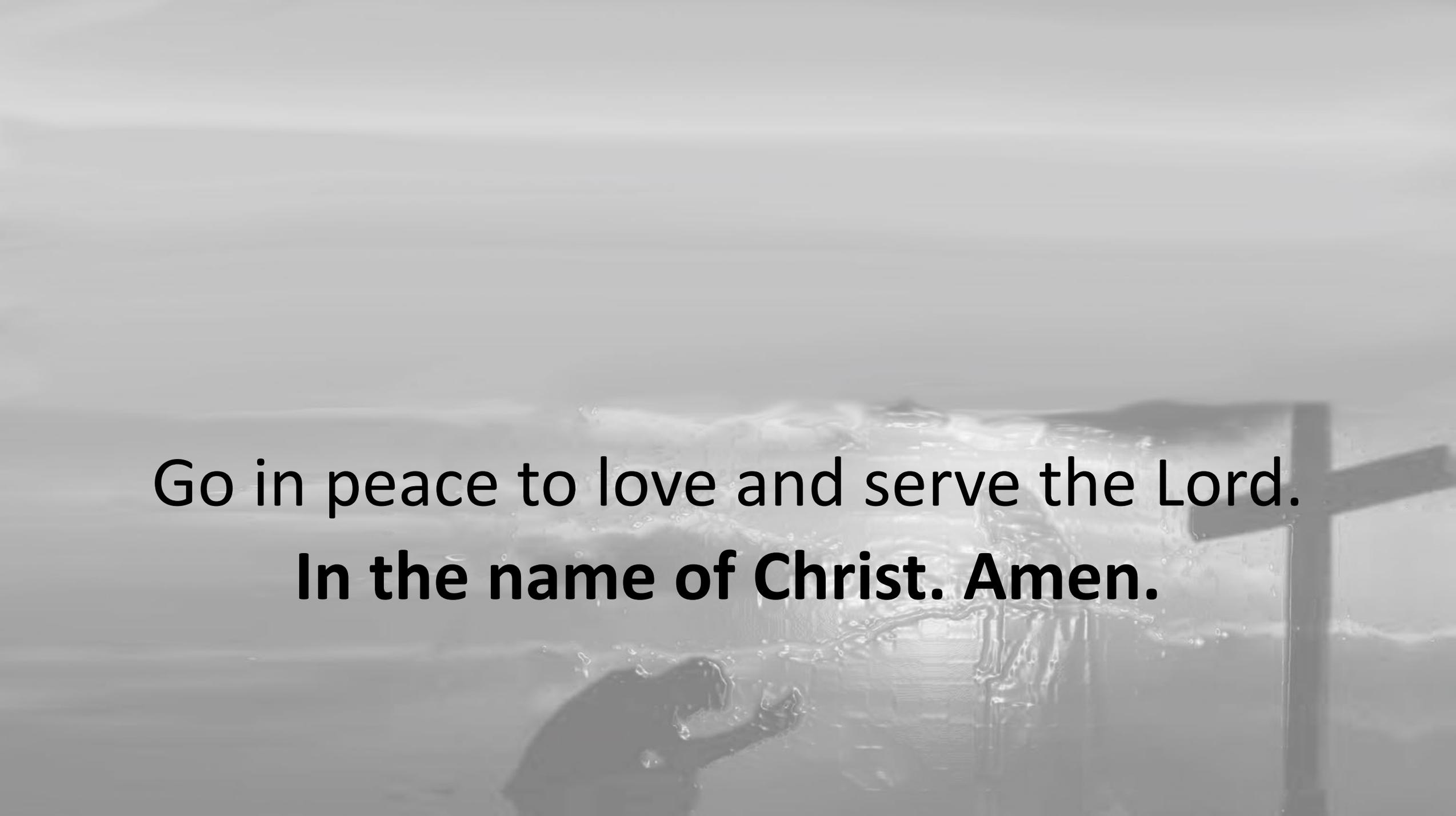
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## [Mighty to Save](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HnXX8TbUX-E>



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=CUBBloddm> rM
- Do It Again [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0B\\_InQIITxU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0B_InQIITxU)

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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](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](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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