

ABIDE IN NIGHT



Here I Am To Worship

Verse 1

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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Holy Spirit

Verse 1

There's nothing worth more that will ever
come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope
Your Presence

Verse 2

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame
is undone
In Your Presence Lord

Chorus

Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

Interlude 1

Your Presence Lord

Interlude 2

Your Presence Lord

Your Presence

Oh God how we love Your Presence Lord

Bridge

Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness
(Lord)

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Build My Life

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever
breathe
We live for You

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever
breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Chorus

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me
who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around
me

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

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Breath

Verse 1

This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me

Verse 2

This is my daily bread
This is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me

Chorus 1

And I, I'm desperate for You
And I, I'm lost without You

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RECEIVE THE SPIRIT

We are in the season of Eastertide- the fifty days between Easter and Pentecost- in which we joyfully encounter the resurrected Jesus through the awestruck eyes of his very first disciples.

PAUSE

As I enter prayer now, I pause to be still; to breathe slowly, to re-center my scattered senses upon the presence of God.

PAUSE AND PRAY

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Lord Jesus Christ, alive though you died, meet with me now, speak to me now, and grant me your peace, both here in these moments of prayer, and throughout the day to come.

REJOICE AND REFLECT

I choose to rejoice in God's grace in giving his Spirit today, joining with the ancient praise of all God's people in the words of Psalm 143...

Rescue me from my enemies, Lord;
I run to you to hide me.
Teach me to do your will.
for you are my God.
May your gracious Spirit
lead me forward on a firm footing.

PAUSE AND PRAY



Today I reflect on the presence of God's Spirit and the call to forgiveness that Jesus imparts...

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.' ²³If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

Jesus enacts the ongoing story of the gospel, the sending heart of God. Jesus was sent in love to the world and is forever the God who sends his people in love, sending peace to places of pain, and presence to places of need.

I take a moment to arrange my body in a position that feels open- open hands, open heart, open life. I receive the words of Jesus, "Peace be with you, as the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

ASK

What limits have I put on my own ability to be sent today? I name one barrier: time, resource, energy, joy.

Holy Spirit, will you reset my own boundaries and limitations today? Send me out with the power of your love to the places I will go.



PAUSE AND PRAY

I pray for my church: that we would be a public witness to the power of the gospel, a community who breathe in to receive the power of the Spirit and breathe out love to the world. I pray that we would be boldly empowered to raise up a generation of witnesses who declare the life of Jesus.

PAUSE AND PRAY

YIELD

As I return to the passage, I look out for a particular word or phrase that the Holy Spirit seems to be highlighting to me today...

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I take a moment to reflect now on any word or phrase that the Holy Spirit is highlighting for me.

PAUSE

I hear the challenge and love in these words: receive the Holy Spirit and forgive. I take a moment and think of the wounds I can so easily accumulate, the small wrongs I harbor in my soul, unforgiven, festering. Spiritual director Ronal Rolheiser writes of forgiveness in this way:

Jesus defines glory very differently than we do.

Glory consists in being deep in compassion, forgiveness, and graciousness.



PAUSE AND PRAY

YIELDING PRAYER

Jesus, reveal to me even my small bitternesses,
The places where I harbour wounds and unforgiveness.
Show me how to release splinters of my pain,
Fill my heart with your grace.
As you have forgiven me,
Show me how to forgive.

YIELDING PROMISE

And now, as I prepare to take this time of prayer into the coming days, the Lord who loves me says in 1 John:

I am writing to you
who are God's children
because your sins have
been forgiven through
Jesus.

1 John 2:12 (NLT)

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, help me to live this day to the full,
being true to you in every way.
Jesus, help me to give myself away to others,
being kind to everyone I meet.
Spirit, help me to love the lost,
proclaiming Christ in all I do and say.
Amen.



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Center

Verse 1

Maybe we've made this complicated
More than it was ever meant to be
Hasn't it always been about the same thing
Lord bring us back to simple things

Chorus

You be the center of it all
My heart belongs to You
My Savior all in all
You're the One I hold on to
For the beauty of Your Name
My soul will live to say
Jesus I love You

Verse 2

Teach us to discern the moment
When to serve and when to sit here at Your feet
Keep us awake to what's important
Just like Mary chose the better thing

Tag

Oh how I love You
Oh how I love You
Jesus I love You

Bridge

And my whole life for Your glory
My whole world for You only
Everything for the honor of Your Name
And if my days tell a story
Let it be of You only
Everything for the honor of Your Name

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