



CHRIST THE LIBERATOR

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Holy Things Do Not Die

Prelude – the Band

Orientation – Jim Hamilton

Meditation – the Band

“When I feed the poor, they call me a saint, but when I ask why the poor are hungry, they call me a communist.”

Dom Helder Camara Archbishop of Recife in Brazil

Song – Everybody Wants to Rule the World - Tears for Fears – the Band

learn and sing

**Welcome to your life
There's no turning back
Even while we sleep
We will find you**

**Acting on your best behaviour
Turn your back on mother nature
Everybody wants to rule the world**

**It's my own design
It's my own remorse
Help me to decide
Help me make the most**

**Of freedom and of pleasure
Nothing ever lasts forever
Everybody wants to rule the world**

**There's a room where the light won't find you
Holding hands while the walls come tumbling down
When they do I'll be right behind you**

**So glad we've almost made it
So sad they had to fade it
Everybody wants to rule the world**

**I can't stand this indecision
Married with a lack of vision
Everybody wants to rule the world
Say that you'll never never never need it
One headline why believe it?
Everybody wants to rule the world**

**All for freedom and for pleasure
Nothing ever lasts forever
Everybody wants to rule the world**

Welcome

Mr. Freckles & Kid's Breakout

**God be in my head
God be in my words
God be in my heart
God be in my hands
God be in my whole self**

Peace

Reading One – A Prayer for My People – Matthew Shenoda

That one day
we will wish
to be nothing more
than what we are.

That we will see
within ourselves
the liberation of nations, of concrete.

That we will understand
the inevitability
in the lines of our hands.

There is a war raging in our backyard
With it my sister's spirit burns

That the fire of my sister's spirit
will consume our enemies
& burn our streets clean.

There's a system of mangled necks
Whose heads speak with oracle tongues

That we should learn to walk
with wounded feet

That our eyes must be liberated
from their granite

That our hands re-root themselves
from the pools of acid rain

There's a river forming in the bureaucrat's head
Its water made from rusted milk

That we may understand this false constructed world & know:

Holy things
Do not die!

Psalm 46 – the Band

learn and sing

**The river makes glad the city of God.
The river is all around us.**

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**The river makes glad the city of God.
The river is all around us.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**The river makes glad the city of God.
The river is all around us.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
“Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.”
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**The river makes glad the city of God.
The river is all around us.**

Prayers of the People – Jim

Somethin' filled up
My heart with nothin'
Someone told me not to cry

Now that I'm older
My heart's colder
And I can see that it's a lie

Children, wake up
Hold your mistake up
Before they turn the summer into dust

If the children don't grow up
Our bodies get bigger but our hearts get torn up
We're just a million little god's causin' rain storms
Turnin' every good thing to rust
I guess we'll just have to adjust

With my lightnin' bolts a-glowin
I can see where I am goin' to be
When the reaper he reaches and touches my hand

With my lightnin' bolts a-glowin'
I can see where I am goin'
With my lightnin' bolts a-glowin'
I can see where I am go, goin'
You better look out below

Reading Two – Luke 6:20-31 – Vaughn

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The sun shines on everyone
The sun shines on everyone
The sun shines on everyone

It doesn't make choices
It doesn't make choices

When it rains, it rains on everyone
When it rains, it rains on everyone
When it rains, it rains on everyone

It doesn't make choices
It doesn't make choices

The one spirit lives in everyone
The one spirit lives in everyone
The one spirit lives in everyone

It doesn't make choices
It doesn't make choices

And we pray, we pray for everyone
Yes, we pray, we pray for everyone
We pray, we pray for everyone

We don't make choices
We don't make choices

A Discussion – Jim

Song – The Greatest – Cat Power – the Band

sung for you

Once I wanted to be the greatest No wind or waterfall could stall me And then came the rush of the flood Stars at night turned deep to dust	Make 'em wash a space in town For the lead And the dregs of my bed I've been sleeping Lower me down Pin me in Secure the grounds For the later parade	Pin me in Secure the grounds For the lead And the dregs of my bed I've been sleeping For the later parade
Melt me down Into big black armour Leave no trace of grace Just in your honor	Once I wanted to be the greatest Two fists of solid rock With brains that could explain Any feeling Lower me down	Once I wanted to be the greatest No wind or waterfall could stall me And then came the rush of the flood The stars at night turned deep to dust

Offering Sentence

“So we speak of a Black God, Mother God, Worker God. This de-mystifies what's been passed on to us! In our process of organization and liberation of our people, it's important to meet a God who is more like us.”

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Eucharist and Post Communion Prayer – Amy

All are welcome at the Eucharistic table. If you do not wish to partake, feel free to take this time for meditation and personal reflection.

Post Eucharistic Prayer and Blessing – Amy

Announcements and Action – Vaughn

Song – I Want Jesus to Walk With Me – the Band

learn and sing

I want Jesus to walk with me

I want Jesus to walk with me

All along my pilgrim journey

I want Jesus to walk with me

In my trials, Lord, walk with me

In my trials, Lord, walk with me

When the shades of life are falling

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me

In my sorrows, Lord walk with me

In my sorrows, Lord walk with me

When my heart within is aching

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me

In my troubles, Lord walk with me

In my troubles, Lord walk with me

When my head is bowed in sorrows,

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me

Dismissal and Invitation – Amy
