

Hi, everyone,

I have tried to prepare something for this morning as its my week to lead and I've ended up with a few songs and some comments that I've found helpful, so I hope they are helpful for you too.

I have gone a little off piste in choosing some songs that we probably don't all know but I hope you can still use them to worship. I think they all have the words on the videos. Apologies about the ads – click on the 'Skip the ads' button to get rid of them after the 5 second countdown – don't think I can do any about them.

Anyway here are six songs for you to use with short intros from me, and a couple of ideas from other people:-

1. You are here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wk5f5mtK7g0>

Let's come before God knowing he is Immanuel, God with us. Let's settle our thoughts, cast our anxieties on him as he asks, and bring him our worship.

2. Faithful One - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PjSO5IhI0M>

In these uncertain times let's remember that he is our rock in times of trouble, a firm foundation, not shifting sand.

3. Comment from the London Institute from Contemporary Christianity -

https://www.licc.org.uk/resources/the-fear-of-death-the-shield-of-david/?utm_source=Receive+emails+from+LICC&utm_campaign=8650837c5a-20200320_CwC_The_Fear_of_Death&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_4c5e4c21df-8650837c5a-30543365&mc_cid=8650837c5a&mc_eid=a1db75b854

4. The Lord's My Shepherd - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN4tPkX0MG0>

He is with us as we walk the darkest path, we can trust him, he will never leave us.

5. His banner over me is love - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LWvKtgK5Jg0>

Thinking more about Psalm 23 he prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies..., also Song of Solomon – his banner over me is love. I suppose we may be isolated from our enemies as well as our friends at the moment, but I am thinking that God looks after us whatever difficult situations we are in. Let's celebrate his great love for us and thank him.

6. Comment from Colin Hart, Director of the Christian Institute – Some reasons to give thanks.

<https://mailchi.mp/christian/message-from-colin-hart-some-reasons-to-give-thanks?e=2e5188e176>

7. King of kings - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of5lcFWiEpg>

Let's remember he is King of kings and reigns over all.

8. We are blessed - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6agHVzI5OsU>

Knowing God is with us and blesses us, let's bless those around us in what we do and in how we pray.

9. A couple more thoughts about praying in the current situation -

https://thinktheology.co.uk/blog/article/the_corona_virus_experiment – not just for leaders

https://www.eauk.org/what-we-do/prayer-centre/national-day-of-prayer-about-the-coronavirus-crisis?utm_source=SU+Scotland+supporters&utm_campaign=c49b7dfc91-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_08_11_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ae215b57ea-c49b7dfc91-37470873

10. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all this week.