

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT HOME
31st May 2020 at 10.30
A CELEBRATION OF PENTECOST



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God of love, for all you have in store for us -thank you.
Help us to walk into the future with faith in your promises, and alive through your life in us. **Amen**

OUR OFFERING

Lord we give our gifts, skills, time and energy to use
according to your will.

We offer and lay aside our gifts of money to you, to be
used for your Kingdom purposes. **AMEN**

LET'S SING TOGETHER

Deep down in my heart, God's Spirit is moving
Deep down in my heart as the prophet said it would be
Deep down in my heart, there's a mighty revelation
Of the Glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea

Right here in this place the Spirit is moving,
Right here in this place as the prophet said it would be;
Right here in this place there's a mighty revelation
Of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

All over His church God's Spirit is moving,
All over His church as the prophet said it would be;
All over His church there's a mighty revelation
Of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

All over the world, the Spirit is moving
All over the world as the prophet said it would be;
All over the world there's a mighty revelation
Of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

A BLESSING

God bless us all as
we are filled with the Power of the Spirit
To help God's Grace to be known
To bring hope to our neighbours
And the love of Christ to all. **AMEN**



HE DIED FOR ME, I WILL LIVE FOR HIM