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Call to Worship

This is a thin place
This is a thin place
Where earth and heaven embrace
Where past interweaves with future
Where people gather expectantly

This is a thin place
Where hopes are renewed
Where faith is restored
Where peace is revived
Where love is refreshed

This is a thin place
Where fresh words are heard
Deep wisdom revealed
Daring promises proclaimed

This is a thin place
Where the God who shaped us
The Christ who remakes us
The Spirit who inspires us
Walk among us
Full of grace and truth

God above us
God beside us
God within us
May we be open to see and hear
Your grace revealed
As we worship you this day

(Source: Craig Mitchell 2018)

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Come as you are: that's how I want you.
Come as you are; feel quite at home,
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven.
Come as you are: why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits;
no need to fear, love never ends;
Don't run away shamed and disheartened,
rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the
righteous;
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are; that's how I love you;
come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear
you;
all will be well, just come as you are.

Prayer:

Most wonderful God,
foolish and flawed though we are,
we too delight in your beloved Son.

As in his name we gather
in the house of many praises,
may the heavens be opened for us,
that we may catch a glimpse
of that Light and Love
that transforms our common days
with a beauty not of our making.

Through Christ Jesus, Immanuel,
God with us
Amen!

Encountering the Living Word

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning,
when God created the universe,
² the earth was formless and desolate.
The raging ocean that covered everything
was engulfed in total darkness,
and the Spirit of God was moving over the
water.

³ Then God commanded,
“Let there be light”—and light appeared.

⁴ God was pleased with what he saw.
Then he separated the light from the
darkness,

⁵ and he named the light “Day”
and the darkness “Night.”

Evening passed and morning came
—that was the first day.

Linking our readings

Mark 1:4-11

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the
wilderness, preaching a baptism of
repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The
whole Judean countryside and all the people
of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their
sins, they were baptised by him in the River
Jordan. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel’s
hair, with a leather belt round his waist, and
he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was
his message: ‘After me comes the one more
powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I
am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I
baptise you with water, but he will baptise you
with the Holy Spirit.’

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in
Galilee and was baptised by John in the
Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of
the water, he saw heaven being torn open and
the Spirit descending on him like a
dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: ‘You
are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well
pleased.’

The Sea of God

Jesus looked down, on the Jordan
Jesus looked down, on the Jordan
Jesus looked down, on the Jordan
For the drowning, day had come

Jesus sank down, in that water
Jesus sank down, in that water
Jesus sank down, in that water
And he rose up into the sun

We are rivers, who love the ocean
We are travellers everyone
Let the waters, overflow us
The sea of God, holds everyone

The Holy Spirit, fell upon him
The Holy Spirit, fell upon him
The Holy Spirit, fell upon him
The voice proclaimed him, beloved
son

We are rivers, who love the ocean ...

The Spirit sent him, into the silence
The Spirit sent him, into the silence
The Spirit sent him, into the silence
Into the shadow, the desert stone

We are rivers, who love the ocean ...

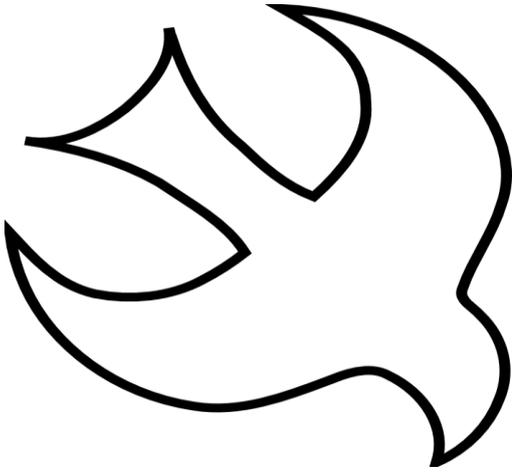
We’re all invited to flow together
We’re all invited to flow together
We’re all invited to flow together
For we are many – we are one

We are rivers, who love the ocean ...

(John Coleman)

REFLECTION

RESPONDING WITH OUR LIVES



***Come Holy Spirit
Gracious heavenly dove ...
Come Fire of Love***

**You are my child
I love you and
I am so pleased with you**

Prayers for Others

Come, Holy Spirit
Response: Fill our lives

(Lighting of Candles)



ABORIGINAL OUR FATHER

**You are our Father, you live in
heaven
We talk to you, Father you are good.
*Repeat***

**We believe your word Father
We are your children give us bread
today
*Repeat***

**We have done wrong, we are sorry
Help us Father not to sin again
*Repeat***

**Others have done wrong to us
And we are sorry for them Father
today
*Repeat***

**Stop us from doing wrong Father
Save us all from the evil one
*Repeat***

**You are our Father, you live in
heaven
We talk to you, Father you are good.
*Repeat***

(Tune TiS 584ii)

Just as we are, your servants here,
Sure of your loving presence near,
Offering all our hearts hold dear,
Accepting God, we come.

Just as we are, with all our pain,
Deeply-felt wrongs which long remain,
Chances we know won't come again,
Forgiving God, we come.

Just as we are, you made us so,
Plain earthen pots no beauty show,
Yet deep within your treasures glow,
Affirming God, we come.

Just as we are, we come to you,
Trusting your promise ever true,
"See, I am making all things new!"
Renewing God, we come.

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Sending out prayer

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Father, bless us as we go,
Jesus, walk beside us.
Holy Spirit, guide us. (*Repeat*)