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Come as You Are

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 virtuous.
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.

Peruvian Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Father!

Glory to God, glory to God,

glory to the Father!

To God be glory forever!

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Alleluia, Amen! *Alleluia, Amen!*

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Alleluia, Amen! *Alleluia, Amen!*

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to Christ Jesus...

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Spirit...

Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.

I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.

He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.



Faithfully he brings true justice:
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on

earth, for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right.

I have taken you by the hand and formed you.

I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,

to free captives from prison,

and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

Psalm 28(29):1-4,9-10 *Nan C. Merrill*

The Beloved lives in our hearts.

Love dwells with us forever.

Give praise to the Beloved, O heavenly hosts,
Sing of Love's glory and strength.
Exalt the glory of Love's Name;
Adore the Beloved in holy splendour.

The voice of the Beloved is upon the waters;

Love's voice echoes over the oceans and seas.

The voice of Love is powerful, majestic is the heart of Love.

The voice of Love is heard in every storm,
and strips the ego bare;
And in the heart's chapel, all cry,
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"Peace and Glory forever!"

Acts 10:34-38

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God.

'It is true, God sent the Word to the people of Israel, and it



was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all

people. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Matthew 3:13-17



Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the

time being; it is fitting that we

should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.’ At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.’

Lectio

Creed

Leader: We believe in God
All The one who reveals new life when all seems dead.
We believe in the new, in the incarnation which renews the face of the earth.

Pause

Leader: We believe in Jesus Christ
All: the pledge to us of God’s promise of new life.
We believe in the new, in the possibilities in our midst that challenge us to see with new eyes.

Pause

Leader: We believe in the Spirit:
All: Whose power enables us to make things new.
We believe in the new heaven and the new earth coming to birth before our eyes.

Pause

May it be so...Amen

Prayers of the Faithful

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation,
thanks to your goodness this bread we offer:
fruit of the earth, work of our hands,
it will become the bread of life.

*Blessed be God! Blessed be God!
Blessed be God forever! Amen!
Blessed be God! Blessed be God!
Blessed be God forever! Amen!*

Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation,
thanks to your goodness this wine we offer:
fruit of the earth, work of our hands,
it will become the cup of life.

Our Father

Creator God, Perfect Love We turn again to you.
Guide us, help us to love, so that your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day all that we need.
Fill us with hope and trust.
Help us to forgive our brothers and sisters (and ourselves as well, and look upon them as you look on us.

Give us the strength to resist temptation. When we are tempted let us choose peace.

Deliver us from our fears for what you love is safe and your love remains forever and always. Amen

Announcements

Thought for the Road Ahead

A Blessing *Jan Richardson*

Beloved.

Is there any other word needs saying, any other blessing could compare with this name, this knowing?

Beloved

Beloved.

Comes like a mercy to the ear that has never heard it.
Comes like a river to the body that has never seen such grace.

Beloved.

Comes holy to the heart aching to be new.
Comes healing to the soul wanting to begin again.

Beloved.

Keep saying it and though it may sound strange at first, watch how it becomes part of you, how it becomes you, as if you never could have known yourself anything else, as if you could ever have been other than this:

Beloved.

Blessing

Final Hymn

God's Spirit is in my heart,
has called me and set me apart.
This is what I have to do,
what I have to do.

*God sent me to give the Good News
to the poor;
Tell prisoners that they are
prisoners no more,
Tell blind people that they can see,
And set the downtrodden free
And go tell everyone the news that
the Kingdom of God has come,
And go tell everyone the news that
the God's Kingdom has come.*

Don't worry what you have to say,
Don't worry because on that day
God's Spirit will speak in your heart,
Will speak in your heart.