

When deep despair casts out all light
and hope is wearing thin;
come Spirit, dance with gentle grace,
shine though the dullness we embrace
and make the colours sing;
and make the colours sing.

When greed dictates that children die
And poverty holds sway
Come spirit burn as a living flame
Prompt to act to end this shame
Cast apathy away
Cast apathy away

When colour lifestyle creed or name
Cause groundless hate and fear
Come spirit weave aweb of peace
That prejudice and violence cease
Reveal gods purpose here
Reveal gods purpose here

When guilt and fear tear us apart
And faiths a better cure
Come spirit dance with gentle grace
Shine through the dullness we embrace
And make Gods colours sing
And make God's colour sing

The Cotteridge Church

Easter 6 Sunday 22nd May 2022



Bible Readings

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

Collect for Easter 6

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory
of God the Father.
Amen

I love a quotation and paraphrase of Martin Luther: “Can a rock that has been in the sunlight all day not fail to give off warmth and heat at night?” Can a rock that has been in the warmth and heat of the sun light all day not fail to give off warmth and heat at night? Can a Christian who has lived in the sunlight of God’s love not fail to give off warmth and love? No. That is why you have to have first things first. You don’t say to others, “Start loving each other. Be nice. Be nice. Be nice.” No, no, no. First, we need to live in the sunlight of God’s love. We need to bake in the sunlight of God’s compassion. We need to absorb God’s light into us. And then...we start to give off the love. May your light shine on me, God. May your love shine on us, God, so that there will be peace in our family and on the earth.