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.

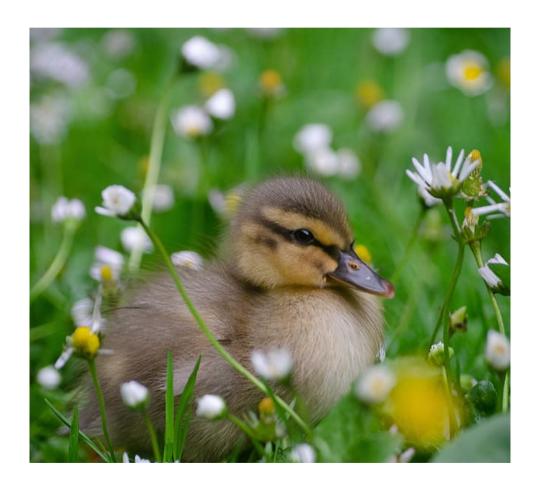
When greed dictates that children die And poverty holds sway Come spirit burn as a living flame Prompt to act to end this shame Cast apathy away Cast apathy away

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 usapart
And faiths a better cure
Come spirit dance with gentle grace
Shine through the dullhesswe embrace
And make Gods colours sing
And make God's colour sing

## The Cotteridge Church

Easter 6 Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.