

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 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.