

Calmness

Running water

Rolling green, pastoral flavoured cool hillside scenes.

A favourite picture pulling you in
inviting you to dream

serene

reassuring

encouraging

the unknown slowly slipping

filtering into the known

overlapping

one another

together

Lord

Your life flows through history

Cutting into our lives

And flowing through us

Helping us to feel your love for all life.

Helping us to place you at the center of our lives

For you alone,

Almighty God:

Father, Son and Spirit
are worthy of praise.

You brought colour to the cheeks of the world.
And you deepen our faith in you
So that we may be more effective witness
of your love in the world

Yet we confess this morning
To each other and to you
Our drabness when faced with your requests
Our desire to control
Rather than simply relax and share your life

Your Spirit,
flows through history.
Assuring us that we are forgiven.
Help us to let go
To move forward with a light but sure step
Never a backward glance
Focused always on your will for the future.

Let your Spirit
dance around us and enchant us

quicken us
Filling each of us with zeal
enthusiasm
eagerness
ardour even.

and help us joyfully to paint your gospel in bright
colours
and large letters on the drab walls of the world.

For as your life flows
It leaps from generation to generation
Helping us all
to start new a journey
yet continue an old one
as we meet you
our Lord
through the spirit of Pentecost.

Almighty and ever loving God
You fulfilled the promise of Easter
By sending your Holy Spirit
And opening the way of eternal life
To every race and nation

Keep us in the unity of your Spirit,
That every tongue may tell of your glory

through Jesus Christ our Lord
who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit
one God now and forever.