

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.