Come to the River

Bob Hurd

Choral Arrangement by Craig Kingsbury

Piano Accompaniment by Dominic MacAller

*REFRAIN (\( \frac{3}{4} \) ca. 96) With a gospel feel.

Soprano/All Alto

Tenor Bass

Piano

Come, O come, come to the river

Flowing from the body of Christ.

*Play first eight measures as an introduction.
Come to the River

We'll go down, deep in the water,

but in the Lord we shall arise.

But in the Lord we shall arise.
Come to the River

VERSES

1. Washed in waters of rebirth,
2. Priestly people are we,
3. Blest are those who thirst
4. Let us walk in the light
5. Those who sow in tears

1. We have put on Christ Jesus,
2. Sealed and sent by the Spirit,
3. For the reign of God's justice,
4. Of God's holy promise,
5. Reap the harvest rejoicing.

D.S.
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(Guitar/Vocal)

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Performance Notes

This song for the sprinkling rite is one of several new additions to the Mass Of Glory. It may also serve as a preparation or communion song during the Easter season, and for baptisms, especially at the Easter Vigil. For a musically integrated sprinkling rite, consider the following format:

Come to the River ➜ Greeting and Invitation ➜ Blessing of Water or Thanksgiving over Water ➜ Sprinkling

refrain, vs. 1, refrain or just refrain chanted or quiet underscoring of refrain accompanies spoken prayer resume singing

A somewhat simpler format is illustrated on the recording. With the priest and assisting ministers in place at the font, the liturgy begins with the greeting and invitation, and moves on from there. When the greeting and invitation are chanted, the following setting may be used.

—B.H.
COME TO THE RIVER

REFRAIN

Come, O come, come to the river flowing from the body of Christ. We’ll go down, deep in the water, but in the Lord we shall arise. But in the Lord we shall arise.

VERSES

1. Washed in waters of rebirth, we have put on Christ Jesus.
2. Priestly people are we, sealed and sent by the Spirit.
3. Blest are those who thirst, for the reign of God’s justice.
4. Let us walk in the light, reap the harvest rejoicing.
5. Those who sow in tears, of God’s holy promise.

1-5 to Refrain

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