Come to the River

Bob Hurd
Choral arrangement by Craig S. Kingsbury
Piano accompaniment by Dominic MacAller

*REFRAIN (akin = 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.

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*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.
VERSES

Cantor

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

S

T

B

C

B\%/C

F

B\%/F

F

D.C.

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.C.

A7

Dm

Dm/C

B\b

B\%/C

Oh

Oh

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Come to the River
INTRO  With a gospel feel (D = ca. 96)

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.

VERSES

1. Washed in waters of rebirth, we,
2. Priestly people are we,
3. Blessed 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 heavenly promise,
5. reap the harvest rejoicing.
Greeting and Invitation (Blessing and Sprinkling of Water)

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Priest

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. A-men.

All

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And with your spirit. Dear brethren (brothers and sisters),

let us humbly beseech the Lord our God to bless this water he has created,

which will be sprinkled on us as a memorial of our Baptism.

May he help us by his grace to remain faithful to the Spirit we have received.

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Blessing of Water (Spoken)
Composer Notes

“Come to the River” can be used for both the entrance procession and sprinkling. Using one song for both moments unifies the rite. I think the leaner format of using a single song for both entrance and sprinkling is preferable, whether one uses “Come to the River” or another title such as “Gather Your People”. Also, by the time the sprinkling starts, worshippers know the refrain of the song well enough to sing it by heart, thus freeing their eyes from the page to attend more easily to the ritual action.

“Come to the River” ➞

Refrain with several verses

Greeting and Invitation ➞

chanted

Blessing Prayer ➞

spoken

“Come to the River”

Additional verses as needed

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COME TO THE RIVER

Refrain

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flowing from the body of Christ.

We’ll go down, deep in the water,
but in the Lord we shall arise.

Verses

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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 it.
3. for the reign of God’s justice.
4. of God’s holy promise.
5. reap the harvest rejoicing.

*Last time, repeat final phrase.

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