

Come to the River

Bob Hurd

Choral arrangement by Craig S. Kingsbury

Piano accompaniment by Dominic MacAller

***REFRAIN** (♩ = ca. 96) *With a gospel feel* ♩. ♩ = ♩³ ♩

Soprano/All Alto
Come, O come, come to the riv - er

Tenor Bass
F B^b/F F C C/E F

Piano

flow - ing from the bod - y of Christ.

B^b C Dm G7 B^b/C

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*Play first eight measures as an introduction.

We'll go down, deep in the wa - ter,

F Bb/F F Dm

but in the Lord we shall a - rise.

Bb F/A Gm F/C Dm7 G7 Bb/C

1-5 F to Verses

rise. But in the Lord we shall a - rise.

Final F Bb F/A Gm F/C Dm7 G7 Bb/C F Fine

molto rit.

VERSES

Cantor

1. Washed in wa - ters of re - birth, _____
 2. Priest - ly peo - ple are we, _____
 3. Blest are those who thirst _____
 4. Let us walk in the light _____
 5. Those who sow in tears _____

S
 A Oo _____ Oh _____

T
 B

C **B \flat /C** **F** **B \flat /F** **F**

D.C.

1. we have put on Christ Je - sus. _____
 2. sealed and sent by the Spir - it. _____
 3. for the reign of God's jus - tice. _____
 4. of God's ho - ly prom - ise. _____
 5. reap the har - vest re - sult - ing. _____

D.C.

Oh _____
 Oh _____

A7 **Dm** **Dm/C** **B \flat** **B \flat /C** **D.C.**

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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INTRO With a gospel feel (♩ = ca. 96)

Capo 3: (D) (G/D) (D) (A) (A/C#) (D) (G) (A) (Bm) (E7) (G/A)
 F Bb/F F C C/E F Bb C Dm G7 Bb/C

(Kbd)

REFRAIN

(D) (G/D) (D) (A) (A/C#) (D) (G) (A) (A)
 F Bb/F F C C/E F Bb C C

Come, O come, come to the riv - er flow - ing

(Bm) (E7) (G/A) (D) (G/D) (D)
 Dm G7 Bb/C F Bb/F F

from the bod - y of Christ. We'll go down,

(F#7) (Bm) (G) (D/F#) (Em) (D/A) (Bm7) (E7) (G/A)
 A7 Dm Bb F/A Gm F/C Dm7 G7 Bb/C

deep in the wa - ter, but in the Lord we shall a -

1-5 (D) F	Final (D) F	(G) (D/F#) (Em) (D/A) (Bm7) (E7) (G/A) (D) Bb F/A Gm F/C Dm7 G7 Bb/C F
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to Verses *molto rit.* *Fine*

rise. rise. But in the Lord we shall a - rise.

VERSES

(A) (G/A) (D) (G/D) (D)
 C Bb/C F Bb/F F

1. Washed in wa - ters of re - birth,
 2. Priest - ly peo - ple are we,
 3. Blest are those who first
 4. Let us walk in the light
 5. Those who sow in tears

(F#7) (Bm) (Bm/A) (G) (G/A)
 A7 Dm Dm/C Bb Bb/C D.S.

1. we have put on Christ Je - sus.
 2. sealed and sent by the Spir - it.
 3. for the reign of God's jus - tice.
 4. of God's ho - ly prom - ise.
 5. reap the har - vest re - joic - ing.

Greeting and Invitation (Blessing and Sprinkling of Water)

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Priest **All**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Ho - ly Spirit. A-men. —

Priest

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Je - sus Christ.

All **Priest**

And with your spir - it. Dear brethren (brothers and sisters),

let us humbly beseech the Lord our God to bless this water he has cre - ated,

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 re - ceived.

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Blessing of Water (Spoken)

AS

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

SAMPLE

Blessing Prayer ⇒
spoken

“Come to the River”
Additional verses as needed

—Bob Hurd

Assembly Edition

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Refrain

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 flow - ing from the bod - y of Christ.
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 * but in the Lord we shall a - rise.

Verses

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4. Let us walk in the light
5. Those who sow in tears

to Refrain

1. we have put on Christ Je - sus.
2. sealed and signed by the Spir - it.
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*Last time, repeat final phrase.

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