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***Song - Oceans***

[*https://www.youtube.com/embed/x3kwC-8cXhs*](https://www.youtube.com/embed/x3kwC-8cXhs)

*Please sing if possible*

You call me out upon the waters

The great unknown where feet may fail

And there I find You in the mystery

In oceans deep

My faith will stand

*Chorus*

And I will call upon Your name

And keep my eyes above the waves

When oceans rise

My soul will rest in Your embrace

For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters

Your sovereign hand

Will be my guide

Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me

You've never failed and You won't start now

*Bridge*

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders

Let me walk upon the waters

Wherever You would call me

Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander

And my faith will be made stronger,

In the presence of my saviour.

*As we ring our bell and blow our candle out,*

*we pray that God is with us this day.*

In the name of the Father,

and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen.

***Opening Reflection – Isaiah***

*When Isaiah preached to the People of God to give them hope, he encouraged them to remember their origins: “Consider the rock you were hewn from, the quarry from which you were cut.”… Remember Abraham and Sarah, a most unlikely couple; remember what was done in them, by them, and through them. And remember that you are their heirs….*

New Year

Prayer

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*we pray that God is with us.*

In the name of the Father,

and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen.

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*Reflect and Journal*

How has Jesus and Mary modelled this word?

How have Christians, Marists or Saints modelled this word?

Blessed

Confident

Dignified

Diligent

Excellent

Faithful

Fears the Lord

Fortitude

Flexible

Hardworking

Honourable

Humble

Helpful

Inclusive

Joyous

Just

Kinds

Laughs

Loving Servant

Noble

Nurturing

Patient

Praiseworthy

Prayerful

Prudent

Simplicity

Slow Down

Strong

Temperance

Trustful

Virtuous

Willing

Wise

**Silent Reflection**

Now ponder, reflect or journal on ONE of the following words below…..

Imagine and visualise how God sees you and calls you.

Pause for 10 minutes

**Prayer of who I AM**

*Together we pray…*

**Ancient Eternal One,**

**We pray that as we begin in the new year.**

**We recognise the mystery of who we are.**

**May we also recongise the goodness**

**of who we are as your creation.**

**May we ponder deeply the question “who am I”?**

**May we not answer the question with surface level words,**

**but move deeper beyond our understanding.**

**To the mystery of who we are.**

**Forming human relationships which**

**reflect the nature of You.**

**A loving and infinite being.**

**Amen**

**Reflection - Statue of David**

In their haste to reach  
Michelangelo’s statue of David,  
tourists in Florence are often inclined to overlook  
the unfinished sculptures in the hallways  
leading to the room where “David” stands.

These pieces of sculpture  
have been called “The Prisoners”,  
and they reveal what can happen  
to an ordinary piece of stone  
when the craftsmanship of a genius  
draws from inside it  
a perfection and form that others  
would never have thought possible.

If a human genius can look at a piece of stone  
and see possibilities that others cannot see,  
what possibilities might God see in human beings?

What “prisoner” inside each of us unlikely people  
is waiting to be released?

And what might happen if people allowed Mary  
– often referred to by the Scriptural title of wisdom  
and “artisan”  
– to shape and form and draw forth  
from the depths of their being  
a particular image of the disciple of Jesus

And what might happen  
if these disciples of Jesus  
– men, women, children, priests, sisters,  
brothers, lay people, mums and dads –