

Song - Oceans

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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

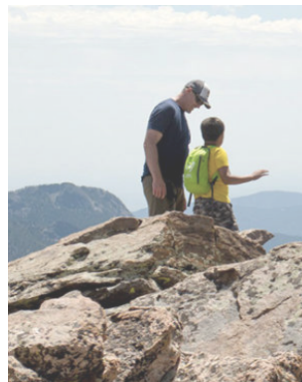
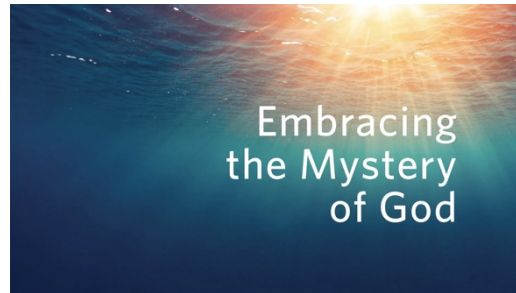
Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand
Will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now

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.



New Year Prayer

*As we ring our bell and light our candle,
we pray that God is with us.*

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen.

Opening Reflection – Isaiah

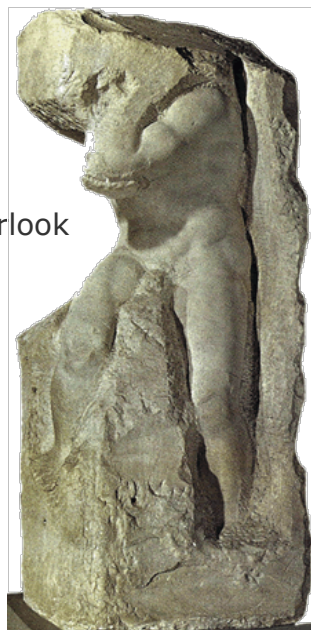
When Isaiah preached to the People of God to give them hope, he encouraged them to remember their origins: “Consider the rock you were hewn from, the quarry from which you were cut.”... Remember Abraham and Sarah, a most unlikely couple; remember what was done in them, by them, and through them. And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



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** –

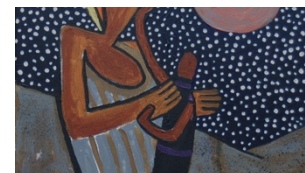


Prayer of who I AM

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 recognise 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**



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

Blessed	Humble	Prayerful
Confident	Helpful	Prudent
Dignified	Inclusive	Simplicity
Diligent	Joyous	Slow Down
Excellent	Just	Strong
Faithful	Kinds	Temperance
Fears the Lord	Laughs	Trustful
Fortitude	Loving Servant	Virtuous
Flexible	Noble	Willing
Hardworking	Nurturing	Wise
Honourable	Patient	
	Praiseworthy	

Reflect and Journal

How has Jesus and Mary modelled this word?
How have Christians, Marists or Saints modelled this word?