## POEM- IF I COULD CATCH A RAINBOW Read by Esme Kistell-Gough

If I could catch a rainbow, I would do it, just for you,
And, share with you, its beauty, on the days you're feeling blue.
If I could, I would build a mountain, you could call your very own.
A place to find serenity, a place just to be alone.
If I could, I would take your troubles, and toss them into the sea.
But, all these things, I'm finding, are impossible for me.

I cannot build a mountain, or catch a rainbow fair; but, let me be, what I know best, A Friend, who's always there.

I promise to defend you, should the occasion ever rise, And, I promise to wipe away the tears, which might stream from your weeping eyes.

Let me be the trusted Friend, the one that you know best. I will never leave you, on that, you can surely rest.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

**PRAYER** 

#### **HYMN-LORD OF THE DANCE**

I danced in the morning when the world was begun And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun And I came down from Heaven and I danced on the Earth In Bethlehem I had my birth

#### Chorus:

Dance, then, wherever you may be For I am the Lord of the dance, said He And I'll lead you all wherever you may be And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee
But they wouldn't dance and they wouldn't follow me
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John
They came with me and the dance went on [Chorus]

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame
The holy people said it was a shame
They whipped, and they stripped, and they hung me high
And they left me there on a cross to die [Chorus]

They cut me down and I leapt up high
I am the life that will never never die
I'll live in you if you'll live in me
I am the Lord of the dance, said He [Chorus]

#### **DECLARATIONS**

#### **PRAYER**

READING: SONGS OF SOLOMON
Chapter 2 Verses 10-13
Chapter 8 Verses 6-7
Read by Charlotte Kistell-Gough

My beloved speaks and says to me:

'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;
for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they

give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave.

Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame.

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.

If one offered for love
all the wealth of one's house, it would be utterly scorned.

# PROMISES (congregation answers 'we will' when asked)

#### THE MARRIAGE

The Vows
The Giving and Receiving of the Rings
The Blessing of the Marriage
The Declaration of the Marriage

### **HYMN- SHINE JESUS SHINE**

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

#### Chorus:

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light