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## Reflections

**“O send thy light forth and thy truth, let them be guides to me,  
And bring me to thine holy hill, even where thy dwelling be.  
Then will I to God’s altar go, to God my chiefest joy:  
Yea God, my God, thy name to praise my harp, my harp,  
My harp I will employ, I will employ.”**

*Psalm 43, vv 3-5, Scottish Psalter 1929 [Traditionally sung to the tune ‘Invocation’]*

Some years ago, we had a downstairs shower and toilet added to our home. The window faces west, so when the sun climbs high in the middle of the day and into the afternoon, the room is bathed in beautiful sunlight. From time to time, we took to buying a little ornament or artefact of coloured glass to place on the window-sill – a Murano-glass horse from our Venice holiday, a Caithness-glass paperweight from Crieff, a bright piece of costume-jewellery my wife picked up at a jumble-sale – so that, on the sunniest days, the light can be reflected through the glass and cast a myriad of colours around the room.

We can’t control the sunshine as it comes and goes. We’re delighted when it’s bright. We wait, expectantly, for its return when it’s dull. But nothing we can do makes it shine brighter or come back quicker. But we *can* be ready to reflect the light when it comes, so that, through us, a myriad of colours can fill the space around us.

Each of us can reflect the light. Each of us can make a difference. We might be exotic, like something from Murano; we might be functional, little a little paperweight; we might be ordinary, picked up from a jumble-sale. But we all have a part to play. When the light comes, we can be ready to let it shine through us.

### **A prayer for today**

*Creator God, we pray today that you will “send thy light forth and thy truth” so that we might be bathed in your Light and blessed by your Truth. When we invoke the light and it doesn’t shine, help us to be patient, and wait, and know you will not let us down. And when it does shine, help us to be in our place, ready to reflect your Light, and cast our bright colours around your waiting world. Amen.*

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