



# Emmanuel

God With Us

Gather... Light the Candle... Opening Prayer

Opening Song

Sing to the Lord by Kiran Wimberley & the McGraths

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:1-25 & John 1

*Love: God with us in creation*

 *Divine Threads* 

Wrap me  
in threads Divine.  
Let me feel  
The caress of Love.  
My soul stands  
On sacred cliffs  
Gazing out  
At infinite seas  
of stories yet untold...  
My garment blows in the wind...  
Blue, red and gold  
Fringe floating  
On the breeze

Mirroring my hair.  
I stand in surety  
On the rocks  
Of Earth's Altar...  
A sacred calm.  
Divine Presence  
Permeates all...  
The rocks, my feet  
My hair, the fringe  
Blowing in the wind.

I am one with  
Divine Threads...



Notes

# Love: God with us in creation

## Reflection

***In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.***

***John 1:1-5***



From the beginning... the very beginning... all creation sings a song.

The sun... the moon... stars singing bright.  
Clouds and soil hum quietly along.  
Mountains and valleys... oceans and streams  
Blooming flowers and large oak trees.  
Butterflies and birdsongs take flight.  
Whales sing from the deep,  
"Emmanuel, God with us."

Foxes howl and elephants trumpet  
Lions roar along with bleating lambs

"Emmanuel, God with us."

Take a few moments to imagine your favorite place in creation. Notice the landscape... the colors surrounding you. What fragrance fills your senses? Where do you see life and light.

Close your eyes in this sacred space and listen to creation sing,

"Emmanuel, God with us"

Join creation's song. As the melody surrounds you, envelops you, fills you with God's love.

Hear Mary sing,

*My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.*

*From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me--holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. (Luke 1:46-54)*