

## Reflection Easter Tuesday 2022

As in life so also in death, Jesus forces people into making a decision either for him or against him. There is no middle ground. Reading Acts today makes it sound as if people were persuaded by the apostles to choose Jesus, which obviously they did. In hind sight, we know that it is Jesus who chooses us not the other way round. It is suggested that those who chose Jesus and asked for baptism were unhappy with their lives, with the society in which they lived and with what was happening in the world. That it was the conviction and the desire to share the Good News of the Risen Lord of the apostles that appealed to the disillusioned. *"We want what you have!"* the newly baptised said to themselves.

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Love's hidden thread has drawn us to the font,  
a wide womb floating on the breath of God,  
feathered with seraph wings, lit with the swift  
lightening of praise, with thunder over-spread,  
and under-girded with an unheard song,  
calling through water, fire, darkness, pain,  
calling us to the life for which we long,  
yearning to bring us to our birth again.  
Again the breath of God is on the waters  
in whose reflecting face our candles shine,  
again he draws from death the sons and daughters  
for whom he bid the elements combine.  
As living stones around a font today,  
rejoice with those who roll the stone away.