

Pastoral Prayer
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Oh Holy One, who troubles the murky waters of disparity,
with the prophet Amos, we beckon you to
let justice roll down like waters
And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Let the waters of all people flow justly and run pure.
Send healing waters to children whose bodies and minds
are now weighted down with the lead of greed.
Quench the thirst of the families whose taps have run dry.
With the wrench of righteousness, turn their water back on.

Clear their waters and make it clear that water is a sacred gift and has
been entrusted to us as a human right for all to share.
Help us wade down into the depths of our abundant waters.
and channel them to all the communities,
where thirst is routine and water is rendered a commodity.

Let them all come to water, without money, without price,
Why should they pay the price?
What a price they have already paid ---
Gracious One, like waters, like an ever- flowing stream,
Let your justice and righteousness flow out to all.