A Contemplative Adaptation of Proverbs 8:22-31

The Loving Presence possessed me in the Beginning of Love's Way,
in the Orient of Light, Origin of every work.
I was poured out from Eternity, from the Beginning,
before the earth was.
When there were yet no deeps, I was brought forth, dancing,
when there were no fountains heavy with waters.
Before the mountains settled, before the hills, I was born in the dance,
before the Loving Presence had produced the earth,
or fields, or the first dust of the world.
When the heavens were established, I was there;
when a circle was traced upon the face of the deep....
When the foundations of the earth were decreed,
I was beside the Loving Presence, joining things together,
and I was Delight to the Loving Presence, day by day,
rejoicing always before that Face,
playing across the inhabited earth,
and my Delight is in the sons and daughters of Adam.
Now, sons and daughters, listen to Me:
blessed are you who keep my Ways.
Hear instruction and be wise; do not let it slip away.
Blessed are you who listen to Me,
wakeful day by day at my doors,
watchful at the doorposts of my entrance.
For whoever finds Me finds Life,
and receives favor from the Loving Presence.

Read.....Reflect.....Respond.....Rest

Leader: *Holy God, we have listened for Your Word.*
All: ***We receive it with grateful hearts.***
Leader: *Let what is from You remain within us.*
All: ***And bear fruit in our living.***
Leader: *We go now in peace.*
All: ***Thanks be to God.***
Amen.