

THERE IS NO ROOM

Reflection by Rev. David Goodall

There is room?

You say there is room?

But all I hear is a big fat BUT

(And I was once told that everything before
the BUT is bulls**t)

[this line might not be for public worship!]

You say there is room for me

and I want there to be room me

But, but, that big fat BUT

Where was the room for me

when I was struggling with my mental health

BUT you ignored me?

Where was the room for me

when I tried to come in my wheelchair

BUT you used a space I couldn't get in?

Where was the room for me

when my marriage was falling apart

BUT you told me I should stay?

Where was the room for me

when I volunteered to help

BUT you asked the white man again?

Where was the room for us

when we wanted to get married

BUT you wouldn't marry us because you were
still talking about those sort of weddings?

Where was the room for me

when I wanted to express my neurodiversity

BUT you said this is how we do things here?

You say there is room for me

and I want there to be room me

But, but all I see and hear is that big fat BUT.

There is room period.

There is room *because God is here, not there;
near, not far, because Christmas is coming and
of course, there is room.**

There is room because God

And when for you and others,

there has not been room

when there has been a big fat BUT

that wasn't God,

that was people who sometimes don't

understand that for God there is room,

for God there is always room

for everyone and anyone.

There is room for you,

for God loves you and through the baby born

in Bethlehem, everyone has the power to

become children of God, the power to know

there is room and move in.

And the truth is,

those in the room need you

because without you the room is not complete,

without you the room does not shine with all

the beauty of God's diverse people.

There is room,

there is always room,

no BUTs, no ifs

there is room for you, for everyone,

because God has made room.

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