

summer solstice @7

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Trinity Church

Welcome

Let us pray

Light and Darkness, night and day.

We marvel at the mystery of the stars.

Moon and sky, sand and sea.

We marvel at the mystery of the sun.

Twilight, high noon, dusk and dawn.

We celebrate Your creation.

Flesh and bone, steel and stone.

We dwell in all You have made.

Grant steadfast love, compassion, grace.

We must share Your resources among all.

Splendor, mercy, majesty, love endure.

We are called to find justice for those

least among us.

Resplendent skies, sunset, sunrise.

The grandeur of Creation lifts our lives.

Evening darkness, morning dawn.

We are renewed in Your majestic creation.

Amen

Thugamar Féin and Samhradh Linn –

We Bring the Summer with Us, traditional Irish
song sung at the summer festival of Bealtaine

Ancient Language

by Hannah Stephenson

If you stand at the edge of the forest
and stare into it
every tree at the edge will blow a little extra
oxygen toward you

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Prayer retrieved from the website of the Catholic Health Association of the United States, which in turn adapted it from a prayer of the Rabbinical Assembly of the United Synagogue of America.

Hannah Stephenson is a poet, storyteller, and blogger living in Columbus, OH.

It has been proven
Leaves have admitted it
The pines I have known
have been especially candid

One said
that all breath in this world
is roped together

that breathing is
the most ancient language

musical interlude



A Prayer of Sorrow

Reader: We have
forgotten who we are.
We have alienated

ourselves from the unfolding
of the cosmos
We have become estranged from the
movements of the earth
We have turned our backs on the cycles
of life.

All: We have forgotten who we are.

We have sought only our own security
We have exploited simply for our
own ends
We have distorted our knowledge
We have abused our power.

All: We have forgotten who we are.

Now the land is barren
And the waters are poisoned
And the air is polluted.

All: We have forgotten who we are.

Now the forests are dying

And the creatures are disappearing
And the humans are despairing.

All: We have forgotten who we are.

We ask forgiveness

We ask for the gift of remembering

We ask for the strength to change.

Amen

Coaineadh na dTri Muirte

the lament of the three Marys –
ancient Irish song of lament



What Stillness

by Laura Foley

Lily pads ripple in summer breeze,
as if they bloomed for me,
revelation-white clouds float
through a divine blue sky.

No human voices break
the stillness of this hilltop pond
where I come to forget
the foolishness of homo sapiens —



where a trout leaps from the
lake,
splashes shining down,
opening a glimpse into
the world below the surface.

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My dog, wet from her swim
 between the visible and hidden,
 shakes dots of sparkling
 light
 from her dark coat,
 forming a watery aura.
 What sunlight does to
 water,
 stillness does to us.

Laura Foley has had her poetry published in books and journals around the world. Trained in chaplaincy through the New York Zen Center for Contemplative care, she volunteers in hospitals and prisons.



To sing the song of the stars

All: We join with the earth and with each other.

To recall our destiny

To renew our spirits

To reinvigorate our bodies

All: We join with the earth and with each other.

To create the human community

To promote justice and peace

To remember our children

All: We join together as many and diverse expressions of one loving mystery: for the healing of the earth and the renewal of all life.

Amen

meditation for the summer solstice

musical interlude

Prayer of Healing

Host: We join with the earth
 and with each other.
 To bring new life to the land
 To restore the waters
 To refresh the air

All: We join with the earth and with each other.

To renew the forests
 To care for the plants
 To protect the creatures

All: We join with the earth and with each other.

To celebrate the seas
 To rejoice the sunlight

A Prayer of Gratitude

Reader: We
 rejoice in all
 life.
 We live in all
 things
 All things live
 in us

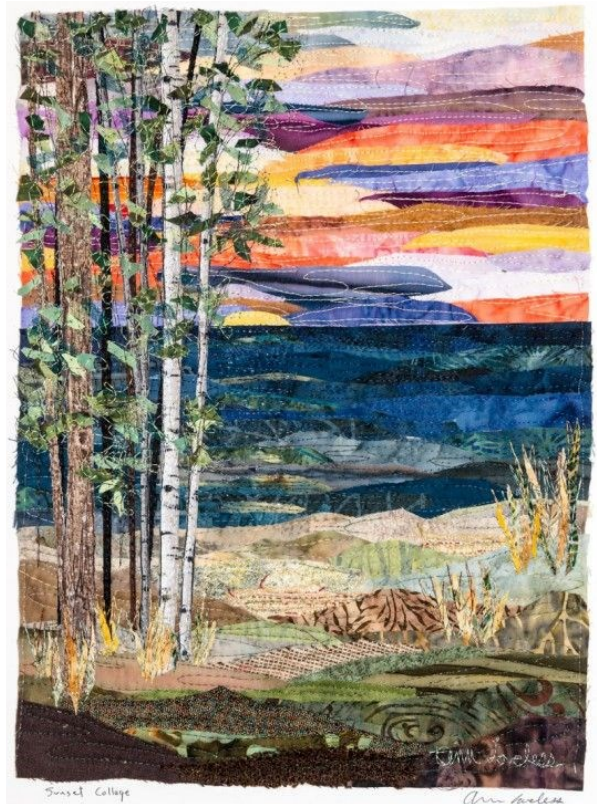
*All: We rejoice
 in all life.*

We live by the
 sun

We move with
 the stars

*All: We rejoice
 in all life.*

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We eat from the earth
We drink from the rain
We breathe from the air

All: We rejoice in all life.

We share with the creatures
We have strength through
their gifts

All: We rejoice in all life.

We depend on the forests
We have knowledge
through their secrets

All: We rejoice in all life.

We have the privilege of
seeing and understanding
We have the responsibility of caring
We have the joy of
celebrating.

All: We rejoice in all life.

We are full of the grace of creation
We are graceful
We are grateful

All: We rejoice in all life.

Amen



The Beatitudes

Closing Prayer

Let us give thanks for the world around us.
Thanks for all the creatures, stones and plants
Let us learn their lessons and seek their truths,
So that their path might be ours,
And we might live in
harmony, a better life.

May the Earth continue to live,
May the heavens above continue to live,
May the rains continue to dampen the land,
May the wet forests continue to grow,
Then the flowers shall bloom
And we people shall live again.

Amen.

This is a Hawaiian indigenous prayer. *Hawaiian Antiquities (Moolelo Hawaii)* / by David Malo. Translated from the Hawaiian, by Dr. N. B. Emerson, Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, 1898.



postlude

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George Caldwell, piano

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Tim Lane

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