



# CHURCH FOR OUR COMMON HOME

God Centered and Guided

*Dedicated to Mother Earth,  
the Divine Feminine,  
Loving Community  
and the Arts*

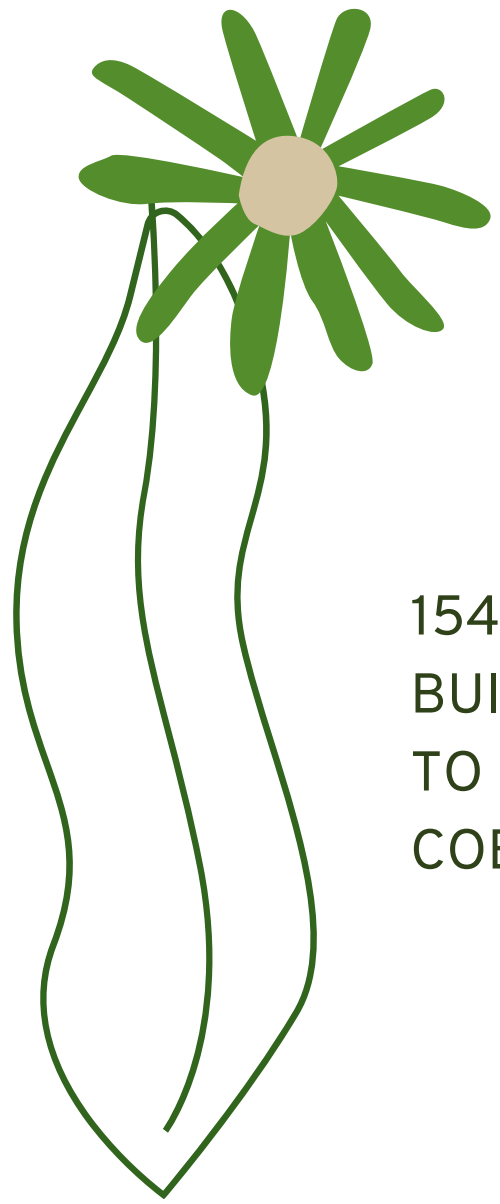
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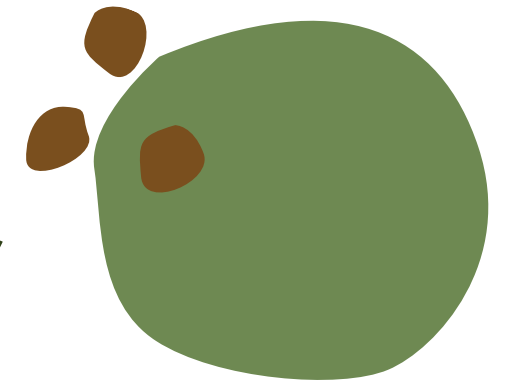
PHOTO OF OAK TREE AT CENTER OF  
JOHN COBB FARM LAST WEEK





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a home church, counseling center, retreat center  
and biodynamic farm online and in-person

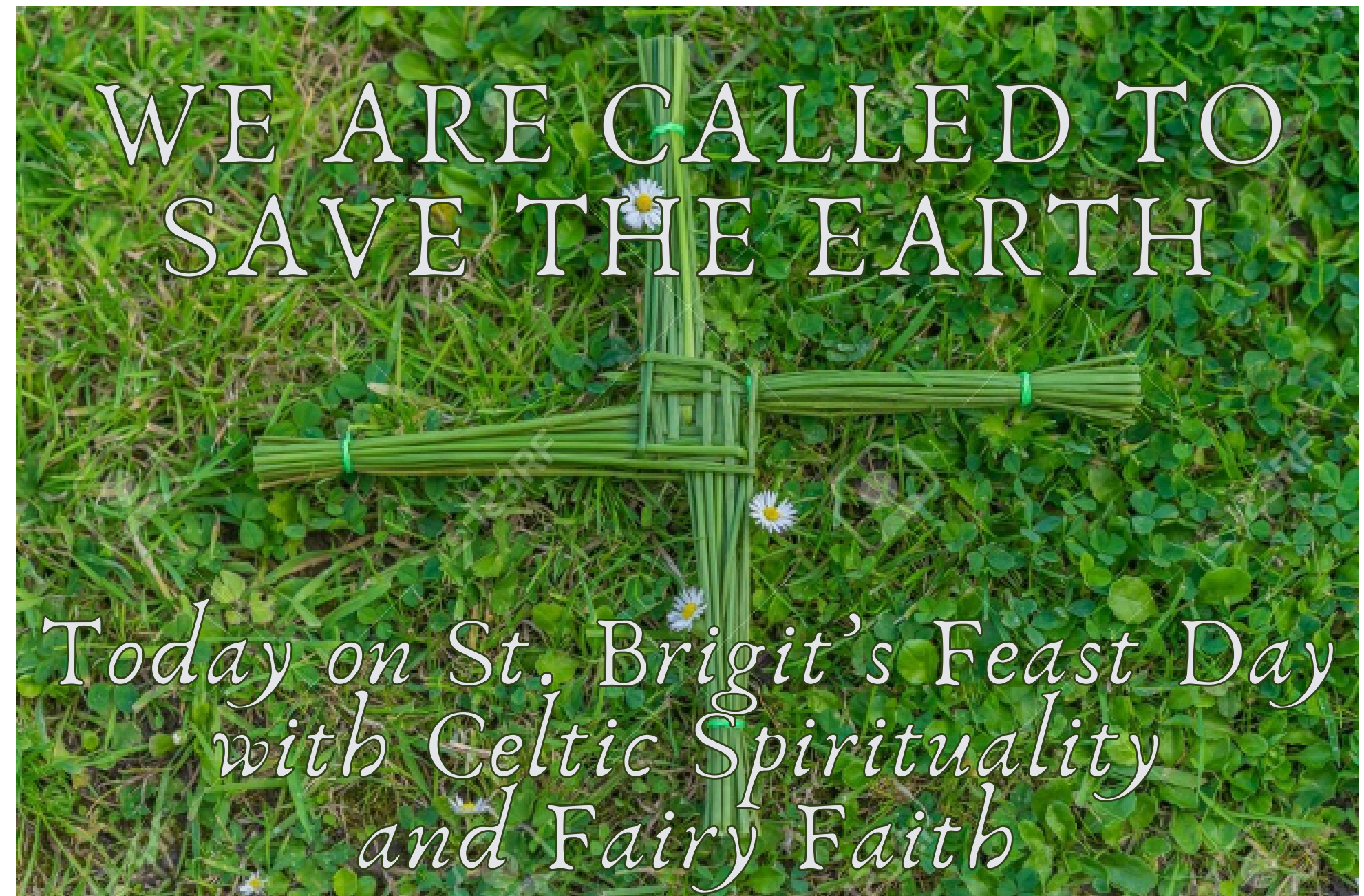


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BUILDING AN ARTISTIC ECOLOGIC CHAPEL  
TO PRAY FOR THE EARTH, ON THE JOHN  
COBB BIODYNAMIC FARM

We are a non-profit that provides artistic, religious,  
and psychological services to awaken to the moral  
and ecologic crisis as an invitation for spiritual growth  
and creating loving community with all of creation,  
caring for our common home, Mother Earth.

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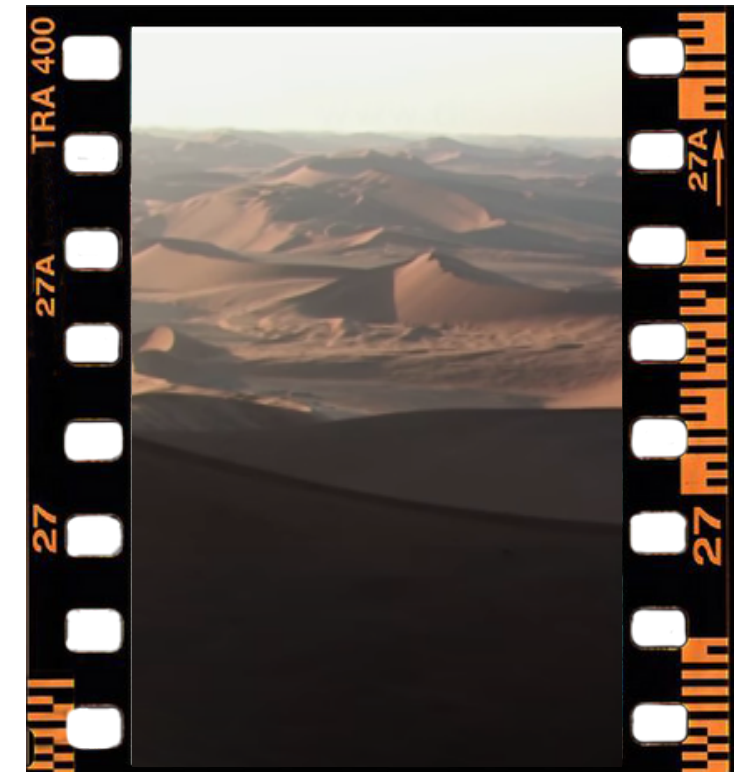
# Welcome and Sharing of Invitations

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Every Sunday at 5 pm we acknowledge that we need one another more than ever before and commune with God called by many names. We celebrate the wisdom traditions from the East, West, indigenous peoples, new science as we study the teachings of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, the Bible as well as newly found gnostic gospels. We come to pray together and to ask for God's help to find new ways to live in peace and love with all creation.

PLEASE SEE THIS MOVIE! *DOWN TO EARTH*  
a documentary made by a European couple who traveled with their children around the world for 5 years, filming interviews with wise people in relatively unpopulated areas on several continents.

Click on image for YouTube link -->



**HEAL THE NATION**  
**14 POLICY PRIORITIES FOR THE FIRST 100 DAYS**

**Poor People's Campaign**  
A NATIONAL CALL FOR MORAL REVIVAL  
#PoorPeoplesCampaign  
#MoralMonday

**Moral Monday**  
**Mass Teach-In & Call-In**  
**February 1st at**  
**3:30pm ET / 12:30pm PT**  
**WATCH LIVE**

**Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis**  
Co-Chair

**Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II**  
Co-Chair

**RESPECT US, PROTECT US**

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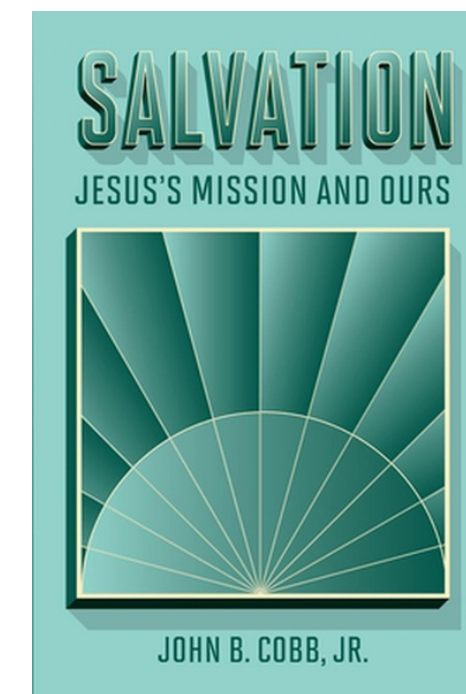


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## *BOOK GROUP*

Book Group for Dr. Cobb's new book *Salvation* at the Claremont Methodist Church began January 10th and will continue every Sunday at 11 am through February 14



## *DREAM GROUP*

every Wednesday, 7-8:30 pm on Zoom

*Lectio Divina: contemplation of scriptures • Centering Prayer: ancient Christian contemplative silent prayer practice*

## *LECTIO DIVINA/CENTERING PRAYER*

every Tuesday, 9-10 am on Zoom

## *MONTHLY TAIZE CHANTING SERVICE*

first Sunday of every month

## *PRAYER AND HEALING SERVICE*

third Sunday of every month

*PLEASE CONTACT REV. BONNIE* if you would like a pastoral visit on Zoom or phone and/or if you would like to pray or if you have prayer requests

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# MEDITATION

“Brigit was a form of the sun Goddess, and her symbolism remains attached to the sun in the form of Brigit's crosses.....found throughout the world as sun symbol probably reached Ireland originally sometime between the second century BCE and the second century CE. Brigit crosses are still used in parts of Ireland today to protect the harvest and the farm animals. In the Christian “Lives” of Brigit there are numerous references to her association with the sun. Her mother a slave, “ ...went at sunrise with a vessel full of milk in her hand, and when she put one of her two footsteps over the threshold of the house, the other foot being inside, then she brought forth her daughter, ever Saint Brigit.” As an infant, her mother left her in the house on her own. While she was away, the neighbors saw flames rising from the house and rushed to it, thinking it was on fire. Instead, the baby slept peaceful in her crib, and then came to the conclusion that she was full of the “grace of the holy Spirit.” She is said to have hung her cloak on the rays of the sun..... Brigit’s main symbol was that of the sacred oak from which the present Kildare (Cill Dara), “Church of the Oak” takes its name.” *The Serpent and the Goddess, Women, Religions and the Power in Celtic Ireland* by Mary Condren



## LIGHTING OF CANDLE

Please bring your own candle to light every week



ST BRIGIT, ARTIST TRICIA DANBY



# Reading “12 Step Program for an Ecologic Civilization”

Church For Our Common Home is God centered and guided and is dedicated to Mother Earth, the Divine Feminine, Loving Community and the Arts. Our vision is to create an artistic ecologic church to love and pray for Mother Earth and the John Cobb biodynamic farm. We work for an Ecologic Civilization with our 12-step program.

**1** Share the truth that the current 6th extinction of life on Earth, the only one created by humans, is an invitation for transformation as a human species.

**2** Share the history and human habits of dominant over relationships and commit to relationships of collaboration, partnership, and co-creativity.

**3** Make amends for our alienation and abuse of the natural world and our idolatry of scientism and rationalism using transdisciplinary reconnections of religion, art, psychology, ecology, etc.

**4** Explore eco-feminist and process theology, celebrating God and Goddess language, symbols, and relationships.

**5** Study the teachings of Jesus and Mary Magdalene, including newly found gnostic scriptures and the world’s ancient wisdom traditions.

**6** Offer diverse spiritual practices to develop loving relationships with the natural world, Mother Earth, and all creation.

**7** Honor the invisible realms of dreams, prayer, intuition, parapsychology and imagination.

**8** Celebrate the visual and performing arts, ritual making, beauty, and creativity as divine spiritual practice.

**9** Celebrate intergenerational community by intentionally including and honoring the very young and old.

**10** Encourage consciousness-raising with integration of body, sexuality, mind, spirit, feelings, intuition, and imagination.

**11** Work for social justice locally and globally in partnership with other organizations.

**12** Experiment with nontraditional church in order to create relevant, spirit-filled, and loving community.



# Musical Invocation

## a prayer to Mother Earth



*CHORUS*

Our dear, dear Mother, daily provider, earth be your name  
the time has come to honor you to know you and to show our love.

You give us each day our daily grain  
kissed by the sun and kissed by the rain.

Teach us now to find a way  
to care for you in our work and play. *CHORUS*

by Raffi

Love, love, love, love, earthlings this, this is your call. Love your  
God with your heart soul and mind for God loves us all. (*repeat*)

# Passing of the Peace

## Unmute and share greetings

*God Loves You and There is Nothing You Can Do About It!*





# Welcoming Angels to Worship



ARTIST JOHN DUNCAN  
FROM SCOTLAND 1866-1945

Angels, welcome in this sanctuary  
pure and holy tried and true  
with thanksgiving, we'll be a living  
sanctuary for you. by John Thompson and Randy Scuggs

The Angel Gabriel from heaven came.  
His wings as white as snow, his eyes aflame.  
All hail said he, thou lowly maiden Mary,  
Most highly favored lady, Gloria.

All night all day, angels watchin' over me my Lord.  
All night all day, angels watchin' over me.  
Now I lay me down to sleep. Angels watchin' over me, my Lord.  
Pray the Lord, my soul, to keep. Angels watchin' over me.





# Opening Music

PHOTO: FAIRY MOUNDS AND HOBBIT HOLES

Ah Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling,  
From glen to glen, and down the mountainside.  
The summer's gone, and all the flowers are falling  
'Tis you, 'tis you must go and I must bide.

But come ye back when summer's in the meadow  
Or when the valley's hushed and white with snow  
And I'll be here in sunshine or in shadow  
Oh Danny boy, oh Danny boy, I love you so

But if you come, and all the flowers are falling  
And I am dead, as dead, I may well be  
You'll come and find the place where I am lying  
And kneel and say an "Ave" there for me

And I will hear, though soft your tread above me  
And o'er my grave will warmer sweeter be  
And you will bend and tell me that you love me,  
And I will sleep in peace until you come to me

But if I live And should you die for Ireland  
Let not your dying thoughts Be just of me  
But say a prayer to God for our dearest Island  
I know He'll hear and help to set her free

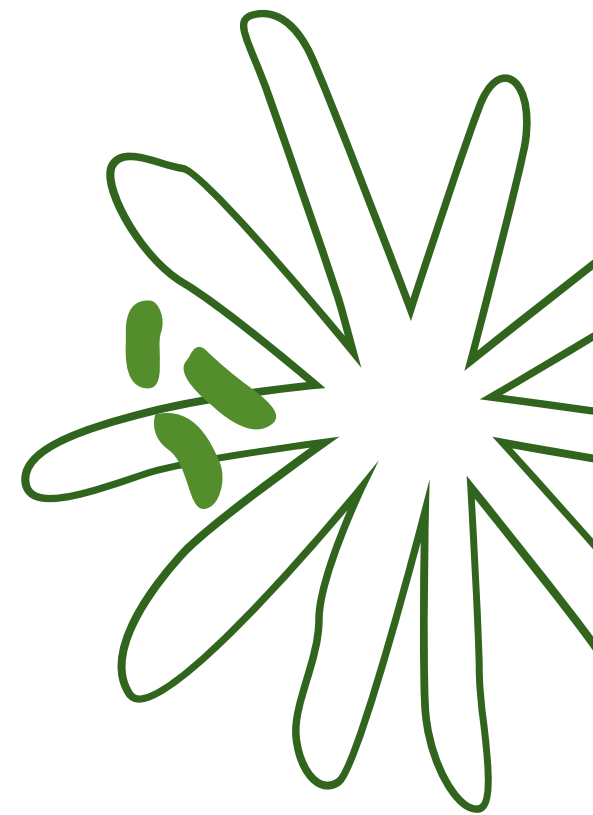
And I will take your pike and place my dearest  
And strike a blow, though weak the blow may be  
'Twill help the cause to which your heart was nearest  
Oh Danny Boy, Oh, Danny boy I love you so.

# Gospel of Mark 10:13-16

*NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION*



13 People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. 14 When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15 Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” 16 And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.





# Reflection

*WE ARE CALLED TO SAVE THE EARTH*

*Today on St. Brigit's Feast Day with Celtic Spirituality and Fairy Faith*

## Musical Response

*JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE*  
LUDWIG BEETHOVEN

1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee  
God of glory, God of love,  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee  
Opening to the sun above,  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the doubt and dark away,  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day.

2. All thy works with joy surround thee.  
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee,  
Center of unbroken praise,  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
Call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, and our Mother,  
All who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the happy chorus,  
Which the morning stars began;  
Mother love is reigning o'er us,  
Brother love binds all of us.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us Sunward  
In the triumph song of life.

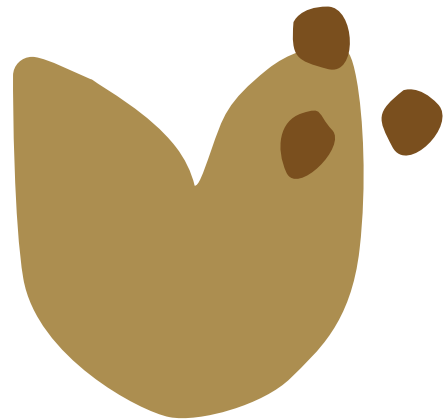






# Silent Prayer for Gaia, Our Common Home, aka Mother Earth

We pray for all creatures in, over, and underground  
our common home: the plants and animals, the wind,  
the fire, earth and water. Please help us help you  
and save the earth. Amen



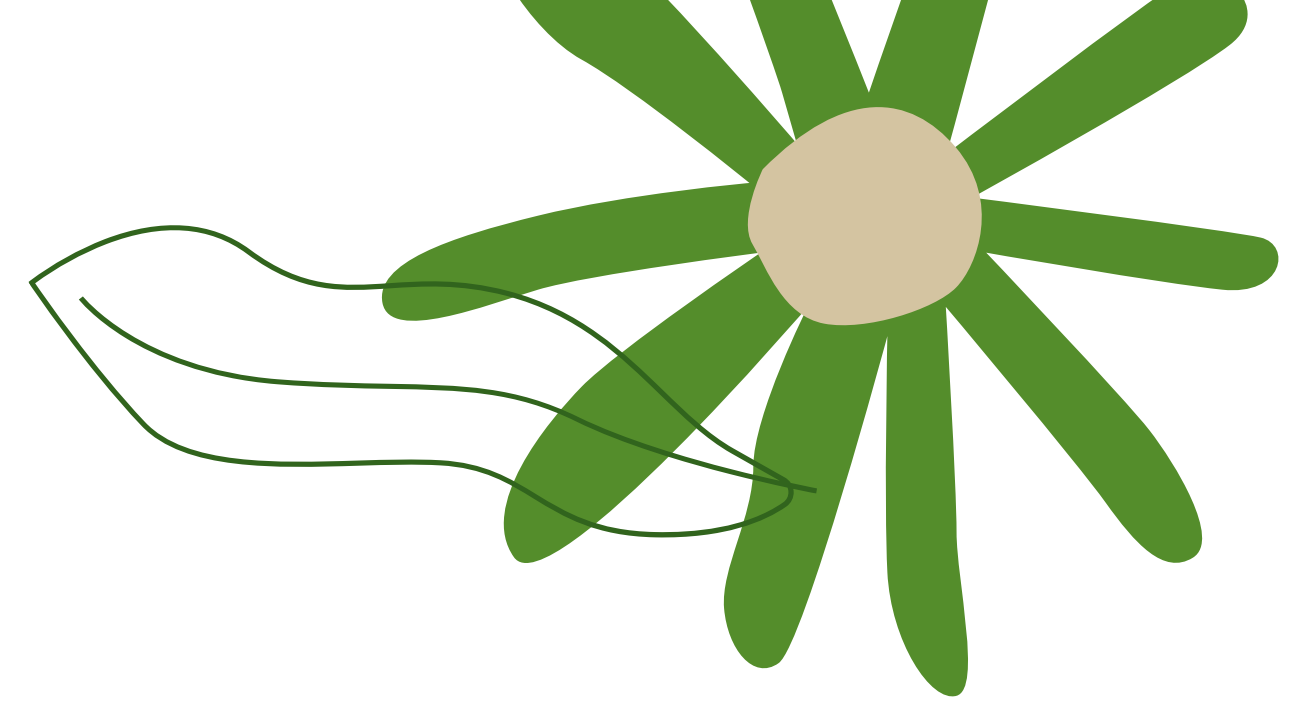
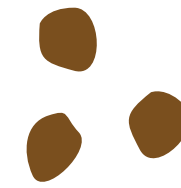
## Prayer

Ode to Joy Flash Mob



# PRAYERS

*Please unmute and lift up those in need of prayer.*

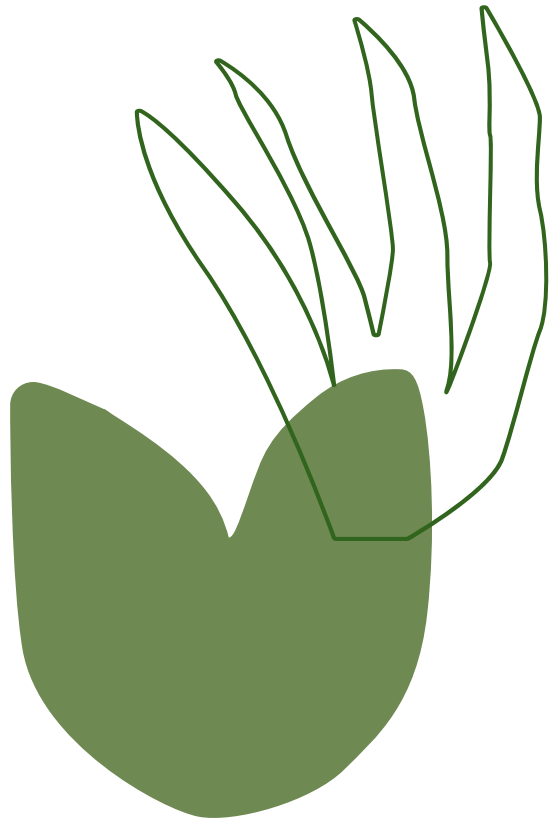


## Prayer (in unison)

Our Mother Father God who is within us, we celebrate your many names.  
Your wisdom come. Your will be done, unfolding from the depths within us.  
Each day you give us all that we need. You remind us of our limits, and we let go.  
You support us in our power, and we act with courage. For you are the dwelling place  
within us, the empowerment around us, and the celebration among us now and forever.

Amen

by Miriam Therese Winters





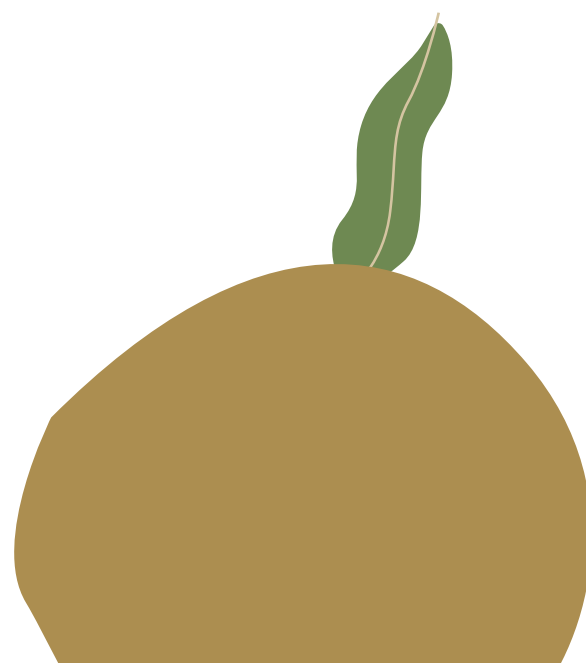
# Musical Prayer

*attributed to St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi*



Make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me sow love.  
Where there is injury pardon.  
Where there is doubt faith.  
Where there is despair, hope,  
Where there is darkness, light,  
and where there is sadness joy,  
and where there is sadness, joy, joy, joy.

God grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console  
To be understood, as to understand  
To be loved as to love  
For it is in giving that we receive  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.  
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.  
Amen, Amen, Amen







# MUSICAL BENEDICTION

by Miriam Therese Winter

May the blessing of God go before you  
May her grace and peace abound  
May her spirit live within you  
May her love wrap you 'round  
May her blessings remain with you always  
May you walk on holy ground.

## Check Out and Sharing

## Mary Magdalene Café Dancing!

Riverdance Perform for the Pope

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