



SUNSET RITUAL

Leader: *Quiet my soul in your silent Presence
Gentle my soul in your stillness and peace
Tender my soul in your beauty and grace
God of this moment, here in this place.*

Reader

Luminous One, you breathed love into the whole cosmos at its birthing
And your love will be with us as we breathe our last.
You are our steady Flame of love.

All *Holy One, O Holy One, dwelling within us
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Reader

Purifying Light, your refining fire transforms us
As the whole community of creation experiences life's sorrow, pain and discouragement...

All: Holy One, etc

Reader

Blazing Love, the radiant glow of your compassion fills us
With new awareness, kindness and understanding.

All Holy One etc,

Silence as we observe the setting of the sun.

Reader From the words of Teilhard De Chardin

*In the beginning was power, intelligent, loving, energizing.
In the beginning was the word, supremely capable of mastering and holding
Whatever might come into being the world of matter.
In the beginning there were not coldness and darkness:
There was the fire.*

*The creative operation of God
Does not simply mould us like soft clay.
It is a Fire that animates all that it touches,
A spirit that gives life.
So it is in living
That we should give ourselves to that creative action, imitate it, and identify
with it.*

All: *For this we give thanks.*

Leader

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Safeguard your creation in the sanctuary of your love, O Great God;
Shelter it now and all that dwells within it. Be its protection.

God, to enfold it
God, to surround it
God, in its watching
God, in its hoping
God, in its sleeping
God, in its ever-living being.

Reader

Enflame our hearts, O God of love,
May we be your light of love.
Enflame our hearts, O God of love,
Let your love burn deep in us.

Blessing said by all

*May the grace of the love of the stars be yours
May the grace of the love of the moon be yours.
May the grace of the love of God be yours
In the name of the Word of all life and the ever present Spirit, Amen.*

Song

I promise to honour and defend you, Mother Earth, Sacred Earth.