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Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
SOLAR SUNDAY: What Are You Orbiting?

OCTOBER 9th, 2022

Even
After
All this time
The Sun never says to the Earth,

"You owe me."

Look
What happens
With a love like that,
It lights the whole sky."
— Hafiz. 14 Century Sufi mystic

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Welcome

Prelude: The Night You Gave Us God, Has Ended
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Prayer of the day.

Creator of the cosmos, of eternity and time:
Be with us in this time.
Saviour of the world, healer of the nations:
Be with us in this place.
Breath of all that lives, of people near and far.
Stir within our lives.

Maker-Spirit-Son - God of here and now:

Be present in our worship, that we may find new ways to be present in your world.

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Reading:

The Sun from Mary Oliver

Have you ever seen
anything
in your life
more wonderful

than the way the sun,
every evening,
relaxed and easy,
floats toward the horizon

and into the clouds or the hills,
or the ruffled sea,
and is gone—
and how it slides again

out of the blackness,
every morning,
on the other side of the world,
like a red flower

streaming upward on its heavenly oils,
say, on a morning in early summer,
at its perfect imperial distance—
and have you ever felt for anything
such wild love—

do you think there is anywhere, in any language,
a word billowing enough
for the pleasure

that fills you,
as the sun
reaches out,
as it warms you

as you stand there,
empty-handed—
or have you too
turned from this world—

or have you too
gone crazy
for power,
for things?

John 1:1-18 (selected verses)

IN THE BEGINNING
there was the Word;
the Word was in God's
presence,
and the Word was God.
The Word was present to God from the beginning.

Through the Word
all things came into being,
and apart from the Word
nothing came into being
that has come into being.
In the Word was life,
and that life was humanity's light—
a Light that shines in the darkness,
a Light that the darkness has never overtaken.

And the Word became flesh
and stayed for a little while among us;
we saw the Word's glory—
the favour and position a parent gives an only child—
filled with grace,
filled with truth.
Of this One's fullness we've all had a share—
gift on top of gift. For while the Law was given through Moses, the Gift—
and the Truth—came through Jesus Christ.
No one has ever seen God;
it is the Only Begotten, Begotten,
ever at Abba's side,
who has revealed God to us.

Reflection by Jane Winstanley

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!



Alternative Version of the Prayer Attributed to Jesus

Source of Radiance

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O Source of the Radiance,
dancing in and about all-that-is,
Shine forth into the depths of our beings,
and enkindle there the flame of your essence.
Grant that it may blaze forth
and fill us with its searing creativity,
Until, fully united with your fiery desire,
light pours out from us, taking form.
May we be revitalised each day
with nourishment for body and spirit,
And be liberated from all that oppresses us,
as we struggle to mend the fabric of our world.
Let us not be enmeshed in the nets of illusion,
but illuminate the opportunities of the present moment.
For from you shine forth
the precepts, the sustenance, and the generative fire,
from centering to centering. Amen

Blessing

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

We join with the earth and with each other. To renew the forests. To care for the plants. To protect the creatures.

We join with the earth and with each other. To celebrate the seas. To rejoice in the sunlight. To sing the song of the stars.

We join with the earth and with each other. To recreate the human community. To promote justice and peace. To remember our children.

We join with the earth and with each other.

We join together with diverse expressions of one loving mystery: for the healing of the earth and the renewal of all life. Amen.

Postlude: We Cannot Own Sunlit Sky

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