



Galaxies Evening Service 28 September 2008

Service by Fergus Collinson



Welcome:

The theme for tonight's service is "Sex and Spirit" Sex seems to be one of the biggest taboo subjects in the churches. Why is that and what are they afraid of? One has to wonder!

Call to togetherness and sharing:

Leader: God, we are all part of you, your creation, your life, and your loving.
As we gather together to consider the ways you move our spirit and tonight particularly with joy in intimacy, and the connectedness of mind, body and spirit!
All: **May the love of God be manifested in us as we love others emotionally and physically and spiritually.**

Call to togetherness:

Leader: We are all part of the rhythm of life.
As we mark this day of the journey, may peace be with us.
People: **May we be makers of the peace.**



Leader: Where there is confusion and discord,
People: **We will use loving-kindness as a way through.**

Leader: Where there is coldness and indifference,
People: **We will use the fire of our love to warm the coldness, to light fires of love and banish indifference.**

Leader: Where there is injustice and discrimination
People: **We will challenge it, we will speak out, we will do all we can to change it**

Leader: Where there is joy and hope,
People: **We will celebrate and share it together.**

Leader: Jesus says to us, 'Come and follow me'
Now we bind our hearts together and reaffirm our commitment to think wisely, to act justly, and to live compassionately.
Amen.



Passing the Peace:

Leader: Now that we are reminded that God the free Spirit shares itself with us, we can share our peace and love with one another.

Let us feel the power of the earth that holds us together.

Let us celebrate our gifts in song and dance.

Let us all rejoice in our power and our beauty.

All: We open our hearts to the mystery of God's love in all Creation. We carry in us the divine spark. The gift of love, which we share tonight, deepens us as people, deepens us as sisters and brothers.

Each person shares hugs, or whatever you are comfortable with, with those around them.

Notices

If you have any notices to bring to our attention please speak up.

Contemporary reflection

Sex and Spirit - How does this work for you?

A conversation started by Fergus

Franciscan Blessing (Departure)

May God bless you with discomfort ...
at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships
so that you may live deep within your heart

May God bless you with anger ...
at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people
so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace

May God bless you with tears ...
to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war
so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and
to turn their pain into joy

May God bless you with enough foolishness ...
to believe that you can make a difference in the world
so that you can do what others claim cannot be done
to bring justice and kindness to all

AMEN

