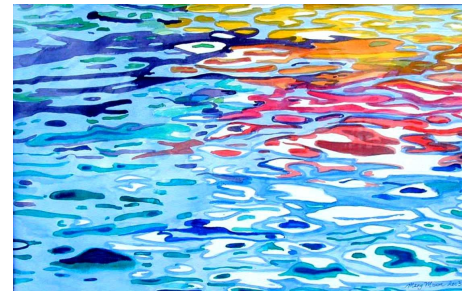




Galaxies Evening Service 24 May 2014

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Welcome:

Welcome to our service tonight

Tonight we celebrating turning 22 years old. We'll do what we do best - Share food and each other's company, be creative, and support one another.



Call to togetherness and sharing:

Leader: God, we are all part of you, your creation, your life and your love.

As we gather together to look back on the last 15 years to see where we have been and to look forward to where we might be in the future

All: **May the love of God lead us in surprising twists and turns, self discovery and help us to care for all of creation**

WE ARE CREATIVELY 22 - and the years fly by!

It is amazing that we have reached the age of 22. We have shrunk in numbers as our fellows have found welcoming places or have moved on with their spiritual journey. Those of us that remain as the core group of tenacious, creative loving folk will celebrate another year.

Possibly we will lament the passing of Summer too.



IN MY TORRID AUSSIE JUST RIGHT BEACH READ A RECONSTITUTED FAMILY HURTLE TOWARDS A wedding... THE MUST INVITE PEOPLE MOSTLY LOATHE EACH OTHER. THIS IS SO SO REAL LIFE - NOBODY GETS EVISCERATED BY A SHARK, OR RUN OVER BY A ROBBERY GET AWAY HOLDEN BEFORE - GREAT TAKE FOR MY SUNDAY GALAXIES RAVE ABOUT PAKISTANIS AND PALESTINIANS (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

