



# Galaxies Evening Service 23 August 2009

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## Welcome:

Welcome to our service tonight!

Our theme for tonight is "an adventure"! An adventure that hopefully will move us on multiple levels - spirit, intellect and emotion.

## Time for reflection

Sing to Life a new song!

**Sing to Life, all Creation!**

Sing of compassion and temper your deeds with kindness.

**Sing to all the world and tell of the wonders that sustain us daily**

## Gathering together

Leader Hope brings us here:  
hope of inspiration,  
hope of nourishment,  
hope of enlightenment,  
hope of love.

**Let us celebrate life in the presence of God.**

## Lighting the GalaXies candle

This candle symbolises inclusiveness - everyone is welcome in our community.

## Celebration of faith

Let us share a celebration of faith.

We are a cloth of diverse colours made from many gifts and graces.

**We are the people flowing forth from Creator God, surprising ourselves with the things which can be done.**

We are raw material for rewarding relationships as our lives interweave,

**contributing one to the other, holding each other firm when one is weak or breaking.**

We are each worthy of being respected and cared for

**essential to the pattern, skilled in our appointed tasks, sources of laughter and sharers of tears.**

We commit ourselves to work together,

**that one day, this world may be a place where all people live in justice, freedom and peace.**



*Alice and the Queen/Witch/Sphinx are off on another spiritual adventure in Wonderland.*

## 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 miracle of birth and 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.



## TRUSTING THE ADVENTURE THAT IS FRIENDSHIP

One of the things I like reading Paul's letters is his fondness for his friends. They encourage him. There's Titus coming to see him and sort out money for the people in Jerusalem, having a bad time. He says "Excel in the grace of giving," a cute way of affirming the spiritual value of generosity.

My mate Siren DeLuxe is photographing me for her next show. It starts at Thermostat Gallery in Palmerston North, then continues in our Wellington Photospace Gallery in November.

She does brave photos of people that are sensual, sexy, and spiritual. Luxurious and lovely and luscious - if she'd been around in the 1930's she'd have been brilliant photographing my most favourite black and white movie IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT.

Clark Gable and Carole Lombard are the leads. I've always loved Clark Gable's deaf-friendly slow drawl.

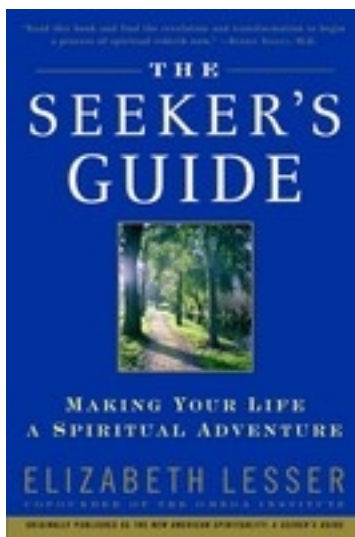
"Near naked, slouched back in your comfy armchair, smoking,"  
is a look I like too  
Last night I riffled through flimsy scraps of stuff I've accumulated  
when I thought they'd be essential for  
sunbathing on my deck, with dispiriting  
Mt Eden Jail town houses getting closer and closer, and then I thought  
"No! Be careful  
what if my balls  
dangle - its daunting shoving ice-blocks around them to tighten up.  
Jock strap - clichéd, tiger-skin, likewise, what else have I got?"

There's this crazily erotic matador fighter horned piece of driftwood from QE11 Park  
I've never quite finished  
and always loved  
and I enjoyed making it hang just right.  
Clothes - yes!  
Its still mighty cold  
I love this hot grey Caledonian Man skivvy  
and my thighs sizzle in my bright blue stubbies

Sizzle? I hope so  
I'm mighty curious about what my sixty year old body looks like.  
I've dropped flab all over the place, except around my furry tum

This arvo was fun!  
Thank you Siren  
for defining me for the next decade

## [A Spiritual adventure](#)



In the upstairs common room and mainly the hallway there are eight objects scattered around. Once you have found one I want you to write on your pad the following things (one page for each object!)

- What is the object you have found?
- What did you feel about it when you first found it?
- If it could speak to you, what would it say?
- What would you say in return?

Allow about 45 minutes for this and then we will have a discussion about our findings.

## Poroporoaki (Farewell/Departure)

May the Spirit surprise you

like a sudden shaft of sunshine,

or a reflection in a puddle,

but now and then

a smile from a stranger!

