

Seeding the Earth with Love

Ritual for the 24 December 2025

Jubilee



Rejoice

*Our hearts carry the Fire
Seeding the Earth with Love*

In the name of the ONE at the heart of all that is and on behalf of the people of all ages, we welcome you to the holy ground of our collective being; the ground that is made holy because it is the ground that gave birth to the Presentation family. Yes! We are born out of vulnerability into possibilities. We stand where they once walked, breathing in the air they breathed. Within this Earth community tinkered by their hands, their voice is echoed, their presence felt. During this Christmas Eve, our Christian tradition celebrates the God who pitched his tent among us on a still mysterious night. So on this still night we remember our founding day, let us give thanks, let us celebrate... the 250 years of our mission on this planet... *let the trumpet sound...let it be heard across the globe*

Sound the Trumpet...

Song of gratitude to our unfolding story



On this, the 24th day of December, the 12th month of the Year Two Thousand and Twenty Five the Presentation Sisters, Co-workers, Collaborators and Friends of Nano proclaim a time of gratitude and of celebration. We gather to remember and celebrate an unfolding Love Story... Holy Presence at the heart of all life... and our life.

Respond in Song: *Gather with us now one in communion*
Join us in this sacred time. (Repeat)

We gather
In Gratitude for our evolving Love Story of 14 billion years
An Ancient Love: unconditional, unbounded, a creative energy
That set two trillion galaxies with their billions of stars,
That sent forth the light and energy of the sun.
Love that set the planets in their orbits,
And our Earth Community that
Has loved and nourished us.
Love that birthed mystics, teachers and prophets.

Gather with us now...

In the year One thousand seven hundred and seventy five,
Great Spirit broke through in new ways.
One courageous woman and her three companions
Gifted with Light
Birthed a vision
To carry the Light of Christ in a wretched lantern

(A lighted lantern held up)

Into the dark time of penal laws
In the heart of Eru, Goddess of Earth
Heralding a new era of Hope
In Ireland and beyond her shores,
Seeding the world with love.

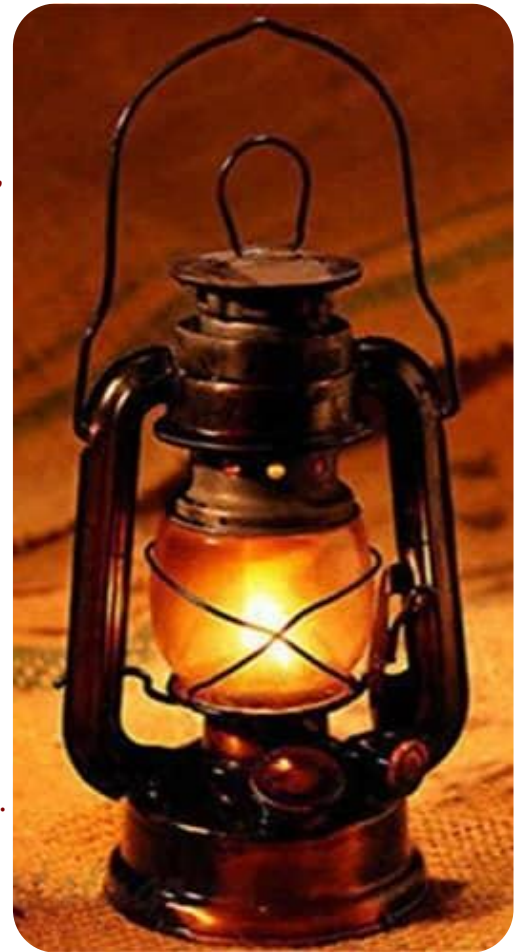
Today two hundred and fifty years ago
A spark of that Original Fire beamed
Over the river Lee and onto the streets of the city of Cork.

*Nano, woman of God:
Mary Anne, Elizabeth and Mary,
Dancing flames in the dark days of our world:
Gather with us now....*

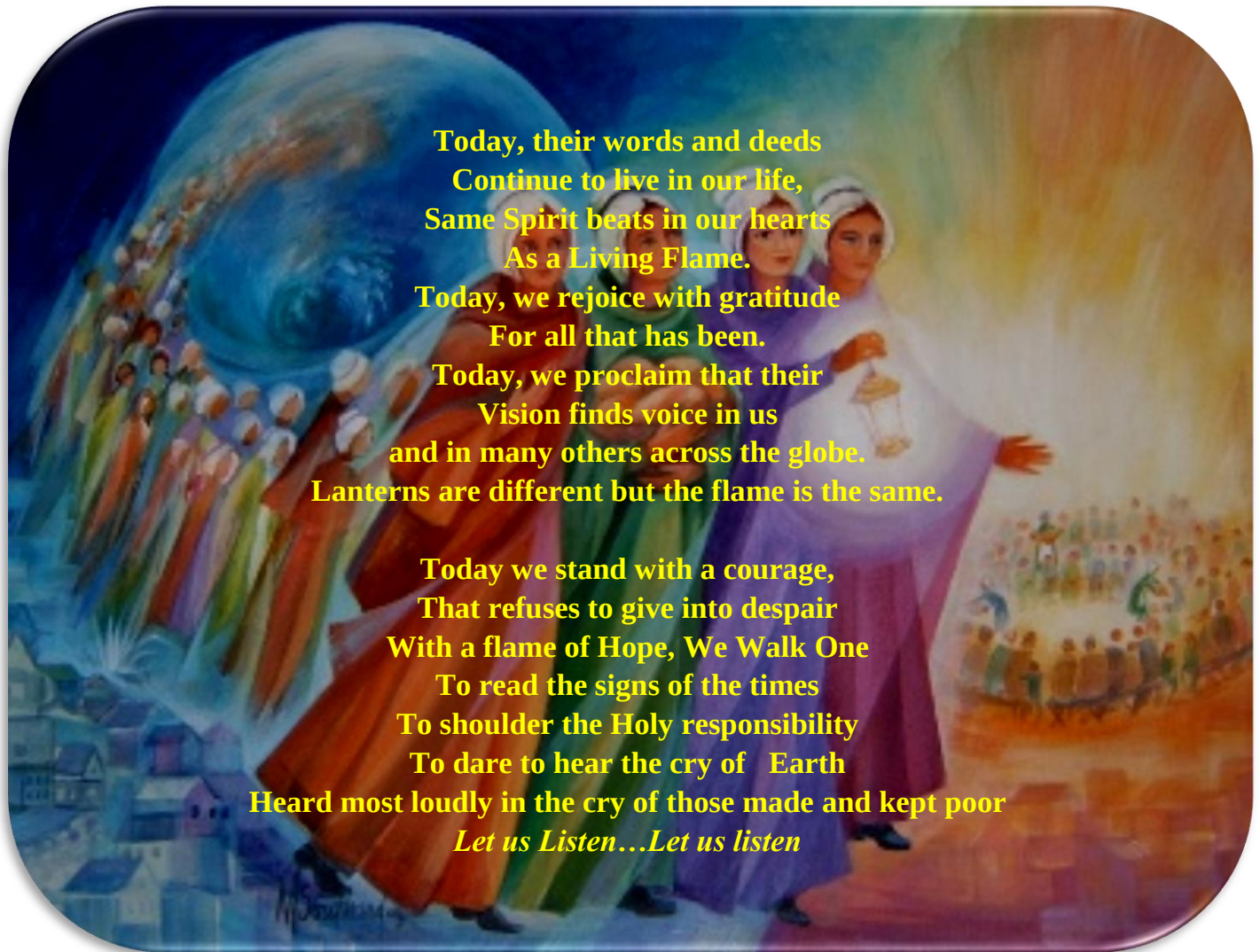
Today, when the sun stands still
and moon shines on the dark body of Earth
We celebrate THE WOMEN OF THE LIGHT
Seven and thousand and more
Who responded to the call of the Great Spirit
To walk in the footprints of the Light
All our beloved sisters who have gone before us
Who celebrate the radical hospitality of God

Let us rejoice!

All you women of the light: Gather with us now...



Book of Life is brought in ...



Today, their words and deeds
Continue to live in our life,
Same Spirit beats in our hearts
As a Living Flame.
Today, we rejoice with gratitude
For all that has been.
Today, we proclaim that their
Vision finds voice in us
and in many others across the globe.
Lanterns are different but the flame is the same.

Today we stand with a courage,
That refuses to give into despair
With a flame of Hope, We Walk One
To read the signs of the times
To shoulder the Holy responsibility
To dare to hear the cry of Earth
Heard most loudly in the cry of those made and kept poor
Let us Listen...Let us listen

Respond in song: *Listen, listen the cry of the earth, the cry of the poor
Can we listen, the voices are different, the song is the same.*

Today, we gather
Leaning on the breath of God,
Strength of that unquenchable Fire
Calling us to new life,
Beckoning us to open New Doors
To walk
To the wild unfinished edges
Of Mystery.

Today, we gather Presentation family near and far
Trusting
That the God of outrageous generosity
Will open our hearts
Free our minds
Heal our lives and
Anoint us to go One step further.

Today we gather disciples of Light
Invoking the Spirit of Sophia
To breathe where she will
To heal our Earth.
Our hearts sing with gratitude.

Let us rejoice

Let us rejoice!

Let us heal our wounded planet



For those who walk together as
Sisters, friends,
Family and benefactors, co-workers, students and
Partners all in ONE mission

Let us rejoice! Let us rejoice...

With holy remembering
We treasure our Sacred Story.
We share a common Home so beautiful and fragile
We share a common story written in our hearts
We share a common present, filled with uncertainty
We share a common future, slowly unfolding
A future full of hope and possibilities.

Trusting in God's Providence,
We journey into an unfolding future
Clothed in garments of courage and hope.
With Joy, With Music,
With Dance, We sing

Respond in song: Jubilate Deo... Jubilate

With Reverence for the mystery of being,
Gratitude for the gift of life,
And humility for our human place in the web of life
We Fan into flame the Gift of God.



With a deep reverence for our heritage,
We commit to be
The Living Flame of the Spirit.
Together we Fan into flame
The spiralling energy that defies containment.



Each has a light we lift our hands a gesture of commitment



**Take
your
Flame!**

Today
Let us listen to the God of the Universe
Beckoning us
To the Wild unfinished edges of life
To seek new paths, to break new grounds
To be edge walkers in our time
In a world torn by war and violence
In a world throbbing with new possibilities of youthful
energy
To honour the sacredness and oneness of all life
And flourishing of the sacred Earth Community
And her most vulnerable children
To be a ray of hope for those who come after us.

Today
As we arrive at the threshold of the Jubilee Year
We stand where **they** once stood
We stand where **they** once walked,
Breathing in the air, **they** breathed
Becoming women of Light
Listening... hearing in our own world
New born this day
Life's insistent cry, the Spirit's voice.

Women of God and Women of Earth

Let us rise up and follow

Our hearts carry the Fire

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Jubilate Deo...Rejoice...Alleluia...

If possible, plant a tree on 24th December.

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