

Sacred Burial Ceremony Sunday April 19, 3:15 PM

Remember to bring a rainbow scarf - or any color scarf

1. SONG #1 When you were born you cried and the world rejoiced;
Live your life so that when you die, The world cries, and you rejoice
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqSLWVoix0>

2. SONG: #2 Where I walk is holy, holy is the ground
Forest, mountain, river, sacred is the sound
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJ-tNr6nW5E>

3. SONG: #3 The earth is our mother, we must take care of her. 2 X
Hey Nanna, ho Nanna, hey nan nan.
er sacred ground we walk upon, with every step we take. 2X
Hey Nanna, ho Nanna, hey nan nan.
The earth is our mother, she will take care of us. 2 X
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1DrLbH6BAPY>

4. SONG #4 Spirit's all around us like a rainbow round the sun
Spirit's all around us like a rainbow round the sun
Spirit's all around us, Spirit's all around us,
Spirit is all around us like a rainbow round the sun

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### THIS LITANY WAS ADAPTED FROM A GREEN BURIAL CEREMONY IN MN 2019

For this human beings' precious life, We give thanks.  
For the grandeur of Creation, especially this earth home where this body will now rest, We give thanks; For the joy of this human life, the wonders and surprises, the hopes and achievements, We give thanks; For the care this human being received from beloved family, and friends, colleagues, mentors, and all the caregivers, We give thanks; For this human being and all who have labored for a better and kinder world, We give thanks, For all who have lived intentionally so that others might live in dignity and freedom, We give thanks.

Blessing-- by the poet John O'Donohue ~  
From Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom

*May the nourishment of the earth be yours, may the clarity of light be yours, may the fluency of the ocean be yours, may the protection of the ancestors be yours. And so may a slow wind work these words of love around you, an invisible cloak to mind your life.*

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Conference Verse

*All that lives throughout the Universe,
Lives only through creating within itself
The seed of new life.
And so too the soul
Surrenders itself to aging and death,
Only so that what never dies in us
Ripens to constant new life.
-Rudolf Steiner*

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Three verses from a 5 verse sequence by Steiner used by Paul Scharf at the Fellowship Community for Ash Burial Ceremony (and also applicable to a green burial ceremony)

<https://www.paulwscharffarchive.com/the-ash-ceremony/>

Verse III

*From the life of mine this body came,  
So that the will of the world can be done.  
I have tended this body royal,  
And now give the remains to the earthly soil.  
From birth to death a work I have done,  
To transform the gift given at birth.  
By dint of joy, sadness and mirth,  
I now return this gift to you, Good Earth.  
It is now that in ethereal spaces  
I will work among the planetary traces.  
Now in this domain of my true home  
Dearest Earth receive what was of my bone.  
I cherish that this deed of mine  
Will tend thy body-soul --  
That of the Divine.*

Verse IV

*Oh thou earth,  
thou art a body of the heavens.  
Yet it is through human ash  
that thou can suffer pain.  
In such wise,  
we all can know  
that thou will ever have a soul.  
The joy of thy rocks crumbling,  
the pain of thy plants torn from root,  
the glory of the flower cut for man,  
all this we preserve with human ash  
that thou good earth may remain  
within the warp and woof of the heavenly chain.*



Verse V

*More radiant than the sun  
Purer than snow  
Finer than the ether  
Is the Self  
The Spirit in my heart  
I am this Self  
This Self am I*