



Brigit Ann O'Connor

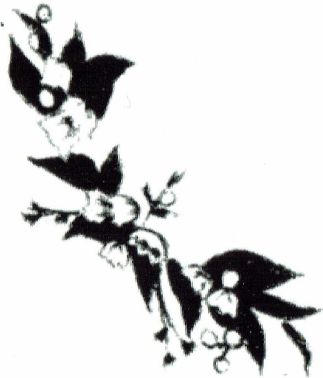
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# FAITH

*Faith is a quality of human living. At its best it has taken the form of serenity and courage and service; a quiet confidence and joy that enable one to feel at home in the universe, and to find meaning in the world and in one's life, a meaning that is profound and ultimate, and is stable no matter what may happen to ones self at the level of immediate event.*

*Smith, "Faith and Belief"*



# Love



I may be able to speak the languages of men and even of angels, but if I have not love, my speech is no more than a noisy gong or a clanging bell. I may have the gift of inspired preaching; I may have all knowledge and understand all secrets; I may have all the faith needed to move mountains – but if I have not love, I am nothing. I may give away everything I have, and even give up my body to be burned – but if I have not love, it does me no good.

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous, or conceited, or proud; love is not ill-mannered, or selfish, or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up: its faith, hope and patience never fail.

1 Corinthians, 13



## God's Grandeur

*The World is charged with the grandeur of God.*

*It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;*

*It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil*

*Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod? Generations have  
trod, have trod, have trod;*

*And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil; And wears  
man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil is bare now, nor  
can foot feel, being shod.*

*And for all this, nature is never spent;*

*There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;*

*And though the last lights off the black West went*

*Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs— Because the  
Holy Ghost over the bent*

*World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.*

Bernard, Gabriel and Sally would like to thank you all for  
coming to celebrate the life of Brigit and invite you all to  
refreshments served in the hall.

Celebrant: Yavanna Redgrave

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