

# Altars in the World

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But now see what it is to adore God: it is, in the Christian faith, with great reverence and above reason, to gaze in the spirit upon God, the Eternal Power, Creator and Lord of heaven and earth and all that in them is. ~ John Ruysbroeck, The Seven Steps of the Ladder of Spiritual Love

Entering with a Song

"I Walk"

based on a Diné (Navajo) Prayer

With beauty behind me I walk,
With beauty before me I walk.
Today as I wander, I journey in goodness.
Seeking out beauty I walk.
With beauty below me I walk,
With beauty above me I walk.
Today as I travel a trail of contentment,
With calm assurance I walk.
That all may be beauty I walk.

Being Present

Glory Everywhere "Be Still"

Be still, for the Glory of the LORD, is shining all around. He burns with holy fire, with splendor he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light. Be still, for the Glory of the LORD is shining all around.

### Sitting with Scripture

**Exodus 3:1-6** 

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said,

"I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up."

When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush,

"Moses, Moses!"

And Moses said,

"Here I am."

Then the LORD said,

"Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground. . . . I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."

And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

## There Are Burning Bushes Everywhere

#### A Heart for Creation

## Seeing God Everywhere

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart, I want to see you, I want to see you. To see your presence all around, shining in the heart of creation. Unveil your power and love, and let my heart see your salvation.

#### A Heart for Others

Seeing God in All

"Wherever You Turn"

Wherever you turn, there is the Face of God. Wherever you turn, there is the Face of God.

## Holding Others to God

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#### Resting in the Silence

During these few minutes of silence, simply rest in God's abiding and loving presence in this moment. Simply be here now. Descend into this silence. There is nothing you need to do. Just let go. Relax. Sense your body. Breathe deeply. If it helps, use a sacred word to help you descend into this silence (such as Beloved, Mercy, Abba, Jesus, or Spirit) or a breath prayer, such as "Here" (inhale) "I am" (exhale).

#### Communion

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