

Candle Ceremony

Now that we have closed the sacred book
and our ceremonies are done.

I'd like to leave a parting thought
in the hearts of everyone.

I have lighted a candle of service
that we, who have seen his star
may think of our needy sisters and brothers,
and help wherever they are.

May envy, and hatred and malice
just wither before the flame
and the eternal fires of God
light up our hearts, in the Father's name.

May all who have come to this service
with hearts o'er burdened with care
go forth with the burden lightened
and peace, find a dwelling place there.

And as the light of candle goes out,
and the work of the day is o'er,
may all, who go out from this place tonight,
be permitted to meet here once more.

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