

On This Day

A blessing written for PLTS Faculty and Staff at the opening Graduation Ceremony for 2023

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On this day,

the world is ending
and we choose care for
you.

We have been
at times emptied
at times filled
at times challenged
beyond what we have
thought our capability

Debunking
Unmasking
Disentangling...
what is
continuously giving way to
what has been—
ever beckoning toward
emancipatory praxis.

It is a strange,
newly familiar thing
to be so bound
and so released
and bound once again

So, on this day,

let us say
this is the way love moves
ceaseless spiraling,
twisting and turning us
inward, outward, toward,
and away

On this day

we hold you
in gratitude and love.

*“each student assigned,
to faculty or staff draws sign of
cross on hands and forehead at
each pause after “pause”,
“breathe” and “space”*

Let us pause—
breathe—
give space —
for these moments of
love-unfolding to
solidarity and commitment

This blessing,
wrapped in
unfathomable mystery
that’s moved us,
undone us,
and ...probably remakes us

is our gift of thanks
to you.