

# Magdalen Community at Rothko Chapel

Sunday, July 23, 2006, 10:00 a.m.

*The Magdalen Community is a connective community seeking conversation  
and dialogue with other spiritualities and religious traditions.*

## Call to Silence and Opening Meditation

### *Returning Home, Tu Weiming*

*Your vital energy is returning to the Source  
Like the flowing stream returning to ocean.*

*Heaven is our father, Earth is our Mother,  
All people are our brothers and sisters,  
And all things are our companions.*

*In this gentle, peaceful journey,  
You are forming one body with heaven and earth.  
Entrust yourself in the transforming and nourishing care of the Cosmos.  
Listen to the voice of love in the silence.  
You have heard the Way;  
Return Home in Peace.*

## Opening Dialogue

*Solo: Peace Be With You.*

*Unison: Acquire My Peace within you.*

*Solo: Blessed be the Divine Realm*

*Unison: The Realm of the Good  
The Realm of our Image  
The Realm of our True Humanity*

*Solo: The Good has come among us*

*Unison: We will pursue the Good  
Our nature belongs to the Good*

*Solo:* Blessed be the Divine Teachers  
*Unison:* **The Blessed Ones of Perfect Peace**

*Solo:* How do we acquire that Perfect Peace?  
*Unison:* **Look within!**

*Solo:* Not over here  
*Unison:* **Not over there**  
**But within. The child of true humanity is within us.**

*Solo:* Search for the true self within. Those who seek it will find it.  
*Unison:* **We will find it.**

*Solo:* Such is the promise  
*Unison:* **Anyone who has ear to hear should listen.**

## **Readings and Call to conversation**

### **A Reading from Matthew 5:5**

*Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

### **A Reading from "The Beatitudes," Prayers of the Cosmos: Meditations on the Aramaic Words of Jesus, Neil Douglas-Klotz**

*Blessed are the gentle; they shall inherit the earth.*

*Healthy are those who have softened what is rigid within; they shall receive physical vigor and strength from the universe.*

*Aligned with the One are the humble, those submitted to God's will; they shall be gifted with the productivity of the earth.*

*Healed are those who have wept inwardly with the pain of repressed desire; they shall be renewed in sympathy with nature.*

*Integrated, resisting corruption are those who have dissolved heavy morality within; they shall be open to receive the splendor of earth's fruits.*

### **A Reading from The Gospel of Mary Magdalene, translation by Jean-Yves Leloup**

*Be in harmony...If you are out of balance, take inspiration from manifestations of your true nature. Those who have ears, let them hear.*

***A Reading from Matthew 5:7***

*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.*

***A Reading from "The Beatitudes," Prayers of the Cosmos: Meditations on the Aramaic Words of Jesus, Neil Douglas-Klotz***

*Blessed are those who, from their inner wombs, birth mercy; they shall feel its warm arms embrace them.*

*Aligned with the One are the compassionate; upon them shall be compassion.*

*Healthy are those who extend grace; they shall find their own prayers answered.*

*Tuned to the Source are those who shine from the deepest place in their bodies. Upon them shall be the rays of universal Love.*

***A Reading from The Gospel of Mary Magdalene, translation by Jean-Yves Leloup***

*Mary said to them: ... I had a vision of the Teacher, and I said to him: 'Lord, I see you now in this vision.' And he answered: 'You are blessed, for the sight of me does not disturb you. There where is the mind (nous) lies the treasure.'*

***A Reading from Matthew 5:9***

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.*

***A Reading from "The Beatitudes," Prayers of the Cosmos: Meditations on the Aramaic Words of Jesus, Neil Douglas-Klotz***

*Blessed are those who plant peace each season; they shall be named the children of God.*

*Healthy are those who strike the note that unites; they shall be remembered as rays of the One Unity.*

*Aligned with the One are those who prepare the ground for all tranquil gatherings; they shall become fountains of Livingness.*

*Integrated are those who joyfully knit themselves together within; they shall be stamped with the seal of Cosmic Identity.*

*Healed are those who bear the fruit of sympathy and safety for all; they shall hasten the coming of God's new creation.*

*A Reading from The Gospel of Mary Magdalene, translation by Jean-Yves Leloup*

*...the Blessed One greeted them all saying: "Peace be with you—may my Peace arise and be fulfilled within you! Be vigilant, and allow no one to mislead you by saying: 'Here it is!' or 'There it is!' For it is within you that the Son of Man dwells. Go to him, for those who seek him, find him."*

## **Closing Dialogue**

*Solo: Where are you from?*

*Unison: We have come from the place where light is produced from itself.*

*Solo: Where is that place?*

*Unison: It's a mystery.*

*Solo: But can you say you image the light?*

*Unison: Yes, indeed. We carry the light within.*

*Solo: And the peace?*

*Unison: Yes, also the peace.*

*Solo: How do you know of such light and such peace?*

*Unison: The sign is the feeling.*

*The sign is the movement from within.*

*The sign is the passion for the well-being of all.*

*Solo: What are your other signs?*

*Unison: Our recognitions of injustice and hatred and oppression throughout the globe, of power struggles and violence that seem unending.*

*Solo: Can we turn those around?*

*Unison: We must seek to do so.*

*Solo: Are you willing to spread your light and your peace?*

*Unison: We are eager to spread them.*

*They spread just as love spreads.*

*Solo: The kingdom spreads out on the earth, just as love spreads.*

*Unison: But some people are not aware of it.*

*Solo: Yet you are aware.*

*Unison: Yes, indeed.*

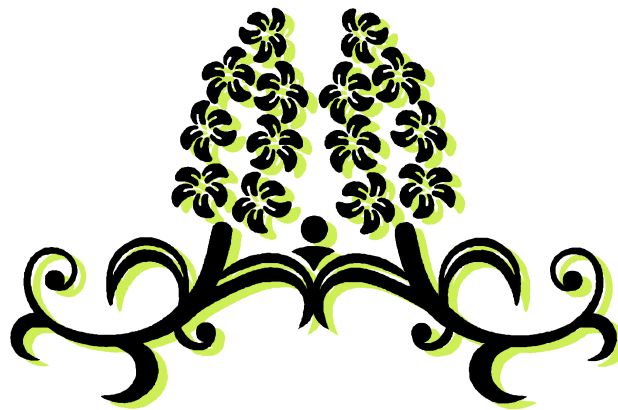
*We are aware of the light and the movement and the peace.*

*And we cannot stand back.*

*We will step forward.*

*We will overcome the violence, the domination, the hatred,  
and spread love.*

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