

Magdalen Community at Rothko Chapel

Sunday, June 25, 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

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 5:3

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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

Happy and aligned with the One are those who find their home in the breathing; to them belong the inner kingdom and queendom of heaven.

Blessed are those who are refined in breath; they shall find their ruling principles and ideals guided by God's light.

Tuned to the Source are those who live by breathing Unity; their "I can!" is included in God's.

Healthy are those who devotedly hold fast to the spirit of life; holding them is the cosmic Ruler of all that shines and rises.

Resisting corruption, possessing integrity are those whose breath forms a luminous sphere; they hear the universal Word and feel the earth's power to accomplish it through their own hands.

Healed are those who devote themselves to the link of spirit; the design of the universe is rendered through their form.

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 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.'

Closing Dialogue

Solo: Peace be with you.

Unison: Acquire my peace within you.

Solo: My Peace I leave with you.

Unison: My Peace I give to you.

Solo: Let not your hearts be troubled.

Unison: Neither let them be afraid.

Solo: God shelters you.

Unison: And prepares us as true human beings.

Solo: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Unison: Thanks be to God.



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