

# Magdalen Community at Rothko Chapel

Sunday, October 1, 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: 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.*

## **Reading**

### *A Reading from Rumi*

*Sell your cleverness and*

*buy bewilderment;*

*Cleverness is mere opinion,*

*Bewilderment is intuition.*

*A Reading from Witnessing Awareness, Fundamental Principles of Ayurveda by Vasant Lad,  
M.A. Sc.*

*The mind is the only sense organ that has the capacity to see itself. The ears cannot hear themselves. The eyes cannot see themselves, unless there is a mirror. The tongue cannot taste itself. Nevertheless the mind can see itself. It has double arrowed attention. The mind can look outside and at the same time, it can look inside.*

*Right from this moment, bring discipline and watch the mind. Watching the mind means looking at your thoughts as they are, looking at your feeling and emotions as they are without identifying them as "this is my fear, this is my thought." Without identification, justification, evaluation and notification, you can see a clear-cut gap between two thoughts, a space between two memories, a distance between two emotions. In that space, there is a door. Enter that door.*

*Let the mind think what it wants. It may think about good things or bad things. It does not matter; do not judge. Just observe the thinking. Soon you can clearly see a space between two thoughts. If you enter that space, you will forget your body and your problems and you will be in a dynamic space.*

*Take care not to name it. The vast, incredible, immeasurable space is your true nature. Your true nature is endless and boundless existence.*

## *A Reading from The Gospel Of Mary Magdalene*

*And she began to say the following words to them. "I," she said, "I saw the Lord in a vision and I said to him, 'Lord, I saw you today in a vision.'*

*He answered and said to me, 'Blessed are you, since you did not waver at the sight of me. For where the mind is, there is your countenance.*

*I said to him, 'Lord, the mind which sees the vision, does it see it through the soul or through the spirit?'*

*The Savior answered and said, 'It sees neither through the soul nor through the spirit, but the mind, which is between the two, which sees the vision, and it is...''*

## **Call to Conversation**

### **Closing Dialogue**

*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: 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 us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.*

*Unison: Thanks be to God.*

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your love offering in the box marked "Magdalen Community"  
will be gratefully received.*

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