

MAGDALEN COMMUNITY AT ROTHKO CHAPEL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 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 GREETING

Solo: Peace Be With You.

Unison: Acquire My Peace within you.

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.*

READINGS AND CALL TO CONVERSATION

A reading from the Bhagavad-Gita

Chapter 11: The Cosmic Vision

Arjuna said: O Lord, if You think it is possible for me to see this, then O Lord of the yogis, show me Your imperishable Self. (11.04)

The Supreme Lord said: But, you are not able to see Me with your physical eye; therefore, I give you the divine eye to see My majestic power and glory. (11.08)

Having said this, Lord Krishna, the great Lord of (the mystic power of) yoga, revealed His supreme majestic form to Arjuna. (11.09)

(Arjuna saw the Universal Form of the Lord) with many mouths and eyes, and many visions of marvel, with numerous divine ornaments, and holding divine weapons. (11.10)

Wearing divine garlands and apparel, anointed with celestial perfumes and ointments, full of all wonders, the limitless God with faces on all sides. (11.11)

If the splendor of thousands of suns were to blaze forth all at once in the sky, even that would not resemble the splendor of that exalted being. (11.12)

Arjuna saw the entire universe, divided in many ways, but standing as (all in) One (and One in all) in the body of Krishna, the God of gods. (11.13)

Then Arjuna, filled with wonder and his hairs standing on end, bowed his head to the Lord and prayed with folded hands. (11.14)

A reading from Divine Love: Looking For Your Face - Rumi

*From the beginning of my life
I have been looking for your face
but today I have seen it.*

*Today I have seen
the charm, the beauty,
the unfathomable grace
of the face
that I was looking for.*

*Today I have found you
and those that laughed
and scorned me yesterday
are sorry that they were not
looking
as I did.*

*I am bewildered by the
magnificence
of your beauty
and wish to see you with
a hundred eyes.*

*My heart has burned with
passion
and has searched forever
for this wondrous beauty
that I now behold.*

*I am ashamed
to call this love human
and afraid of God
to call it divine.*

*Your fragrant breath
like the morning breeze
has come to the stillness of the
garden*

*You have breathed new life into
me
I have become your sunshine
and also your shadow.*

*My soul is screaming in ecstasy
Every fiber of my being
is in love with you*

*Your effulgence
has lit a fire in my heart
and you have made radiant
for me
the earth and sky.*

*My arrow of love
has arrived at the target
I am in the house of mercy
and my heart
is a place of prayer.*



A Reading from Matthew 17: verses 1-9

1. *And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart.*
2. *And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light.*
3. *And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Eli'jah, talking with him.*
4. *And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Eli'jah."*
5. *He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."*
6. *When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe.*
7. *But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear."*
8. *And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.*
9. *And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is raised from the dead."*

A Reading from The Gospel of Mary Magdalen

- 8) *And she began to speak to them these words: 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,*
- 9) *Blessed are you that you did not waver at the sight of Me. For where the mind is there is the treasure.*
- 10) *I said to Him, Lord, how does he who sees the vision see it, through the soul or through the spirit?*

CLOSING PRAYER

O God of Light, through your light which we mirror within us, may there be peace in the world, where we join together, young and old, rich and poor, male and female, peoples of all races and nations, opening our hearts with love, seeking understanding of the truths of native peoples, the truths of the Hindu Scriptures, the Islamic Scriptures, the Hebrew scriptures, the truths of the Christian scriptures, and the truths of the sacred books and spiritualities of the East. Amen.

CLOSING DIALOGUE

- Solo: Are you aware of the light and the peace within you?*
- Unison: We have the feeling and the movement,
The passion for the well-being of all.*

*Solo: Light spreads, just as love spreads.
Are you willing to speak your feeling of light?*

*Unison: Yes, indeed, we must speak the feeling.
We must act the peace.*

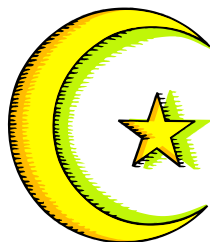
*Solo: Then let us practice the feeling.
Let us practice the action of peace.*

*Unison: Let us dance the feeling.
Let us dance the peace.
Let us dance from the light.*

*Solo: Let us move together
In the light and the peace.*

Unison: Let us go forth in the power of the Spirit.

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