

Magdalen Community at Rothko Chapel

Sunday, September 17, 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

Let your light so shine before me, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:16, King James Version

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 Permission to Shine, Translation from Blessings of the Cosmos, Neil Douglas-Klotz

*Let the light of your being
The consciousness of knowing
Your real Self,
Radiate and illuminate
The human beings
You find before you,
As well as the community of voices
You find within.*

*When they see and feel
Your atmosphere of ripeness,
Your ability to act
At the right time and place,
They will be reconnected in praise
To the song and harmony
Of the Parent of All,
The nurturing Force
That re-creates the cosmos
Each moment,
Unfolding a universe
Of sound, vibration and light.*

A Reading from Lesson 81, A Course in Miracles: I am the Light of the World

How holy am I, who have been given the function of lighting up the world. Let me be still before my holiness. In its calm light let all my conflicts disappear. In its peace, let me remember who I am. Let me not obscure the light of the world in me. Let the light of the world shine through this appearance. This shadow will vanish before the light.

A Reading from Lesson 155, A Course in Miracles: I Will Step Back

There is a way of living in the world that is not here; although it seems to be. You do not change appearance; though you smile more frequently. Your forehead is serene; your eyes are quiet. And the ones who walk with the world as you do recognize their own.

We walk to God. Pause and reflect on this. Could any way be holier or more deserving of your effort, of your love and your full intent?

Your feet are safely set upon the road that leads the world to God. Look not to ways that seem to lead you elsewhere. He has placed his hand in yours and given you your brothers in his trust. You will not fail your brothers nor your Self. And now He asks but that you think of Him a while each day, that he may speak to you and tell you of His Love, reminding you how great His Trust; how limitless His Love.

In your name and His Own, which are the same, we practice gladly with this thought today: ***I will step back and let Him lead the way. For I would walk along the road to Him.***

A Reading from The Gospel Of Mary Magdalene, Chapter 4

That is why I said to you, Be of good courage, and if you are discouraged be encouraged in the presence of the different forms of nature. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

When the Blessed One had said this, He greeted them all, saying, Peace be with you. Receive my peace unto yourselves. Beware that no one lead you astray saying: Lo here or lo there! For the Son of Man is within you. Follow after Him! Those who seek Him will find Him. Go then and preach the gospel of the Kingdom. Do not lay down any rules beyond what I appointed you, and do not give a law like the lawgiver lest you be constrained by it. When He said this He departed.

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.*

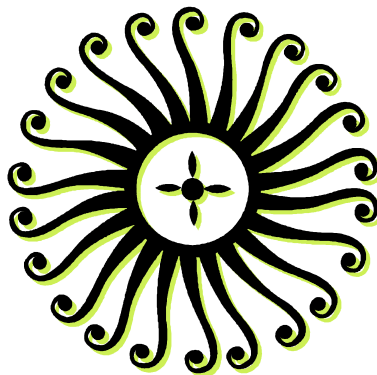
*Solo: Light spreads, just as love spreads.
Are you willing to speak your feeling of light?*

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

*Solo: 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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