


Magdalene Gathering
March 26, 2023





Welcome

Let's take a few moments to silence our minds,
calm our bodies, and open our hearts.



OPENING DIALOGUE

SOLO: Peace be with You

UNISON: Acquire My Peace Within You

SOLO: Lord, I saw you today in a vision

UNISON: Blessed are you that you did not waver at the sight of Me.

SOLO: Tell me Lord, how does he who sees the vision see it, through the soul or through the spirit ?

UNISON: He does not see through the soul nor through the spirit, but the mind that is between the two, that is what sees the vision.



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*In a world where
you can be anything,
be KIND.*

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The Gospel of Mary - Leloup



Having said all this, Mary became silent, for it was in silence that the Teacher spoke to her.

Then Andrew began to speak, and said to his brothers: "Tell me, what do you think of these things she has been telling us? As for me, I do not believe that the Teacher would speak like this. These ideas are too different from those we have known.

And Peter added: "How is it possible that the Teacher talked in this manner with a woman about secrets of which we ourselves we ourselves are ignorant? Must we change our customs, and listen to this woman? Did he really choose her, and prefer her to us?"



Then Mary wept, and answered him: “My brother Peter, what can you be thinking? Do you believe that this is just my own imagination, that I invented this vision? Or do you believe that I would lie about our Teacher?”

At this, Levi spoke up: “Peter, you have always been hot-tempered, and now we see you repudiating a woman, just as our adversaries do. Yet if the Teacher held her worthy, who are you to reject her? Surely the Teacher knew her very well, for he loved her more than us. Therefore let us atone, and become fully human [Anthropos], so that the Teacher can take root in us. Let us grow as he demanded of us, and walk forth to spread the gospel, without trying to lay down rules and laws other than those he witnessed.”

No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.

—AESOP

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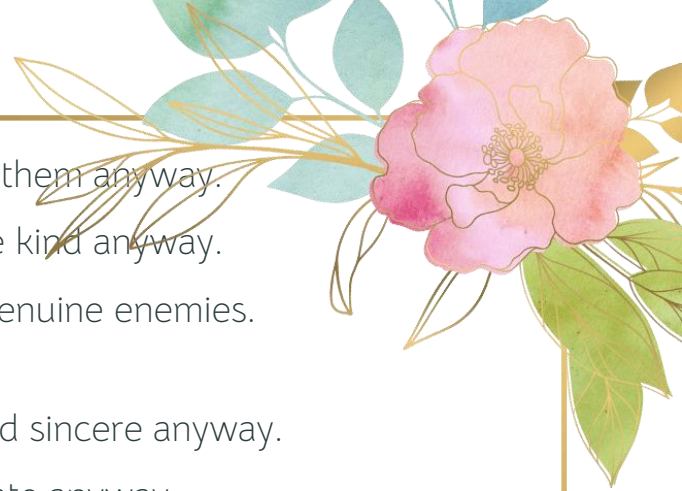
Be kind whenever possible.
It is always possible.

-Dalai Lama



Sometimes miracles are
just good people with
kind hearts.





People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

-Version attributed to Mother Teresa;

Original version by Dr. Kent M. Keith, 1968



1 Corinthians 13 – New International Version

1 If I speak in the tongues[a] of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast,[b] but do not have love, I gain nothing.



4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. 12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.



13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Build an ARK





An invitation
Reflection and Discussion



Announcements
and prayer requests

Closing Dialog

Solo: Peace be with you.

Unison: May my peace reside within you.

Solo: Guard carefully that no one misleads you saying, "Look, he is here," or "he is there," for the Son of Humanity already exists within you.

Unison: Follow him, for those who seek him there will find him.

Solo: Let us turn our hearts to the Good.

Unison: Let us praise his greatness which has prepared us so that we might become fully human.

Solo: Acquire my peace.

Unison: Let us go forth and proclaim the Good.



OUR NEXT GATHERING

April 30, 2023

