

Magdalene Gathering January 25, 2026

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Welcome

**Let us 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: Where are you from?

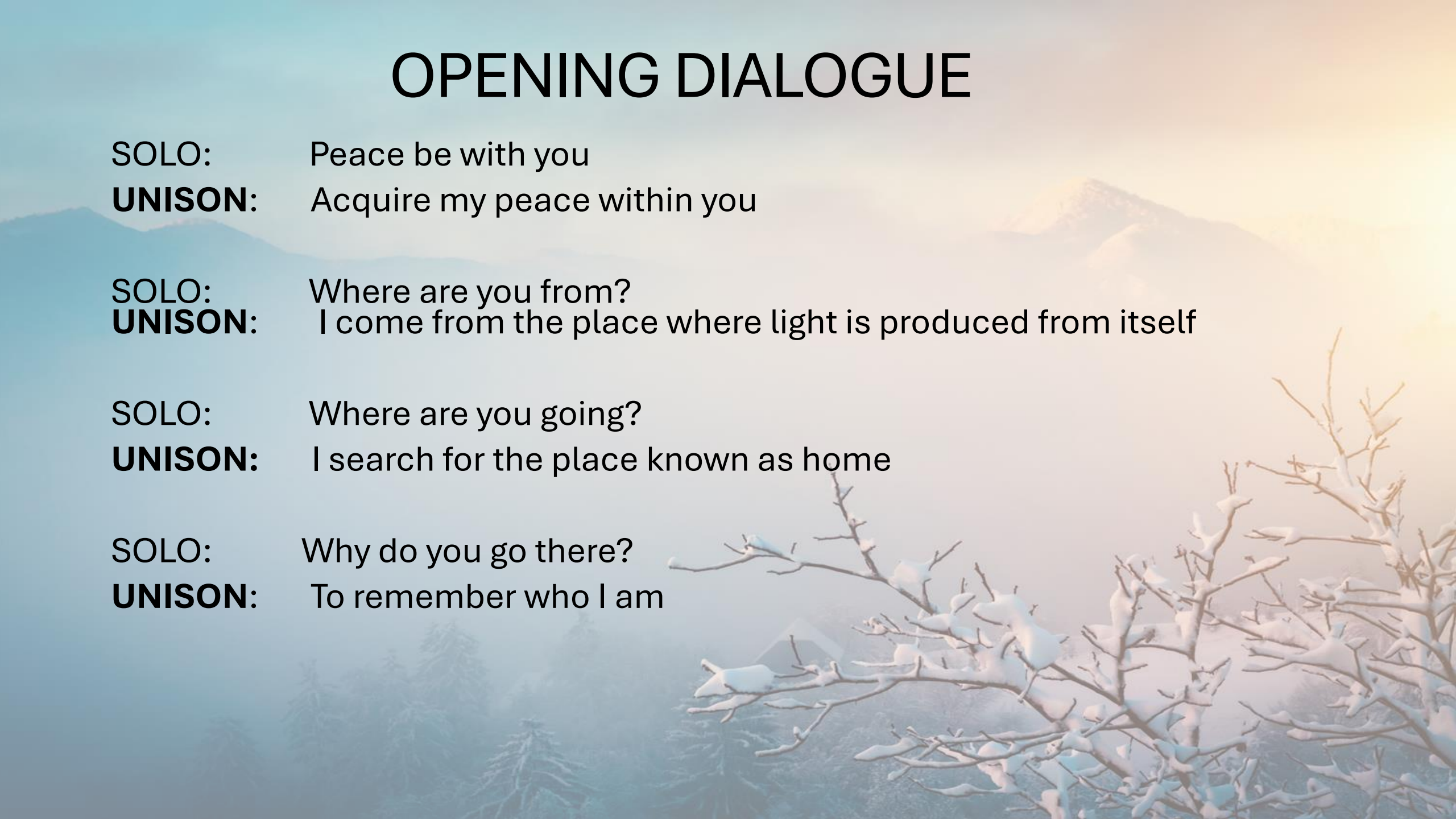
UNISON: I come from the place where light is produced from itself

SOLO: Where are you going?

UNISON: I search for the place known as home

SOLO: Why do you go there?

UNISON: To remember who I am



How to get dressed

- As suggested by: Ann Sayas
- Based on **The Greatest Thing I learned this Week** offering, January 9, 2026, by Bible and Beyond
- <https://earlychristiantexts.com/>



The Greatest Thing I learned this Week

But the conclusion in the Gospel of Mary seems to emphasize a primary message in **how followers of Jesus should clothe themselves**. This topic appears to have carried even more importance than the striking image of Mary's leadership.

After the dispute between Peter and Mary about whether she had any special connection with Jesus, Levi tells everyone to stop arguing. They're missing the point! What **they *should* be doing is clothing themselves with the perfect Human and announcing the good news.**

Rather let us be ashamed and **put on the perfect Man**, and separate as He commanded us and preach the gospel, not laying down any other rule or other law beyond what the Savior said.

The Gnostic Society

Rather let us be ashamed and **cloth ourselves with the perfect human being**. Let us bring him forth to us as he commanded us.

Esther DeBoer

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 and spread the gospel.

Jean Yves LeLoup

What is the garment you wear and why

- Work
- Play
- Dress up
- Funeral
- At home wear
- Wedding
- Weather
- Travel
- Place of worship
- Nighttime (sleep wear)
- Respect – authority- rules
- For fun
- To show off
- To mourn
- For self
- To recognize the occasion
- Protection
- Durability
- Honor the rituals
- Comfort

Garment of Light

From Romans (13:12-14):

“Let us then throw off the works of darkness and **put on the armor of light**; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

Instead, **put on the Lord Jesus Christ**, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.”



The Armor of God

Ephesians 6:10-18

- ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.
- ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.
- ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against **the rulers**, against **the authorities**, against **the powers of this dark world** and against **the spiritual forces of evil** in the heavenly realms.
- ¹³ Therefore **put on the full armor of God**, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, **to stand**.



Ephesians 6:10-18, cont.

- ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with **the belt** of truth buckled around your waist,
- with **the breastplate** of righteousness in place, ¹⁵
- and with your feet fitted with **the readiness** that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶
- In addition to all this, take up the **shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷
- Take the **helmet of salvation** and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the **word of God**.

Clothed with the New Self

Colossians 3:8-10

“But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth.

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have **stripped off the old self** with its practices and have **clothed yourselves with the new self**, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.”

Strengthening our Spiritual Garment— Nurturing our Inner Selves

- Prayers
- Meditation
- Gratitude
- Silence
- Stillness
- Remembering who we are



How do we clothe ourselves with spiritual garments?

The words we say; the simple rituals

When in the car and driving

- **Safe there, Safe return**

When at work

- **God, make this meeting short and don't let them ask me question**

When with children or grandchildren

- **God, I hope they like me and what we are doing**

When attending Magdalene Gatherings

- **God, I hope I can keep up.**

When going to the doctor

- **God, let there be good results.**

When leaving the home

- **God protect this place**

Overall/in general

- **God Bless this family,**
- **this time,**
- **This project,**
- **me**

Reflections

When we put on the Garment of God...

What dressing ritual would remind us of the attributes that must be considered in putting on such clothing?

How can we wear it throughout the year ahead?



Announcements

and

Prayer Requests



Sunday Musings

The first call is hospitality

Diana Butler Bass

Jan. 18, 2026

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?”

They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.”

They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day.

Come home

The calling will become more obvious.
“Follow me” comes later.

But not now. Abiding and being are
enough, just enough light to see more
clearly.

Come and see. Be comfortable. Eat
and drink. Warm yourselves.

You are home.

Maybe for the first time.

The very first summons is **God’s
hospitality**; the divine beckons us to
shelter.

It is an invitation to stability, to be
grounded, to be with Jesus, and know
ourselves.

Not to do anything, go anywhere, or
give up anything.

Perhaps the only things we surrender
in this call are the shadows that haunt
us — and our fear of the dark.

***Welcome to this sacred abode, this
circle of light.***

Closing

MARY PRAYER:

Blessed are you, Miriam, (Maryam, Mary) for you did not waver at the sight of the risen Master;

you who were his companion and whom he loved more than any other woman.

Holy Bride, Apostle to the Apostles, be at my right shoulder as I walk forth in the Infinite Light and

bless me with the healing balm of your eternal presence.


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The Four Loves

C.S. Lewis

“If you have not chosen the
Kingdom of God, in the end,
it will make no difference
what you have chosen
instead.”

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Our Next Gathering will be
on February 22, 2026
3 p.m. CST

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