

Saturday April 10 2021

Handout

Opening Prayer

Serene light shining in the ground of my being, draw me to yourself.

Draw me past the snares of the senses, out of the mazes of the mind.

Free me from symbols, from words that I may discover the signified:

The word unspoken in the darkness that veils the ground of my being

- Byzantine Hymn

Prayer before Centering Prayer

Father Son and Holy Spirit;

Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier,

Alive at the centre our being,

We wish to surrender in love to you.

May our sacred word which we shall pray,

Whenever we become aware of anything else,

Be a sign and symbol of our intention to consent

To your divine presence and action within.

Final Reading

Contemplation is the response to a call: a call from Him Who has no voice, and yet Who speaks in everything that is, and Who, most of all, speaks in the depths of our own being: for we ourselves are words of His.

But we are words that are meant to respond to Him, to answer to Him, to echo Him, and even in some way to contain Him and signify Him. Contemplation is this echo.

— A Book of Hours

by Thomas Merton

Unity Prayer

May God heal all divisions -- those within my own mind, heart, soul and body, and those between all people and groups -- that we may be one Body in Christ, unified in every way and on every level, and thus manifest the Living Christ by our very lives. Amen.

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