

OPENING READING

THE PEACE OF GOD

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Gather up in one bouquet, as you would gather roses rare, the loves of all the creatures of all worlds — of human, of animal, of plant, of whirling planet, sun, and nebulae — the loves that rise as perfumes to the skies.

Add to these all shades, and combinations of all shades, that Light hath flashed to color. Then bind them with the force of every note and tone which ever gushed from throat of human, bird, and beast in song and praise — the chords of that sweet song the morning stars have sung since dawn of life, the rustle of the winds, the moanings of the waves; and if you have no name for such a marvel, you may call it God.

Then, if you can see and know the spirit of those loves — those rays of color, perfumes, notes, and chords — and feel it fold you close when one short day of time is closed as, at the setting of the sun, the mother folds her little one and hushes it to sleep, and only lays herself to rest when the great Bird of Life has folded close its wings — then and only then, shall you, the offspring of that God, feel and know the peace of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for Sunday, May 12, 2024

1. The Temple Healing Service is held every day at noon here in the Blue Star Memorial Temple. Join us in spirit if you can't join us in person. The healing service prayers are posted on the Temple website under the Events menu.
2. Temple study classes are held Tuesdays and Fridays on Zoom at 5:30pm Pacific Time.
 - The Tuesday class is studying writings from William Quan Judge.
 - The Friday class will study Desire from Temple Teachings Vol. 2.
3. Next Sunday at 10:30am the speaker will be special guest Vladan.
4. You can join classes, learn more about the Temple, make donations, or reach us through the contact link on the Temple website: templeofthepeople.org.
5. Announcements:
 - The Judge Library is open on Mondays from 9:30am to noon.
 - Thanks to everyone who helped clean Hiawatha Lodge yesterday.
 - Next Saturday and Sunday May 18 & 19, we will welcome a longtime student of the Dalai Lama. On Saturday morning at 10:30, Vladan will read from his book, *Into the Heart of Gold*. Saturday afternoon at 3:30, he will screen Part 3 of his documentary, *Tibetan Trinity: Life, Death, Time*. On Sunday morning he will speak here in the Temple, and at 6:00pm will be present for a one-hour meditation to Buddhist chants he recorded. The Temple website has more information.
 - In preparation for flags to be placed for the Monday Memorial Day holiday, a cleanup will be held on Saturday May 25 at the Halcyon Cemetery, followed with a potluck in Hiawatha Lodge that afternoon at 3pm. Please bring a dish to share.
 - Join us in the UC immediately after this service for tea, coffee, snacks, and conversation.