

Interfaith Families Project

Shavuot and Pentacost an interfaith service June 4, 2006

Opening Song ~"Day By Day"

Day by day, day by day
O dear Lord, three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly
Follow thee more nearly, day by day.

Welcome and Sharing Joys

Interfaith Responsive Reading

Reader: We gather here as an Interfaith Community
To share and celebrate the gift of life together

*All: Some of us gather as the Children of Israel
Some of us gather in the name of Jesus of Nazareth
Some of us gather influenced by each*

Reader: However we come, and whoever we are
May we be moved, In our time together
To experience that sense of Divine presence in each of us
Evoked by our worship together

*All: And to know in the wisdom of our hearts
That deeper unity in which all are one.*

Reading — The Ten Commandments

Reader: God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai. Moses gave them to the people, and they have given them to us. Let us read them together.

All: I am the Lord your G-d, who took you out from the land of Egypt.

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your G-d in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not want what your neighbor has.

Leader: These Commandments are the basis of all the laws of the Torah. They range from the belief in the oneness of G-d to the most basic laws which every society has found necessary for a peaceful life. When followed with reverence and humility, these laws can bring people close to G-d. In the words of the Book of Proverbs, the Torah is the Tree of Life.

Song ~ “Tree of Life”

It is the Tree of Life to them that hold fast to it
And all its supporters are happy....shalom....

Pentacost Reading ~ Acts 2:1-21

Song ~ “Spirit”

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,
calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons you called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”

Chorus

You swept through the desert, you called to the sand,
And you goaded your people with a law and a land;
When they were confounded by their idols and lies, they you spoke through your
prophets to open their eyes.

Chorus

Reflection ~ Rabbi White

Reading ~ “Spirit Praise”

Holy Spirit, making life alive,
moving in all things,
root of all created being,

cleansing the cosmos of every impurity,
effacing guilt, anointing wounds.
You are lustrous and praiseworthy life,
you wake and re-awaken everything that is.
-- Hildegard of Bingen, 12 century Benedictine abbess

Concerns of the Community

Song ~ "Teach Your Children Well"

You who are on the road
Must have a code that you can live by
And so, become yourself
Because the past is just a goodbye

Teach your children well
Their father's hell did slowly go by
And, feed them on your dreams
The one they pick's the one you'll know by

Chorus:

And don't ever ask them why -- if they tell you
You'll just cry so, just look at them and sigh
And know they love you

And you, of tender years
Can't know the fears that your elders grew by
And so, please help them with your youth
They seek the truth before they can die
Teach your parents well
Their children's hell did slowly go by
And, feed them on your dreams
The one they pick's the one you'll know by

Chorus

Benediction and Charge

***All:** May we go out into the world carrying with each of us the love and blessing of this Interfaith Community*

Reader: May we continue to hold on to what is good
and to stand as beacons of light and understanding for all people.

***All:** May God's spirit and peace be with us each now and forever.*

Reader: May the Lord bless you and keep you and bring you peace. Amen.

Blessing over Snack

Hamotzi lechem min ha-aretz, we give thanks to God for bread
Our voices raise in song together as our joyful prayer is said

Baruch atah adonai elohaynu melech ha-olam
Hamotzi lechem min ha-aretz, Amen.

Closing Song -- "Hevenu Shalom Aleichem"
(We wish you peace)