



THE GAYATRI PRAYER

AUM. Let us meditate on the glory of that effulgent Reality from whom the whole universe is projected. May He enlighten our minds. AUM.

THE ETERNAL TRUTHS

I AM AN ABSOLUTE MONIST. I BELIEVE:

“Truth is one; men call it by various names.”

“God, Brahman, is Consciousness-Existence-Bliss Absolute.”

“Everything is the manifestation of God, the Divine Reality.”

“The soul of man is of identical nature with the God of the universe.”

“Make thine own self pure by good thoughts, good words, good deeds.”

“Realize thyself.”

“By the realization of one’s own self, the absolute Self is realized.”

“God is the light of the heavens and the earth.”

“He who realizes God becomes one with God.”

“I am that I Am.”

“I and my Father are one.”

“I am Brahman, the absolute Self.”

THOUGHT JEWELS

“The enlightened ones come on earth to show the way of peace. Precepts based on the inherent and eternal divinity of the Self offer peace; peace is found in the companionship of the virtuous; but to the man of self-enlightenment peace comes from meditation on the Self.”

“Dhammapada”

translated by Swami Premananda

WORDS OF WISDOM

“Truly speaking, life is “formed” from our heart, and our whole spirit is reflected in its quality.”

—Swami Kamalananda

“Reflections On Still Waters”

Golden Lotus Temple

ORDER OF SERVICE

May 5, 2024



Prelude: “Song of India”...Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Organist: Cordelia Dreisonstok

Subjective Meditation

Aloker ei jhornadharay dhuiye dao

..... Rabindranath Tagore

.....Sung by Sudeshna Basu

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Hymn 1: “We Feel Thy Presence”.....

.....Oliver Holmes/Edward Perronet

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Aum Shanti Shanti Shanti Hari Aum Shanti

(May absolute peace pervade the whole Universe.)

Offertory: Anandoloke Rabindranath Tagore

.....Sung by Sudeshna Basu

.....Keyboard by Cordelia Dreisonstok

Conducted by Steve Bauer

“Our Sanctuary of Devotion”

Hymn 2: “O, Sometimes Gleams Upon Our Sight”.....

John Greenleaf Whittier/Melody (attributed to Ludwig van Beethoven)

Postlude: “That Sound of Such Beauty” from *The Magic Flute*, K. 620.....W.A. Mozart

REFLECTIONS

“Meditation at the heart center is not an emotional upwelling but an attunement of vibration of pure devotion. Identification of body, mind, heart and soul with the subtle power of love’s vibration is sure to fill the devotee with the consciousness of one. For in such a state, no separation of lover and beloved is possible.”

—Srimati Karuna

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Your children are cordially invited to attend our Sunday School in the Church of the Children at 11a.m.

HYMN 1.

We feel Thy presence, O our God,
In all its wondrous power;
Filling our hearts with love divine,
In this glad morning hour;
Filling our hearts with love divine,
In this glad morning hour.

We see Thy light, we hear Thy voice,
We glorify Thy name;
May all the nations of the earth
Thy wondrous love proclaim;
May all the nations of the earth
Thy wondrous love proclaim.

Thy healing power, O precious word,
The Truth shall make us free;
And lead us to the great I Am,
The All in All, to Thee;
And lead us to the great I Am,
The All in All, to Thee.
Amen.

HYMN 2.

O, sometimes gleams upon our sight,
Through present wrong, the eternal right
And step by step, since time began
We see the steady gain of man.

For all of good the past hath had
Remains to make our own time glad,
Our minds on God, we know no strife
Our hearts are blessed with Love of Life.

Through the harsh noises of our day,
A low sweet prelude finds its way;
Through clouds of doubt and creeds of fear
A light is breaking, calm and clear.

Henceforth my heart shall sigh no more
For olden time and holier shore:
God’s love and blessing, then and there,
Are now and here and everywhere.

Books on Vedic and Yoga Philosophy

Swami Premananda

Prayers of Self-Realization
Prayers of Soul

Srimad-Bhagavad-Gita: The Revelation of the
Supreme Self

The Path of the Eternal Law: Dhammapada
Eight Upanishads
Four Upanishads

Inner Path to God: 2001 Thought Jewels
Seven Mystic Holydays

Sayings of Shyamacharan Lahiri
The Gayatri Prayer

Light on Kriya Yoga: The Mystic Way; The Mystic
Ritual; The Mystic Revelation

Raja Yoga (Patanjali's Yoga Sutras)
One Hundred and One Noble Qualities

The Blessedness of the Inner Life
Meditation and Self-Unfoldment

The Path of Pure Consciousness (Jnana Yoga)
The Law of Self-Manifestation (Karma Yoga)

The Magnetic Power of Love (Bhakti Yoga)
Seven Gifts of God to Me

God: The Universal Reality
Chintamani (Thought Jewels)

The Sanctity of the Senses

The Way of Wisdom and Self-Liberation
"Thine is The Glory"

Greater Things Are Yet To Come
Life Beyond Death and

14 Questions on Reincarnation
The Cosmic Cross

By Swami Kamalananda

Frontiers of the Spirit

Mahatma Gandhi: An American Profile
"I Am An Absolute Monist"

The Mystic Cross

"Moha-Mudgar: A Dance Drama"

Reflections on Still Waters

"Yours Faithfully, M.K. Gandhi"
Forest of Forever

By Srimati Karuna

Lights On The Path
Prayer Beads

MYSTIC CROSS ILLUSTRATION

8"x10" color depiction of the Chathachakra,
the six centers of subjective illumination.



THE GOLDEN LOTUS TEMPLE OF THE SELF-REVELATION CHURCH OF ABSOLUTE MONISM

The Golden Lotus Temple of the Self-Revelation Church of Washington, D.C., was designed and built by Swami Premananda. The cornerstone of this most distinctive edifice was laid by the Grand Master of Masons in the District of Columbia, assisted by the officers of the Grand Lodge, on May 17, 1952. This was the first time in the history of Masonry and religion that a Grand Master laid the cornerstone of a house of worship of which a Swami was the minister. Upon the completion of the Golden Lotus Temple the first service was held on November 23, 1952.

IDEAL

Every man is essentially divine. Man is the divine self. The ideal of human existence is the recognition of man's spiritual self. Religion is the realization of man's divine nature, otherwise called self-realization. When man realizes his true self, spirituality guides his daily life and conduct. Life guided by spiritual vision insures inner contentment and world peace.

LIBRARY

The Library of India contains books by great thinkers of the world, but especially books on philosophy, religion, art and culture by men of wisdom of India. For further details consult the librarian.

MISSION HOUSE, CHURCH AND PARISH HOMES

The Mission House, the Church and Parish Homes of the Self-Revelation Church provide spiritual residence for members, students and workers.

OUR INDIA MISSION

Our India Mission was founded in 1944 and maintained exclusively by the Washington congregation for over 25 years. "Sevayatan" is located on 120 acres at Jhargram, District Midnapur, West Bengal. The services of the Mission include free school, vocational school and teacher's training college, medical clinic, emergency relief and other charitable services to the community.

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Founding Minister, 1928

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PRAYER OF DEVOTION

"Heavenly Father, may thy love shine forever on the sanctuary of my devotion, and may I be able to awaken thy love in all hearts."

Swami Yogananda Paramhansa of India
Guru-Preceptor

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