

Wisdom Circles
Dreaming with Wisdom at the Crossroads
June 2017



Proverbs 8:1-4 (New Jerusalem Bible):

Is not Wisdom calling? Is not Understanding raising her voice? On the heights overlooking the road, at the [Crossroads], she takes her stand; by the gates, at the entrance to the city, on the access-roads, she cries out, 'I am calling to you, all people, my words are addressed to all humanity.'

Month's Focus: Dreaming with Wisdom at the Crossroads

Setting: a candle, a cloth, an image, or symbol on the theme or monthly focus.

Music, Song, or Chant: of your choice

Opening Prayer: **When Two or Three Are Gathered, (Matthew 18:2)**

There is Hope

Come friends,
let us walk together as community
in the ubiquitous presence of Christ-Wisdom.
Let us gather ourselves in,
and discover
who we are when we are not afraid –
when the universe is known as "Friend."

Let us discover who we may become
when just two or three of us
share a common mind and a common heart,
willing to be made over and anew
by the One
around whom the whole cosmos spins
and throws off starfields –
sparks of future possibility

that now shine out from us,
and as us.

Take these stardust forms,
the latent dream of galaxies –
now alive with conscious intent –
and fashion another future
from the radiant field of our collective yearning
for some unimaginable future
that is the dream of those who walk with Christ-Wisdom.
As community, we are witnesses to this kind of Love,
this kind of Power.
We burn with Hope.
Amen

- adapted from Bruce Sanguin, *If Darwin Prayed*, p. 118.

Scripture Readings 1 Kings 3: 5, 9, 15 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." So give your servant [the wisdom] to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" After God made these promises, Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream.

Wisdom 7:7-11 Revised Standard Version (RSV)

Therefore I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I called upon God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.
I preferred her to scepters and thrones,
and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her.
Neither did I liken to her any priceless gem,
because all gold is but a little sand in her sight,
and silver will be accounted as clay before her.
I loved her more than health and beauty,
and I chose to have her rather than light,
because her radiance never ceases.
All good things came to me along with her,
and in her hands uncounted wealth.

Focus Question: What do you dream: for yourself, for a community, for the world?

Sharing: All have the opportunity to share on the readings and reflections for this month.

Wisdom Word: After all have shared, allow a word or phrase to capture the heart of the group's experience.

Circle Prayer/Prayer Intentions: Bring to your circle the people, places, and circumstances for which you wish to pray.

Closing Prayer:

Help us to remember O Holy One,
an intention to walk the path of wisdom
the way of the open hearted sojourner
We seek gnosis
a knowing
that our souls awaken
only to projects that are soul sized...
like awakening to wonder
and to our unity with all that is
and to seeing the face of Christ-Wisdom
in the stranger, the exiled,
And in those who are often too close
to see with sacred vision,
especially ourselves

Enroll us in Wisdom's Academy, to sit as pupils at Her feet, so that our own
might be led by Sophia, Lady of Wisdom,

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