

Lighting of the Candles

We light a candle in the name of the Maker,
Who lit the world and breathed the breath of life for us...
We light a candle in the name of the Son,
Who saved the world and stretched out his hand to us...
We light a candle in the name of the Spirit
Who encompasses the world and blesses our souls with yearning ...

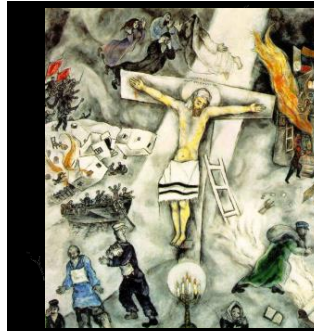
*We light three lights for the trinity of love:
God above us, God beside us, God beneath us:
The beginning, the end, the everlasting one.*

Prayer and Silence

Whoever does not take up their cross
and follow me is not worthy of me

Jesus
Matthew 10:38

Worship



White Crucifixion (1938)
| Marc Chagall

(online [here](#))

no music, mirroring the silence
of God during the *Shoah*
(lit. *catastrophe*, the mass
murder of Jews under the
German Nazi regime during
1941–1945; the Holocaust)

Worship



Beatitudes [Matthew 5:2-12] (Video [here](#)) | The Work of the People





Reflection |
How did the practice go?

Practice |
HOPE: Story, Song, Scripture

*the continuity of life:
the art of Maki Horanai*

(Painting: Maki Horanai, "Song of the Harp")

Trampling the Fumi-e

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What is my personal fumi-e?

Share a time you stepped on what you loved, in order to survive.

If we say that we have not sinned, we are fooling ourselves, and the truth isn't in our hearts.

1 John 1:8

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But if we confess our sins to God, he can always be trusted to forgive us and take our sins away.

1 John 1:8-9

We pronounce Christ's forgiveness and embrace

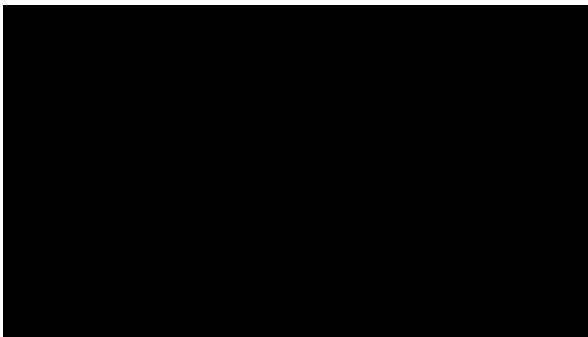
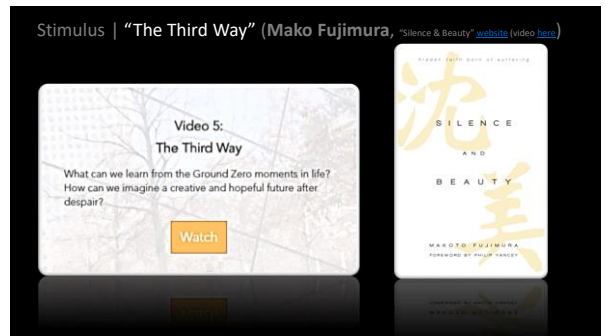
SILENCE

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WITH A FOREWORD BY NATHAN SCHLES

How can we imitate Christ as witnesses in a culture rejecting Christianity?

Silence Ch. 8-9 pp. 165-189



Everyday Practice & Challenge

... rich and repetitive actions we do,
over time and often together,
which engage our senses and imagination,
reminding us of God's presence
and aiming us at His Kingdom

Beatitudes Liturgy (Mt 5:13-16)

You are like salt for everyone on earth.

But if salt no longer tastes like salt, how can it make food salty?
All it is good for is to be thrown out and walked on.

You are like light for the whole world.

A city built on top of a hill cannot be hidden, and no one would light a lamp and put it under a clay pot. A lamp is placed on a lampstand, where it can give light to everyone in the house.

***Make your light shine, so that
others will see the good that you do
and will praise your Father in heaven.***

Practice | **White Feather**

Apostle's Creed

With followers of Christ from every culture and age, we declare:

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell. ...***

Apostle's Creed

***On the third day He arose again;
He ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.***

Amen.

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Doxology.

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LOUIS BOURGEOIS.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here be-low;
Praise him a-bove, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

