



Awakening to the Logos

August 24, 2025

The Logos is the power and knowledge that steers all things – the Logos knows.

There is but one Wisdom to understand the knowledge by which all things are piloted through all.

Although all things happen through the Logos, people seem as if they had no acquaintance with such works and words as I expound.... The rest of humanity are unconscious of what they do when awake, just as they forget what they do when asleep.... People are unable to understand their own experience of the Logos, for eyes and ears are bad witnesses to those who have barbarian souls.... People are at variance with the Logos which is their most constant companion.

Although the Logos is common to all, most people live as if each had a private intelligence of their own.

Although intimately connected with the Logos, people keep setting themselves against It.

Listen not to me but to the Logos, it is wise to agree that all things in reality are one and one thing only.

For those awake, there is but one common cosmos. But for those sleeping each descends into a private cosmos.

Heraclitus (6th century B.C.)

Crossing the Threshold

Love Before Time

"I Am Here"

Before creation's dawn, there was darkness filled with Love.

Love that called forth all existence into Life.

Love that spoke unto the dark, till the darkness blazed with Light.

Love that filled all of creation with a Song.

I am here like a treasure hidden deep within this world,

Every river, every mountain points the way.

I am here in creation. In the darkness, in the light.

Come and find me, come and know me, come and love.

The Eternal Logos

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Logos,

and the Logos was toward God,

and the Logos was God.

It was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being through It,

and without It not one thing came into being.

What has come into being in It was Life,

and the Life was the Light of all people.

The Light shines in the darkness,

and the darkness has not perceived It.

Meditation

Questions for Reflection

- If the *Logos* is the ordering principle of the cosmos, how can I better align my life with this order in thought, speech, and action?
- Where in my life am I resisting the natural flow of the *Logos*, creating inner conflict instead of harmony?
- How can I learn to trust that the same Light which shines in the darkness will continue to guide me toward what is reasonable, good, and just?

Light and Darkness

“Creation Song”

*Set free the Light within.
Cast off the covers that keep it concealed.
Father of Light let me shine like the sun.
Set free the Light within.*

A Witness to the Light

John 1:6-9

*There was a man sent from God whose name was John.
He came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that all might believe through him.
He himself was not the Light, but he came to bear witness to the Light.
The True Light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.*

Questions for Reflection

- How might I live more in harmony with the *Logos* — the ordering, enlightening principle of creation?
- Living according to the *Logos* brings clarity — where am I failing to live in harmony with the Light I already know?
- What would it look like to bear witness to the Light not just in words, but through a consistent life of virtue?

Song of Response

“Creation Song”

*Keep me in harmony.
Sun, moon, and starlight illumine the way.
Let my life orbit round all that is you.
Keep me in harmony.*

Logos Made Flesh

John 1:10-14

*The Logos was in the cosmos,
and the cosmos came into being through him,
yet the cosmos did not know him.
He came to his own,
but his own were not receptive.
But to all who were receptive, who believed in his Name,
he gave power to become children of God,
who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh
or of the will of man, but of God.
And the Logos became flesh and tabernacled in us,
and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of an only begotten of a father,
full of grace and truth.*

Questions for Reflection

- How can I more consciously connect to the presence of the *Logos* “tabernacling” in me?
- Where in my life might I be like “his own” who were not “receptive” — closing my heart to the *Logos* in me?
- How might I practice living as a “child of God” by aligning my thoughts, speech, and actions with the *Logos*?

The Truth Inside

“The Center”

*Hidden deep within,
undefiled by sin,
is a refuge for the soul.
Filled with sacred Light,
shining pure and bright,
where the heart can be made whole.*

*Universal grace,
floods this holy place,
and can heal the deepest scar.
As the false self dies,
underneath the lies,
is the truth of who we are.*

*At the center, at the center, at the center of my life is you.
At the center, at the center, at the center of my life is you.*

Centering in God

During these minutes of silence, simply rest in God’s abiding and loving presence in this moment. You are in God and God is in you. Just be and relax. Center your attention in your heart and imagine your breath flowing in and out from your heart area. If it helps you to center, use a sacred prayer word such as Abba, Spirit, Jesus, Beloved, Light, or Love.

Offering Ourselves

“God in My Words”

*God in my words,
God in my hands.
God in my mind and in my heart.*

Receiving Holy Communion

Receiving a Good Word



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Today’s Music

‘I Am Here’ – Peter Johns, *‘Creation Song’* – Peter Johns,

‘The Center’ – Peter Johns, *‘God in My Words’* – Michael Sciretti Jr.

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Please register your presence in the notebooks in the foyer.

Centering Prayer

Immediately following worship | The Chapel

Worship Response

10:00 a.m. | The Anchor House

September Guided Silent Retreat

Saturday, September 6 | The Anchor House | 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | \$35

Mary the Magdalene...healed, faithful, enlightened, courageous, present, commissioned. As the first witness to the resurrection, she was the Apostle to the Apostles whose ministry reaches through time and space to us today. Join us for a day of prayer inspired by the wisdom of Mary Magdalene, led by Rachel Sciretti. Through silence, sacred texts, poetry, art, and sensorial experiences, participants are invited to find themselves in her story and encounter the Living Christ.



Laity UNLEASHED: Explore Your God-Given Gifts & How to Use Them

Course begins Sunday, September 7 | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | The Anchor House | \$80

*God created all of us on purpose, for a purpose. In this course, we will use the Birkman Method as a tool to discover more about ourselves, our strengths, our interests, how we see God in the world, and where all of that might intersect with the needs of the world around us. The \$80 registration fee includes the costs associated with the Birkman Assessment. **In your registration confirmation email, you will receive a link to take the assessment, which must be completed by Sunday, August 24.***



Yoga at The Center: A Posture of Prayer

Monday, September 8 | The Anchor House | 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | \$10 per class

In this course, led by Jonathan Mangrum, we will use the practice of yoga as a lens to explore what it means to embody spirituality. Each class will include time engaging in breath work, meditation, yoga postures, and poses.



“Hope in Focus” with Steve Pavey

October 3 – 5 | The Anchor House

Steve Pavey is a photographer, a contemplative, a storyteller, a cultural organizer – all of which come together in the vocation of cultivating a way to see, in order to bear witness to the world both as it is, and as it could be. Join us for a weekend to focus on hope – the hope we must live into of re-connection with ourselves, with each other, and the more-than-human world around us.



“You Are the Bridge: Uniting Heaven and Earth in Turbulent Times” with Rev. Dr. Michael Sciretti, Jr.

October 10 – 12 | Praxis Retreat and Learning Center | Telephone, TX

Who am I, really? Why am I really here? These are primordial wisdom questions that, if answered from the perspective of perennial wisdom, have dramatic effects on how we live our daily lives. Join the Oriental Orthodox Order in the West as Rev. Dr. Michael Sciretti guides us through the dialogues from Talking with Angels, transcribed by Gitta Mallasz. This is an in-person only retreat which will be held at The Praxis Retreat and Learning Center in Telephone, TX. Space is limited and the registration deadline is October 3rd.

