

Services for the Week of December 16, 2023



Saturday, December 16, 2023

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.

Lector: RC Peter Foust

Cantor: Rev Noriko Roy

Reader: Rev. Greg Klinedinst

Sunday, December 17, 2023

SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:15

Gate: 6:50

Service Starts: 7:06

Sunrise: 7:21

RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.

Concelebrants:

RF Robert Petrovich

Rev. Bruce Kanzelmeyer

Assistant: RM Barbara Whitney

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of The Races of Man *RC Peter Foust*

Church of the Americas *Rev Mary Foust*

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

12:00 NOON COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child,

Rev. Francine Petrovich

Friday, December 22, 2023

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

RM Elizabeth Reece

**Days of Darkness, and
Awakening to the Light of God**



"In Egypt, during the three days of darkness, the son saw not his father, nor brother, brother, nor true friend his friend, because the darkness hid them. So when Adam transgressed and fell from his former glory, and came under the power of the spirit of the world, and the veil of darkness fell upon his soul, from his time until the last Adam, they saw not the true Father in Heaven, or the good, kind Mother, the grace of the Spirit, or the sweet and desiring Brother, the Lord, or the friends and kindred, the holy Angels. And it was not only the last Adam, but even to this day, those upon whom the Sun of Righteousness has not risen, and in whom the eyes of the Soul have not been opened and enlightened by the true Light, are still under the same darkness of sin, wrought upon by the same influence of pleasures, subject to the same punishment, not yet having eyes to behold the Father.

“This is a thing which everyone ought to know, that there are eyes deeper within man than these [physical] eyes, and a hearing deeper than this hearing. As the [physical] eyes behold and recognize the face of a friend, so the [spiritual] eyes of the worthy and faithful Soul, being spiritually enlightened with the Light of God, behold and recognize the true friend.” –[St. Macarius the Egyptian](#)

Three Days of Darkness

This is a reference to one of the plagues brought upon Egypt in the time of Moses. Here is what is said about it in the Book of Exodus in the Bible:

“Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that darkness spreads over Egypt—darkness that can be felt.’ So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days.”

But the darkness over man didn’t end when that plague ended. While we are able to physically see now, the vast majority of us remain spiritually blind and deaf.

Spirit of the World

St. Macarius says that when Adam transgressed, he came under the power of the Spirit of the World, and that is true. The Spirit of the World is the one the Gnostics call the Demiurge, the false God that created the realm of matter. When Adam and Eve ate from the “Tree of Knowledge.” which was not a literal tree but the light of the physical sun, they fell into the realm of matter and came under the control of the lord of matter, the Demiurge. When that happened, they no longer “saw” God in heaven, whom Macarius here refers to as the three persons, Father, Mother, and Holy Spirit, as well as losing their connection with Christ and the Angels. In other words, they lost contact with Heaven.

Sun of Righteousness

St. Macarius then says that humans remain in darkness because the Sun of Righteousness has not risen. That was true when he wrote it, but is no longer true. The Sun of Righteousness, which is the Spiritual Sun with the Presence of God within it, does now shine upon us. But it doesn't immediately appear at full strength. The power of the Sun of Righteousness reaches all, but only a few are able to absorb that Light and have a true awakening of Spirit because of it. The solar techniques practiced in Cosolargy help us absorb even more Light from that Sun.

Deeper Eyes and Ears

We do have deeper senses than the physical ones, which are capable of getting more than a vague notion of things spiritual. We must awaken and develop those spiritual senses to truly know the spiritual realm and to gradually expand our consciousness until it rises to the highest level of Consciousness and becomes one with the All, one with God. That we do by following the teachings of Cosolargy.

“Webb Space Telescope reveals moment of stellar birth, dramatic close-up of 50 baby stars”



CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) – The Webb Space Telescope is marking one year of cosmic photographs with one of its best yet: the dramatic close-up of dozens of stars at the moment of birth.

NASA unveiled the latest snapshot Wednesday, revealing 50 baby stars in a cloud complex 390 light-years away. A light-year is nearly 6 trillion miles (9.7 trillion kilometers).

The region is relatively small and quiet yet full of illuminated gases, jets of hydrogen and even dense cocoons of dust with the delicate beginnings of even more stars.

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“'Like a mirror': Astronomers identify most reflective exoplanet”



A scorching hot world where metal clouds rain drops of titanium is the most reflective planet ever observed outside of our Solar System, astronomers said on Monday.

This strange world, which is more than 260 [light years](#) from Earth, reflects 80 percent of the light from its [host star](#), according to new observations from Europe's exoplanet-probing Cheops space telescope

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“Is the universe controlled by gigantic structures?”



- New findings in astronomy are making some astronomers doubt our basic model of the universe.
- Alignments of celestial objects suggest that they may be embedded in large-scale structures.
- Galaxies too far apart to be influencing each other are moving through space together.

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The 2023 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

The Thirty-Eighth Annual
Nevada Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Thankful for the Peacemakers
A Worship Service of Prayer and Music
From A Variety of Faith Traditions
Sponsored by the Nevada Interfaith Association



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Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. was asked to present at the 31st Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, “Thankful for the Peacemakers”, which was held on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. It was a worship service of prayers, readings, and music from a variety of faith traditions sponsored by the Nevada Interfaith Association. This year’s event was graciously hosted by Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in downtown Reno, Nevada. This event is a much-revered tradition in the local community and one that is largely unique nationwide in its scope of faith diversity—something to be very proud of. Bishop Gene was the president of the Association from 1999-2017. A transcript of his message is below.

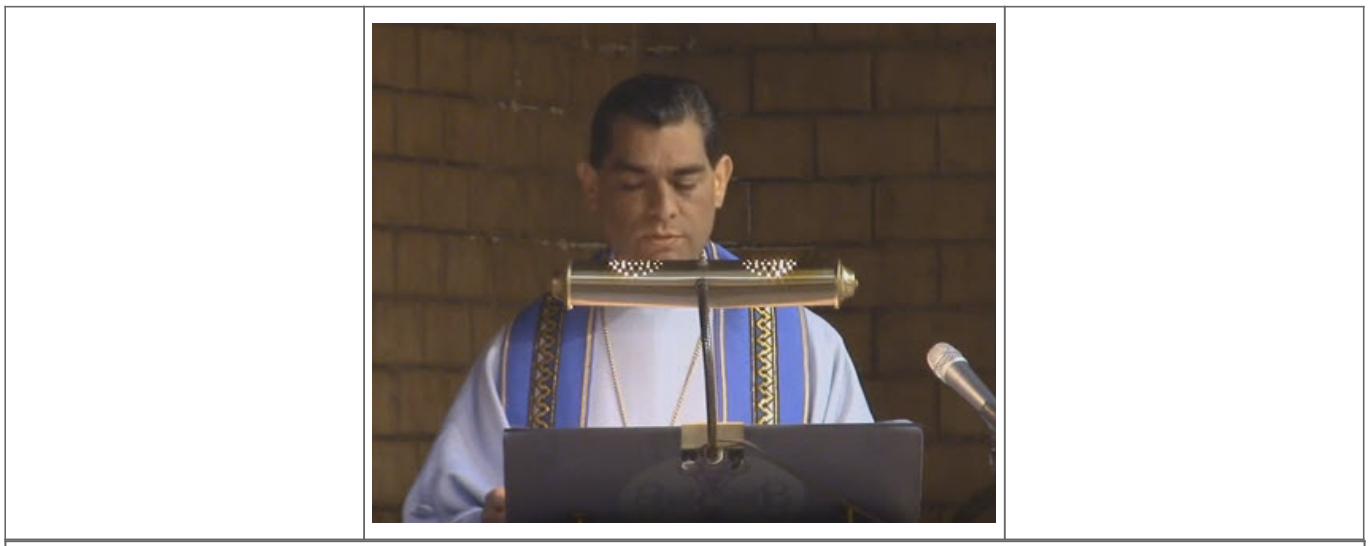
38th ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Nevada Interfaith Association

Thursday, November 16, 2023

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral (Reno, NV)

Address Delivered by The Right Reverend Gene Savoy, Jr.



GOOD EVENING. THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE. I THANK FR. CHUCK DURANTE AND THE NEVADA INTERFAITH ASSOCIATION FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE WITH YOU THIS EVENING.

BECAUSE THE THEME OF TONIGHT'S SERVICE IS BEING "THANKFUL FOR THE PEACEMAKERS", IT IS APPROPRIATE TO GIVE A LITTLE HISTORY OF INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE AND THE INTERFAITH MOVEMENT HERE IN NORTHERN NEVADA.

THE ASSOCIATION WAS FORMED IN 1984 AS THE NEVADA CLERGYMEN'S ASSOCIATION. IT WAS LATER CHANGED TO THE NEVADA CLERGY ASSOCIATION, AND IT IS NOW KNOWN AS THE NEVADA INTERFAITH ASSOCIATION.

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Services for the Week of December 9, 2023



Saturday, December 9, 2023

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.

Lector: RM Elizabeth Reece

Cantor: Rev Francine Petrovich

Reader: Rev. Larry Coesens

11:00 Memorial Service for Rev. Jo Ann Hainline

Reception at the Rectory following the service

Sunday, December 10, 2023

SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:15

Gate: 6:50

Service Starts: 7:02

Sunrise: 7:17

RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.

Concelebrants:

RF Robert Petrovich

Rev. Bruce Kanzelmeyer

Assistant: RM Barbara Whitney

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of The Universal Theocracy *Rev Greg Kllinedinst*

Church of the Americas *Rev Gary Huss, Jr.*

Church of the New Covenant *Dea. Radheka Savoy*

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

12:00 NOON COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child,

RM Barbara Whitney

Friday, December 15, 2023

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

RM Barbara Whitney

The Power of Cooperation and Community



"If two persons combine in harmony their force of muscle to lift a heavy weight, they will lift it easier than one. If four people so combine, they will lift it easier than two.

"The same law and result applies to mental force. Each one of us, consciously or unconsciously, sends out daily and hourly this silent mental force—this invisible element we call thought, which affects favorably or unfavorably the persons of whom we think. It is the same force which may lift a box, a bag, or a truck. Only it may be differently applied.

"If you have in view any enterprise or business, and you can meet at regular times two, four, six, or as many persons as heartily wish you success, and they hear your plan, and talk it over with you, always in earnest sympathy and goodwill,

you are having their cooperation in making for you a silent force which will aid you more than anything else. You will then the quicker find persons who are in sympathy with your purpose. If you have a new knowledge, or a new truth, ... you will, through the power of cooperative demand or prayer, be the sooner brought to the people who can aid you.” –[Prentice Mulford](#)

The Law of Synergy

Synergy is a method in which individuals or organizations pool their resources and efforts to enhance value, productivity, efficacy, and performance more than they could individually. That term may not have been used in Mulford’s time over a century ago, but it is common in modern-day business and especially in [Systems Analysis](#). In systems analysis, they also use another expression, the Laurel and Hardy effect, to describe the opposite of synergy, when each individual is doing his own thing and not working in cooperation with others. Sadly, we have more of that than of cooperation.

Like Lifting Weights

Mulford says that it is easier for two people to lift a heavy weight, and even easier for four. He might also have said that the more people you have working on it, the more total weight they can lift. Likewise, a mental or spiritual task can be more easily accomplished by a group of people working together rather than individuals making uncoordinated efforts.

Let’s take the example my college professor used to illustrate synergy. He said that two cavemen were hunting separately and not having much luck chasing cave rabbits around. But then one noticed that one particular rabbit was simply running in circles around a large boulder while the other caveman pursued it. So he met the other caveman and they decided that one would chase the rabbit while the other simply waited on one side of the rock in a hidden spot so he could jump out and

club the rabbit when it came by. The trick worked and the two cavemen used the method frequently after that and rarely went hungry.

But if the cavemen arrived at the hunting area at different hours, the trick would not work, so a coordinated effort is necessary. The same is true with mental and spiritual goals.

Law of Abundance

Many talk today about a Law of Abundance that is supposed to make it possible for anyone to get almost anything they want by simply thinking about it and believing they can get it. About 99 out of a hundred people who try this fail. The gurus of this law of abundance always put the blame on the individuals when they fail and say that they simply didn't do it correctly, or didn't really believe, but that is an oversimplification of the problem. A large part of it is that cooperation is not being applied. Many different people are seeking individual goals and because of that, the energy (force as Mulford would put it) of their efforts conflict with each other instead of aiding each other. So they are using the Laurel and Hardy Effect rather than that of Synergy. But when many work together for the same goal, this Law of Abundance often works, though not always. That is because there is another catch to it. The laws of the physical universe say you must work and earn what you get, so if you work hard and don't always get what you should, the Law of Abundance, coupled with the Law of Synergy, my work, but if you don't deserve it, you probably still won't get it.

Spiritual Goals

In Coolargy, we learn that being part of a community is important. The ability to use the Law of Synergy (or Law of Cooperation) as a community makes it more likely that those goals will be achieved. It also gives us more protection against the dark forces that seek to prevent spiritual development.

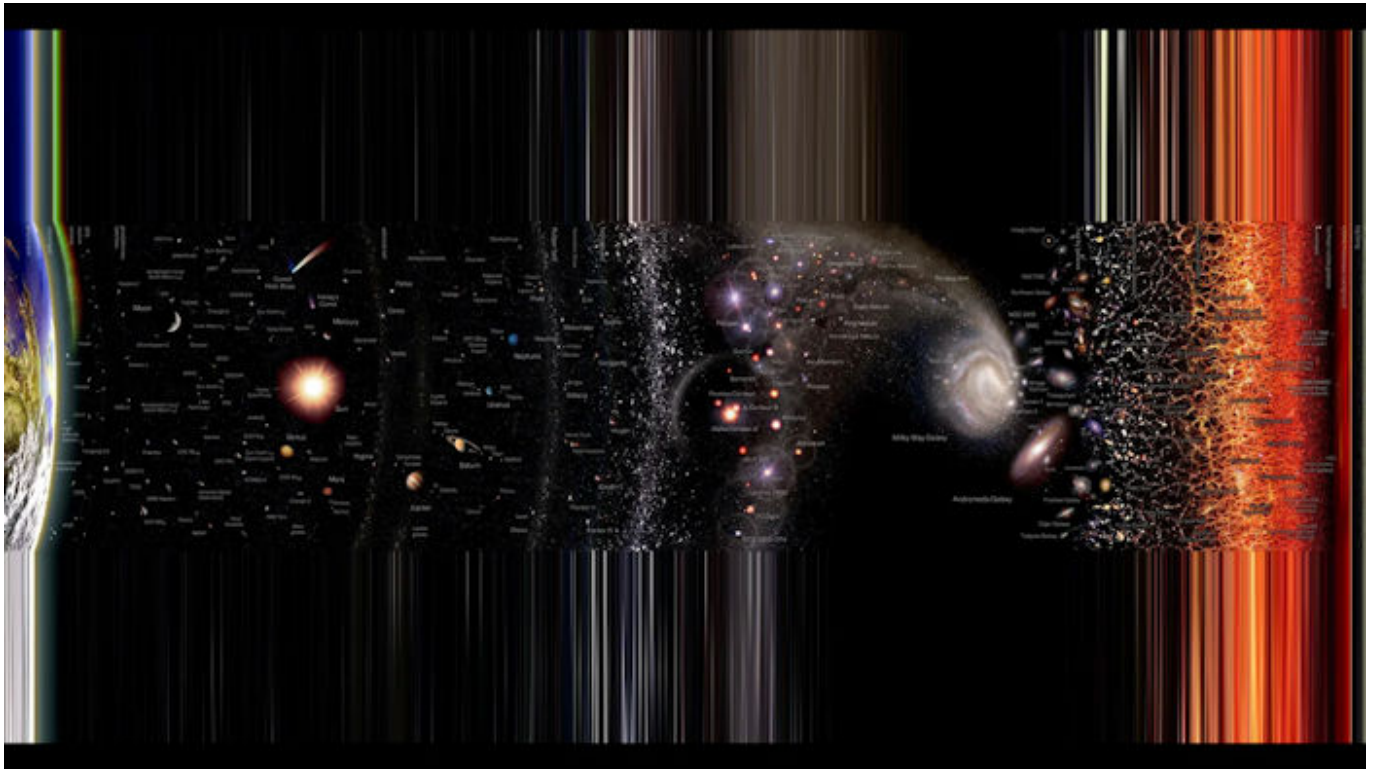
**“Scientists Find “Evidence”
of Another Universe Before
Our Own”**

According to research, there was a previous cosmos that existed before ours. This is regarded as a form of everlasting cosmic cycle.

It's possible that a scientist has discovered substantial evidence that there was another universe before this one. In addition, he asserts that our universe is only the latest in an endless string of universes. Professor Sir Roger Penrose thinks that the universe we presently understand is the most recent in a lengthy chain of past universes in order to explain what was "**there**" before the Big Bang.

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“This logarithmic view of the Universe will blow your mind”



- From the scale of planet Earth, at a few thousands of kilometers, to the scale of the observable Universe, at nearly 100 billion light-years, there's a long way from here to the cosmic horizon.
- But rather than a linear scale, which would take several quintillions of Earths lined end-to-end to reach the limits of the observable Universe, a logarithmic scale holds far more cosmic insights to an onlooker.
- From here to the limits of what we can see, here's a breathtaking logarithmic view of the Universe, brought together in one fantastic, artistic finale by artist Pablo Carlos Budassi.

[Read the entire article here.](#)