Meditating with the Living Buddha and the Living Christ

Session Five



## Settling the Body and the Mind

## If you bring the body, the mind will follow. "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Mt. 11.28)



## **Establishing Your Posture**

- Aligning
- Grounding
- **Open-Heartedness** 
  - Spaciousness
- Seeking Assistance from the Retinue of Masters





# Trying To Fill the Hole (87) Go Back To Your Own Tradition (89) A Family Altar (89-90)

## Rerooting



## Five Mindfulness Trainings

- **Reverence for Life**
- **Cultivating Lovingkindness**
- **Responsible Sexual Behavior**
- Speaking and Listening Deeply
- Taking In the Wholesome: Mindful Consuming



## More Than One Root

"Multiple Belonging"

"Crossing Over"

"For our world to have a future, we need basic behavioral guidelines." (113)

Precepts, Commandments, the Golden Rule



## The Safe Island of Mindfulness

#### Mindfulness = Presence

### Thay's being with children (118-119)

### Taking Refuge in the Trinity (123-124)

#### Divinization: theosis



## The Prayer of the Heart

Touching the Living Buddha, the Living Christ (126)

The Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

**Tonglen: the Diamond in the Heart** 



### Invoking assistance from another

## **Devotion and Transformation**

#### Participating in your own rescue

#### Weaving your own parachute



## Dedication of Merit

Whatever goodness, whatever blessing, whatever benefit, whatever merit has come from our being together, may it ripple out to all beings, without exception.

