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.

