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The Love That Raises Christ ¹

The Mystery of the Love-that-raises-Christ

... And of us ALIVE IN CHRIST ...

Overwhelmed Paul !

The Spirit's Vivifying Presence

Empowering the cosmos,

Empowers Paul in his weakness,

As it empowers all of us

In our Exodus

From sin to Eternal Life IN Christ !

In the same way.

IN the Incarnate Word, now Risen and Ascended,

The power of the Good News

Illuminating all Creation

Cannot be CONFINED !

So too, Christ's Paschal Humanity

Proclaims a destiny

That cannot be contained ... that is boundless !

*This boundless Paschal Christ,
Dawning within Paul's heart,
In centering all hearts, OPEN TO ABBA,
Centres the cosmos as well !
If our spirits are not OVERWHELMED, like Paul's,
We are people to be pitied,
People, unmoved by grace,
People IN NEED of the Love-that-raises-Christ !*

The Trinity – Source of All Unity ¹

*It is Christ Ascended
Who gives us the Holy Spirit ²
As “OUR FREEDOM” ³
– Whereby we exercise choice, freely,
Within His own Ascended Body, the Church !*

*Thus, this Spirit unites us, from WITHIN,
From within ourselves ... as Church.*

*This Paschal Spirit of Union
Wholly, wondrously, animates UNITY
– From within that Kiss
Between Abba and Jesus Ascended,
That seals Their union !*

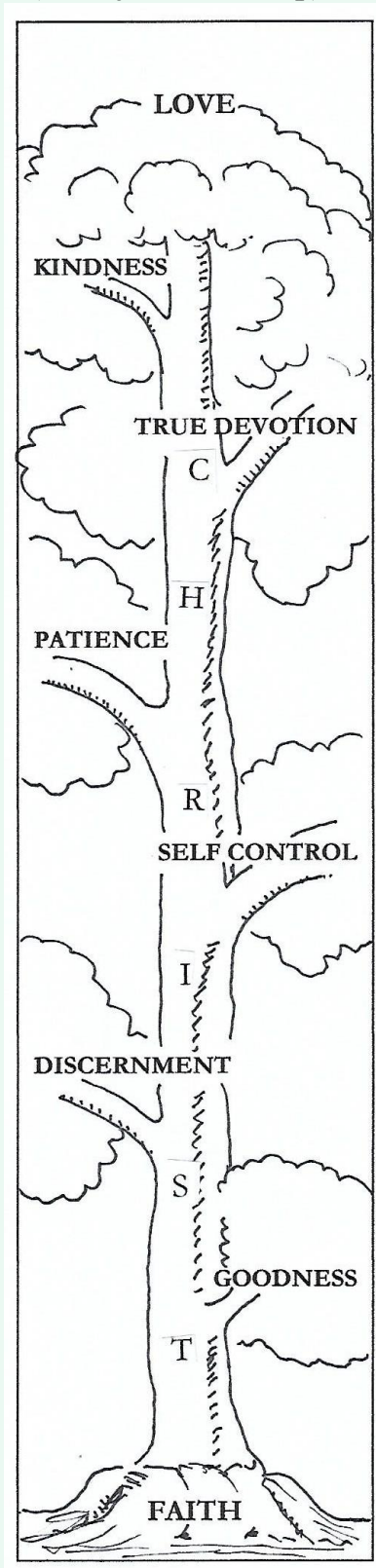
*This Kiss, within the Trinity
–An Eternal Kiss –
Is the source of all
... That UNIFIES the whole of Creation
And, most gloriously,
... That unifies all PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS,
Those between God, angels and humanity
– All, ‘located’
Within the Person, of Jesus Ascended !*

¹ Poem 741, Year 8 of Prayer Ministry, Clayfield Community, July 2006.

² Cf Acts 2:33 ³ 1 Cor 1:31

Diagram for Poems 742 to 748

(Read: from bottom, up)



7. “and to this kindness, add LOVE.” v.7

See poem 748

6. “add KINDNESS TO OTHERS to your devotion.” v.7

See poem 747

5. “Add TRUE DEVOTION to your patience.” v.6

See poem 746

4. “Add PATIENCE to your self-control.” v.6

See poem 745

3. “Add SELF-CONTROL to your discernment.” V.6

See poem 744

2. “Add DISCERNMENT to your goodness.” v.5 (N.A.B.)

See poem 743

1. “Add GOODNESS to the faith you have.” v.5

See poem 742

2 Peter 1:5-7 (J.B.)

Luminous Loveliness ¹

THEME : *“But to be able to attain this (a share of the Divine Nature), you will have to do your utmost yourselves – adding GOODNESS to the FAITH you have.” 2Pet 1:5 (See Diagram)*

*To us who trust
In the Sun arising in our hearts-depths,
It is Your Loveliness, Abba
– Diffusing all reality –
That draws us
... Our very hearts ...
To You !*

*Your Goodness – Your Luminous Loveliness,
Begets
Loveliness in us,
Faithfully forming the features
Of Jesus
In us.
Such Loveliness as Yours
Sets our faith ALIGHT
... Luminescing
Our open, expectant faces
Into the beautiful Face of Jesus
– Alive with love for You !*

*As we thirstily breathe His Paschal Spirit in,
Our minds are re-newed, re-formed
... Re-shaped into Christ's
So that our re-born spirits
Breathe this Spirit forth
Into other expectant hearts
... An expectant minority ... in an indifferent or hostile world.*

*Abba, You, have transformed
The imitators of Your Beloved,
Making them NEW CREATURES in Christ !
Renew us,
So that our lives proclaim anew –
Your VOICE of Love,
And Your Paschal GOODNESS
That “makes our hearts burn within us”²
... Thereby gaining us a new, Easter innocence !
Thus –
May we, like them, have eyes only for You,
O Luminous Loveliness !
May every word we utter, be heard as Your Beloved's !
May we live in this world, as Your New Creation
– In Christ
... Fountain of all human goodness !*

1 Poem 742, 4 Week Reflection on 2Pet 1:5-7 – 6 related poems follow.

Clayfield Community, Jul 2006, Week 1.

2 Lk 24:32

Heart, Tuned to Your Heart ¹

THEME : "To your goodness, add discernment." 2Pet 1:5 N.A.B. (See Diagram)

*Being loved, we become lovely
In You, O Luminous Loveliness !
We wait upon Your every glance ...
Attentive to Your every feeling ...
Responsive to Your Spirit's every movement ...
We are sensitive to every in-spiration
That Your Spirit evokes through Your written Word ;
Sensitive too, to Your Church's guiding wisdom.
Yes, to love You is to have a discerning heart
—A HEART TUNED TO YOUR HEART.
Indeed, Your Beloved SHOWS US with Easter clarity,
How to wed the love of God
To the love of a human being
... Bringing both into harmony, in His own Person.*

*Indeed, in His own Person, God becomes our neighbour,
And for us, BEING GATHERED TOGETHER in Christ,
Means union with our neighbour, and thus union with God !
Entrusting ourselves to this Nearest Neighbour, Christ,
We DISCERN and come to experience You, Abba
... As only Jesus does : as Your loved Child.
Thus we discern, and experience You — as Father
... Your Fatherly love gifting us with a New Vision :
We come to SEE OURSELVES as Your living Image
—As Your Beloved !*

Giving Our Self Away ¹

THEME : *“To discernment, add self-control.” 2 Pet 1:6 (See Diagram).*

*Love’s Word, once discerned,
Is enfleshed in reality :
Love invites us, draw us, leads us
To embody the Divine Dream for us,
Through a love-that-enables ... in Christ.*

*Yet our fallen human nature has a tendency, always,
To substitute its SELF for the Dream
... To draw the focus constantly, from Love,
Onto the SELF.*

*The Paschal Jesus counters, with His call for us ...
To daily shoulder the SELF, AS CROSS.
In heartfelt response, OUR-way-to-Calvary, MOVES US –
From self-moderation ...
To self-restraint,
To self-denial,
To self-forgetfulness,
To self-surrender,
To self-sacrifice*

... Modelling our graced journey, on Jesus’ own journey of the Cross.

*Thus, to be re-created in Jesus's image,
All the while, being empowered by grace,
Is to choose TO GIVE OUR SELF AWAY:
"This is my body, given up for you".²*

*Self-"control" in Christ,
Abandons 'the golden mean'
– For a radical abandonment of the self!
And this is not, for an elite, but for ALL
–All followers of Jesus's Way
... From eight year olds to eighty year olds !*

*All begin this journey with the Baptist
... "He shall increase, I shall decrease",³
And end with Jesus' own
Self-holocaust
... Become self-consecration,
"Into Your hands, I entrust my spirit !" ⁴*

1 Poem 744, 4 Week Reflection on 2 Pet 1:5-7 – 4 related poems follow.

Clayfield Community, July 2006, Week 2.

2 Lk 22:19 3 Jn 3:30 4 Lk 23:46 (N.R.S.V.)

Waiting Attentively on Abba ¹

THEME : “To self-control, and patience.” 2 Pet 1:6 (See Diagram).

*For a Christian to be patient,
Is always to be perseveringly attentive TO SOMEONE
... Especially, to be FAITHFUL TO ABBA.
Such faithfulness is easy, such loyalty a delight,
When we are ...
Bathed in Abba's love,
Illumined with the kindness of Jesus, our brother-God,
And caressed with the warmth of Loyce's intimacy. ²
It is always and only IN the Beloved, that we are faithful,
And such patience brings a Divine Child's reward !
Though we are the least of Jesus' brothers and sisters,
We are banqueted, honoured and embraced
With overflowing Fatherly affection :
Princes and Princesses of a royal-hearted Abba,
Lavishing us with love !*

*Moreover, the suffering that accompanies such faithfulness
Is, in truth, the pain of been born within Love,
And, even, of giving birth to love.
The Spirit of Life-giving
Who PATIENTLY moulded Jesus in Mary's womb,
Constantly gives His imitators new birth ...
Perseveringly forming us, AS KIN to Christ.*

Ours it is, only to be grateful and gracious for such Divine generosity.

Thus, with the patient trust of that fondest of sons,

We wait attentively on Abba

Whom we KNOW

– With a favoured Child’s knowing –

Will dotingly fulfil our every desire

... Gathering us all, within the arms of His care.

Thus, Abba’s gift of patience to us, in the Spirit,

Is the gift of deep acceptance

Of the Divine rhythms

... The gift of ever-expectant hope and thankfulness.

Such patience is always being attentive to the Spirit who is Gift,

The One who always waits-with-us,

... Opening our hearts

To Christ’s birth within,

And to Abba’s Fatherly delight !

This gift of patience

ULTIMATELY draws us into Their Family Fellowship

... To Christ’s host of new brothers and sisters

Ever involved in cycles of RE-BIRTH !

1 Poem 745, 4 Week Reflection on 2 Pet 1:5-7 – 3 related poems follow.

Clayfield Community, July 2006, Week 3.

2 “Loyce” is my familiar term for the Holy Spirit – in speaking TO the Spirit, in particular.

It is drawn from the Paschal gifts of LOVE, JOY, and PEACE.

Devotedness to Abba ¹

THEME : *“To patience, add true devotion.” 2Pet 1:5-7 (See Diagram)*

Jesus, our Love
... Companioning you
–Paschally passing, AS Your Body,
Through the veil of many dyings
Into Easter’s SUNLIGHT –
Continues now for us
... Day unto day,
... Grace opening to grace,
... Presence revealing itself anew within Presence.

YOUR delight in Abba now becomes ours :

For NOW is always the time ...

For devotedness to Abba !

For faithfulness to Abba !

And for the family of Abba !

It is the time for growing together in You, Jesus :

... For fond commitment to Your Body, the Church

... And for fervour, like Yours, in sacrificing oneself for others.

*Devotedness to You, Abba,
In the time for ripening WITHIN :
... For Your Beloved's Sun
To draw forth autumnal sugars of grace,
... The time to TASTE a mature faith's fruitfulness,
... The time for steadfastness in joy,
For abiding in peace.*

*Abba, it is the time for TREASURING Your friendship
– “The pearl of great price”,²
The time for heartfelt reverence
For Your adorable Fellowship of Love.*

1 Poem 746, 4 Week Reflection on 2 Pet 1:5-7. 2 related poems follow.

Clayfield Community, July 2006, Week 3.

2 Mt 13:46.

One of a Kind with Jesus ¹

THEME : *“To true devotion, add kindness to your fellow humans.” 2 Pet 1:7 (See Diagram)*

*In essence
To be KIN to others
Is to be KIND to them.
Thus, it is not an innate sweetness of our nature,
But BELONGINGNESS
That gives birth to kindness :
Those who somehow belong to us ...
And to whom we somehow belong ...
Draw forth from us, year upon year,
Our heart’s good energies.
To those NOT our own,
We are usually detached,
Even indifferent or distant,
And sometimes, discriminatory or ostracizing !*

*Indeed KINDNESS is the life-blood
Of all group solidarity,
And superlatively so, in God’s Reality.
HERE, for any “foreigner”, any outcast, any isolate ...
Simply being one-of-a-kind with Jesus’ COMMON humanity,
Or, transcendently, being a recipient of Jesus’ NEW Humanity,
Bonds them in kinship – and thus kindness – to God
... One by way of nature, the other by grace.*

And God's bonding, God's kindness to us in Christ,

Is ETERNAL

... Never, by Him, to be treated UNKINDLY!

... Never, by Him, to be disowned!

... Never, in Him, to be un-familied!

—For, in Jesus, we are one-of-a-kind with God

... Through nature, and through grace!

And, most wondrously,

Being sistered or brothered to the Paschal Jesus through grace,

Binds us to ALL!

Thus, familied by God,

Universal kinship is ours ... even if,

Though all are saved, and within God's care,

Some are UNRECEPTIVE to God's offer, in Christ.

Indeed, there is no one "un-brotherable",

No one unable to be sistered!

No one, not ours to own!

No one excluded from Love's

Covenant of Kinship!

Kindness is on offer to all!

Such Covenanted kindness – HESED – is our birth right
IN Jesus Ascended !
Conjoined by this divine tenderness,
Our life is TWINNED to our brother-God's !
In Him, God is KIND to us ! ²
And we ... wondrously ... we can be KIND to God-in-Christ
As to Family !

1 Poem 747, 4 Week Reflection on 2 Pet 1:5-7. One last related poem follows.

Clayfield Community, July 2006, Week 4.

2 'KIND' is means to convey the twin meaning of 'kin' and 'kind'.

Faith the Bud : Love the Fruit ¹

THEME : *“And to kindness, add love”. 2 Pet 1:7 (See Diagram).*

To be perfect in faith IS

... Not merely to know, but to love,

... Not just to yearn, but to gaze into Love’s eyes,

... Not simple to trust, but to enjoy Love’s caresses.

We love, by practising love :

Loves creates its own entry into the other,

Enticing the other to be receptive of itself.

Love gives itself away, sculpting the other into an openness

To sustain the giving of self, and the joy of the other.

Love thus flows from heart to heart ... to still other hearts,

Enlarging each heart, in turn, amplifying its readiness

To entrust itself, ever more, to Love.

Thus Love awakens in every heart,

The warming radiance ... of Love WITHIN

– A Love, given and received and en-beautied

In an Eternal Communion of hearts

... “Lover, Loved, Love”. ²

Love is thus our first HOME :

Such that all our other homes or loves, are but holograms

Of the Fellowship of Intimacy experienced, deep in our spirits

“Anyone who makes their home in love,

Makes their home in God

And God makes a home in them”.³

Because all human love is of Love, Risen and Ascended,

Love carries within it, the experience of Eternity,

The guarantee of deathlessness,

The fountain of boundless life

–The “Promised Holy Spirit”.⁴

Paschal Love re-creates our being,

As we “are renewed by a spiritual revolution” :⁵

Such that we see the world anew, with Christ’s consciousness !

–All our relationships are transformed and re-vivified !

... As our humanity come alive with Love’s Beauty !

As Abba’s luminous loveliness dazzles our eyes of grace,

We surrender, in Christ Ascended, to His transcendent Love

Which re-fashions our spirit, into that of His Beloved

–Heaven’s Love, humanity’s glory !

While Heaven's Love opens thus to our earthen hearts,

Our earthen hearts are OPENED to Heaven's Love, through its gift of FAITH to us.

Faith's bud, under the sunlight of the Spirit, opens in a bloom of HOPE

... To set fruit as LOVE, to ripen into LOVE.

While Love is the banquet,

And faith initiates the feast,

And hope readies our earthen hearts,

We entrust ourselves, in Love,

To be open banquets to each other –

To sit down, together, with our God

... The God of Unending Fruitfulness.

1 Poem 748, 4 Week Reflection on 2 Pet 1:5-7.

Clayfield Community, July 2006, Week 4.

2 St Augustine 3 1Jn 4:16 4 Acts 2:33 5 Eph 4:23.

Courage, Growing Out of Love ¹

*What drives courage to take a risk
For the sake of goodness ...
And to sustain it, through an emboldened stand ?*

*Simply LOVE :
Love for someone special,
Or for a valued group
Or, most encompassingly of all,
Love for humanity, and for the preservation of human dignity.*

*This form of courage, growing out of love,
Is truly infectious
–Embaldening others to risk their own futures,
Even Their very lives
For LOVE ... and for what it cherishes.
Think of Jesus Christ,
Our brother.*

The Eternal Easter Generation ¹

*O Abba, look with loving-kindness
On Your people of _____, _____ and _____
... Suffering so much at this time.
Encompass them with Your tender compassion.
For all those whom You long
To tenderly, gently
Draw to Yourself in Your Beloved ...
Move them again
To seek Your Face,
To turn to You for forgiveness,
And thus to live their lives
Filled with faith,
And with the fervour Your Spirit gives.*

*May my humble life
Lived within Your Gaze
– Lived only for Your People –
Be alive with Your Transcendence,
And Eternally celebrate Your Fellowship
As the ever newly begotten generation, IN Your Beloved !
Thus, may we all
Newly rejoice in Your Fellowship,
And together, be always forming
That FIRST GENERATION, that NEW PEOPLE
Who share the Risen and Ascended Jesus'
New age of empowerment !*

Thus – AS new creatures, new kin in CHRIST –

May we be beacons of hope,

Alive with Easter love,

Living in a new-creative-relationship

To You, Abba

– Eucharistic children, in the fond new embrace

Of Your Spirit ...

The Eternal Easter Generation !

The Annunciation ¹

(Poem 1, of 20 [#])

*Jesus, You became ONE OF US
Because of Abba's utterly wondrous love for us,
And because of the humble 'fiat'
Offered by Your Mother Mary,
Who in begetting You
–The Beloved whom Abba begets –
Becomes pure receptivity to Abba's Spirit.
This Spirit is the Spirit of Mothering
... Lashed on Yourself
... And held, in trust, for us.*

*Mary is the chosen partner of Abba
... Of Love, who eternally parents You, Jesus.
Indeed, in conceiving You, in the power of the Spirit, ²
Mary can be contemplated as an ICON of Your Father
... Such that her motherhood is a personal SYMBOL of the Fatherhood of Abba.
To our eyes, she expresses the TENDERNESS of Abba.*

*Jesus, because of Mary, You entered our world of creation
... A world of good, of limitations, and evil.
Truly through her, in You, the Divine is humanized ...
Entering into the joy, pain, and darkness
Of our human existence.
In Mary's welcoming womb, the world holds
Divine Reality and Divine Promise, WITHIN IT.*

In Mary, the self-involvement of God in Creation

Is at its most personal

Within the confines of a human womb !

Dependent on the agreement of a teenage mother !

Mary is Creation at its most maternal.

Indeed, God loves us so wondrously,

As to give us, through her,

What is most intimately His own –

“This is My Beloved Son : listen to Him !”³

NOTE : This is the first of 20 poems on the Twenty Decades of the Rosary. Together, they form 20 reflections, for praying what I have called, The Together Rosary. For the 4 recurring prayers of the traditional rosary (excluding the Hail Holy Queen), I have created 4 quite shorter, more explicitly Trinitarian prayers. They are to be found in Poem 693, as A,B,C,D. In a few of the poems there are 1 or 2 phrases, drawn from the booklet Mary and the Creed, Anthony J. Kelly, 2004. All the poems otherwise are fully original, except for Poems 769 and Poems 770.

1 Poem 751, Year 8 of Prayer Ministry, Clayfield Community Brisbane, August 2006. Week 1.

2 Lk1:35 3 Cf Mt 17:5.

The Visitation ¹

(Poem 2, of 20 [#])

Jesus,

From within Your Mother, 'God's bearer',

You enfold Your own herald, John

WITHIN THE MYSTERY

Of Abba's love for Your own humanity !

This frees John

FROM humanity's sinful inheritance,

So that he can FREELY

Re-nounce sin IN humanity

... Re-naming sin for what it truly is – un-Godlike choices !

In so doing, he prepared hearts for You –

Hearts ... to be like Mary's :

– In her yearning to give birth TO YOU

... As we are called to do, in others

– In her self-sacrificing love of Elizabeth

... Calling us to selflessness

–In her heartfelt outpouring, "My spirit glorifies Love" ²

... Calling us to glorify our God of Love, with our lives !

[#] See Note, Poem 751.

¹ Poem 752, Year 8 of Prayer Ministry, Clayfield Community Brisbane, August 2006, Week 1.

² Lk 1:46.

The Birth of Jesus ¹

(Poem 3, of 20 #)

Jesus,
You were given to us, in Mary, Abba's Spouse,
Who, in giving what Abba had given,
GIVES IN THE WAY GOD GIVES :
Boundlessly rich in generosity,
Utterly poor in the giving,
So that WE become
Infinitely rich in the receiving
... Becoming Family to You !

With the sweet simplicity, total dependency, and openness
Of a baby,
God's offer of Himself
To us,
Is so unthreatening,
So appealing,
As to melt any reservations.
In so doing, ANY of us
Can feel good
In leaning down
To lift the God-baby
To our cheeks,
Looking into the sparkling eyes of God
... Letting Him capture our hearts !

See Note, Poem 751.

1 Poem 752, Year 8 of Prayer Ministry, Clayfield Community Brisbane, August 2006, Week 2.

The Presentation of Jesus ¹

(Poem 4, of 20 [#])

Jesus,

In the Temple, You are gently and humbly offered

– As the first-fruits of Abba’s love,

As the Promise of Goodwill to humanity,

As the realization of Mary’s “FIAT” –

Back to Abba Himself

... To and excited, expectant Father ...

By Mary and Joseph.

You are tenderly and lovingly accepted by Your Abba

In the persons and voices of Simeon and Anna –

And, even then, given a sense of MISSION by them

–To be a person

Of “Saving deeds ... a sign of contradiction ... a revealing light,

Honouring Israel” ²

And, for Your Mother,

There is a sense of the price to be paid :

“Suffering, as piercing as a dagger,

Will penetrate your spirit”? ³

[#] See Note, Poem 751.

¹ Poem 754, Year 8 of Prayer Ministry, Clayfield Community Brisbane, August 2006, Week 2.

² Lk 2:29-38 (N.A.B.) ³ Cf Lk 2:35.

Finding Jesus in the Temple ¹

(Poem 5, of 20 [#])

Another visit to the Temple, another revelation :

Jesus,

Here, You take Your first excited public step

In implementing Your "Father's work". ²

This first 'public' contemplation

Of Your Father's scriptural legacy ...

This first courageous proclaiming

Of His Good News ...

Lovingly flows

From Your already deep sense

Of intimacy with Your Abba,

And from Your growing identification

– Through prayer –

As Abba's Beloved !

[#] See Note, Poem 751.

¹ Poem 755, Year 8 of Prayer Ministry, Clayfield Community Brisbane, August 2006, Week 2.

² Lk 2:49.

Jesus' Baptism ¹

(Poem 6, of 20 [#])

Jesus,
In experiencing the deepest intimacy with Abba
In Your baptism,
You are not only "His own" ... His hearts' desire, ²
But are IMMERSED TOTALLY IN HIM,
Becoming ONE with a Father, who "favours" and delights in You ³
And for whom, You are "the Chosen One" ⁴
— FOR His People !
Indeed, Abba's People become fully, Your People !
And to seal this mutual bond,
Abba's Spirit "descends" on You and "remains" with You, ⁵
So You become
The One "who baptizes them WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT"! ⁶

Saturated in Your Abba's Love ...
You identify "completely with His work", ⁷
Choosing to identify with "THE POOR IN SPIRIT" ⁸
Abba's favourites, the ones in whom He delights.
Thus, You embrace the blind, the lame, and lepers,
And, those of the oppressed
Who are alive with the spirit of DEPENDENCE
... Truly knowing their NEED OF GOD.

*Jesus, thank You,
For immersing Yourself in the RIVER of our lives :
Your life flowing into ours,
Inviting ours to flow into Yours
– “You in Me, and I in you” –⁹
... Carried along in the Spirit,
“That stream leaping up, to provide eternal life”.¹⁰*

See Note, Poem 751.

1 Poem 756, Year 8 of Prayer Ministry, Clayfield Community Brisbane, August 2006, Week 3.

2 Lk 3:22 (I.B.) 3 Mk 1:11 4 Jn 1:24 5 Jn 1:32 6 Jn 1:33 7 Cf Jn 4:34 8 Mt 5:3 9 Jn 14:20 10 Jn 4:14 (N.A.B.)

The Wedding at Cana ¹

(Poem 7, of 20 [#])

Jesus,

You begin Your adult public ministry

At this country wedding

... In fellowship with Mary

– Bride of Abba, co-virgin, and Mother.

Yours and hers are ‘wedded’ spirits,

Forged by the TWIN ‘fiats’ at Your conception :

... Yours, “Here I am ! I am coming ! ...

I love to do Your will, O God !” ²

... And hers (FOR US), “Let it happen to me,

Just as You desire.” ³

Jesus, You and Your Mother,

Are ‘wedded’ spirits at the outset ...

And still, ‘wedded’ in Your death.

Between these two occasions, You remind US

“Whoever does the will, of my Father, is my Mother ...” ⁴

– That is, ‘belongs to My Family !’

*Perhaps, this is why Mary, emboldened-as-kin,
Effectively urges US, on Calvary
– As she confidently did at Cana’s wedding –
“Do whatever JESUS TELL YOU TO DO”⁵
... As she co-offered YOUR SURRENDER “Into Your hands, I ENTRUST my spirit.”⁶
In doing so, Mary was so conscious, of Your own filial faithfulness
– “I only do what I see my Father doing” –⁷
And by Your own Gethsemene ‘fiat’,
“Not my will BUT YOURS BE DONE !”⁸*

*TWIN ‘fiats’ at Your conception and Your death :
Two receptive spirits ... one willingness of heart !
Our humanity – redeemed ! renewed ! uplifted !*

See Note, Poem 751.

1 Poem 757, Year 8 of Prayer Ministry, Clayfield Community, Brisbane, August 2006, Week 3.

2 Combining Verses 6 and 8 of Ps 40 (J.B.) 3 Cf Lk 1:38 4 Mt 13:50 5 Jn 2:5 6 Lk 23:46 7 Jn 5:19 8 Lk 22:43.

Jesus' Proclaiming the Kingdom ¹

(Poem 8, of 20 [#])

Jesus

It is YOURSELF whom You proclaim :

Abba's Good News

To our expectant hearts !

You, indeed, are the SACRAMENT of Good News

Whose enduring focus is to REVEAL

Abba's new Covenant of Love

–Yourself !

You indeed are the 'home' of all those who love-to-love Abba

... Or desire and yearn to love Him !

Even the blind of heart

Find in You –

New eyes to behold Love's Gaze ;

And those, sick in body and spirit ... find in You,

New healing, new life flowing from Your Ascended Person

... Flowing now – from US also,

'At home', in You !

So too, the depressed and anxious of spirit ... find IN You

A big-hearted brother

ETERNALLY embraced by a welcoming Father

... And join You, to become EN-SPIRITED and re-vivified

–By Abba's Gift of the Spirit !

*O Jesus, make the ears of my heart
Listen to You – the Good News !
And make the tongue of my heart
Murmur its love for You,
Stilling my spirit
... So tenderly
That Your love becomes my own
... As I become Good News – for others !*

See Note, Poem 751.

1 Poem 758, year 8 of Prayer Ministry, Clayfield Community Brisbane, August 2006, Week 4.

Jesus' Transfiguration ¹

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Jesus,
You invite us into fellowship
With Moses and Elijah,
By drawing us into Your Ascended Reality
... Therein, transcending time and space for us,
Making ALL manner of encounters POSSIBLE in You !
TOGETHER – You, Moses and Elijah,
IMAGE FORTH a suggestion of the Triune Fellowship of Love.
Thus, through You, God's Law and Prophecy are PERSONIFIED
... Companionship us, yet subsumed into YOURSELF
– As God's Covenant of Love, luminous with life !

O Glorious Jesus !
Here, with you, on the Mountain of Encounter
Forgiven, and gifted –
We are transformed
Into ADORING HEARTS
... Gazing into the heart of God Revealed !

Divinely drawn into Your Wondrous Mystery
... Awe, stunned, and humble,
We are transformed
Into HEARTS LONGING TO SERVE
– Offering to pitch tents, to wash feet ...

*Overwhelmed with wonder,
And gifted with the grace of surrender,
We are transformed
Into SELF-SACRIFICIAL HEARTS –
Yearning to give all,
Graced to receive all,
Again, to give all ...
O Fellowship Divine !*

See Note, Poem 751.

1 Poem 759, Year 8 of Prayer Ministry, Clayfield Community, Brisbane, August 2006, Week 4.