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Dancing Hearts ¹

It is HEARTS that truly dance :

Skipping feet and flying hair

Merely mirror

The ecstasy of a dancing spirit !

We learn to dance by COPYING Abba, ²

Because He is the Father of EXcitement,

The Fount of Enthusiasm !

His is the Spirit of EXcultation : ³

Abba exults because we are exalted

– Exalted as Son !

– Exalted as Daughter !

His is the Depthless Paschal Joy ... as the Father of the NEW BORN !

Abba's delighting in us

"Turns the hearts of fathers towards their children" ⁴

... Opening our hearts, and our arms

As we're swept up into the beckoning Arms of Love !

Here, entranced by Abba,

And abandoning ourselves, to Him, IN Jesus

– Abba's Lead Dancer, and Equal in enthusiasm –

We, too, dance the Dance of Light !

Happy we who see Love dancing – ⁵
Who are swept up into the whirl ...
Of Love “exulting over us”! ⁶
And who are drawn into Love’s Spirit of Freedom,
Delirious with Love’s Joy !

1 Poem 900, Annual Retreat, Lawson, Blue Mountains, June 2008, Day 3.

2 Cf Zep 3:17c 3 Cf Is 65:19 4 Sir 48:10 5 Cf Zep 3:17c 6 Zep 3:17b

Love's Fragrance ¹

*Oh ! How good to taste of Love's Kiss
And ... how fragrant is Love, so close –*

*PURE as a baby's breath
– as pure as lives lived in simplicity ;*

*FRESH as a wilderness dawn
–as fresh as hope in the Easter-time of love :*

*EARTHY as soil new-ploughed in the noon-heat
– as earthy as the Vineyard's workers
offering their Eucharist of perspiration ;*

*SPICED as the cascade of tropical scents ...
presaging a rainforest's afternoon thunderstorm
– as spiced as FORGIVEN hearts re-entering Life
... BUOYED by Abba's heart-warming embrace,
... FIRED by the Spirit !*

*and SWEET as wafting jasmine, released by the twilight
– as sweet as the autumnal fruit-laden spirits
Of HOMEING hearts .*

Our Three Thirsts ¹

Through fear-based choices
... As our spirits DARKEN,
We act alone
... Insisting on MORE and MORE for the SELF,
And on LESS and LESS for FAMILY or the COMMUNITY .

Contrariwise,
With ever-deepening acceptance,
As our spirits ARE ENLIGHTENED
We seek to harmonize –
Our thirst for the heart of the other
... With our thirst for a community of hearts,
And are LED ... to GIVE OUR SELVES
To that thirst
For the HEART WITHIN ALL HEARTS !

Herein,
Life's Divine harmony
Is ever more deeply experienced –
Three thirsts : one Centering Presence
... Wherein the other, or others
Are experienced in The Other .

God and Brother ¹

*Dearest God,
Through Your gift of KNOWLEDGE
You reveal two wondrous truths to us.*

*Firstly, You uncover the wondrous Reality ²
That each Divine Person
Wholly transcends – through ‘His’ utter selflessness –
All that is DISTINCTIVE in ‘His’ Person
–By surrendering ‘His’ Self, wholly as a Gift
To the Other.*

*Secondly, You reveal,
As a Divine Unity of Persons,
That You wholly transcend
All that You have CREATED
... Precisely because of creation’s utter dependency of being
Upon Yourself.*

*Therein, You demonstrate to us
... That no created being can COMPARE to You,
... And that no created PERSON can RELATE to You,
Except, from WITHIN Yourself.
How can this possibly BE ?*

*In two Covenants of Love,
Fashioned by You, within our time and space,
You have increasingly DRAWN US, in intimacy, to Yourself.
Through Your SHEER LOVE,
You have offered Yourself to us as BOTH God and brother !*

*As our Abba-God, You proactively invite us into Your Family,
Eternally offering Your Beloved Son to us
IN Jesus, Risen and Ascended – as our brother;
As our Brother-God, in Christ, You offer Your Divinity
To us, to “share” ³
Through the medium of our common humanity !
As the God who Transcends All,
You wholly en-Spirit us
–ENABLING, all our COMMUNING WITH THE DIVINE !*

*In the face of all this,
O Three-Personed God
We are wonder-struck !
Even our KNOWING this,
Is YOUR gift
... While, UNDERSTANDING it,
Is wrapt within Mystery
... Only revealed to us “grace upon grace”, ⁴
In the Spirit !
Only You, O God of Love, can grasp this !
Only You, O Love can enable this !
Only You, O Eternal Fellowship
... Can wholly give thanks for this !*

*Yet ... enabled by You,
We are gifted to SHARE
In Your understanding and thanksgiving!
You do this, preferentially, through the Eucharist.
Herein, we ARE
... Adopted and Fathered by You, Abba!
... Brothered by You, O Paschal Jesus!
... En-Spirited by You, Loyce! ⁵
O Wondrous Lovers!
O God of Love!*

1 Poem 903, Annual Retreat, Lawson, Blue Mountains, June 2008, Day 5.

2 Jn, Chapters 13-17 3 2Pet 1:4 4 Jn 1:16

5 My familiar name for the Holy Spirit, who is our Paschal LOVE, JOY and PEACE.

Parents Together ¹

Dearest Abba and Mary,

Parents together,

O ! How You love Jesus

... As You, achingly, keep vigil

In the agonising, long hour before His death

– Faithful parents, witnesses

... To the boundless compassion

Of this Child of Your love ;

You were WITH Him in the beginning,

And WITH Him at the end.

As You ache, while gazing on

His blackened, swollen face,

His gentle eyes reveal the tenderest of love

–Love FOR US, His brothers and sisters,

Gathered, yearningly, into His heart

... From every time and place.

As You wince within ...

In seeing His savaged body writhe,

THE BEAUTY, OF WHO HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN

–Beloved Son of loving Parents –

Floods Your eyes,

And opens a fissure

In Your Parental hearts.

Then comes the fondest of farewells

... “Mother, behold your son”²

– Gifting you Mary, with THOSE DEAREST to Him ;

And to You, Abba, He croakingly whispers

... In a final, spontaneous outpouring of trust ...

“Abba, into Your hands, I entrust my spirit”³

– Words for You, so heart-rending, out of a depthless love

But, for us His new kin, an empowering homecoming CALL

Binding His and our hearts TOGETHER

... With Yours, the most RECEPTIVE of Parents !

Abba and Mary,
As Your Beloved Son lived ... so did He die
... Gently
So too, did You accept His Exodus ... heavy-heartedly, yet
... Gently
So too, did You ease His brutalized body from the Cross
... Gently
So too, did You cradle Him in Your arms
... Gently
So too, did You lay Him, the Beloved of heaven and earth,
In the garden tomb
... Gently,
... All three, TOGETHER.

1 Poem 904, Annual Retreat, Lawson, Blue Mountains, June 2008, Day 6.

2 Jn 19:26 3 Lk 23:46

Re-enlivened Together ¹

The Spirit of Faith, alight in a humble heart,

Will show up evil ...

Both in our own, and in others' lives

Revealing ...

The bare bones of lives

Ravaged by the triumph of self.

Abba's compassionate Easter gaze

Resurrects

Our famished frames,

Clothing them with the flesh of Paschal fellowship,

And it is the Spirit of a Renewed Humanity

Who RE-ENLIVENS US TOGETHER

With the Life of the Living One

– Overflowing hearts, NEEDY for God –

With the wondrous gifts of the Fellowship of the Trinity

... Love ... Joy ... Peace.

¹ Poem 905, Annual Retreat, Lawson, Blue Mountains, June 2008, Day 7.

The Future Abba Gives You ¹

Tom's enthusiasm tapped into his passion

To commit himself WHOLLY to Jesus

– “Let us, too, go and die with Him !” ²

The reaction of the rest of the Twelve

Was as muted, as it was varied ...

Fear flared in the eyes of a few,

The majority looked, unusually, quite SERIOUS,

The remaining couple, Peter and Simon the Zealot,

Nodded their heads determinedly.

Later, as Tom gazed out across the Galilean hills, alone,

Jesus came up, sat beside him and after a full two minutes, began –

“Tom, the journey to Jerusalem is one we all surely need to take,

But it is one in which Abba must be OUR SOLE GUIDE

... For it is His City and His Temple !

And He will indicate to us, during prayer,

The ‘when’, the ‘how’, and the ‘why’ .”

“One thing is already clear : we all need to move on from here. ³

For yourself, Tom, you need to take possession

Of the future Abba is giving you :

If you are humble and gentle,

He will draw you into a future of HIS choice ;

He will DISPOSSESS it of obstacles and distractions

... All YOU have to do, Tom, is to BE STILL. ⁴

Abba will draw your heart to His own

... Within His time ... and at His pace .

He will give you the COMPANIONS you’ll need.”

“Abba will support you as a parent carries a child .

It is in His footsteps, that you’ll walk ;

You will rest at HIS camping grounds,

Drink at the springs HE indicates ;

He’s with you NOW, even as we journey

To the Temple ... to adore Him .

Just trust.”

1 Poem 906, Annual Retreat, Lawson, Blue Mountains, June 2008, Day 8.

2 Jn 11:16 3 Stanzas 3 and 4 emerge from reflecting on Deut 1:6-8, 29-33 4 Ex 14:14

The Ever-New Upper Room ¹

*The Holy Spirit points to and empowers
Our future for Fellowship,
Within an ever-new 'upper room'
... Of an earth-wide grouping
Of hearts and minds
– Gathered together
Within the one heart, the one mind
Of the Paschal Christ !*

¹ Poem 907, Year 10 of Prayer Ministry, Woolloowin Community, Brisbane, July 2008.

Inequality or Equality ¹

CONTEXT : *A world where people 'LOVE TO HATE'*
 ... *Either as 'evil' individuals,*
 ... *Or as 'evil' groupings ...*
And thereby seem to question the EQUALITY
 Of all human beings.

Everyone's life-experience ULTIMATELY ...
Contributes to the experience of life for ALL .
We might be BLIND, as to how some 'contribute'
 ... *Even resisting, or repudiating the idea .*
However, God always enters this equation
... Particularly in terms of the reality, conveyed by the word, "ULTIMATELY."

For instance, while aggression projected onto others
 Frequently identifies our own self-fears,
 HOW we address these self-fears
Is part of the tapestry that God WEAVES
With the strands of our actions ... and reactions !
 The Divine process, at times,
 LAYS BARE A BASIC CHOICE
 For us to make :
Either to maintain or enhance respect for ALL persons
 As human beings
Or, by EXEMPTING one or more from this,
To cheapen or fracture UNIVERSAL RESPECT .

*This universal respect comes, for most,
From the belief that we are ALL brothers and sisters
Because we EQUALLY share
The same destiny of a loving Father, our Divine Parent.*

*A big minority
Simply assert, or induce from experience,
The universal equality of all human persons,
Mostly on biological grounds,
'Without a need to refer to divinity.'*

*Still, for most, it is the LOVE of a Divine Father
That is the basis for upholding universal equality,
And, almost for all, it is the love of 'another,'
Or the love of 'a community of others',
That is the basis of our PERSONAL UPHOLDING
Of the inalienable rights of any human being, without exception.*

*For those Christians DEEPLY grounded in faith,
Human equality is founded
On an even deeper Reality
—On the Wondrous Equality
Of Abba, Jesus Ascended, and the Spirit
As Persons
Within the Oneness of Divine Love
... With, potentially, ALL human beings
Able to share Christ's very own experience
Of this EQUALITY.*

Beloved Son : Gift Received, Gift Given ¹

(Jesus Ascended prays : and we, IN Him ...)

I'm 'YOUR Jesus', Abba !
You OWN Jesus, Abba !
—The Son of Your Love —
... The Beloved Gift-of-Your-Consciousness
... The Beloved Gift of Who-You-Are
— A Gift, heartfelthly RECEIVED !
A Gift — NOW GIVEN to You, Abba !
Given in fondest Love !
... The Gift of Who-I-Am !

O Spirit of Mutual Giving !
O Spirit of Mutual Receiving !
... O Spirit of Our Uniting,
... O Spirit of Our Communing,
Be LOVE for us !
Be Our Togetherness !
Be Our Oneness !

Facing a Crisis ¹

*As we are enveloped by any crisis,
Our Trinitarian faith
Coaxes us, invited us
To enter into it*

*With “GOD-SEEKING hearts” ²
... Hearts focussed on truth,
... Hearts suffused with goodness,
... Hearts inclusive of all involved.*

*With the simple consciousness of Jesus,
Let us firstly be open to the graced ‘unveiling’
Of the elements of the crisis.*

As our minds increasingly mirror His ...

The crisis simplifies, and we are given a sense of direction to follow

– So that, LOVE-LIT by the Spirit,

Truth shines forth

... As it finds quiet acceptance

In most hearts involved in the crisis.

*So, from WITHIN Jesus' Abba-centered heart,
Let us seek the VERY best for all involved
... Neither causing any "crushed reed to snap"
... Nor snuffing out "any wick struggling to re-flame".* ³

*Thereafter, prompted by Jesus' Spirit,
We pray that we be infused with His gentleness :*

*... Each hostile heart loved
... Justice, left in Love's hands
... And lepers' hands, held in ours .*

Within ourselves,

As Christ's "little ones", ⁴

*We are led, gently, into the Mystery of Divine Kinship
And there affirmed within the Trinity's Circle of Love
... Accompanied hand in hand, by Calvary's Jesus,
Into the welcoming arms of Abba .*

*Here we learn to listen, always,
For Jesus knocking at the door* ⁵
*Of our hearts
... For, whenever we open to Him,
He will always enter
... To sit down and supper with us,
To BE Eucharist for us !*

*WITHIN Eucharist, for faith-filled hearts,
Each crisis always gives way – ⁶
To the experience of a REVIVIFIED LIFE in Jesus Risen,
To the experience of Abba's Homecoming Enrapture,
To the experience of being en-Spirited,
To the experience of SHARING this Paschal Spirit with others.*

*Thus en-Spirited,
We PRAY with Jesus
'Abba
Let all hearts change;
Take care of everything ...'*

1 Poem 910, Year 10 of Prayer Ministry, Woolloowin Community, Brisbane, late July 2008.

NOTE: Written as my response, in reflections on World Youth Day, Sydney, July 2008.

2 A Psalm

3 Cf Mt 12:20 (quoting from Is 42:3)

4 Missal usage of Mt 11:25 – “revealed to little ones, the mysteries of the kingdom” or Mt 18:10

5 Here and following – Rev 3:20ff

6 ‘Crisis’ is used here, in its literal sense, from the Greek for ‘CROSS’ – that is a Calvary experience.

Your Heart's Favourite ¹

*O Abba ! Tender, dearest Father ...
Nothing we could ever say, nothing we could ever do,
Is sufficient to praise You ;
Nothing save that we ...
BE Your Beloved !*

*Uplifted in Him, the Glory of Heaven and Creation,
We become –
Radiant with His Wisdom !
Aglow with His Beauty !
Afire with His Paschal Glory !
Alive with Ecclesial Joy
... Open to Your Loving !*

Glorifying Love ¹

To 'Glorify',
Is to praise, thank and adore
Our God of Love !
In thus exulting Love, our own human dignity is exalted .
Heartfelt gratitude is at the core of such praise;
This gratitude is "the memory of the heart" ²
... Of Love's loving us !

At the core of gratitude itself –
... Is ADORATION,
At the core of adoration
... Our PRIMAL AFFECTION
For the God of Love !
At the core of this affection
... LOVE'S affection for us !
And because 'AD-OR-ATION' is ...
A 'movement "of the mouth towards" another' ³
... This mutual affectioning
Is, of course,
A KISS !

It is Abba's Spirit of Uniting – His SPIRIT-KISS – who enables our kiss !

In THIS KISS, Abba is glorified !

And we, IN CHRIST, are so wondrously uplifted in our humanity !

Indeed, adoration immeasurably uplifts human dignity,

While GLORIFYING the God who so yearns to unite with us !

1 Poem 912, Marian Valley Monthly Retreat, late July 2008, Day 1.

2 Saying of St Mary McKillop, Marian Valley.

3 The literal meaning, from the Latin, given by Pope Benedict XV1.

Communion Creates Community ¹

Communing with the Paschal Jesus enables us TO BE COME HIM, and thus –

... Be crucified with Him !

... Be regenerated with Him !

... Be enraptured with Him !

... Be en-Spirited with Him !

Thus, communing with Jesus Ascended, means being DRAWN

Into a new KINSHIP of being :

... Belonging to Abba, through Him !

... Receiving the Spirit of Jesus Ascended !

... Giving the Spirit of Jesus Ascended !

Thus, communing with the Paschal Jesus creates community :

As HIS KIN, we welcome each other

... As persons who BELONG TOGETHER

Because each of us belongs-to-Him !

Indeed, we are together -COMMUNITIED – in Jesus, wholistically :

–While distinct personalities, we are EN-PERSONED AS HIM :

–While distinct in body, we are EMBODIED AS HIM

... Animated by the same flow of His Precious Risen Blood ;

–While distinct in consciousness, we are AS ONE MIND with Him ; ²

– While distinct as lovers, we are, in Him,

All en-Spirited by the ONE SPIRIT OF LOVE !

Truly, then, communion creates community
Because our BROTHER-GOD, in whom WE live,
Allows us to recognize Him
As the God who LIVES IN OTHERS !
However, we cannot discover God in others
–Only God, in us, can reveal Himself AS GOD
As God abiding in others
As ... “Deep calling to deep”,³
As the Heart of God speaking to our hearts !

Just as communing with Jesus, is creative of community,
So community itself, is creative OF MISSION.
Thus, we are raised up, AS EMMAUS PEOPLE :⁴
–To companion disoriented travellers on the journey of Life
–To welcome outsiders into the warmth of our hearts
–To explain the Good News of the Scriptures to them
–To lay our bread and wine for them, to celebrate our kinship
–To welcome the Paschal Jesus to TRANSFORM all this
Into His Feast of Fellowship
... Our hearts afire with Love !

1 Poem 913, Marian Valley Monthly Retreat, July 2008, Day 1.

2 Cf Phil 2:5 3 Ps 42:7 (J.B.) 4 See Lk 24:13-32

Jesus' Spirit-Song ¹

JESUS RISEN : "Each morning, I will sing aloud of Your Love !" Psalm.

With the sky-wide golden glow of the first Easter Dawn,

Abba's very own Spirit suddenly lights up

Jesus' newly re-enspirited body

With TRANSCENDENT BRILLIANCE

—From WITHIN !

Abba's Spirit re-animates Jesus' humanity with a radiant energy

Which, in a sunburst of Life,

Fills all His senses with utter delight !

The Spirit psychosomatically OPENS Jesus

To ALL of Life's possibilities within His spirit,

And within His gloriously transformed body !

His PERSON, Jesus senses,

In now wondrously CO-EXTENSIVE, with the cosmos,

And is, at all levels, wholly open TO THE DIVINE,

And to all humanity, across all of space-time !

Simultaneously,

An ocean of loving intimacy

Deluges His WHOLE Divine Humanity in the wholly transcendent Reality

Of BELONGING, SHARING, AND COMMUNING

With Abba and the Spirit,

Within the utter simplicity

Of a Destiny that is Eternal !

In this Ever Wondrous Moment
... *Of Divine-Human Union*
... *Of Trinitarian Delight*
... *Of humanity's Paschal Transformation*
Abba's infinitely tender Love Call ...
Summons forth from His Beloved Jesus,
His Paschal Heart-Song !

For there is only ONE song Jesus sings,
Only one song SUNG TO ABBA
– Itself, the perfect resonance of Abba's song to Him –
... *"I am One with Your Love".*
Moreover, there is only one Singer
... *Because, for us to sing to Abba,*
Is to sing WITHIN the overflowing heart of Jesus Ascended
– 'Our' songs are always His !

What of Their Spirit ?

The Spirit IS

The Song !

The Music !

The Silence inbetween !

This Spirit-Song of Jesus is His Paschal anthem

– Thrilling all Creation !

–Exhilarating the whole of Christ's Body !

– Resonating the heart of Abba !

All the emotions, the energies of Love's own Fellowship

Resonate

In Transcendent Harmony

... As Jesus' Easter voice soars through the cosmos

And through all hearts –

“I

Love

You !”

Abba's exultant response is the same Eternal Spirit-Song !

Inward Journeying ¹

Faith's gaze is so trusting !

WITHOUT present evidence, WITHOUT current support,

Faith looks to the PAST

– To the God of ... Christ's story, the Church's story, and our own story

– To the God who has seduced us – 'Come now my love' – and rescued us ²

– To the God who "loved us and sacrificed Himself for our sake", ³

And so, TRUSTS GOD TO BE PRESENT NOW !

This ever-deepening gaze of faith

Always comes to rest

Upon a Face ... familiar, yet mysterious

... That of Jesus of Nazareth :

– Whose DIVINE HUMANITY can be

... Called to mind, through STORY

... Evoked through METAPHOR

... Sensed through SYMBOL

... Yearned for, with the HEART

... And engaged with, by our hope and love ;

– And whose HUMAN DIVINITY is

... Beyond the reach of STORY

... Beyond all conceptualization

... Visualized only by those especially graced by the SPIRIT

... Still yearned for, with the heart

... And still engaged with, by our hope and love.

Indeed, faith's gazing into the depths of Jesus' HUMAN DIVINITY
Is a journey into human INWARDNESS
... Past the human SELF, and all subjective comparisons of God to the self,
To an inner realm of NON-SEEING, where all imagery of God is ABSENT,
To the self of the "new creation", wherein our "I" becomes Christ's "I",
And we become ONE PERSON, in Christ ... ONE with Abba, BEING TO BEING.

Yet, this ONENESS is beyond even our NEW consciousness,
Because, while Christ's consciousness DOES BECOME OURS,
And experience of God, 'BEING TO BEING' is still reserved, in this life,
For those gifted with an INFUSED involvement,
And, perhaps, the memory of the SYMBOLS of the encounter.

More deeply still, within this graced inward journeying,
For those, DRAWN INTO Christ,
His WILL, coalesces with OUR WILL.

Thus, while our will is actively enshrined WITHIN HIS,
We humbly will what He wills.
That is, we choose to follow the Father's desires,
Revealed through the PROMPTINGS of His Spirit
—Just as Jesus did, and does, Eternally.

*Thus, our wills, wholly graced by the Spirit,
ENABLE our faith, hope, and love
To be OPEN to the God of Jesus
In a direct and personal way .*

*Yet, our graced experiences of thus being – ‘direct and personal’ ,
Forever eludes our human ability –
... To put such an experience into words
... Or to recall its sequence or details,
... Or even to re-imagine it .*

*Still, our faith, hope, and love
... On the level where they REGISTER AS FEELINGS ...
Can, in an untrackable wondrous manner,
SENSE the Divine !*

*Indeed, because we trust, long for, and love God
... The purer, and simpler these FEELINGS are,
The MORE IMMEDIATELY it seems,
The God of Jesus engages us
In the depths of our being !*

1 Poem 915, Marian Valley Monthly Retreat, July 2008, Day 2.

2 Song 2:13 3 Gal 2:20

Behind Marian Valley's Chapel ¹

*Strolling dreamily in the noon's sunshine,
I sauntered unawares into a cascade of perfume
... Washing down onto the red earthen track
From a towering cone of lilac blooms
Clustering bountifully
On the late-wintering tree above.*

*It was a tropical trumpet tree – blanketed now, only in blossom,
But, in summer, exotically clothed with leaves of elephant-ear shape and size.*

*In the sunshine the serried tiers of trumpet blooms
– Truly “A blare of trumpets to the Lord” – ²
Spilled their honeyed fragrance, with abandon,
Lavishly anointing the wanderer, in a perfume shower !*

Then came the truly ENTRANCING revelation :

*The WHOLE tree SANG !
... In a sonorous humming tune,
Rising a quaver, then falling
... Hovering around middle C !
Up to a thousand buzzing honey bees
–Contentedly ensconced, in trumpet homes –
Communed in “Honey Harmony”!
I marvelled as the Spirit spun His spell
Through these myriad mini-musicians
– Each with a ‘trumpet’ to blow !*

*Not to be outdone, three visitors to the tree
Lent THEIR voices to the noontime serenade
– Two rainbow lorikeets and a kookaburra :
No lori ‘screeches’ here, no kooka ‘laughter’ today ...
Only their CHIRPS, and his CHORTLES – of delight !*

*Then, the Singing Tree spiralled a trumpet to my feet
... A five-tongued ‘clarinet’ with a purple-speckled throat !
With face uplifted to this FRAGRANT CONE OF SONG
... “God is good” , I heard it sing ...
My heart beat out an ALLELUIA in response !*

God : Giver, Gift, Receiver ¹

“Members we, one of another” ²
... *Of Christ, CENTERING us all ;*
Each a gift to the other,
Each a gift the Spirit supplies.
We’re together, IN Christ, and AS Christ
– A GIFT of LOVE to Abba
... *To our Loving God, as RECEIVER !*

We too, RECEIVE each other :
As a wick does ... the flame
And Mary’s womb ... her God !
So to us, IN Christ, and AS Christ
Comes Abba’s GIFT OF HIMSELF –
Fathering us ... IN Christ
... *Our Loving God as GIVER !*

For our Life, IN Christ, and AS Christ :
GOD, is always the GIFT !
GOD, always the Giver !
GOD, always the Receiver !

*Each of our hearts is lit by the Gift of Christ's Light,
Our world is afire with His Presence !
Indeed, Abba's Glory, as Receiver,
Is that He and Jesus Ascended, as Givers,
Breathe forth the Gift of Their Spirit
—Who PERSONIFIES both the Giving and the Receiving —
Upon us, IN Christ !*

1 Poem 917, Marian Valley Monthly Retreat, July 2008, Day 4.

2 Rom 12:5

Spirits Delight ! Bodies Sing ! ¹

Abba and Jesus :

“O Loyce, Our loving Spirit ²

... As We RECEIVE each other, as WE GIVE Ourselves to each other –

Be our Receiving ! Be our Giving !

O Loyce, Lovable Spirit, be Love for Us !

O Loyce, Our Love, be Our Enrapture !”

Easter Jesus, Risen and Ascended :

“O Loyce, Life for my Body !

Glorify it ! Eternalize it !

Exhilarate it with Abba’s Presence !

Thrill my Body – my KIN

– As Family, coming ALIVE in Abba’s Love !

“Let my Body – all my KIN, all created reality

Ripple with delight, in Abba’s Presence

... With waves of jubilation, cascading with praise for Abba !

May the bodies of these, my brothers and sisters,

Experience NOW, the adventure of thanksgiving :

With their SPIRITS already galvanized by Love,

May their bodies experience Resurrection

–Both hiddenly, in the PRESENT and, fully revealed in the LIFE TO COME !

May their bodies be filled NOW with divine peace,

And through Eucharist, ever more unite, within Me !

*“On their Wondrous Day of Glory
May their bodies truly RESONATE with their spirits
... Already experiencing the Symphony of Our Divine inner Life !
May You, O Spirit, draw all into the wondrous harmony
Of Abba’s Embrace of Myself
–Their spirits DELIGHTING, their bodies SINGING, with joy !”*

1 Poem 918, Year 10 of Prayer Ministry, Woolloowin Community, Brisbane, August 2008.

2 ‘Loyce’ : my familiar name for the Spirit – Love, Joy and Peace .

The Fellowship of Gazers ¹

Our Fellowship is GATHERED in the ASCENDING Christ

–Gathered to GAZE,

To gaze TOGETHER,

On our Father's Face

... A Face that 'sets our hearts burning', ²

Burning with love.

To gaze ALONE

Would mean being drawn alone into Abba's heart ;

But, the GOAL of gazing is FELLOWSHIP

... Thus, it is GAZING-IN-FELLOWSHIP

That GLORIFIES Love !

To be one with the Fellowship of gazers

Is to gaze with the eyes of the ASCENDING Christ

... Being swept into the arms of Love :

As Eyes meet,

Hearts embrace

And 'the Promise of the Father' becomes ³

– His to SHARE

With His fellow-gazers.

Thus, the way of gazers
Is only ever the way of ACCOMPANIMENT :
Abba only ever draws us to gaze upon Himself
As CO-GAZERS
... Within a Fellowship of shared consciousness.
Identifying as co-visionaries,
Such contemplatives
... Focus together on Abba !
... With the eyes of Jesus Ascended !
... Alive in the Spirit !

1 Poem 919, Year 10 of Prayer Ministry, Woolloowin Community, Brisbane, August 2008.

2 Lk 24:32

3 Acts 2:33

