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Voicing the Cry of Our Hearts' Depths ¹

O Jesus,
O ever-expressive heart-pulse
Of Abba's yearning for us :
Be our HUMANITY'S voice
... Our heartfelt response TO Abba
... The loving Eucharistic voice
For Your ever-needful brothers and sisters !

As the tide of Abba's love
Sweeps into our lives
– Deep-dyed crimson by Your Blood –
May the Alleluia of our grateful hearts
Sweep back to Abba
... Breathed forth
From Your Easter heart !

O Spirit of the Depths
Within the human heart
... Yet also the Spirit of Simplicity ...
Reveal Abba's Beloved
... As He VOICES THE CRY OF OUR HEARTS' DEPTHS.
Thus, as we LIVE OUT these prayers, IN Christ
... WHOM Abba ever-draws to Himself ...
May we also
Ever-experience His Fatherly
Homecoming Embrace !

Discovery and Release ¹

Joy

Is the discovery

Of the heartbeat of the Paschal Jesus

Pulsing WITHIN ours !

... Drawing ours into His !

Peace

Is the release

Of these wedded hearts

Into the deep rest and intimacy

Of the Divine Circle of Love.

The Gift of Neediness ¹

*At Eucharist, in late springtime,
The Bread of Mystery's circular wafer
Became for me, in the Spirit,
A convex lens
To focus the strands of the life of my spirit
Onto a new Gift.
In reality, the Gift was a re-offered one – poverty of spirit,
But its expression was NEW.*

*My accustomed call – to a Ministry of Prayer,
To being a praying heart FOR OTHERS
... Gazing with longing, so that they may BELONG ...
Now transformed into a new call,
To become 'A NEEDY ONE'.
I was being invited
To accept the gift of NEEDINESS
– To become a person deeply-in-need, FOR OTHERS.
I was being asked
To be one who truly experiences, and EXPRESSES
... Our communal NEED FOR GOD
... Our inborn YEARNING FOR LOVE
... Our aching openness to Divine Fellowship .*

In response ...

I swallowed the Bread of Mystery

... So to become a servant

Of my and others' NEEDINESS FOR GOD .

This new Gift

– To be lived out ... needy day by needy day –

Called me to SHIFT

– Solely through Abba's GRACE –

From being a spirit, OPEN to Abba and to others,

To being a SPIRIT-IN-NEED

... A thirsting, yearning spirit

Whose EVERY CELL craves completeness

Within the Divine Fountain of Fellowship !

Within this Fellowship

I am deluged with Love,

Becoming one with the Needy One, Christ,

... Needy FOR ABBA,

And, like Him, entrusted with the 'spirit-needs' of others

–Through sharing in His Spirit ... of Open-heartedness !

Being thus entrusted with others' 'spirit-needs'

Necessarily involves entering into EVER-DEEPER LEVELS of need :–

My/ our need to WATCH AND TO WAIT

... For Love's appearing

... For the DESIRES registered on Love's Face

... For Love's seeming withdrawals,

And the need, then, for renewed faith !

My/ our need to be SILENT, to be STILL

- ... So as to be sensitive to Love's Breathing*
- ... To sense Love's Heartbeat*
- ... To delight in Love-being-close !*

My/ our need to be OPEN-EARED

- ... To listen for Love's murmured promptings*
- ... To listen for Love's whispered sharings*
- ... To listen for Love's voice of tender invitations.*

My/ our need to be OPEN-EYED

- ... To be engaged by Love's eyes*
- ... To then behold Love's Face*
- ... To be invited into Love's Heart.*

My/ our need to be 'SCENT-ITIVE'

- ... To delight in the scent of Love's approach !*
- ... To exhilarate in the fragrance of Love's nearness !*
- ... To thrill to Love's embrace !*

My/ our need to be OPEN-LIPPED, with SKIN KEENED

- ... To thrill to Love's caresses*
- ... To receive Love's Kiss, with surrender,*
- ... To taste of Love's intimacy, with utter abandon !*

And, surpassingly,
My/ our need to become one-with-Love
... One with the movements of Love's Heart
... One with Love's Fellowship of Love, IN Christ
—As Beloved, Lover, and Love !
... One with Love's Oceanic Peace
And, ultimately,
... One with Needy one ever-becoming the Fulfilled One,
Completely confident
That Love WILL fill
Every heart-in-need
... Dwelling WITHIN ME, IN Christ !

Being a Corporate Person ¹

To be INCORPORATED in Christ,

To be ENPERSONED AS HIM,

To be loved as Him,

Embraced as Him,

Indwelt as Him

... By Abba

Is

To be a CORPORATE person

Co-responsible for the sanctification

Of many brothers and sisters.

It is to become –

A life-conduit for them,

A gateway of grace,

A mediator of God's gifts

A mediator for THEIR gifts TO God,

A praying heart for them,

A sacrificial heart for them,

A co-journeyer into the heart of Eucharist.

*To co-journey thus, with many brothers and sisters,
Into the heart of the Paschal Mystery
Is to –
To offer our lives with them, IN the Crucified One,
To be raised with them, to our New Life in Christ,
To be ENRAPTURED IN CHRIST'S ASCENSION with them, co-embraced by Abba,
To be EN-SPIRITED with them, IN the Spirit who animates us as Church,
To be drawn with them, into the DIVINE CIRCLE OF LOVE
... IN Christ
Sharing the JOY OF THE TRINITY with them !
Sharing the PEACE OF THE TRINITY with them !
Together, being suffused with the LOVE OF THE TRINITY !*

Generating a New History for Humanity ¹

*As “new creatures” IN Christ, ²
We are gifted with “a new humanity”. ³
It is a humanity RE-CONSTITUTED in Christ
... With our old humanity’s history
Being wholly TRANSFORMED and ELEVATED.*

*Indeed, Christ’s own Paschal Person
Generates a NEW HISTORY for humanity.
Yet, it is a history very often HIDDEN from worldly eyes.
So, IN Christ, our seemingly dominant secular history
Is TRANSCENDED by the Presence of the Divine
Within humanity itself!*

*As a consequence, Christ’s re-constituted humanity
Ultimately re-orientates humanity’s DESTINY
Transforming it, at depth,
By His TRANSCENDING LOVE,
And CENTERED by the Presence of the Trinity.*

¹ Poem 924, Year 10 Prayer Ministry, Woolloowin Community, Brisbane, November 2008.

² Cf. Gal 6:15 ³ Eph 2:15 N.R.S.V.

Humanity's New History of Love ¹

*The true sacrifice of Jesus' New Covenant ²
Is not primarily that of His writhing body,
But of Jesus' LOVE.*

*As His love is sacrificially 'POURED OUT' for us ³
We are drawn into a Covenant of Love
That transcends human history
... Transforming it into A HISTORY OF LOVE !*

*While the LOVING character of humanity's new history
Is mostly HIDDEN
It is both a history of Divine Love's surpassing generosity,
And of humanity's surprisingly heroic responsiveness in love
– That are both ONLY understood
In the context of those lives LIVED IN CHRIST.*

¹ Poem 925, Year 10 of Prayer Ministry, Woolloowin Community, Brisbane, December 2008.

² Lk 22:20

³ IBID.

Christ's New Transformative Humanity ¹

*The Paschal Christ not only unites us
To His new TRANSFORMATIVE HUMANITY,
But empowers our unity with one another
AS a “new creation” IN Christ ! ²*

*The Paschal Christ PERSONIFIES THIS UNITY in His own PERSON
– Becoming the face of humanity
To the eyes of the fondest of Fathers !*

¹ Poem 926, Year 10 of Prayer Ministry, Woolloowin Community, Brisbane, December 2008.

² 2Cor 5:17

The Word Enfleshed in Our History ¹

Abba's Word

Enfleshed in our history ...

En-Spirited within our spirits ...

Becomes for us :

... The Word to be heard ... "Listen to Him", ²

... The Word to be acted on ... "Follow me", ³

... The Word that gathers us together to God ;

"To all who did accept Him,

He gave power to become 'Children of God',"⁴

... The Word enabling us to lovingly COMMUNE with the One

Who speaks this Word of love within our hearts :

"Anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father

And we shall come to him, and make our home in him". ⁵

1 Poem 927, Year 10 Prayer Ministry, Wooloowin Community, Brisbane, December 2008.

2 Mt 17:5

3 Mt 4:19

4 Jn 19:12

5 Jn 14:21,23.

You in Us, We in You ¹

O Eternal Fellowship of Love !

O Wondrous Presence of Love !

Trinity, Most Lovable !

PRESENT DEEP WITHIN US,

– ‘*You in us, we in You*’ – ²

TOGETHER WE, *communing AS Christ !*

O Loving Fellowship,

Eternally PRESENT IN THE PRESENT !

Enfleshed HERE !

EARTHED to our reality – IN Jesus, now ASCENDED !

You FILL TIME, with Eternity,

Suffusing every second of ours

With Your Eternal MOMENT of Fellowship :

O Eternal INVITATION !

O Eternal FULFILMENT !

O Depthless LOVE !

Heart of our hearts, giving YOURSELVES to us :

You are PRESENT, as a PRESENT

... You Yourself are Gift !

O Divine Presence,

PRESENTED to us

Within the Mystery of Love

Enveloping us, from WITHIN !

Drawing us to Yourself, now, in the Beloved of Eternity !

Living our Your Divine Life within us !

– ENRAPTURE US, Eternally !

O Mystery of Love WITHIN US

... Present, AS A PRESENT, to us ...

You Yourself, ENABLE our hearts to RECEIVE You !

O Wondrous Mystery

Of BOUNDLESS Love !

1 Poem 928, Christmas summer holidays, Tugun, December 2008.

2 Cf. Jn14:20

A Breathing Prayer ¹

PRAYING – EUCHARISTICALLY AS JESUS – TO ABBA :

I = breathing IN = in-Spiration = The Spirit within

... Drawing us through our present situation, into some other Reality.

O = breathing OUT = en-Spiriting = we, in Jesus, with Abba

Can breathe forth the Spirit into others.

I Drawn by the Spirit of Regeneration

O ... We are sacrificed, together with Christ :

I “O Abba, into Your loving Heart

O ... I entrust my spirit !”

I Wondrously raised by Your Love

O ... O Glorious Easter Abba,

I We receive all Love’s energies

O ... For love of our world !

I DRAWN by the Spirit of Ascension

O ... Into Your Eternal Enrapture,

I Together, we receive Your Spirit

O ... O Abba, Giver of the Spirit !

I We accept all Love’s energies

O ... For the love of Fellowship !

I DRAWN by the Spirit of the Parousia
O ... We are ENLIVENED as Church :
I More fully to become Your Beloved
O ... O Abba – our Homecoming !
I Readied in the Spirit, to praise Your Glory
O ... We release all Love's energies !

I DRAWN by the Spirit of Ingathering
O ... We are "THE KINGDOM GIVEN TO YOU", Abba
I So You Abba ... Loving Abba
O ... Are All in All :
I Consummating all Love's energies
O ... For Your Dance of Life ! Your Circle of Love !

Eucharist and Mission ¹

Eucharist ...

Readies the hearts of all involved, for Mission,

Expanding our spirits ... opening them

To include, even to embrace, enemies.

Eucharist

Is Paschally inclusive of all facets of Mission

– Divinely transforming them, IN the Spirit,

Into the saving actions of Christ !

Eucharist

Communally enables and celebrates Mission,

Animating it with the Life of the Church,

Drawing it into the embrace of Divine Fellowship !

¹ Poem 930, Summer holidays, Tugun, January 2009.

One-Who-Asks ¹

Our Saviour-Brother

Jesus Ascended,

Is always One-Who-Asks !

... Asks to be accepted, personally, within our spirits

... Asks us to accompany Him in His relationship to His Abba

... Asks to be EN-PERSONED in our lives, sacramentally

... Asks for a graced, mutual relationship, founded on open-heartedness

– So that it becomes an ever-deepening friendship

With little or any barriers between US,

An effortless, near instinctive CLOSENESS

... Where centering prayer becomes an almost sub-conscious habit,

... And where Eucharistic Communing expresses our deep intimacy

... Within the Mystery of being BROTHERED BY GOD !

Those We Cannot Sense, Are Here ! ¹

'Faith is –

*THE REALIZATION of what is hoped for,
THE EVIDENCE of things not seen."*

Heb 11:1

*Faith is clearly not the same as HOPE :
With hope, we pray devotedly and frequently
FOR WHAT GOD WISHES FOR US ;
With faith, WE ALREADY HAVE what we seek.*

Thus, faith is EVIDENCE

That THOSE WE CANNOT SENSE

ARE REALLY HERE !

... That is, faith is our hope REALISED

– What God wishes for us, IS realized.

Eros and Eucharist 1 ¹

Eros is 'sensate attraction

That adrenalizes us with energy,

– For UNION with the other'

... A galvanizing life-enhancing union.

In this union

– If we but understand ...

The body is OF the soul,

And not that the soul is IN the body

... Then intimacy can deepen

Into a SPIRITUAL enrapture !

With this outcome, we can experience

That ONENESS of the body WITH the soul

– As a sensed 'radiance' of the body

... Which, in turn, can enhance

The eros UNION we desire.

In just such a manner,

Can our attraction to EUCHARIST

Be enhanced and deepened.

Eros and Eucharist 11 ¹

In Jesus Ascending,

The eros dimension of HIS DIVINELY-HUMAN LOVE

Stirs Jesus

To be eager for a climactic homecoming UNION.

Jesus Ascended's very Body,

Most especially in Eucharist

—And thus OURS, in His —

Yearns and aches for the ecstasy

Of Abba's Embrace !

He, and we, long for the Enrapture

Of being enveloped within the arms of Abba

—The Love of His life !

In BEING DRAWN into the arms of Love

Especially of SURRENDERING WITHIN —

Jesus Ascended sweeps our NEW humanity, AS His,

Into the heart of God

—Into UNION with Abba !

Abandoning His whole Person to Love,

Jesus is unbounded in His en-thusiasm

To surrender to the Infinite One

— To be lost in Love !

*This 'eros-love' He longs to share with us.
This questing for Abba's limitless Presence
... For the boundless delights of Abba's oceanic Presence ...
Intoxicates Him, and us, with joy !
His—and our—spirits soar at the prospect
Of Eternal bliss
... WITHIN the Fellowship of the Spirit !*

*And it is a deeply sensuous experience
—His whole BODY thrills
... Exhilarated
By Abba's KISS
... The Kiss who IS the Spirit,
The Spirit of Their Love Together !*

*Such too is OUR EUCHARISTIC INTIMACY
... Being so "filled with utter fullness of God",²
That Jesus', and ours, 'eros-love' for Abba,
Wedded to Abba's 'eros-love' for Jesus, and thus for us,
COME TOGETHER in a communion of hearts,
In a banquet of mutual self-giving
—In the utter surrender of Each One's Self
To the Other !*

1 Poem 934, Marian Valley monthly retreat, February 2009. Day 1.

2 Eph 3:19

Marian Valley ¹

“Welcome” ...

This Valley of Mary

– Jesus’ truest disciple –

Is, for most,

A place of inclusiveness,

A place of beauty,

A community, at peace ...

As our spirits ARE OPENED ...

The Spirit

Invites us to pray

... While Breathing healing into our lives.

Then, as our graced time here

Settles into a blest silence ...

The sense of beauty deepens,

And peace enters OUR hearts.

O ! How Beautiful ! ¹

Jesus Ascended's divinely beautiful Face
– *The perfect embodiment of the Source of all Beauty* –
Overwhelms us !
Deluging us with delight !
... Nurturing us within
With a LOVE, that nourishes our spirit.

HERE, our emotions
cascade into the stillness,
into the luminescence,
of a GRACED consciousness

– *GENERATING*
ripples of radiance ... (mostly unregistered)
splashes of surprise ...
circles of contentment ...
and patterns of peace.

These FORM HARMONIES, LIGHTING UP OUR SPIRITS ...
with colour and movement,
with inspiration and vision,
with passion and enthusiasm,
with presence and intimacy

Abba, all these honour and glorify, our TOGETHERNESS,
In the One whose Wondrous Beauty, Christ's Face reflects.
–Abba !

Our Epicentre ¹

*“It is only in the Mystery of the Word MADE FLESH,
That the mystery of man truly becomes clear.” GADIUM ET SPES N.22*

*The key
To the mystery of our humanity
– Why such compassion ? Why such cruelty ? –
Is found
Within another mystery
At the EPICENTRE of our humanity.*

*HERE
We discover, one of us is God
... A man
Who is the LIVING TEMPLATE
Of who we can be
TOGETHER
... Who has so stretched open the human spirit
That it now encompasses ALL that is of God,
And embraces God’s enabling, transcending vision for our future.
Paradoxically, his OWN BODY holds this key
To WHO we are together,
And to the human possibilities
He Personifies for us !*

How did this man do this ?

How does he involve us ?

While his en-wombed humanity did evolve out of ours,

He has given it a NEW start :

He has re-begun our history

... Doing so WITHIN our continuing history,

Yet, on a higher plane

–Drawing it into God’s Eternal Reality !

Thus, taking all that is NATURAL, for us,

He transforms all our living

So we can live NOW, as God lives !

To do so, he took on our damaged nature

And SUBMITTED HIMSELF to the consequences –

Embodying them, as his own suffering

... Only, unlike us, he kept on –and kept on – LOVING,

Loving even his killers

–Holocausting his very life for us all !

Then Love, who fathers his, and our, humanity,

Stooped down tenderly, in deepest compassion,

Raising Him, regenerating Him,

The UPLIFTING our humanity, IN HIS,

Into the very heart of Love

... Into limitless horizons of love and possibility

... Now ACCESSIBLE to us in His Eucharistic Ascended Body !

In Him, time—and history—end ... and begin anew !
In Him space—and access to God—end ... and begin anew !
And, Wonder of all Mysteries !
This one man, in His TRANSFORMATIVE HUMANITY,
Is our own EPICENTRE :
He, Himself, is an open invitation :
... To encounter ALL that is OF GOD !
... To encounter history on a new-transcendent-plane,
So all our living has ETERNAL resonances !
... To encounter a new way of being together
IN HIM
Embodied in Him, AS CHURCH,
Embodied in Him, within the Divine Family,
With a new Identity, with a new Destiny
... Of being EN-PERSONED TOGETHER,
As the Beloved of Ages !

The Gift of Your Identity and Destiny ¹

Jesus, Beloved Brother,
You shine out through our darkness, WITHIN
... Rendering Your Church RADLANT with YOUR OWN PERSON,
Transforming our clouded perspectives, of what is possible for humanity !
You both ILLUMINATE and ENABLE
Our living-together
... So that through our united witnessing
To the ongoing Gift
Of both Your Identity and Your Destiny
We can light up Your world, WITHOUT !

Children of the Intimate One ¹

Jesus, You treasured the intimacy of Abba
So deeply,
That we too might share
This intimacy
As Your brothers ! As Your sisters !
... Sons and daughters
Of the Intimate One.