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*\*meant to be sung.*

## The House of God <sup>1</sup>

*“Here is nothing less than the House of God !”*

*Gen 28:17*

*Within the House of God,  
All is Love and Life and Light !  
– In the enabling vitality of its Fellowship !*

*HERE, we in Christ, give, as we receive  
... As Abba, Jesus and the Spirit COMMUNE :*

*God giving God !*

*God receiving God !*

*HERE, as Abba’s ADOPTEES*

*... Sons of Love’s Sun-Rise !*

*Daughters of Dawning !*

*Brothers and sisters IN Christ ...*

*We are invited to Abba’s Banquet of Love.*

*We are invited*

*Not, as underlings,*

*Not, as unequals*

*... But, AS the Beloved of Ages !*

*As Abba’s desired Eternal Equal !*

*As the Delight of the Spirit !*

*Wondrously, IN the Beloved Jesus,*

*Ours is the Divine Destiny :*

*Three Together !*

*Together One !*

*Ours, the Divine Identity of Christ*

*... Of the Only Begotten !*

*... Heaven's Focus !*

*With Him, WITH ABBA, we share in BREATHING FORTH THE SPIRIT*

*Who, as the Spirit of Their Love, simultaneously empowers us*

*– Inspiring, vitalizing and togethering us, IN Christ !*

*Thus, with the Eternal Child's simplicity,*

*It is, with both Divine Ease,*

*And with humility of Jesus the Foot-washer,*

*That we, earthen-hearted brothers and sisters of Jesus,*

*Accept the Joy ...*

*Return the Joy ...*

*COMMUNE in the Joy ...*

*Of being DIVINIZED !*

*Ours, the peace of living Eternity's Now !  
... Of living the Silence, of spirits in unity,  
... Of living the Stillness, of hearts in harmony,  
... Of living the Beauty, of beings enraptured.*

*For we Adoptees,*

*Time's Now is CENTERED in Eternity's Now :*

*What has been, for us, is Now !*

*What it to come, for us, is Now !*

*God is God NOW !*

*Love is Love Eternally !*

*What is Abba's, is ours, Equally, in the Spirit !*

### *Part 11*

*... But, what of OUR SIN in all of this ?*

*Sin is SELF-DISTRACTION, SELF-LIMITATION, SELF-DESTINING*

*Through our sin, life –*

*Is no longer 'Ours', but mine,*

*No longer 'Us', but me,*

*No longer 'One Together', but many apart,*

*No longer Light, but darkness through chaos,*

*No longer Life, but death through divisiveness and destructiveness,*

*No longer Love, but self-absorption, projected on others as hatred.*

*On the first level of sin,*

*We SELF-DISTRACT.*

*As sinners, the Face of Love is no longer OUR FOCUS –*

*Instead :*

*“I” get caught up on things not people, on me not us*

*... Wanting to possess life for myself,*

*GREEDY for more, depriving others even of necessities ;*

*“I” focus on the creature, not the Creative Trinity of Love*

*... Wanting to indulge my sexual desires, regardless,*

*Becoming LUSTFUL, undermining key relationships ;*

*“I” concentrate on inflating my influence, boosting my ego*

*... Wanting to magnify my power, having others submit,*

*Becoming POWER-DRIVEN and controlling.*

*On the deeper, second level of sin,*

*We SELF-LIMIT.*

*My self-centred relating, and my inordinate need to sate my instincts,*

*Now drive me*

*... Obsessing my thinking, compulsing my behaviour – constricting both,*

*... Limiting my humanity, depriving others of my real presence,*

*... Restricting the range and depth of my relationships.*

*So, at this second level of sin,*

*GREED, deepening –*

*. Dictates many of my relationships, and even my casual acquaintances :*

*“What I own dictates, who I am !”*

*. Generates wastefulness and personal excess ...*

*Resulting in sheer acquisitiveness, and deprivation for others ;*

*. Wealth, for me, increasingly relegates others to lower status,*

*Or generates envy, within me, of those with more wealth ;*

*. My workaholism can truly impoverish*

*Both my own, and others’ spirits and emotions ;*

*. I am driven to competitively display my wealth,*

*Or to highlight my key possessions ;*

*. I increasingly see others as OBJECTS ...*

*Their potential seen as assets, their skills as resources – for me !*

*. Deep down, the common good of the community is distained*

*... Closing my heart, effectively to groups or persons in need ;*

*. My greed deepens to infect my key relationships*

*So, even here, I take what I want !’*

*. I lose my taste for things of the Spirit ...*

*Becoming increasingly calculating and grasping, even about love.*

*Also at this second level of sin,*

*LUST, deepening –*

*. Dictates the style and substance of my relationships ... even casual ones :*

*“Whom I’m attracted to, dictates who I am !”*

*. Dictates the increasingly sensual lifestyle choices I make ...*

*In my dress, speech, recreations and especially, my associates !*

*. Favouritism, based on sexual attraction, whiteants how I relate,*

*And promotes jealousy, deceit, and inequalities ;*

*. Instead of evolving into a balanced rounded personality,*

*I develop a shallow, capricious, even vindictive emotionality !*

*. The pursuit of my sexual instincts increasingly consumes*

*My time, money, and emotional energies ;*

*. My lust constantly cheapens my self-imagery,*

*And lowers my respect for others ;*

*. My lust breeds double standards and secretiveness ...*

*So the resulting lower moral thresholds, affect all I do ;*

*. As self-indulgence intensifies, my spiritual idealism withers,*

*So that true intimacy suffers, and finally is lost sight of !*



*Lastly, at this second level of sin,*

*THE PURSUIT OF POWER, deepening –*

*. Dictates how I project my personality, especially my will-power :*

*“Whom and what I control, dictates who I am !”*

*. Intensifies my self-focussing, vanity and boastfulness*

*... Increasing my dominating behaviour, scheming, and wilfulness ;*

*. I admire strength in myself, distrusting it in others :*

*I denigrate weakness in both myself, and others !*

*. My increasing desire to control outcomes for myself, and others*

*... Slowly poisons my family, work place, and community involvements ;*

*. My desire to dominate necessarily generates inequalities,*

*And I see the world, increasingly, in hierarchical terms ;*

*. I calculate those who can be ‘of use’ for my ambitions,*

*And either befriend or ally them, using whatever means ;*

*. With those who oppose me, I seek to out-manoeuvre or isolate them*

*... Or to undermine, humiliate, remove, or overpower them !*

*. With my increasing hunger for power, my use of deceit widens,*

*My hypocrisy deepens, and willingness to intimidate increases !*

*. As an controlling person, I generate systems of punishment and entitlement*

*... Both to keep others submissive, and to highlight my power !*

*. Thus, I progressively lose my freedom of spirit – even of choice*

*... Becoming myself, imprisoned by my own structures of control !*

*Ultimately, at the deepest or third level of sin,*

*We SELF-DESTINE.*

*Greed, lust, and the pursuit of power*

*Descend into very similar spirals of addictive destructiveness*

*... Until, at the last, they are unidentifiably the same :*

*Each slides into the deepest of illusory self-deception*

*... So their human DESTINY is in their own hands ... theirs to command !*

*Each becomes addictive – feeding off their own adrenalized*

*Avarice, lasciviousness and power mania !*

*Each perverts the people and processes they engage in –*

*Viciously dehumanizing themselves and others !*

*For each, others' very persons, their rights and property are predatory playthings*

*–Forced to cravenly submit or to be consumed !*

*For each, nothing finally is immune, nothing sacred*

*–As they descend into depravity, slaves to their own decay ;*

*For each, the final descent is into cynicism, into despair,*

*Into self-loathing, and hatred of others.*

*Each, ultimately squeezes LIFE out of their own personality,*

*And out of those whose lives they prey upon !*

*Each one's existence becomes interminably repetitive*

*– Malignant, meaningless, amoral !*

*Each one's personality spirals ever inwards*

*Faster, tighter, denser ... until, totally self-absorbed,*

*Each locks out all Love, Life and Light !*

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*Still ... Love, Life and Light are their/ our only SALVATION :*

*... SELF-DISTRACTION needs to give way*

*To gently gazing, inwardly, in every choice, upon Love's Face,*

*To being responsive, every time Love calls.*

*... SELF-LIMITATION needs to give way*

*To being opened, by grace, to all of Life's possibilities,*

*To being released into the limitlessness of our Divine Dignity.*

*... SELF-DESTINING needs to give way*

*To being EVER DRAWN, out of one's self-orientation*

*To the eternal Light of Divine Communing*

*—Surrendering all initiative to the Spirit !*

*Thus our focus on our Divine Lover,*

*The very boundlessness of our Divine Life,*

*And our destiny within the Fellowship of Light*

*T-O-G-E-T-H-E-R*

*Constitute our ENABLING COMPANONSHIP*

*With Abba, Jesus, and the Spirit*

*—Here and Now !*

*Born out of Their Joy,  
We rest within Their Peace ...  
Breathing in God  
To breathe forth God,  
So God is All in All  
... The Breath of the Universe !  
... The Breath of Eternal Fellowship !*

## Deluded by Lusts, Enlivened by Love <sup>1</sup>

*Ultimately,*  
*Our lusts empty our lives of spiritual worth*  
*– Reducing our spiritual ideals*  
*To vanishing points ...*  
*Within the mirage that are our lusts.*  
*Thus deluded by such lusts,*  
*Our lives become purposeless ...*  
*As we “live the AIMLESS kind of life*  
*That pagans live”. <sup>2</sup>*

*In contrast,*  
*ALL the love in our lives*  
*Is CUMULATIVE :*  
*Each movement of love*  
*Amplifies all the others !*  
*TOGETHER, they become*  
*Ever expansive, ever inclusive*  
*– Bringing ever more clearly into focus*  
*The Face of Christ in the world*  
*... Filling our lives with worth and purpose.*

*Moreover, we are ENLIGHTENED by Love :  
Because Love itself, “renews our MINDS”.<sup>3</sup>  
As we are cascaded with the gifts of Love  
–Who longs to feed us with the TRUTH –  
Love rouses us, to pour our own lives out,  
With loving PURPOSEFULNESS,  
“IN a spiritual REVOLUTION”<sup>4</sup>  
To transform hearts, in truth.*

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1 Poem 961, Gold Coast monthly retreat, at ‘The Shack’, August 2009, Day 1.

2 Eph 4:17

3 Eph 4:23

4 Eph 4:23

## Love's Enabling Grace <sup>1</sup>

*To avoid sin*

*Entrust your struggle to your heart's HEART :*

*Love knows your deep desires,  
And, in drawing you ever closer,  
Empowers your longing  
... Stilling your wavering heart.*

*In avoiding sin, then,*

*CHERISH how completely*

*Abba, Jesus, and the Spirit of Freedom*

*– In any facet of any good*

*We achieve IN FELLOWSHIP with Them –*

*Galvanize all our efforts*

*With Their enabling grace ...*

*Joyed by sin's avoidance*  
*–With Love's invitation to intimacy*  
*Thus wondrously amplified –*  
*Our hearts are suffused with thankfulness*  
*... At ONE with the Eucharistic heart*  
*Of the Paschal Jesus !*  
*His once sin-loaded spirit*  
*THRILLS*  
*To His Abba's world – transforming*  
*Loving Easter Initiative*  
*... Of a Welcome, as man, into Eternal Fellowship,*  
*And, WITH HIM, our tremulous, tempted humanity !*



## A Lifetime of Love's Seduction <sup>1</sup>

*Love's seducing us  
Is not an event,  
But a lifetime's delight in alluring us  
– A divine choreography of enticements  
To win our hearts.*

*Abba's romancing us  
Ranges  
From the gentlest of 'touches',  
Through cascading us with gifts,  
To overwhelming us with Divine Intimacy !*

*The Story of Divine Courtship  
Is only ever, for us, an incomplete SKETCH  
Because Love is ever inventive, ever creative ...  
Devising limitless ways to attract our hearts.  
Love also keenly pursues us through the vagaries  
Of our wayward choices  
... Discerning boundless ways to re-focus us,  
To delight us with Love's Presence !*

*Love begins the Courtship, by BREATHING into us*

*The Spirit of WHOSE-WE-ARE ;*

*Through this gradual revelation, this Spirit of ABBA leads us gently*

*Into WHO-WE-ARE*

*– That is, into our Divine Identity, and into our Divine Destiny.*

*All the while ... Love's Breathing unfolds, in the everydayness of our lives,*

*ALL of Love's overtures to us.*

*We sense Love's Breathing through our WHOLE universe –*

*Through our macro and micro worlds,*

*Through all that is tangible and measureable,*

*Through the realm of our feelings and thought processes,*

*And especially, through all that is 'of the spirit'.*

*Our humanity breathes this in as a Presence, that is ...*

*So close !*

*So pervasive !*

*So vivifying !*

*That it can, for those opened through grace,*

*Stunningly envelop their very being*

*In Divine Enrapture*

*... Be this ever so hidden !*

*Unfortunately, for so many,*

*What is so ultra-intimate, so uplifting in our deepest reality,*

*Is little sensed ...*

*Little delighted in ...*

*Little longed for*

*–Truly, one of the deepest impoverishments of humankind's ORIGINAL SIN !*

*Of course, Love's Breathing Forth Their Love for us,  
Is Divinely Beyond our humanity's NATURAL expectations :  
A wondrous, ever-bountiful Feast of Fellowship and Intimacy,  
Surpassing all of our nature's dreams !*

*Love's Breathing is WHOLLY GIFT,  
Engaging us wholistically –  
Both PRIMING our core human orientation to Divine Love itself,  
And GRACING our spirits ... to be open and to receive !*

*With all this, wondrously, comes the grace TO RESPOND  
... Such that, Love's Breathing seeks to elicit a BREATHING FORTH*

*Of our lives in response,  
So as LOVERS TOGETHER,  
Our dual breathing coalesces into a singular RHYTHM :*

*Breathing in Love*

*Together !*

*Breathing out Love*

*Together*

*– In Christ !*

*Within this BREATHING RHYTHM of Love,  
Love's pursuit of our hearts CONTINUES :  
Love SIGHS deep within our spirits,  
Moving in empathy with our core emotions.  
Love STIMULATES our curiosity in myriad outward ways,  
Seeking to ever surprise us with Mystery's Presence !  
Love MURMURS constantly to us within,  
Eager to ready us at anytime FOR COMMUNION.  
Love SUGGESTS Their Presence, within various expressions of love,  
Hoping, therein, to reveal the ultimate Source of such love.  
Love MOANS deep within us, companioning our anguish,  
Yearning to reveal Their Accompanying Presence within all suffering.  
Love DELIGHTS our imagination with images of beauty,  
Enticing us to trace beauty to its Source and Summit !  
Love GIVES VOICE to thoughts that simply FLOAT into our consciousness,  
Desiring to arouse or intensify awareness of Their Presence.  
Love SPEAKS explicitly to us, often through others, or print, or T.V. ,  
Sensitizing our consciousness to accept the Light of change.  
Love EXCITES our wonder, and sense of awesomeness or mystery,  
Longing to engage our spirits, deeply ... beyond any words !  
Love STEPS INTO our history, into humanity's own story,  
Yearning to compassion us, AS BROTHER !  
Love SELECTS specific saints to inspire us in Love's Name,  
Wanting to elicit courage from us, to follow LOVE'S DREAM for us.*

*Love CHOOSES always, to be a SAVING, HEALING PRESENCE when we sin,*

*Steering us to seek out forgiveness, and to offer forgiveness to others.*

*Love WORKS transformations within nature and grace, to AWE us,*

*Re-fashioning our tremulous hearts through thankfulness.*

*Love DEEPENS our consciousness through wisdom's gift,*

*Challenging us to cherish Love as the linch-pin of all reality !*

*Love SCHOOLS us in the tenderness and intimacies of Love,*

*So our key relationships will always reflect Abba and Jesus' mutual Love.*

*Love EVER REVEALS to us the Face of Love ...*

*Sending Love's own Beloved to woo us !*

*For us,*

*Love's Beloved*

*Becomes OUR Beloved,*

*Breathing the air we breathe*

*Uniting in Himself*

*Earth's breath*

*With Heaven's Breath !*

*For us, the Beloved*

*... Becomes the WAY to Love !*

*... Becomes the TRUTH of Love !*

*... Becomes the LIFE of Love !*

*Firstly – as our WAY to Love,  
The Beloved shepherds us – AS A PEOPLE,  
Embodying us within Himself  
... As the ultimate good shepherd !  
Yet, He is also a WOUNDED shepherd  
Whom we ourselves can support ... in others :  
–As we bring good news of Abba, to the poor in spirit  
–As we heal the broken-hearted and uplift the down-trodden  
–As we love, pray, and do good to those who OPPOSE us  
... All, as we renounce ourselves, taking up our daily crosses,  
And follow this Wounded One, to the Calvary of At-one-ment.*

*Secondly – as the TRUTH of Love,  
The Beloved illumines, from within, BOTH ...  
Whose-we-are and Who-we-are-to-be  
–In Love's sight.  
Yes ! Jesus Ascended ever wondrously reveals to His Church,  
That we are Love's OWN CHILDREN  
... Enpersoned ...  
As the Beloved Himself !*

*Thirdly – as the very LIFE of Love, for us,*

*The Beloved is our Bread of Life*

*... Nurture for our world !*

*... Nourishment for Eternity !*

*To become so*

*– In the pursuit of our hungering hearts –*

*The Beloved sacrificed ALL*

*... Dying FOR us !*

*Then, RAISED UP by Love,*

*The Beloved proclaims,*

*“I am ... the Resurrection and the Life !”<sup>2</sup>*

*– Becoming, for us HIS CHURCH,*

*The Eucharistic Focus of the New Paschal Creation*

*... A “New Humanity” for us !<sup>3</sup>*

*Then, overflowing with the fondest, filial love,*

*Abba uplifts this New Humanity*

*–Jesus Ascended’s , and thus OURS –*

*To a Father’s ENRAPTURING EMBRACE*

*... The Eternal TEMPLATE for all DIVINE-HUMAN ENCOUNTERS !*

*In this Ascensional Enrapture,  
The Spirit of All Life  
– Heavenly and earthly –  
Is BREATHED FORTH LOVINGLY  
Between Abba and Jesus  
... And thus between Abba and us !*

*The Spirit thus WEDS  
Our NEW IDENTITY to our NEW DESTINY  
As BREATHERS OF THE SPIRIT,  
IN Christ,  
... So Love's pursuit of us is COMPLETE !*

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1 Poem 963, Gold Coast monthly retreat, August 2009, Day 3.

2 Jn 11:25

3 Eph 2:15 (N.R.S.V.)



## Eucharist : The Fellowship of Wisdom <sup>1</sup>

*Being guests at Eucharist  
Is walking the way of spiritual perception  
... Of being SCHOOLED in the ways of Love.  
This Food of Wisdom opens up vistas  
Of what Love makes possible.*

*Indeed, drinking Love's Blood  
– Humanity's lifeblood –  
Gifts us with a DISCERNING heart  
... Of what becomes possible  
When the Divine sups with humanity !  
Just as wondrously,  
Feasting on Love's Flesh  
Grounds us in that Reality  
That binds the universe !  
That weds hearts together ...  
Embodying the Divine within many human hearts !*

*Jesus' Ecclesial Spirit ...*  
*In opening our mouth to Eucharist*  
*Opens our spirits to a Wisdom*  
*To be RECEIVED TOGETHER.*  
*Indeed, Jesus as Wisdom Personified,*  
*Literally INCORPORATES us recipients*  
*Within His Paschal Person*  
*... Enfleshing Fellowship between us !*

*While ours is a sinful generation*  
*Eucharistic lives can truly redeem it : <sup>2</sup>*  
*Lives, Paschally lived,*  
*Both READIES our hearts for Love's caresses,*  
*And for revealing Love's Wisdom in our lives*  
*– Revealing that the centrality of other-focused love, allows us a place in Jesus Ascended*  
*... The source of the Spirit for all !*

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1 Poem 964, Year 11 of Prayer Ministry, Woolloowin Community, Brisbane, August 2009.

2 Cf Eph 5:16

## Quickened by the Spirit <sup>1</sup>

*As “the Spirit DROVE Jesus into the wilderness”, Mk 1:12*

*And “Mary arose and went, WITH HASTE, into the hill country”, Lk 1:39*

*“The Spirit URGES us ...” St Paul*

*Clearly there is an URGENCY*

*In the Spirit’s empowering role*

*In configuring our lives*

*To Christ’s :*

*The Spirit QUICKENS us to respond*

*Once Abba’s DESIRES are revealed.*

*“The Spirit admits of no delay” : <sup>2</sup>*

*God’s Dream for us*

*Becomes an immediate priority !*

*We are to “leave EVERYTHING”, <sup>3</sup>*

*Leave other things undone*

*... Incomplete, unfinished ...*

*And respond*

*“With ALL our hearts, ALL our souls, and ALL our minds”, <sup>4</sup>*

*Respond, without pause,*

*As an echo, to the Spirit’s “Coo-ee”! <sup>5</sup>*

*The Lord's hands, NOW, are ours !*

*His eyes are ours, NOW !*

*It is with HIS CONSCIOUSNESS*

*That we focus on our response NOW*

– *“Have that mind in you, that it is Christ Jesus.”* <sup>6</sup>

*There is to be “no looking back”,* <sup>7</sup>

*No second-guessing of the Spirit,*

*No regrets.*

*Buoyed up by the Spirit, in the CERTAIN knowledge*

*Of our Servant Leader's*

*Victory*

*Over sin, over death ...*

*We pray,*

*With Eucharistic hearts,*

*“Abba,*

*Your work be done in us !*

*Move us to respond*

*To every movement*

*Of Your Son's Spirit*

–*With the IMMEDIACY of the heart*

*... With a lover's eagerness !”* <sup>8</sup>

*STIRRED by the Spirit*  
*We are always called*  
*To contribute together :*  
*As a COMMUNITY*  
*... Often unknowingly so :*  
*“Let us listen to each other*  
*Really listen : HEART TO HEART,*  
*Breathe the Spirit all together*  
*So to nurture ‘Love’s new start’ .”*<sup>9</sup>

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1 Poem 965, Marian Valley monthly retreat, September 2009, Day 1.

2 St Ambrose      3 Mk 10:28      4 Cf Mk 12:30      5 Australian bushman’s resounding call, to contact others

6 Phil 2:5      7 Lk 10:62      8 Author’s own prayer.      9 Author’s own prayer.

## The Paschal Peace of Fellowship Within <sup>1</sup>

*The Peace of the Prince of Peace*

*Is not experienced by us*

*As the world construes peace ...*

*Being DEPENDENT on factors outside of ourselves.*

*The world's peace is what I feel –*

*When I'm free of external conflicts,*

*When I'm free from external deadlines and demands*

*When I have what I aimed for !*

*When I'm free of worries or stress*

*And – at its most banal –*

*When nothing's happening !*

*Contrariwise,*

*The Paschal Jesus' Peace –*

*Is the fruit of OUR free personal choices WITHIN*

*Is the fruit of decisions arrived at TOGETHER*

*Is the source of this togetherness ... "HIDDEN WITH CHRIST, in God" <sup>2</sup>*

*Emerges ... when we BECOME IN CHRIST, what Abba wishes us to be*

*Emerges ... when we COMMUNE in Abba's Fellowship of Love :*

*When, EN-PERSONED in the Ascended One ...*

*And gifted with His Paschal Life ...*

*We COMMUNE with the Father of All Peace*

*In the Spirit, who PERSONIFIES Peace,*

*The Peace-who-UNITES.*

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<sup>1</sup> Poem 966, Marian Valley monthly retreat, September 2009, Day 2.

<sup>2</sup> Col 3:3

## A Voice from the Cloud <sup>1</sup>

*The Kinship of God*

*Is always experienced*

*“Where two or three are gathered” in love <sup>2</sup>*

*And ... just as on the Mount of Transfiguration,*

*A VOICE FROM THE CLOUD may also be sensed <sup>3</sup>*

*By such a group today –*

*“You are Jesus, my Beloved ! <sup>4</sup>*

*The nearest to my heart ! <sup>5</sup>*

*... Listen to EACH OTHER !” <sup>6</sup>*

*The few, who ALWAYS sense the presence of God’s Kinship,*

*Immediately feel humble*

*And begin to seek forgiveness*

*... For, perhaps, ‘not caring ENOUGH when others are difficult’.*

*The disarming simplicity of these few*

*Often triggers a cascade of forgiveness and humility amongst others :*

*... Peace envelops the group*

*... And the ensuing Silence*

*Draws them together.*

*Then, from the margin of the group, ONE*

*... Very often one who been forgiven a great deal ...*

*Gently suggests*

*‘ Well, there’s plenty of hurting people around*

*Whom WE could help ...’*

*Again, Heaven's Voice can enter their consciousness :*

*'You're so very dear to Me ;*

*I've especially chosen you*

*To NURTURE the wider community*

*–With your own lifeblood, if necessary –*

*... Because those you help*

*Can so consume your personal resources*

*That you can feel you have nothing left to give.*

*So keep in your heart's memory,*

*That all you're called to GIVE*

*Will be REPLENISHED, many times over, from Me .'*

*To Abba's promise, as on the Mount of Transfiguration,*

*Jesus adds His assurances :*

*'At the heart of all giving, bring those words to mind,*

*"Fear NOT !"<sup>7</sup>*

*"KNOW, I am with you at all times !"<sup>8</sup>*

*So, always reach out,*

*And humbly take your neighbour's hand,*

*And know, I'm there !*

*I'm closer than your heartbeat !'*



*On their – and our – descent from such Transfiguration experiences,  
Heaven’s Voice will re-echo in our heart’s memory  
To again startle, and to again reassure us :  
“And remember, I AM with you always,  
To the end of the age.”<sup>9</sup>*

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1 Poem 967, Marian Valley monthly retreat, September 2009, Day 3. ...see Lk 9:35

2 My 8:20      3 Lk 9:35 – the Voice of Abba      4 Cf Mk 9:8      5 Jn 1:18

6 Cf Lk 9:35      7 Mt 17:7      8 Mt 28:20 (J.B.)      9 Mt 28:20 (N.R.S.V.)

## Easter's Bloom <sup>1</sup>

*The Cross's dead wood blossoms on Easter's Morn*  
– *Its BLOOM, Christ,*  
*Radiant with Abba's Luminous Love :*  
*A Love, setting ablaze hearts ... aching to be renewed !*  
*A Love uplifting downcast spirits ...*  
*And bodies, yearning to be re-vitalized*  
*By the Promised Spirit !*

*O Easter Jesus,*  
*Radiant Template ... of our New Humanity <sup>2</sup>*  
*... Of a cosmos, You transcendently EMBODY,*  
*Help us to live out, IN YOU,*  
*Your enabling RISEN, ASCENDED RELATIONSHIP*  
*To Abba*  
*–Vitalizing all we are TOGETHER !*

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1 Poem 968, Marian Valley Retreat, September 2009, Day 3.

2 Eph 2:15 (N.R.S.V.)

## Jesus Ascended : Locus of All True Relating <sup>1</sup>

*Jesus' Ascension to Glory*  
*Is an EXPLOSION*  
*Of Life ! Of Light ! Of Love !*  
*... Within the heart*  
*Of humanity :*  
*Transforming its very NATURE*  
*Into His very own Paschal Relationship to His Abba !*

*Wondrously, the Ascended Jesus*  
*Gifts all true relating*  
*With the Divine Identity*  
*Of "We" instead of "I".*  
*Thus, the sole LOCUS, for all human beings,*  
*Is the actual PERSON of the Ascended Jesus*  
*– The Source, the Centre, the Pinnacle*  
*Of our Glorified Humanity !*  
*... Our GRACED reality NOW !*

## Seeing is Loving : Loving is Seeing <sup>1</sup>

*Believing*

*Is seeing with the eyes of Jesus Ascended*

*... For, "only the Son beholds the Father", <sup>2</sup>*

*And to be IN Jesus Ascended*

*– As we can NOW be, through GRACE –*

*Beholding the Face of Love*

*... Is to be raised into UNION,*

*By Love, with Love !*

*In turn, "only the Father beholds the Son", <sup>3</sup>*

*And only Love's gift to us*

*– Believing –*

*Allows us to see Jesus Ascended*

*At work in our lives.*

*... For, Love truly makes us SEE : UBI AMOR, IBI OCULUS. <sup>4</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> Poem 970, Year 11 of Prayer Ministry, Woolloowin Community, Brisbane, October 2009.

<sup>2</sup> Jn 6:46, also Mt 11:27    <sup>3</sup> Mt 11:27, where 'to know' is 'to behold'.    <sup>4</sup> Traditional Church proverb.

**Bread of Love** <sup>1</sup> \*

*Wheat and grape INCARNATE <sup>2</sup> Mystery :  
We are grains of earth – Christ, our Bread.  
We who break this Bread, are Christ's Body –  
Who die, to rise again with our Lord !*

REFRAIN: *Ev'ryone who loves, is born <sup>3</sup> of God,  
Jesus is our Pasch, Bread of Love.*

*Calv'rys death calls forth God's <sup>2</sup>heart-song  
–Pouring forth His Love, for His Son ...  
Raised up to Love's heart, into Glory :  
Spirit, gift for all ... Gift of Love !*

REFRAIN ....

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1Poem 971, Binna Burra Retreat, October 2009, Day 2.

\*Written to be sung – to the tune Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent.

Note: Internal numbering denotes the number of notes on the syllable, immediately preceding it.

## Fearless <sup>1</sup>

*When we're not afraid,  
Our minds are OPEN  
And our spirits RECEPTIVE  
... So that the Spirit of the Eternal  
CAN TRANSFORM US  
Within the Mystery of Freedom !*

*Central to this openness and receptivity,  
Is the Spirit's gift of TRUST  
Which moves us  
From 'not being afraid',  
To being 'fearless',  
So that ... "with the Spirit, all things are possible !" <sup>2</sup>*

*The resultant radical openness of our spirit  
Is not an experience of the EXTENSIVE,  
Nor an INTENSIVE one,  
But an INTRA-TENSIVE process :  
We become more and more open WITHIN our being.  
To become so, our very selves  
Need to become LESS and LESS and LESS  
... Through those graced gifts of 'kenosis' <sup>3</sup>  
That are the special gifts of the Calvary Spirit.*

*Our FEARLESS trust*  
*Also allows us TO LET GO*  
*Of the fear-filled LIMITATIONS*  
*That our tremulous free-will has imposed*  
*... On how-receptive- I-am to God's Presence.*  
*This fearlessness*  
*Allows us to experience how Abba Jesus, and the Spirit*  
*Eternally YEARN to DELUGE us with Their Love !*

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1 Poem 972, Binna Burra Monthly Retreat, October 2009, Day 3,

2 Cf Mk 10:27    3 'Kenosis' means 'an emptying' e.g. of one's self, as on Calvary.

## Tugun Beach – Heaven's Earth <sup>1</sup>

*The seagulls' sunrise shrieks*  
– *Melodically counterpointed by magpies' tuneful invitations* –  
*Called me out of sleep into the day :*  
*A summons to psalmody upon the sand*  
*... To sing the prayer of my heart's joy,*  
*Strolling into the Face of God*  
*Luminous over Coolangatta's headland.*

*The sea's sky and sand patterned a welcome*  
*Fit for a Son !*  
*Yet, as I strolled WITHIN this IMMENSITY OF LOVE,*  
*No gleaming sun revealed itself to the eye.*  
*In its place, appeared a paddock of the brightest blue sky*  
*Edged by a pure white cloud collar,*  
*And then, successively, by tiers*  
*Of greys and purples, streaked with crimson*  
*... All backlit by Dawn's Glory of an unseen sun.*



*But, my heart's deeper delight  
Lay in the TWINNED vision of this same reality :  
ABOVE – the sky-pond of radiant blue,  
BELOW – mirrored ON the wide, still film of water  
... Left from a wave's retreating wash ...  
A sparkling reflection of the sky's pond of blue, greeted my eye !  
I was gazing at the sky-pond of blue, beneath my feet !*

*Only the BLUE stood out below :  
The white, greys, purples and reds receded into the sand.  
Then I mused, how Easter's Christ was sky-blue  
... Summoning me from ABOVE – and BELOW !  
Calling me home ...  
Home to earth's heaven,  
By gracing me with an experience, a 'vision', of heaven upon the earth.*

## Vista of the City of God <sup>1</sup>

*Mid-afternoon dreamings aside ...*

*It was time to pray again, to SING MY WAY north <sup>2</sup>*

*Along Tugun's beach.*

*Washed by sunlight,*

*Bathed in the radiant glare of white sand,*

*I cross to where frothy wavelets cool my feet*

*And the green of the sea soothes my eyes.*

*Then, looking up, to the north – a SURPRISE !*

*I see a compact high-rise city*

*... To all appearances, FLOATING on the ocean !*

*... Seemingly, even bending to fit the earth's curvature !*

*Could it be the City of God*

*... Like that IMAGE suggesting itself to Augustine,*

*As he gazed at Hippo, clinging to Africa's rim ?*

*While some of Surfers Paradise's sky-scrapers did capture my eye,  
It was the city's sense of SEAMLESS UNION with the waves  
– Its sense of being both distinct from, and belonging to,  
Both landscape and seascape –  
That challenged the eye, and brought wonder to the mind.  
Indeed, in encompassing both land and sea, sky and earth  
–Neither clinging to one or the other,  
But effortlessly being AT HOME in both –  
This city-vision breathed a CONFIDENCE into my spirit.*

*The City-of-God symbolism it evoked  
Appeared to straddle the two worlds of my own experience  
... Of human yearning BEING WEDDED to Divine humility  
... And the fellowship of our longing, mirroring the Fellowship of Love !  
I also sensed the presence of the Church transcending earth's limitations  
– Being at home in heaven,  
While being rooted in the reality of earth ...*

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1 Poem 974, Tugun, Monthly Retreat, November 2009, Day 3.

2 Singing from my hand-size 'Walk-book' full of spiritual songs.

**Withinness** <sup>1</sup>

*Moved, ultimately by the Spirit*

*Our spirits ache, even humanly,*

*To be WITHIN each other.*

*As electrons edge naturally, INWARDS to the nucleus*

*Each phase of their surrender, to the centre,*

*Literally produces a pulse of light*

*... Increasing in intensity, as the centre draws them closer ...*

*SO TOO, with human spirits, co-indwelling*

*– Their merging becomes LUMINOUS, with joy and thanks !*

*In God's plan, in the Paschal Christ,*

*When such OPEN, RECEPTIVE spirits co-indwell,*

*They all are drawn to do so, WITHIN Jesus Risen's own human spirit*

*–In a transcendently wondrous way –*

*Transforming their ordinary human joy and thanks, into something Divine !*

*Yet, their journey towards full co-existence within each other,*

*Is, paradoxically, not theirs to make, or even initiate :*

*They are BEING EN-SPIRITED*

*... Drawn, attracted into union, in Christ,*

*By the Spirit of Loving Union, – who is WITHINNESS itself !*

*The Spirit is the One who CENTRES the union*

*Of all open, receptive spirits*

*... Be they angels, or some of us.*

*The Spirit ENABLES the co-penetration of all such spirits*

*Who desire to surrender their selves*

*To others, IN Christ*

*... All WITHIN the Fellowship of Divine Intimacy with Abba.*

*All of this is experienced PASCHALLY :*

*... As Light, whose dawning brilliance banishes our Calvary's sinful selves,*

*... As Light, whose radiant, risen Life, reveals our true Dignity and Destiny,*

*... As Light, whose risen Glory guides us home, to the heart of Abba*

*... to being Divinely Enraptured, in the Ascended Jesus,*

*... As Light, revealing itself from WITHIN, in being EN-SPIRITED, in Christ,*

*and, IN the same Ascended Jesus, EN-SPIRITING others !*

*Our response to the GIFT of this vitalizing Paschal Light*

*Can only ever be Eucharistic.*

*Be the light within us ... ever so weak*

*– But the flicker of a flame –*

*The Spirit will fan it into a fire, within*

*... Lighting up the depths of our timorous hearts.*

*These en-Spirited hearts are thus enabled to express their thanks to Abba.*

*Through Christ's ever inclusive priestly heart*

*We offer ourselves in His Body,*

*To be sanctified in His Blood,*

*And, in His New Risen Humanity,*

*Focus on the Face of the Father*

*... Yearning for His Embrace,*

*And the Gift of His Spirit !*

*With lives thus wondrously uplifted, we pray –*

*'Abba, love us as Your Son ...*

*Love Your Life into us !*

*Jesus Ascended, live this Life WITH us ...*

*Ingathering us within Yourself !*

*Spirit, vitalize us, enable us ...*

*Draw our hearts together*

*Into the Divine Fellowship of Love !'*

## Humanity's Struggle for Freedom <sup>1</sup>

*In the past millennia, in the struggle against the dominance of nature,  
Humanity, for protection ... particularly of families,  
Surrendered some freedoms to chiefs or "lords".  
Without any checks on their newly acquired power,  
These typically SEPARATED themselves from the people  
... First by dress, emblems, and rituals,  
... Then by wealth accumulation, social privileges, and by displays of power  
... But most especially by protocols of INHERITANCE,  
Whereby through birthright, not performance, their descendants  
RETAINED that wealth, and privilege, and power  
... Or combinations of the three.*

*In the struggle BETWEEN lords  
—For the prize of kingship—  
More freedoms were surrendered by,  
Or wrenched from,  
THE PEOPLE  
... Deepening INEQUALITY.  
Women and children, in particular, were subjugated,  
As society was increasingly stratified,  
And all hierarchical patterns perpetuated  
... As MOST power and wealth was tied up through inheritance.*

*As the generations passed,  
The kings and lords INSTITUTIONALIZED their dominance  
Through slave societies or feudal systems,  
Further entrenching inequality –  
Property was prioritized over people : people became DISPOSABLE.*

*Typically, kings and lords also employed religion  
To sanction, legitimize and ritualize  
The status quo  
–Leaving freedom as a strictly personal reality  
... To be internalized.  
Yet, added to religion, it was raw force or military might  
That kept these inherited structures in place.*

*Centuries pass, and as the emerging middle classes struggle against absolutism  
– Liberalism –  
Some freedoms were won back by select classes of the people.  
Highly significant for EQUALITY worldwide,  
This movement flowed out of the IDEAS of the Enlightenment  
... Leading to the French Revolution,  
And, in a quantum leap forward for humanity,  
To slavery being abolished in the globalized British Empire.  
Both these ideas, and slavery's abolition  
Saw freedom's flood gates prised open, albeit reluctantly.*



*In the two centuries following, in the struggle of the 'lower' classes*

*Against the newly empowered middle class,*

*... In the struggle for democracy ...*

*Freedom was won back for all classes –*

*First in the Europeanized world, and after de-colonialization, world-wide ;*

*First for males, mostly ; then for females ... in a patchy incomplete way.*

*Two world Wars threatened ALL of democracy's gains !*

*Present struggles for the deepening of democracy*

*Are over racism, sexism, and minority rights.*

*Looming as the most profound future threat*

*Are special economic interests' thrust to control the planet's resources*

*... Thereby, continuing to damage the world's climate,*

*And implicitly denying the right of billions, to an equal say and share*

*In the resources of the planet – the ultimate ground-zero for democracy.*

*Just as importantly, for LIMITING the true equality of democracy,*

*But, at the other end of the scale ... is the 'freedom' of the individual.*

*The effect of the Protestant Reformation*

*Over against the communitality of Catholicism*

*Was to dramatically heighten the role of the self-determination of the individual.*

*This self-determination was powerfully enhanced*

*By people's 'natural' REACTION*

*... To the STATE sanctioned slaughter of World War One*

*... To the GLOBAL dislocation of lives in the Great Depression*

*... To the catastrophic trauma of TOTALITARIANISM in World War Two*

*... And, more benignly to the GLOBAL population increase of the 50's and 60's.*

*The intense subjugation of the individual to mass movements beyond their control,*

*Saw the rise of an equally intense individualism in the 70's, lasting to the present.*

*Because its spread in this century is literally, a global phenomenon,  
Ironically, the cause of true personal freedom,  
Is, for most, only partially realized !  
Such an individual's heightened sense of liberty and self-determination  
Finds its LIMITS*

*When it impacts on the SELF-SAME liberties of others !*

*The key conundrum*

*Is that over-emphasis on self-determination  
... As an attempt to expand one's personal freedom ...*

*Leaves little room for making allowances for,*

*Much less expanding the freedom of others.*

*For some, SPIRITUALITY truly offer entry*

*Into mutually enhancing freedoms.*

*Yet, for most, while secular 'trade-offs' are tried,*

*They are ultimately ineffective, on their own.*

*However, new hope dawned, historically,*

*When a new deeper SENSE OF COMMUNITY emerged world-wide :*

*... Through decolonisation's emphasis on the democratisation of leadership ;*

*... Through the continuing activation, from 1970's on – later boosted by the internet –*

*Of myriad COMMUNITY interest groups ;*

*... Through the continuing expansion of the World Council of Churches,*

*And Vatican 11's transformative emphasis on Church as a PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY ;*

*... And, crucially, through a post-1960's, sustained emphasis on RELATIONSHIPS*

*As the NEW, BASIC FORM OF COMMUNITY*

*–One highlighting personal commitment.*

*A good relationship came to be valued as PRIMARY in marriage*

*... Before the rewards and obligations of it, as a social contract.*

*It came to be seen as central, and as a necessity*

*... As a personal psychological necessity, rather than a hoped-for bonus.*

*Moreover, personal relationships WITHIN the FAMILY,*

*Came to be valued as more transformative than simple traditional bonds.*

*Indeed, to be in any personal relationship,*

*Means that each person ENHANCES the other's freedom*

*... Through LOVE !*

*The extension of this personal dynamic to post-1960's COMMUNITIES,*

*Involved the very same growth-factor, for mutually amplifying freedom*

*—Love !*

*Indeed it is through mutual COMMUNAL LOVE*

*That we, together, enhance other groups' freedom*

*Thus, both as individuals and as communities,*

*We become NECESSARY contributors to OTHERS' freedom*

*... No longer energized by SELF-determination*

*But by MUTUAL-determination*

*By COMMUNAL-determination*

*—Enhancing our freedom TOGETHER.*

*By being thus engaged*

*... Self-consciousness expands to become COMMUNITY consciousness,*

*... Self-fulfilment expands to become COMMUNITY fulfilment.*

*Simply, the focus of IDENTITY expands from “my” to “our” freedom,*

*So that ours becomes a FELLOWSHIP of freedom !*

*Wondrously, for all GRACED individuals or communities,*

*Through our incorporation into the Paschal Christ*

*... Be that explicitly chosen, or implicit ...*

*We come to share*

*In the Freedom of the Triune Fellowship itself !*

## To Be Free Within <sup>1</sup>

*To be FREE WITHIN :*

*– Revere your BODY, as Jesus did His,*

*Because our graced bodies – now hiddenly – radiate the glory*

*Christ’s Body experiences in His Eternalized Ascension*

*... Both being transformed by the Spirit of Divine Fellowship*

*... Freeing us to love !*

*–Allow your SELF-IMAGERY to be transformed*

*By the Spirit of Jesus,*

*Who “submits so humbly”, as He kneels washing feet <sup>2</sup>*

*... Freeing us to love !*

*–THINK the truth, with love,*

*And Jesus – the SELF-CONCEPT of Abba – Love Himself,*

*Will continually enlighten our minds*

*With that Light that lights up all Reality*

*... Freeing us to love !*

*– Reveal your FEELINGS openly*

*And the Ascended Jesus’ TRANSPARENT heart*

*Will transform ours*

*Into a vehicle for the Good News*

*... Freeing us to love !*

–Surrender your *WILL* to Christ's  
So, with Him, we *CHOOSE*  
“To do only what I see the Father doing”<sup>3</sup>  
... Freeing us to love !

– Rejoice in being *POOR IN SPIRIT*  
So, becoming less, and less, and less,  
Our spirits become ever more open  
To the indwelling Fellowship of Love  
... Freeing us to love !

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1 Poem 977, Year 12 of Prayer Ministry, summer holidays, Gold Coast, January 2010.

2 Heb 5:7

3 Jn 5:19

## Our Darkness, and the God of Light <sup>1</sup>

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### 1 OUTER DARKNESS

*Outer darkness is that place of exile from Light*

*Into which our sinful wilfulness*

*Casts us ...*

*Here, we have deliberately*

*Turned our backs to the Light of our lives,*

*And our gaze is lost*

*Within darkness itself,*

*Obscuring even the self ...*

### 11 INNER DARKNESS

*Here we are as a babe in the womb :*

*The Light of our world seems ... 'outside'.*

*Indeed, Light surrounds us*

*But is profoundly FILTERED ...*

*Through veils of self-love, self-effort, and restricting fears.*

*We long to have these filters dissipate*

*... And pure Light flood our being !*

111 PROTECTIVE DARKNESS

*Here, the Hand of Light*

*Shelters us in its shadow*

*... Cossetting us in a partly womb-like space*

*Safeguarding us*

*– In our hurt, vulnerability, or even naivety –*

*From an experience of Light*

*For which we are NOT READY.*

*Here, a Fatherly hand*

*Shields our immature, faltering progress*

*Until, formed by the sinews of growth-in-love,*

*Light-shafts of confidence stream ever more brightly*

*Through the cathedral of our spirit.*

1V DARKNESS WITH LIGHT

*Here, people*

*– GRACED to enter the Fellowship of Light,*

*Gifted to gaze, open-eyed, into the radiant Face of Love –*

*Have their spirits vitalized,*

*Their lives focussed,*

*And their hearts drawn into the intimacy*

*Of Communion with Light !*



*Nonetheless,*  
*Most, at times, within this graced journey,*  
*Experience having their eyes WIDE-SHUT*  
*To the luminous Glory of such Love !*  
*Mostly, this is because they close their OWN eyes*  
*Because of their persistent, often unconscious, ATTEMPTS*  
*... To take the initiative,*  
*... To focus on their own efforts, in gazing,*  
*... And to exercise control of the experience !*

*This “struggle” with Light*  
*Can last for weeks, or months, or years – even decades,*  
*Until ... sensitized to Light’s every movement,*  
*Receptive to Light’s every caress,*  
*Responsive to Light’s gentlest suggestion,*  
*Eyes OPEN, RE-OPEN, to Light’s luminous Enrapture !*

*Here, they are DRAWN, LED, LURED*  
*To experience Light*  
*AS IT IS*  
*Within the Fellowship of Light*  
*... Now, on Love’s terms,*  
*... Wholly at Love’s initiative,*  
*Becoming disciples of Light,*  
*Surrendering all, abandoning all,*  
*To Light !*

V THE DARKNESS OF MYSTERY

Here,

For SOME of those with opened or re-opened eyes,

–Resting within the gaze of Love –

A further gift is lavished.

Though gifted to gaze, with unclouded vision,

On Love who enlightens,

Still ...

Their very CAPACITY TO ACCEPT the Divine

Has LIMITS

– Because, even though, as adopted sons and daughters,

They gaze AS the Beloved, with HIS gaze,

... His is ever beyond theirs,

Ever beyond all creatures' gaze,

Ever broader, ever deeper

Ever more penetrating, and comprehensive

–A Mystery ever revealing itself

Now, luminously

Now, radiantly

Now, brilliantly

Now, blindingly ...

*While, indeed our DEIFIED consciousness, dignity, and destiny*

*Have the potential to be LIMIT-LESS,*

*As the BELOVED'S IS,*

*Ours never approaches the PLEROMA of Christ's Glory.*

*This 'inability' of ours is the 'relative darkness'*

*Of living as deified creatures within the wonder*

*Of Divine Light !*

*O Happy 'darkness' !*

*Blest are we to know that the Beloved*

*Rejoices in, and LIVES, this 'darkness' with us :*

*Our 'darkness' within Mystery,*

*Is enveloped within His Mystery of Light !*

*V1 LIGHT WITHIN LIGHT, WITHIN THE TRINITY*

*The Beloved's OWN experience of His Father's Luminous Love*

*Always comes by way*

*... Of SURPRISE !*

*... By His ever being OVERWHELMED with delight !*

*Indeed, the Light of Love for Him, is truly experienced AS BOUND-LESS,*

*And by its very Mystery, it is :*

*... EVER MORE than His Divine Heart hopes !*

*... Ever a surprise, ever more wondrous, ever more tender !*

*... Ever more infused with the Spirit of Their Togetherness !*

*So too, for the Father of Light :*  
*His RECEPTION of the Beloved's own Gift of Himself*  
*– In the Spirit of Mutuality –*  
*Is also experienced AS BOUND-LESS and AS EVER MORE !*  
*For Abba, the Beloved's Love EVER OVERWHELMS !*

*So too, with the Spirit of Love*  
*Who IS*  
*The Spirit of Surprise*  
*The Spirit who EVER MORE delights !*  
*The Spirit who “makes all NEW !”<sup>2</sup>*

*Indeed, for Abba, Jesus Ascended, and the Spirit*  
*– Personally and Together –*  
*Their Love is a love that OVERFLOWS !*  
*That DELUGES FORTH !*

*Their Love within the Fellowship of Light*  
*– “In whom there is no darkness at all” – ...<sup>3</sup>*  
*Is a Love, ever more TOGETHERING !*  
*Ever more WONDROUS !*

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1 Poem 978, Year 12 of Prayer Ministry, summer holidays, Gold Coast, January 2010.

2 Rev 21:5

3 1 Jn 1:5

## Jesus : Our Centre, Foundation and Fountain <sup>1</sup>

*While Abba is the heartfelt focus of our FAITH,  
Jesus CENTERS this faith  
– Opening our consciousness to the Mystery of a Fatherly Presence.*

*Moreover, Jesus Himself  
Is the actual FOUNDATION of our HOPE  
– Precisely, by being raised out of death's grip  
Into Abba's Embrace  
– The true destiny for us all –  
... Yet wondrously REMAINING with us, forever,  
Offering us the STABILITY of God, as a warranty for such hope !*

*And heart of all wonders !  
Jesus Ascended is revealed  
As the very FOUNTAIN of our LOVE :  
Because, His own PERSON  
Is both the FOCUS and VEHICLE  
Of Abba's Love for humanity !  
... And, marvellously,  
The FOCUS and VEHICLE  
Of our love for Abba !  
... Being also the DIFFUSER of the Spirit  
Who enables it all !*

