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**Meant to be sung.*

My Heart Belongs to Others ¹

*My heart belongs to others ;
It does not belong to me alone .
It belongs to that universe of hearts
Beating with one pulse of Energy
... The Spirit of the Ascended Christ .*

*My heart's 'ON LOAN' – eternally !
It beats for all of us,
For all of Christ's New Humanity,
Which, vitalized with the Spirit of Energy,
Pulses joy to every capillary,
Christening all our strivings with enthusiasm,
Nurturing every tissue with Life,
Sustaining all our senses to be responsive to others,
Enabling us to forgive all who sin-against-togetherness,
And REVIVING all of us who wander off alone
–All, with Christ's Precious Blood, 'poured out for us'.*

*Indeed HIS/ our heart, is ON FIRE with love,
Love pouring forth upon His Family of Fellowship
... Coursing INTO the hearts of all who long to love .
It is a heart consumed by the fire of giving,
A heart replenished by the fuel of receiving :
Becoming a source, and focus, of communion
... A living Eucharist .*

*While it is a heart that beats ceaselessly,
It is also a heart, at rest
... Both, within the RHYTHM of its beat .
It connects each to all others, in its pulse of giving,
Being receptive to all others, in the peace of its resting .*

The Spirit-song of this RHYTHM unfolds thus :

*'You in Me
And I in You,
Father and Son
Together as one
—That they may be one, in Us
As We are, in them .'* ²

1 Poem 1040, Year 13 of Prayer Ministry, Woolloowin Community, June 2011.

2 Cf. Jn 17:21,23

Let All Hearts Change ¹

O Spirit of Jesus' heart, LET ALL HEARTS CHANGE :
May the hearts of all people, world-wide, IN — IN— AND IN —,
And the hearts of all Aussies, all Queenslanders, CHANGE .
May the hearts of all Brothers, world-wide, and in Oceania,
And the hearts of my own, and wider family CHANGE .
—Especially those who undervalue, neglect, or reject
Your offered love ... especially in Eucharist .
May my own heart be wholly transformed — into that of Jesus ;
And, with the hearts of all above,
Come together, with one heartbeat,
In the heart of Jesus, our loving brother .

¹ Poem 1041, Year 13 of Prayer Ministry, Woolloowin Community, June 2011.

NOTE : This poem-prayer is used by the author, as a post-communion prayer.

A Truly Depthless World of Wonder ¹

“Night hides the earth – but reveals the universe !” ANON.

*While to our physical gaze,
Night can unfold a staggeringly complex, and stunningly beautiful universe
– Verging on the transcendent, in scope –
The night of OUR SPIRIT also,
Can reveal another, truly un-‘sensed’ world of wonder,
That our Beloved Brother THRILLS TO
–His Communion with Abba in the Spirit !*

*This is the very LIFE
They choose to LIVE within us
... In utmost intimacy !*

*Accumulatively, as years of grace unfold, for those of humble spirit,
Their ‘night-time’ wonders of sharing in Divine Intimacy,
Are experienced ever more deeply .
Indeed, this world of wonder is only possible
For those who are called to share in the Divinely-human gaze
Of our Ascended BROTHER, Jesus .
Only AS FAMILY TO CHRIST, can we participate !*

Significantly, this wholly graced, integrating experience
– Commonly arising out of the suffering of our spirit’s ‘night’ –
Becomes, ever more, the ‘sensed’ focus, also, of the DAYLIGHT of our spirits .

Still, the fruits of such communing
Constantly and forever SURPRISE us :
Grace forever transcends our human estimations
And yes ... even our graced hopes !

Ocean of Peace ¹

Strolling along a sunlit, mid-winter's shore on the Coast of Gold

– The mid-morning sun still to the east –

I become another witness to the paradox

As to how the Pacific, the mother of seas, with its gargantuan potency,

Is mostly a kitten, not a lion-king !

One ponders how this boundless reservoir

Of quintillions of quintillions of tonnes of fluid-force, empowered by the titanic engine of winds

– At times, terrorizing cyclonic gales –

Has the stark potential for devastation, and yes – annihilation !

Yet, on my sun-kissed saunter on Tugun beach, I reflect how this ocean of peace,

Normally releases its store of energy gently, even softly,

Onto the receptive sand of the ancient land,

... Where, it seems, it wants to relax, to sunbathe

... Offering , in return, to massage its host

The winter's sub-tropic sunshine

– Amplified by the sparkling air, and by the glistening whiteness of sand –

Sharpens the profile of the dark symmetry of Norfolk pines,

And the CARBOARD CUT-OUT, high-rise horizon of Surfers Paradise

AGAINST the bright, bright blue of the sky .

This visual assault of blueness, acts to LIFT the eye, and heart,

UP and OUT !

... Exposing us to nature's elemental embrace !

*Under this azure canopy,
The contrasting colours of the beachside bungalows clamour for our eyes' attention ;
As do the trceries of white clouds on the horizon
– Sharp-cut against the ocean's green .
These low-clouds are counterpointed by jet-stream-high striations
... Lingerin, 'til totally dissolved in the vast blueness .*

*But it is the humility of the all-patient Pacific, at my feet,
That injects reality into my reverie .
Today is not a day of breakers and surfers :
Rather, my gaze is beguiled by the endless curls
Of serried wavelets, reducing to mini-waves,
Releasing their green energy
Into a threshing churn of water, sand, and bubbles, at my feet .
This hissing churn itself then re-transforms ...
Splaying out in a criss-crossing pattern of crescents
– Whose racing fringes form filigrees of foam,
And swathes of saline suds, vying to overlay each other .*

*The water, in the wake of these foaming vanguards,
Flattens to a sheening expansive surface
– To a gleaming moving mirror –
That fleetingly captures a miracle at play :
The luminous brilliance of the sun, at one's feet !
This startles the eye
– Sending our image-forming powers reeling !
Punctuating our spirit with wonder !
Yet, there's more : there BELOW, beside the 'sun',
Are the white of clouds, and swathes of blue skies !
Just as suddenly, the 'mirror' becomes transparent ...
And the arcs' edging, a fretwork of foam,
Fans out, in a final caress of the sand .

All this, is just a stroll along a sunlight shore ...*

Refusing to Change, Breeds Estrangement ¹

If we confront personal changes ...
With barriers which preclude CHOICE, or with evasive rationalisations,
These avoidance tactics can shackle
Both our inner life,
And the genuineness of our relating to others
... Reducing the latter to little more than role-playing .
The restrictive effects on our INNER life, in particular,
Can cumulatively DIMINISH –
Not only our sense of self, and our sense of God,
But also our very capacity to choose FREELY .
Indeed, our initial erring sense of an exclusive notion of self
... Untouched, we think, by CHANGE all by OTHERS ...
Slowly turns to its opposite : feelings of estrangement and isolation
– As we fail to change, as others change,
So that they, no longer, truly know us !

This is more profoundly the case with our God :
... When, having refused TO CHANGE, personally,
We beg our God – “Open the door for us” ! ²
... To which God responds “I tell you solemnly,
I DO NOT KNOW YOU !” ³

1 Poem 1044, Year 13 of Prayer Ministry, Woolloowin Community, August 2011.

2 Mt 25:11

3 Mt 25:12

The Divine's Enabling Presence ¹

To be truly free is, constantly, to WELCOME

God's PRESENCE within our hearts .

Because God ever transcends all our choices – past, current, and future ,

God's sheer Presence always MULTIPLIES our available choices :

Powerfully increasing the possibility

That our choices will accord with God's

... Freeing us to be ever more open

To the Divine's Enabling Presence,

... Un-shackled from our past,

... Uncompelled by future expectations,

... Alive within God's ETERNAL PRESENT !

¹ Poem 1045, Year 13 of Prayer Ministry, Woolloowin Community, August 2011.

To Be Eucharist for Others ¹

*To be Eucharist for others
Is to live the Trinitarian Reality –
‘In receiving ALL,
We give ALL’.*

*For us creatures, to receive ALL ...
The self needs to have wholly surrendered itself –
To have co-identified
With the self of Christ,
Whose perfect giving, is to totally surrender Himself to Abba .*

*Moreover, as human beings, ever subject to growth,
‘The ever more we give,
The ever more we receive’
... For, in giving,
Our spirits OPEN and DEEPEN :
Our very capacity-to-receive, GROWS !*

*More profoundly still,
Our giving,
In its inner nature,
Is DRAWN, beyond itself,
Into the transcending REALITY OF LIFE
... Into the Mystery that centres all self-giving ...
JESUS' PASCHAL PERSON !*

This Mystery itself draws us within an ever-deepening MUTUALITY

–With, and within, the Divine Fellowship of Love

... Wherein, in all our giving,

Knowingly or not,

We give of ourselves

To Abba, with Jesus, in the Spirit !

THEY, in deepest responsiveness,

Give Their very Selves to us

– In a Divine Giving

That is WONDROUSLY INTEGRATIVE

... Of all that is 'giving' and 'loving' in us .

*Thus, in our self-gifting,
We are graced, to share
In that eternal rhythm of giving and receiving
– The Pulsing of the Spirit,
Beating at the very heart of our Renewed Humanity !*

*Thus, humanity's deepest purpose
Mysteriously unfolds ...
In giving all of 'who we are',
We receive all of 'who They are'!
Love, truly given, in Christ,
Becomes
Love wondrously received !*

1 Poem 1045. On the Author's Golden Jubilee trip*, Southern Australia, Sep to Mid-Nov 2011.

*NOTE: Br Kevin McDade and the author together celebrated their 50 years in Religious Life, by taking a car trip, over two and half months, through New South Wales, Tasmania, South Australia, and Western Australia, and returned ... through all the above (save Tasmania) to Queensland. They often stayed at Brothers' houses.

To Live As You ¹

Jesus, I am Yours, and You are mine !

I love to live AS You

... To live as the best of all humans,

As the One perfectly open to the Divine

... To live PASCHALLY,

Choosing as You chose,

And as You eternally choose –

To be eternally Fathered into Life !

And so, Abba, I thrill to 'be' Your Son !

Ever thankful for Your unutterable tenderness

... Eternally rejoicing in surrendering to You !

And Loyce, I exult in being en-Spirited by You : ²

... Enthused and afire with the Life You are for us !

... For being TOGETHERED, with Abba, in You !

1 Poem 1047, On the Golden Jubilee trip, Southern Australia, Sep to Mid-Nov. 2011. (See note for Poem 1046.)

2 "Loyce" is my familiar name for the Holy Spirit who is LOVE, JOY, and PEACE. Pronounced 'LOY-CEE'.

O Spirit of Sacrifice, Fire Me ¹

O Spirit of Sacrifice, fire me with faith :

–To eat the Eucharist of open-heartedness,

So as to feast on this Bread of Fellowship

... The Body of Him who nourishes us

With his Paschal Identity ;

–To drink with Jesus the Chalice of suffering, for others,

So to share this Paschal Wine of Joy

... The Lifeblood of Him who draws us together

In Himself

–HEREIN, to become one, in the Circle of Love :

Of Abba's Banquet of Paschal Peace

... The Wedding Feast of the Lamb ...

Through Your Enabling Communing, O Spirit .

¹ Poem 1048, Week of the Author's Golden Jubilee Mass, of 50 years in Religious Life ; Dec 2011.

NOTE: A wonderful prayer in preparation for Eucharist.

Love Colours All We Are ¹

*The RADIANT LOVE of Abba's and the Ascended Jesus' glorious encounter
Is the Spirit .*

Wondrously, it is the Spirit's Very Person, THAT IS :

– Their Mutual Loving

... Thus profoundly ENABLING our mutuality ;

– Their Relating to Each Other

... Thus profoundly ENABLING our relationships

– The Fire of Attraction between Them

... Thus profoundly ENABLING passion between us .

Indeed, it is through Their Embrace

... That is, Their Spirit of Love ...

That Abba wondrously envelops, and animates

Our newly regenerated Paschal humanity

... In Christ's ...

With Divine Life !

Through the Spirit, we are DRAWN, IN Jesus Ascended,

To Abba's heart, with Fatherly tenderness

... Earth's Face, cheek to cheek, with Heaven's !

Through the Spirit, we yearningly reach out, IN Jesus Ascended,

To tenderly hold Abba's Face in our hands !

In the Love breathed forth in this Embrace

– BETWEEN Abba and the Ascended Jesus –

The Spirit

Is the Breathing In, and the Breathing Forth,

Of this Love

–Personalizing the RHYTHM

Of Divine Giving and Divine Receiving .

But the Spirit is still more bountiful in giving

– Wondrously more !

As Abba and Jesus Ascended embrace ...

Their common Divinity OPENS

Each Person, EVER MORE FULLY, to The Other

... Lover to Beloved,

... In the self-surrender of deepest love,

In the Agape of joy !

Each pours forth the whole of One's Being for The Other,

Such that the Spirit is KISSED forth

Between Them

–As the ETERNAL KISS

... The focus of Divine Communion !

... The focus also, of OUR Fellowship of Love !

*Most wondrously,
The Spirit-Kiss
Is alive with LIGHT*

*... A LIVING BRILLIANCE lighting up, delighting all those
Who, at the EPICENTRE of Divine Communing,
Thrill to be IN THE NEW CREATION : CHRIST !*

*Christ in turn, THROUGH them, transforms ... illuminating with beauty,
The rest of Creation !*

*This wondrously vivifying and transformative Spirit-Light
Illuminates our very spirits – EVER MORE brilliantly,
And does so – IN ‘COLOUR’*

... Matching Abba’s “ various gifts ” , to our variegated personalities !

*Indeed, the Spirit’s GIVING
Is charged with ALL the colours of the spectrum :
... Aswirl with Heaven’s myriad tones and hues !*

... Alive with its countless shifting colour combinations and patterns !

*In deep truth, the Life of Grace is an enchanting place
Dazzling our hearts with all the colours of Creation !*

Fascinating, inspiring, challenging us ... beautiful in its subtleties .

*The Spirit is everywhere ALIVE :
Stimulating, affirming, celebrating ...
Overflowing all with possibilities,
Wondrously versatile, in highlighting Love’s expressiveness !*

*Thus, in thrilling our hearts
– Both with sheer surprises, and harmonies of equality –
The Spirit-Kiss colours our whole consciousness,
Setting it asparkle with delight !*

The Spirit's rainbow creativity
– *At work, at play, in our spirits* –
Has our hearts GLOWING WITH COLOURS
– *Variously ... for high joy, for silent faithfulness, and for deep gratitude .*
Contrarwise, our hearts can grow dim and dull,
Darkened by our sin, unfaithfulness, and self-focussing .

Colourwise, the Spirit who is Mutuality and Relationship
Might be iridescent green ...
The Spirit who is Fire and Passionate Eros
Might be lustrous red ...
The Spirit who is self-sacrificing Agape
Might be radiant purple ...
The Spirit who is Breath and Divine Rhythm
Might be shining sky-blue ...
And yes, the Spirit who is the Kiss of Eternal Intimacy
Could very well be the purest white light,
Suffused with gold ...

The Spirit gives AS the Spirit pleases
– *Setting our world aflame*
With all the colours of Love !

Together ... O Together ! ¹ *

Loving ... Lovely ... Abba
O Loving ! Lovely ! Abba !
O Abba ! Our Abba !
With Loyce ... Our Love.

Loyce ... Loyce ... Loyce
O Spirit of our Loving
O Loyce ! Our Loving !
O Loyce ! Our Love !

Together ... O Together
Yes together ! O Together !
Breathing ... our Loving !
O Breathing our Love !

*Meant to be sung ... to the tune, "Easter Bonnet".

1 Poem 1050, Year 13 of Prayer Ministry, Gold Coast holidays, December 2011.

NOTE: The Author's Group Song: ' Together' is his secular alternative of the above poem. See Poem 1299.

The poem above, is central to the author's spirituality .

Our Sole Relationship with God ¹

*To awaken, pre-dawn, with the joy of the Divine
 Coursing through my being,
To come ALIVE, with the glorious consciousness
 Of Jesus Ascended
... Being embraced by His Loving Abba ...
Is to be, in that Encounter, not just ONE OTHER PERSON
 ALONGSIDE
 Jesus' open, transcendent humanity ...
But ONE WITH IT, becoming ONE PERSON IN HIM !
 Wholly, at home, in His IDENTITY !
 Being embraced AS Him !*

*The purpose of OUR becoming Son, is identical with His : to fulfil Abba's DESIRE ;
Similarly, our sense of togetherness itself ... of becoming ONE in Him,
Is based, wholly, on HIS EXPERIENCE of Paschal Fellowship :
 –The Suffusing of Three Persons, in one Uniting
 ... Is as the sounding of three tones, in one harmonic
 ... Is as the Whisper of two Breaths, in one Breathing
 ... Three Blessings, as one Bliss !*

*Our spirits become present to Abba
With all the openness of Jesus' Ascended Humanity –
 Our heart movements His : His movements ours
 Our expressiveness His : His expressiveness ours
 Our choices His : His choices ours
 – We are graced with His gracefulness !*

Such is our blessedness ...
That we now RELATE, as He RELATES.
Yet, we do not relate to our Abba-God,
As just one-of-many relationships
... But are drawn into this UNIQUE, IRREPEATABLE, INCOMPARABLE
Relationship of Jesus Ascended with Abba
– As the only possible, SOLE, RELATIONSHIP
Of humanity with God !

However, central though it is to our Eternal Life with Abba,
Any ‘sensing’ of this Relationship is always FLEETING
– And is ALWAYS, within the gift of grace !
Yet hiddenly ... wondrously ... in this Relationship
The “I” of “my” relating
Becomes the Divine “We” and “Our” of Christ’s relating
Within the Fellowship of the Trinity .

Thus, even to awake, pre-dawn
... In dream, but not in dream ...
To the seeming ‘IMPRESS’ of the Divine,
Settling within one’s spirit, AS IN CHRIST’S ,
Is to come alive to the Reality
That “my” spirit is “Our” spirit ... one with Christ’s
– The meeting-place of all God-seeking spirits
– The crossroads of a NEW PASCHAL HUMANITY !

*The deeper grace is to 'sense' –
“My spirit belongs to Christ’s ,
And Christ’s belongs to God !”
... And to be ever-grateful,
Ever-Eucharistic, for the Dignity bestowed .*

*Christ’s Spirit is also central to this Sole Relationship .
Christ’s Spirit ENABLES all of Abba’s and “Our” desires :
– Ordinarily, through Sacrament, Word, and Church
... Through symbol, sign and other mediums ;
– But hiddenly, in un-signed mysterious ways
... In the concurrence of external events
... In the movements of our hearts
... And in subtle ‘promptings’ within our sub-conscious .
Indeed, the Spirit CONTINUALLY
Whispers, murmurs, hums, sighs ... and breathes ...
Abba’s love for us
– Within Jesus Ascended’s SOLE RELATIONSHIP with Him .*

Love-Lit by the Spirit ¹

The wonder of being baptized
Is that Abba, the Ascended Jesus, and the Spirit of the Promise
Delight together
In welcoming us into the HEART
Of Their Fellowship
– Into the shining Paschal Light of Jesus’ humanity !
He BROTHERS us into this joy-filled intimacy with Divinity !
His Spirit LUMINESCES WITHIN US
... As the RADIANCE OF HUMANITY’S HOMECOMING, in Jesus Ascended
... As the WARMING GLOW of DIVINE-HUMAN Friendship
... And, as the DAZZLING CENTRE of Life Eternal
– Of BEING FAMILIED within God !

Growing ever more brighter, ever more intimate ...
This Light within us
IS, AS HE IS :
A Light, simple as it is beautiful,
A Light, silent as it is gentle,
A Light, life-giving and inspiring,
A Light, nurturing and empowering,
A Light, sparkling with joy and peace,
And, most wondrous of all
... In its Divine Depths ...
LOVE-LIT BY THE SPIRIT
– The Spirit of Togetherness !

¹ Poem 1052, Year 14 of Prayer Ministry, Woolloowin Community, February 2012.

Jesus Sacrificed Himself ¹

*“Jesus loved us
And SACRIFICED HIMSELF FOR US” ²*
*In thus opening His heart as wide as our world,
Jesus allows SIN
To attain its victory, DEATH,
Over our humanity, once and for all
– But, ONLY, within Himself :
In death, Jesus’ PERSON certainly seemed life-less !
... Sin’s victory, total !*

*Yet Jesus’ SPIRIT surged with life
... Inclusive of all God-seeking hearts
Across the whole range of time !
With boundless trust,
Jesus’ spirit OPENED limitlessly
– For us –
To the Presence of His Most Loving Abba
... Hastening eagerly, longingly,
To embrace His prodigal children
IN His Beloved Son !*

OUR Father's Love,
In thus reaching out to our entombed brother, Jesus,
And exulting in His receptive spirit
–Is a Love that transforms and integrates
– A Love deeply desirous
Of beholding His Son *WHOLE* again
... Divinity-spirit-body ...
In all His Loveliness !

And, because Abba's Love,
Is an Enabling Love,
Divine Desire becomes Glorious Fulfilment !
Thus, Jesus' Divinity radiates gloriously
Through His re-enspirited *BODY*
–And, through us, *IN* Him !

Abba's Love ensured that sin's and death's "victory"³
Was an ephemeral, empty one !
Rather, Their Mutual Love
Irrevocably ...
Eternally ...
Enabled and ensured Jesus's total victory over *DEATH*,
And over its parent, *SIN*
... For God's Love, and sin, cannot co-exist,
No more than sunlight and darkness !

Thus, as WE come ALIVE, in Jesus Ascended,

Our victory also over sin and death

Is utterly certain !

Eternally validated !

Divinely guaranteed !

But it is not a victory, for us, to unilaterally claim and utilize :

Rather, it belongs to the Spirit of Intimacy

... Who hovers over our heart,

Yearning to open it to this GIFT .

The Spirit enhances every movement of ours

... Towards receptivity

... Towards an ever-opening faith .

Such a trusting, warming faith

– Alone –

Allows Love's Victory to claim our hearts

... Causing them to overflow with the 'Joy of salvation'.⁴

But what of SUFFERING

–Death's dark fore-runner, and co-accused ?

What of its myriad mini-deaths ?

What of suffering, so intense, and chronic,

That death itself feels like a relief ?

And of suffering, so widespread, so comprehensive,

And so unsparing

That, claims to victory-over-it, seems ridiculously unreal ?

*Certainly, neither the Scriptures nor the Church
Contend that Jesus removed suffering from our lives,
Or saved humanity from it .
But both hold to the wisdom ... that the Paschal Jesus
Did not leave suffering UNCHANGED .
He did redeem it – TRANSFORMING IT, from within .
By CHOOSING to live our lives, IN HIS,
And by His living HIS Life, IN OURS,
Suffering is SHARED
... Allowing Jesus to become Co-sufferer with us
– “Of course I want to !” ⁵
... Yearning to Christen its outcomes !*

*By handing over our suffering to Jesus
... Surrendering it trustingly ...
It can become “a fundamental means of salvation” ⁶
– Enabling, what Jesus desires THROUGH it, to BE enabled .*

*Indeed, suffering accepted with love,
Can change the hearts of others and of the world :
In eliciting compassion from ourselves and from others
Suffering can “RELEASE love into the world”. ⁷
More deeply, SACRIFICIAL love
– Choosing to suffer for another ...
As with a father and mother for their children –
Allows our lives to conform,
Ever more lovingly to the Paschal Jesus .*

Ultimately, such suffering can TRANSFORM OUR IDENTITY
Into that of the Sacrificial Christ :
– Jesus, GIVING ALL, on the Cross,
And, as the Ascended One, RECEIVING ALL, within the Trinity .

If suffering does transform us,
Peace of heart will settle within our spirits,
Thereby truly lessening suffering's impacts .
More deeply still, we invite Jesus' Paschal Spirit
–The Spirit of Sacrifice –
Into our wounded lives ...
Lives which, otherwise, instinctively CLOSE IN on our wounds .

This Spirit who raised Jesus to Abba's Embrace ...
Will OPEN these wounds to become entry points
For Abba's healing and integrative Presence ;
And will free our energies
To live the Son's 'divinely open', Paschal Life
... So that, hand in hand, with Abba and the Spirit
– Even through our pain –
We experience and celebrate the deep love of Fellowship .

1 Poem 1053, Monthly Retreat, Tugun, February 2012.

2 Gal 2:20

3 1Cor 15:55

4 Lk 1:46

5 Mt 8:3

6 Benedict xvi in *Observatore Romano*.

7 John Paul 11.

Faith and Charism : A Familied Inheritance ¹

*Our human hearts are attuned
Both to love and to faith .
Firstly, we are attuned
To 'being familied' in love :
To being Fathered in love, by Abba
Mothered in love, by Mary
Brothered in love, by Jesus
And, for many, to being CHURCHED in love ...
By the Spirit .*

*As with love, so too with faith .
The faith, shared by all Christians,
Is thus, a FAMILIED, CHURCHED, INHERITANCE,
Which urges us, naturally, to a personal affirmation
Of our communal gifts .*

*The particular focus of faith, shared by members of a religious order
– Their charism –
Is similarly, a FAMILIED, CHURCHED, INHERITANCE :
Being fathered or mothered, by the founder,
And familied – brothered and sistered – by present members .*

*The founder's charism becomes a special empowering dimension
Of each member's wider CHURCHED faith
– Passed on as a family inheritance
... That OPENS each member's heart
To brother and sister others ...
In the special faith-empowering way of their FOUNDER .*

Towards Fellowship ¹

*O Abba, Jesus, and Spirit
... With our hearts coaxed open
By your limitless Love ...
We are opened, in the familial fondness of Your Fellowship,
To the warmth of Your ever-faithful Friendship .*

*In this call to our hearts ...
You cause to blossom, and to bear fruit
... Our every impulse
Towards good, towards truth, and towards beauty,
And, THUS, towards Fellowship
... Your wondrous, Divinely intimate Fellowship !*

¹ Poem 1055, Monthly Retreat, Binna Burra, March 2012.

Destiny ¹

Jesus Ascended delights ...

In, literally, PERSONIFYING us, His brothers and sisters,

Within the Fellowship of the Trinity,

So WE can PERSONIFY Him ...

Not only, now, within our earthbound humanity,

But, eternally, within the Bosom of Abba .

Anyone, “conformed to the image of the Son”, ²

Enters into the DESTINY of God’s true IKON

... The Eternal Beloved Son .

It also involves entering into the Son’s incarnated destiny

... Into the Son’s New Paschal Humanity,

And thus, into the infinitely loving Paschal Embrace of the Father and Son.

Moreover, to enter into this Eternal Enrapture and Depthless Communing ,

Is also to be filled with Their Spirit of Paschal Love .

In so entering into our divinely-human destiny

– A destiny, both promised,

And currently realized –

Our purpose, and present experience,

No longer can remain, self-fulfilment

... But God-fulfilment !

This Spirit of Love,
“Poured forth” in OUR hearts, ³
Both unites what is the SAME
– The Divine Father and the Divine Son, and we, IN the Son –
With what is so DIFFERENT
– The non-conscious Creation, within the Eternal Trinity !
This the Spirit does, THROUGH Jesus, and thus THROUGH US
– So that we, in Him, BOTH offspring of the earth,
Become the VOICE and PARTNER for Creation,
Within the Trinity !

1 Poem 1056, Year 14 of Prayer Ministry, Woolloowin Community, March 2012.

2 Rom 8:29 (N.R.S.V)

3 Rom 5:5

A Wedding Blessing ¹

May yours be a deeply happy marriage .

My blessing is that the gift of Love

You each RECEIVE,

Will ENHANCE the gift of Love you each give

... So that, lovable and loving,

You will be united

... Within Love's Mystery .

Allow the suffering, that comes your way,

To be transformed

Into a gift of Sacrificial Love

–Given, for your spouse,

For your children,

And for others .

Pray that, together, you become

Ever more open-hearted

... Ever more open to giving and receiving love .

¹ Poem 1057, Year 14 of Prayer Ministry, Woolloowin Community, March 2012.

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To Be So Unaware ¹

How blind we are :

To be adopted as the Beloved of Abba

And to be so unaware !

We hold onto fistfuls of dollars, personal 'treasures'

... When God has already made us 'life' millionaires

– With ALL that is His, to call 'our own'!

We angle for individual advantage, a chance to shine

... When God has already allied Himself to our very destiny

Desiring that His many gifts to us,

Will ever "shine in the sight of all!" ²

We network, in power-seeking ways, to be included, in 'inner circles'

... When God has already welcomed us as 'life guests'

–As members of God's Family Fellowship of Love !

¹ Poem 1058, Monthly Retreat, Marian Valley Canungra, April 2012.

² Mt 5:16

“I Can’t Help Being Rich ...” ¹

So easily possessed by his possessions ...

The rich man eventually insinuates his mindset

– *“What MUST I DO TO INHERIT eternal life ?”* – ²

Into ALL his relating :

... Prioritizing HIS efforts, HIS meriting,

Before God’s Grace .

He even attends to others’ needs – but, from a stance of wealth,

And of implied power .

Pitiably, he even points to the time restraints of wealth management,

... To excuse his neglect of God !

¹ Poem 1059, Monthly Retreat, Marian Valley Canungra, April 2012.

² Lk 10:17