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In Christ : Transformed, and Transformative ¹

*Through being RAISED with the Risen Jesus
And thus adopted-as-family, IN Jesus, by Abba
... Wondrously by sharing in His Risen Life ...
It remains for us to receive our Father's Embrace .*

*Jesus Ascended's reception by Abba
Is for us, His now heavenly brothers and sisters,
—The BLUEPRINT of all graced humanity's HOMECOMING :
“I am ascending NOW, to my Father and YOUR Father
To my God and YOUR God !” ²*

*The love Abba lavishes on His Beloved's New Humanity,
Is the love He lavishes on us :
Thus, we are drawn, IN Him, into Abba's Embrace,
As brothers and sisters to Jesus Ascended .
In Abba's Embrace, with Christ, we are utterly TRANSFORMED,
But also, we become utterly TRANSFORMATIVE
... Both, in our relating to our new ' kin' , and to the new creation .*

*Yes ! As transformative agents, we share in Jesus' unique ' cosmic' relation to Creation .
Grace, even now allows us to share Jesus' enjoyment of His Glorified Body :
... Sharing the deep empathy of His Paschal appearances to the Apostles,
... Sharing the intimacy of Eucharistic communing, of ' breaking bread' with His disciples,
... And simply ADORING Jesus, in His Ascension, as “ a CLOUD takes Him from our sight .” ²*

Grace allows US now, 'hidden' expressions of similar experiences :

- Sharing the immediacy of HIS SPIRIT, within our consciousness ... 'PROMPTING' US ;*
- Deep sharing in every Eucharist, where CHRIST INVITES US, to commune in His Sacrifice ;*
- Adopted as Jesus Risen's sisters and brothers, we ascend with Him to Abba's Embrace !*

1 Poem 1240, Woolloowin Community, Feast of Corpus Christi, June 7 2015.

2 Jn 20:17

3 Cf. Acts 1:9

Our Wondrous Human Destiny ¹

It is grace that ACTIVELY UNFOLDS

What is truly most human in us :

As Pope Francis teaches

“We become FULLY human,

When we become MORE than human” ²

—When our human nature is raised up,

Divinized IN Christ !

As St. Paul explains ... IN Christ Jesus, we wondrously

“Form the PERFECT Man —

Fully mature with the fullness of Christ Himself!” ³

In Him, our humanity utterly blooms !

Thus, to invest in our own BEST HUMAN FUTURE —

“What MATTERS ... is to become an altogether new creature’ IN Christ ! ⁴

Indeed, so transformative is this for our humanity,

That “this Mystery of Christ in us”

Becomes “our hope of Glory”! ⁵

In other words, our earth-bound humanity

Is OPENED to Eternity !

Buoyed up thus, with St. Paul ...

We “hope to make everyone COMPLETE in Christ” ⁶

—Complete in our humanity, in Him !

Completely opened to His Divinity !

*The deepest sadness for us, self-absorbed human beings,
Is that we fail to really ACCEPT, much less TREASURE this vision .*

Our prayer needs to be one, of DEEPLY VALUING

... This wondrous human destiny of ours !

1 Poem 1241, Woolloowin Community, Feast of Corpus Christ, June 7 2015.

2 Pope Francis - Apostolic Exhortation. 3 Eph 4:13 4 Gal 6:15 5 Col 1:27 N.A.B. 6 Col 1:28

Togethered, in Him ¹

When we are open-hearted
—Humbled, sometimes, to become so—
We are dispossessed of self
... Offering Abba a space
To be at home in
A space where He feels free to invite
— *All who remind Him of Jesus*
— *A home for all to indwell*
Each other's spirits,
Within the warm-hearted compass of Jesus' spirit
... TOGETHERED IN the Beloved Son
Alive, with His "LOVE OF LIFE"! ²

¹ Poem 1242, Year 17 of Prayer Ministry, Woolloowin Community, Feast of the Sacred Heart, June 12 2015

² Cf. Wis 11:26

The World, and Jesus' New Humanity ¹

What Abba CHERISHES in humankind

— *Those dignities that EXEMPLIFY what is best in us —*
... The world is SECRETLY JEALOUS OF !

Through layers of deceptive bonhomie

— *And vicious 'insider' comments —*

The world sets out to undercut and white-ant,

And, later, to discredit and to parody ...

All who RADLATE any Christlike behaviour

— *'Obviously ,she wants to show us up' !*

Under the guise of an ingratiating, broad-minded persona,

These witnesses to celebrity, to current trends, and to relevance ...

Set out, to damn with faint praise, to denigrate, and to devalue

... Any forthright witness to Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension .

While Jesus, as a MODEL, is 'O.K.. ... just one among many choices'

... To publicly espouse LIVING OUT Jesus's "NEW HUMANITY", ²

Is seen as an imposition, or delusory !

Ultimately, the world seeks to nullify, even mockingly CORRUPT

All aspects of the Good News itself ;

And cruelly marginalizes

Genuine witnesses to a REGENERATED AND ASCENDANT HUMANITY

— *'WE'RE alright as we are, eh fellows ?'*

*For Christians,
A confident faith in the Jesus, who washes our feet,
Who leads us by the hand, and cries with us,
And who responds with simple, humble gentleness,
... “I have overcome the world” ...³
Needs be our ONLY response*

1 Poem 1243, Year 17 of Prayer Ministry, Woolloowin Community, Feast of Sacred Heart, June 12 2015.

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

3 Jn 16:33

Imitating Abba and Jesus ¹

For all Abba's GRACED human spirits
— *Sculpted lovingly by the Spirit*
Into beautiful likenesses of the Beloved Jesus —
The Spirit liberally ensures that their Paschal lives
... Are suffused with forgiveness,
... Made fragrant with compassion,
... And breathe forth tender love
On all who are open-hearted
— *Fittingly so, in imitation of our open-hearted Abba !*

Then, in imitation of Jesus
— *The most abundantly graced of all human spirits —*
The Spirit's special care is to SENSITIZE all of Jesus' Easter Kin,
Not only to hold close to their heart ... 'humanity's deserving cases',
But open-heartedly, to lavish love
On the most un-Christlike of people
... Because, that's what Jesus would do !

Surrendering to the Spirit ¹

All who hope to be free

— *With the freedom with which Jesus is free* —

Need to SURRENDER :

Firstly ... to the Spirit's DIVINE IMAGINATION

— *Especially heightened, and intense,*

In “a person becoming an altogether new creature” IN Christ. ²

The Spirit hopes to creatively enable such persons

“To form that perfect humanity, who is CHRIST come to full stature !” ³

Deep humility is needed to sustain such an imaginative IDENTITY !

Secondly ... to being open to the Spirit's INNOVATIVE ENERGY

Which surges forth in these graced persons,

Who, ‘with minds renewed in Christ’, ⁴

Are able to offer others UPLIFTING VISIONS

Of needing-to-begin-again !

Of renewing relationships and even, memories !

Of committing to a re-vivifying Paschal Cycle of living !

Thirdly ... to being carried by the Spirit ABOVE AND BEYOND

Present responses and habitual practices,

To a liberating expression of their “New Humanity” IN Christ, ⁵

Whereby, the Song of the Spirit Within IS GIVEN VOICE

— *Soaring forth in praise of Abba !*

And fourthly ... to being LED, IN PURE TRUST, by the Spirit
Within the Fellowship of Love,
To be gently introduced to the kaleidoscope
Of Love's countless faces,
And to be invited, in Christ, TO PARTNER ABBA
In the Dance of Love !

1 Poem 1245, Year 17 of Prayer Ministry, Woolloowin Community, June 2015.

2 Gal 2:15

3 Eph 4:13 N.A.B.

4 Cf. Rom 12:2a N.R.S.V.

5 Eph 2:15 N.R.S.V.

Poem 1246

The God of Eucharist ¹

(Begin here)

The God who seek us

IS

The God of wondrous creativity

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The God of empathy and compassion

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The God of homecoming reconciliation

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The God of circumstantial graces

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The God of scriptural insights

IS

The God of justice and equality

IS

The God of experiencing community

IS

(Or here)

The God who draws us together

IS

The God who transcends all

IS

The God of contemplative communing

IS

The God of silence and stillness

IS

The God of inner promptings

IS

The God who indwells us

IS

The God of intimacy

IS

The God of loving kindness

IS

The God of Eucharist

IS

To Make a Sign of Love ¹

*To make the sign of the cross
Is to make a sign of love .
Indeed, Jesus' Cross
Draws our faith to its full flowering
IN HIS sacrificial love .*

*It is the sacrifice of the most profound
Exemplar and LOVER of humanity
Whoever was, or will be
— And who is wondrously OPEN
IN this incomparable sacrifice,
As the GOD
Of unutterable Love !*

*This Paschal Jesus is, for us, THE SACRAMENT
Of Abba's Reconciling Presence
— Which we ourselves can PERSONIFY
With lives of sacrificial love .*

Believing in the God-Man ¹

*Whoever believes in Jesus, the God-man,
Believes that the face of each brother and sister, earthwide,
Reflects, in a most surprising way,
The Face of God who fathers Jesus .*

*Only the grace of Faith
Allows us to see God THUS .*

*Only the grace of Hope
Allows us to desire
That EACH of our earthen kin
Be raised, IN Jesus Ascended,
Into Abba's Fathering embrace !*

*Only the grace of Love
Allows us to COMMUNE
With all such kin,
Through the Spirit
Of this Godly Embrace .*

To Co-Journey with Our Enemies ¹

I pray to include — as CENTRAL to my deeper life, IN CHRIST
... *All those whose values I've opposed, or oppose now*
... *All those who oppose or slander me, or even betray me .*

Thus Abba, who deeply loves us all, ENABLE US :

... *To be CO-HEALED — allowing the Spirit*

To heal all these, together,

Within our co-indwelling spirits

... *To be CO-ENLIGHTENED — sharing Jesus Risen's*

Own consciousness, becoming one mind IN Christ,

Dissolving the barriers between our once opposing minds

... *To be CO-ACCOMPANIED — by the Spirit of Jesus Ascended,*

By His Enabling, Centering Presence

'One-ing' all who differ together .

... *Sanctifying us together ;*

... *To be CO-enSpirited — being ENLIVENED by the same Spirit*

Who indwells all who share in Christ's IDENTITY and DESTINY ;

And who, ALIVE IN US,

Enables us to transcend all that keeps us apart .

To Experience Oneself, As Jesus ! ¹

The poor and the humble truly understand

The workings of earthly power

— Because of their spiritual ‘remove’ from it —

Intuiting, what it means

For one’s spirit to be EMPOWERED by the Divine,

To experience oneself AS Jesus !

They know in their hearts

... Like Mary in her Magnificat ...

That the powerful and affluent

Are self-enabled ...

Not to be uplifted, but to be “cast down”. ²

Meanwhile, the poor and lowly

Will be “exalted”, ³

“The hungry, filled with good things” ⁴

... As their “spirits exult in God their Saviour”! ⁵

1 Poem 1250, Year 18 of Prayer Ministry, Woolloowin Community, January 2016.

2 Lk 1:52

3 IBID

4 Lk 1:53

5 Cf. Lk 1:47

Saved ¹

To be truly Christian ...

Is to be SAVED.

It is to be attracted, not by the restoration of one's individual integrity,

Nor by the possibility of one's personal destiny being realized,

But to be drawn to Life in its fullness — through love, for love, in love !

It is to be drawn to that Love, through self-sacrifice

... By living the Life of the One-who-saves-us through re-vitalizing us

— Jesus, our Brother, who gives us a home within the arms of His Father .

Yes ! We are saved by this Wondrous Lover of humanity - to live FOR OTHERS .

... Not for self-realization !

Kinship with Jesus ¹

*To be Good News for others
Is to reveal what our Abba-God has done
And is doing , NOW, among us IN Christ .
It is, personally, to set aside what is un-Christlike,
What is peripheral or obstructive, in our lives .
It is to inspire and encourage others who respond to the Good News
To experience the CENTERING personality of Jesus !
With them we seek to share, in His simple, humble openness
— To be OPEN to the God who lovingly FATHERS Him,
And who yearns to draw us all together
... Into KINSHIP, brothers and sisters all, IN His Beloved .*

Word, Enfleshed for Us ¹

*To speak to us, PERSONALLY,
Our Abba-God has to speak His Word — as one-amongst-us !
For the vast majority of humankind to receive His Word,
He simply has to be ENFLESHED — AS WE ARE !
He needs to be SOMEONE
Whom we can reach out and touch
... A person who breathes the air we breathe !
... A voice resonating with emotions we all feel !
... A person who loves AS WE DO ... with body, heart and spirit !
— Jesus : Earthen brother to us ... and God of Love !*

In Christ, Life Is Always Resurgent ¹

Our yearning Christian spirits absorb Jesus'

'Words of Eternal Life'

As a tree's leaves absorb sunlight .

These Divine words of His are enlightening nourishment for us

Nurturing love within us

— Even when love is crucified to the point of death !

Jesus, we believe, personally abolished death

— Banishing death IN His OWN PERSON,

So that, IN HIM, Life is always resurgent :

“I am the Resurrection and the Life !

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies,

HE WILL LIVE!” ²

His Life uplifts us into the freedom of deathlessness :

Where, ALIVE, forever in Him, we are open to all HUMAN possibilities !

Indeed, our lives are, literally, ORIENTATED

To Christ, the Rising One,

Ever-dawning in our hearts .

Ours is a mutually hopeful relationship ...

As we wait, in every circumstance, to welcome Him

“Who stands at the door KNOCKING”. ³

IN Him, our hearts are OPENED to the Divine
Through the Spirit
— To whatever our Abba-God desires for us
... To the degree of that Wondrous Fellowship
He chooses to share with us !

1 Poem 1254, Year 18 of Prayer Ministry, Woolloowin Community, January 2016.

2 Jn 11:25

3 Rev 3:20

Money's Wholly Relative Value ¹

Money has no intrinsic value ;

Its value is only relative :

Relative ... to what it means for my life

... to how I value it

... to how other value me for having it

Relative ... to how much I have

... to how I gain it and spend it

... to the time and energy spent in acquiring it

Relative ... as to how much I spend on myself

... as to whom I prefer to share it with

... as to whom I actually share it with

Relative ... as to how it enhances, or devalues, my relationships

... as to how it promotes or lessens togetherness among people

... as to how it serves my spiritual values .

Truly,

“Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also !” ²

Because the only lasting treasure is spiritual, Jesus' command

— “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth,

Which moth and rust can corrupt” — ³

Effectively ADMONISHES us ...

‘Don't place your TRUST in money !’

The clear inference is

‘If your TRUST in riches, or in an affluent life-style

... Such a belief will always draw you away from God .’

Indeed, in the parable of building more barns ...
Jesus passionately warns us
‘How truly foolish you are to amass more and more wealth
— As insurance to secure one’s future or ambitions,
For, in overcoming multiple challenges to achieve THIS aim,
You could face your death ... this very evening’ ⁴
... And the total unravelling of all your plans !

Worst, the LOVE of money will continue to be —
... “The root of all kinds of evil”, ⁵
... The source of numerous sorrow, disappointments and anxieties,
... And the origin of many personal entrapments,
Depriving one’s live of freeing OPEN choices .
Such GREED can spawn an addictive personality
... Ever wanting more and more .
Rather, being content with less and less,
Allows us to focus on
“The one thing necessary” ⁶
... To be drawn to ... and to be found IN Christ !

1 Poem 1255, Year 18 of Prayer Ministry, Woolloowin Community, January 2016.

2 Mt 6:21

3 Mt 6:19

4 Cf. Lk 12:16-21

5 1Tim 6:10 N.R.S.V. 6 Lk 10:42

Being 'Oned', in Christ ¹

St. Paul's vision of the Church
Is of faithful hearts
Indwelling each other
As "Members one of another" ²
... In Jesus Ascended
— Who indwells them all !

This Wondrous Co-indwelling
Both PERSON-alizes, and enables
The entirety of their relationship, in Christ,
With the Father .
TOGETHER,
They are 'ONED', IN Christ,
IN ... "The fullness of Him
Who fills all in all !" ³

1 Poem 1256, Year 18 of Prayer Ministry, Wooloowin Community, February 2016.

2 Rom 12:5 N.R.S.V.

3 Eph 1:23

Fathered ... Brothered ... En-Spirited ¹

*Traditionally, and beautifully,
We have spoken of, and looked to the Church
As 'Holy Mother Church'.
Would it not be even more beautiful
— Supported radiantly by Scripture —
To look to Abba, FATHERING us in the Church,
To look to Jesus Ascended, BROTHERING us in the Church,
To look to the Spirit, EN-SPIRITING us, AS Church ?*

Discerning, with Others ¹

The Spirit's very Person IS "God's Anointing" ²

— *Of ALL in the Church,*

And of each one, personally —

Such that, "The Anointing that God gives,

Teaches us EVERYTHING"! ³

Moreover, as God's children,

The grace of humility, given us,

Constantly impels us

To DISCERN, WITH OTHERS,

The specific purposes of this Anointing :

To ready us, TO BE OPEN to God's Enlightening,

And especially, to God's Enabling

... Of us, to live together as one !

¹ Poem 1258, Year 18 of Prayer Ministry, Wooloowin Community, February 2016.

² 1Jn 2:27

³ IBID.

Promptings of the Spirit ¹

The Spirit is Jesus' Inheritance, PROMISED to us : ²

A companioning Divine Presence,

Who, through INNER INSPIRATIONS,

— Through “prompting”, “moving” and “urging” us, ³

Gifts us with gentle, immediate, yet ‘sensed’ experiences of God .

These graced experiences of BEING IN Christ, occur within us,

In a purposeful, suggestive, yet transitory manner .

A person generally cannot hold onto these experiences :

They are commonly present as a “whisper”, “murmur”, or even a “dream” ⁴

... Passing through our awareness, mostly not repeated, subtly inviting us .

These promptings of the Spirit, surfacing in our consciousness,

Can arrive as a few words or as a specific feeling

— Calling us, even instructing us, to respond somehow, and to engage

... With feeling, or touch, or words, or action, or non-action .

They invariably arrive as a surprise ... a gentle surprise ;

Thus it is not a matter of waiting for them,

But of being SENSITIVE to the Spirit's companioning us

... Open to receive, ready to respond .

The Spirit who prompts, always asks us, to BE CHRIST in some way

... Indicating to us, for instance, to ‘Open and read’⁵

Or ‘Let Jesus pray in you’, or move us to say ‘You seem happy’.

Promptings are almost always short, specific, and gentle .

They are invariably without detail, explanation or reasoning .

They usually appear but once, and are truly simple .

They are intended for one’s own good, or for the good of others

... Resembling Mary’s “They have no wine”.⁶

They can arrive as part of a conversation, from reading or music or film .

With them, comes the grace to respond, courtesy of the same Spirit .

They can lead to major turning-points in life, or are graces for the journey .

1 Poem 1259, Year 18 of Prayer Ministry, Wooloowin Community, March 2016.

2 Lk 24:49 3 and 4 . In both, each word is cited many times in Scripture.

5 Words from the life of St. Augustine, near the start of his journey of grace.

6 Jn 2:3

