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Praying ... In ... Christ Jesus 1.

'Jesus Ascending' Eternally indwells us;
In so doing, He wholly SUFFUSES our spirits
With His Easter spirit of the purest human love.
This 'Jesus Ascending' CO-INITIATES, within us,
Our every impetus to PRAY

— CO-EXPERIENCING *with us* :

Every expression of the prayer of our BODIES, AS HIS OWN ...
... Yes, every murmur, deep sigh, every shiver of delight
... every gasp of awe, every cry of jubilation
... each tremor of deepest love — ALL, AS HIS OWN
Every movement of the flow of our heart's feelings, AS HIS OWN ...
Every sparkle of our conscious thought, AS HIS OWN ...
Every tremulous outpouring of our-words-to-Abba, AS HIS OWN ...
Every ONE-ING movement within ALL US co-indwellers, AS HIS OWN ...
Every stirring of our spirits ... yearning to commune, AS HIS OWN.

In praying thus, in any prayer of praise, thanks and sorrow,
Our spirits face Abba ... not BESIDE, nor even WITH ... Jesus' spirit

—*But always WITHIN His spirit*

... Jesus' IDENTITY expressing OURS, Eternally !
Indeed, His Humanity's spirit, in co-indwelling ours,
WHOLLY SUFFUSES OURS !
What wondrous intimacy ...

The depths of such co-indwelling praying
Is wholly revealed ...
As Abba, and we-in-Jesus-Ascending,
Both BREATHING FORTH Their Mutual Spirit of Life and Love
WITHIN Each Other ...

Such is HEAVEN – NOW
... The HEAVEN of being-in-Christ Jesus !

1 Poem 1340, Year 23 of Prayer Ministry, 'Viridian' Brisbane, August 2nd 2021.

HENRI NOUWEN 1996: When I pray, I enter into the depth of my own heart and find there the heart of God, who speaks to me of love. And I recognize, right there, the place where all of my sisters and brothers are in communion with one another.

The great paradox of the spiritual life is, indeed, that the most personal is most universal, that the most intimate, is most communal, and that the most contemplative is most active.

Co-indwelling Prayer 1.

To PRAY IS TO CO-INDWELL, to be IN CHRIST :

To CO-INDWELL IS TO PRAY, to be IN CHRIST.

When we ponder on Jesus' INDWELLING INVITATION,

“LIVE IN ME ... AS I LIVE IN YOU”

2

We can humbly ask of Jesus, ‘How do You INDWELL US ?

As a response, Abba's and Jesus' very own SPIRIT suggests

That Jesus Ascended's INDWELLING of us, is such

... That His new Easter Humanity's HUMAN SPIRIT wholly suffuses OURS,

Or, that His New Eastered HEART wholly enfolds ours

... Our hearts wholly WITHIN HIS !

Be it within our HUMAN SPIRIT, OR HEART, Jesus' INDWELLING is wondrously transformative

DIVINIZING US in the Presence of His NOW radiant, wholly revealing

NEW HUMANITY !

Surely, both these now CO-INDWELLING CENTERS — our new SPIRIT OR HEART,

Are the one expression of our Brother God's intimacy and closeness with us,

And as such ... constitute the very heart-of-PRAYER !

Co-indwelling then, is minimally about words ... but mostly

About lovingly, joyfully RESTING, ABIDING WITHIN each other's peace

... Breathing forth our very selves into each other's tenderness.

Jesus the Word of God, pouring forth the totality of God into us

— And wholly and most intimately ENFLESHED on our humanity —

Is equally the Word of our humanity, to God !

Together ... Abba's Jesus, and our Jesus

Becomes the PERFECT COMMUNING CENTER of God and humanity.

—The Personified Pray-er, uniting both

... He, in whom God and humanity CO-INDWELL !

So, if we “ are found to be IN Christ”, co-indwelling with Him 3.

... HIS HEART wholly enfolding ours

HIS SPIRIT wholly suffusing ours ...

Then we live our lives EFFORTLESSLY,

Within the pulsing heart of our PRAY-ER

... Our most lovable Ascended Jesus

... Himself, wholly WITHIN Abba’s Embrace !

To live THUS is TO PRAY,

“To pray ALWAYS”, “ to pray without ceasing”. 4.5.

Praying thus, is to be ALIVE, with-the-Life-of-God !

This co-indwelling with Christ

Is to BREATHE Jesus’ prayer, with Him ...

To feel the feelings of Jesus’ prayer, with Him ...

To embody the bodily resonances of Jesus’ prayer, with Him

—To cry with Him, to sigh with Him, to sing with Him, to dance WITH Him,

But most of all, TO BE PRAYER with Him ...

—As we sleep, work, play, relate, connect, smile, suffer and love WITH Him !

Indeed, to pray is not something we do, but something GOD DOES IN US,

And does so, not time after time but ETERNALLY

—As with Jesus IN Abba’s Ascensional Embrace

... In that ETERNAL MOMENT that Jesus shares with Abba and Their Spirit,

Communing the fullness of Life to Each Other.

Yes, our PRAYING is always CO-INDWELLING

... Within the Moment that is lovingly Trinitarian .

1. Poem 1341 Year 23 of Prayer Ministry, ‘Viridian’ Brisbane, August 6th 2021.

2. Jn 15:14 3 Phil 3:9 (I.B.) 4 Lk 18:1 (N.R.S.V.) 5 Lk18:1 (J.B. Fr)

Becoming Divinely Human 1.

*Our God became a human being
So that our clearly limited humanity
Would be transformed
Into the Wondrous Limitless Humanity
Of the Risen and Ascended Jesus.*

*Yet this did not happen
So that we could become
'humanly Divine'
– Because that would entail limiting the Divine ... impossible –
But, so we could become
'Divinely human'.*

*While becoming 'Divinely human' does marvellously involve
Being uplifted to Jesus' Wondrous Glorified Humanity,
It is NOT being uplifted to a Dignity
Merely 'LIKE' that of Jesus.*

*Rather, becoming 'Divinely human'
Is not only being "raised up WITH Him", 2.
But most exquisitely, WITHIN Him
... "you in me, and I in you" ... 3.*

*– With Jesus Himself, at home WITHIN Abba's Ascensional Embrace.
O How exhilaratingly DEPTHLESS
Is Abba's Love for His Beloved's HUMANITY !*

*For us, our Divinely human Co-indwelling IN Jesus
Means ... being-within-Jesus-within-Abba's-Embrace
... Co-living out His Wondrous, Divinized Humanity.*

It is HERE, that Jesus intimately whispers

To all who co-indwell Him :

“I am ascending to my Abba, and your Abba,

To my God, and your God

4.

... Go and find my brothers and sisters”.

5.

Christ's Destiny Becomes Ours 1.

For us, open-heartedness to God

Is a sheer gift of the Spirit ... a grace.

We are thus OPENED, IN Christ, to receive God, and to give God.

The Spirit's continuous grace of open-heartedness

– Effortlessly for us –

ENABLES :

Our every choice, every pulse of our living,

Every emotion that ever moves us,

Every flicker of body language,

Every emerging thought,

Every breath of goodwill.

... To be wholly suffused

By Jesus "New Humanity".

2.

It is a Humanity, utterly OPENED TO GOD in His Resurrection

– A Divinized Humanity, no longer "living within the limitation of weakness" 3.

– A real humanity we too can share, NOW,

... Through being "raised up WITH HIM,

And given a place WITH HIM, in Christ Jesus !"

4.

Yes ! Our deep grace is "to be found IN HIM".

5.

So, as the “Ascending” Jesus
 Lovingly enfolded WITHIN Abba’s Embrace,
 Wholly lives HIS LIFE, in ours,
 We, wholly graced, wholly live our lives, indwelling His
 ... Co-identifying with, and co-experiencing, HIS LIFE !
 His choices, His emotions, His body language, His consciousness,
 His whole destiny
 — Become OUR VERY OWN LIFE
 ... Both personally and communally
 As we co-indwell our Beloved Brother !

As the Ascending Jesus, WITHIN Abba’s Embrace,
 Lives His Life in ours,
 We co-experience Him doing so
 ... As “members, one of another”
 — IN our Brother, whose Easter HUMAN SPIRIT
 Is incomparably COMMUNAL !

Moreover, we co-experience the FLOW of all this co-indwelling Life
 AS PRAYER
 ... Primarily Jesus Himself as PRAY-ER — the Communing Center of all SPIRITS,
 And we-in-Him ... effortlessly part of this PRAY-ER of all Humankind !
 Yes, IN Him, the Beloved, we are at the Center of the Depthless Communing
 Of the TRINITY OF LOVE
 ... With the brilliance of Their Presence, rendering all human spirits, IN Christ,
 Utterly TRANSPARENT, OPEN, AND FREE
 — Within the One, Eternal Moment !

Drawing ALL THIS, together,

WITHIN *Abba's Embrace of the Ascending Jesus,*
 Is the SPIRIT-WHO-ENABLES.
 It is WITH *this SPIRIT, that an Ecstatic Abba*
Thrills TO GIFT Jesus' New Ascendant Humanity.
This Spirit of Unity-and-Love is GIVEN ETERNALLY :
Jesus "the New Man", ever exhilarates to receive 8.
This ultimate "SEAL" of Abba's Love 9.
 ... *"To make His Glory praised !"* 10.

Overwhelmed by Abba's Love, Jesus' immediate HUMAN impulse
Is to share Abba's GIFT OF THE SPIRIT with us
 ... *His "brothers" and "sisters"* 11.12.

WE, now wondrously en-Spirited, by His Spirit of Uniting Love
Are moved by this Spirit of Life ... to EXULT in prayer :
"We live, now, not with our own life,
But with the Life of Christ
Who lives IN us !" 13.
Yes ! "Whatever happens IN Christ ... happens in us !" 14.

1 Poem 1343 Year 23 of Prayer Ministry, 'Viridian' Brisbane, August 16th 2021.

2 Eph 2:15 (N.R.S.V.) 3 Heb 5:2 4 Eph 2:6 5 Phil 3:9 6 Jn 20:17b

7 Rom 12:5 (N.R.S.V.) 8 Eph 2:15 9 Eph 1:1 10 Eph 1:14 11 Jn 20:17b 12 Cf Mt 13:56

13 Cf Gal 2:20 14 Ancient Church axiom.

Co-indwelling ... As Grace ^{1.}

*Jesus Ascended's indwelling us,
ITSELF, enables us to indwell Him.
This whole indwelling experience
Is enabled by the grace of His-Presence-Within.
Grace always looks for partners, longs for union,
And most exquisitely, yearns to commune.
Indeed, it is through Jesus' grace, as our Divinely human brother,
That we can co-indwell with Him, as Brother.
Yes, ALL IS GRACE ... emanating from Jesus' BROTHERING !*

*Grace is always Tri-Personal
... Because grace is the love of Abba
– Delighting in, creating sons and daughters,
Through Jesus 'enpeopling' them, as His OWN KIN within,
... Drawing them into a HOMECOMING embrace within Himself
... With both Abba and Jesus, breathing into them,
The Spirit of Family Life.*

*Yet in our 21st Century,
Our self-talk, our group-speak, our global culture
Unfolds ... with a starkly narrower focus :
“If you keep putting in the effort, you’ll gain your reward”;
“Really believe in yourself ... and your dreams will come true”;
“If you’re true to yourself, you can change the world”;
“You can accomplish, anything, if you set your mind to it !”
What is there of God, in all this self-referencing
... In this drive, for an individual-centric existence ?*

*Here, the individual’s key to fulfilment is RELENTLESS HUMAN EFFORT
... Permeating our relationships, our careers, our family dynamics,
Our sporting motivations, and even our pastimes ... re-worded now, as ‘passions’.
Thus, WHAT I CANACHIEVE, becomes the measure of happiness !*

*However, what we truly NEED,
... In the yearning depths of our humanity ...
Is to share in our Tri-Personal God’s
Wondrous experience of COMMUNAL living :
... To co-identify with Jesus, in Abba’s exhilarating Paschal Gift to Him
—Of a New Humanity, of a NEW HUMAN SPIRIT— centering all of ours !
... To co-welcome with Jesus, Abba’s ultimate Ascensional Gift to Him
—Of the SPIRIT WHO UNITES all-that-is-human to all-that-is-Divine !
... To co-gift AS Jesus’ response — this self-same SPIRIT WHO UNITES,
To all Jesus’ co-indwelling sisters and brothers !
... To co-challenge with Jesus, the bad effects of society’s stark individualism,
By nurturing key Scriptures within our hearts.*

- ... *In focussing always on loving COMMUNALLY, IN Jesus,*
“Whatever you do to the least of these sisters and brothers of mine,
You do to me.” 2.
- ... *In focussing on GOD’S DREAM for us, not on our own limiting dreams,*
“Is anything TOO wonderful for God ?” 3.
- ... *In focussing on God’s DIVINELY-HUMAN solutions, IN Christ, for all our living,*
“I am God of all humanity : is anything impossible to me ?” 4.
“Nothing is impossible to God.” 5.
“For God, everything is possible.” 6.
- ... *In focussing finally, on how God’s giving, endlessly deluges our lives*
—Wholly surpassing any individual’s self-rewarding calculations :
“How precious is Your loving-kindness, O God ...
People are filled with the super-abundance of Your house
And you make them drink of the torrents of Your delights !” 7.

1. Poem 1344 of Year 23 of Prayer Ministry, ‘Viridian’ Brisbane, August 24, 2021.

2. Mt 25:40 3 Gn 18:14 4 Jr 32:27 5 Lk 1:38 6 Mt 19:26 7 Ps 36:7,8 (Grail)

Prayer Is the Spirit-Breath ¹

*To pray is to BE IN the surpassingly human, Ascended Jesus
— Joyously experiencing ... mutually BREATHING the Spirit with Abba.*

*For each of us, this Breath, this Spirit, IS, IN Jesus —
“The Spirit of Communing who comes from Abba
... Who I myself will send from my Abba.”*

2

*We, IN Jesus, rejoice in His wondrous intimacy with Abba
“As Abba sends me, so I AM sending you
... Delighting to BREATHE within you Our Gift ...
‘Receive, Our Holy Breath’*

3

—The TRUTH of who We are to Each Other !

*Easter Jesus’, and thus our, wondrous communing with Abba
... In Their Prayer of mutually breathing the Spirit within Each Other ...*

Resolves itself with divine simplicity :

For us, IN Jesus’ New Humanity —

It is Abba, as PRAY-ER,

Who breathes the Spirit into Jesus, and us.

It is Jesus Ascended, as PRAY-ER,

Who both RECEIVES the Spirit-Breath, FROM Abba, for us,

And with us, BREATHES the Spirit, through all humanity, TO Abba.

Wondrously ... it is the Spirit-Breath’s very Person

Who IS Prayer

... The very heart of Divine-human communing !

So ... to pray ... is to be stilled ...
Experiencing our breathing, AS prayer,
Thrilling to the Spirit-Breath
... Breathed forth, FROM Abba
... Breathed IN, within Jesus and us,
And adoringly breathed forth again through all humanity, TO Abba
— Two PRAY-ERS, One Prayer
... The Spirit-Breath,
Vivifying all who commune, all who BREATHE PRAYER.

1. Poem 1345. Year 23 of Prayer Ministry, 'Viridian' Brisbane, September 3rd 2021.

2. Cf Jn 15:26 (I.B.)

3. Cf Jn 20:21,22.

The ‘ Our Father’ ¹

When we say ‘Our’...

*We know we cannot keep our faith to ourself,
But are graced, ALWAYS, to share-it-with-others.*

When we say ‘Father’... ‘Abba’...

*We trust in Abba’s overflowing FAMILY love for us,
Assuring us, He always answers our heart-prayers
... Just as He unfailingly responded to Jesus’ open heart.*

When we say ‘who art in heaven’...

We’re asking Abba, to always draw us to the place, wherein, as Jesus says

– “If anyone loves Me ... Abba will love him,

And We shall come to him, and make Our home WITH him”. ²

*In this wondrous place of BELONGING, we always
... Seek Abba FIRST ... in everyone and in everything !*

When we say ‘hallowed be Your Name’...

We seek the grace, to be wholly OPEN :

To let Abba’s Goodness suffuse our lives

... So we can IDENTIFY, with Jesus Risen’s wondrously uplifted humanity !

When we say ‘Your Kingdom come’ ...

We long that Abba may fire our hearts,

To set the world ALIVE, with His Love

... And to commune with all-hearts-that-love, IN Christ !

When we say 'Your will be done' ...
We pledge ourselves to live Jesus' way-of-love
– *To BE HIM, through a life of sacrificial service.*

When we say 'on earth as it is in heaven' ...
We re-experience, IN Christ, Jesus' love of Abba
– *How to "wed all that's human, to all that is Divine"*
... Uplifting earth, IN His very Person, to heaven !
In doing so, we IN Christ, deepen our respect
For the earth – and ALL LIFE – as our partners.

When we say 'give us this day, our daily bread' ...
We yearn for the grace, to be wholly dependent on Abba :
To be whole-hearted, IN Jesus Risen, in our generosity,
To be nurtured with His Presence
... With whomever, and whatever, Abba graces us.

When we say 'forgive us our trespasses' ...
We come to co-experience, IN Christ
– *That we are at the heart of COMPASSION*
– *And that forgiveness ENSURES that Abba's grace, does not allow*
... The hurts, even the inhumanities , of our past
To shape or define our future,
... But re-shapes our humanity into that of His Risen Beloved.

When we say 'as we forgive them who trespass against us'...
We're asking Abba, to ENABLE us, to forgive others
— JUST AS JESUS DID on the Cross
... Hating what they've done, but loving them for who they are.

When we say 'lead us not into temptation'...
We cannot deliberately place ourselves in a time, or place,
Or in the company of specific people ... to POSSIBLY being tempted,
But, constantly seek to be led by the Spirit,
Through the intricacies of relationship, into SIMPLICITY OF HEART.

When we say 'but deliver us from evil'
We are slow to actively fight against evil, less we be ensnared
... But rather, we yearn to return to innocence of heart
— Through being Christ, to all around us
... Especially seeking to be "gentle and humble of heart"
— In the face of intentionally deceitful, and divisive spirits.

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1 Poem 1346. Year 24 of Prayer Ministry, 'Viridian' Brisbane September 13th 2021.

2 Jn 14:23 3 P.1080 - 2021 4 Matt 11:29

Jesus Prays for Us ¹

*‘ Lovingly and Lovable Abba,
Through Your Embrace of OUR Ascending Humanity
In-gathered ... en-peopled ... in My Person
... SUFFUSE all who co-indwell Me,
To truly experience CO-LIVING EACH OTHER’S LIVES OF LOVE
Within Me .*

*‘ O Beautiful, tender-hearted Dad to us all,
Grace each of My Sisters and Brothers
—As they deeply CO-EXPERIENCE each other in Me —
With that truly exquisite human gift, I so love
— Empathy .*

*‘ Abba, we deeply thank You for embracing us-as-Family
... Therein enabling us to GLORIFY You, in My Person !
Thus gifted, with hearts wholly open to each other, in Me,
They sing this Paschal Song to Me, Your Beloved —
“ Our woundedness becomes Yours : Your joys, ours .
In you now, we wholly experience each other’s feelings;
Together we now whole-heartedly love You
For being Brother to us,
For sharing Your very self ... Your Dad ... Your Spirit
With us !”*

God Begins and Enables All We Do ¹

*In every facet of our lives, we focus always on Abba's Face of Love
—Companioned by our co-indwelling Jesus, our Brother-God—
And ever sensitive to the promptings of the Spirit-Who-Enables,
... We focus on all that is of God.*

We are wholly guided by the HUMILITY of Jesus :

"I do nothing of myself."

²

Like Him in His humanity, WE can never decide to relate to God :

It is ALWAYS God who INITIATES all aspects

Of the Divine relationship, into which we are DRAWN

And, paradoxically, who CO-INITIATES, through grace, ALL of our responses !

Jesus simplifies this when He assures us ...

"Nobody can come to me, unless he is drawn by the Father "

³

We do not, because we cannot,

' Make our home in God',

Or 'CHOOSE to indwell Christ'

Or 'choose to establish a relationship with Abba'.

Rather, as Jesus loves to tell us ...

" My Father and I will come TO YOU,

And MAKE OUR HOME with you."

⁴

Similarly, when John states, “No one has ascended into heaven

... Except the One who descended from heaven

– The Son of Man who is in heaven !”

5

This clearly means that there are NOT multiple relationships

... Much less, countless individual-based relationships, with Abba .

There is but ONE, and one alone – that of Jesus, our Brother :

“Nobody can come to the Father, except THROUGH ME”.

6

This can only mean one radiantly clear path for all of us human beings :

To return to heaven, to Abba the God of Love, is to be IN Jesus Christ ,

Or, as Saint Paul tenderly puts it, is “To be FOUND IN Christ Jesus”.

7

Jesus Ascended alone IS our exodus,

Our passage, our Way, our Passover to God !

1 Poem 1348. Of Year 23 of Prayer Ministry, ‘Viridian’ Brisbane, September 10th 2021.

2. Jn 8:28

3. Jn 6:44

4. Cf Jn 14:23

5. Jn 3:13

6. Jn 14:6

7. Phil 3:8,9

Still Bleeding, Still Broken ¹

*Our Ascended Jesus, THROUGH us,
Is still bleeding, still broken, in our present age.
Day unto day, the life-blood of every Christian Community,
And of Christlike persons anywhere
– All their countless self-sacrifices for others –
Is poured out selflessly ... continually ...*

*In the same way Jesus' Body is still broken-for-others
... When we absorb the blows, the hurt, meant for others
–Replicating in our persons,
A shadowy trace of the Risen One's five glorious wounds .
Yes ! His Body-the-Church still suffers
–As Church members sacrifice much of their energy,
And, at times, their health and their very lives
... So others in the Community may flourish and live.
These members are graced, with the same sacrificial love,
Of humanity's now Risen Wounded Brother .*

Our God: Mystery Revealed ¹

*In the face of Mystery, our natural human response
Is to be open in heart and spirit, as was Jesus of Nazareth.
For Him, now, in His Risen Humanity, and for us IN Him,
Our Abba is “a God who (loves to) reveal mysteries”. ²
Truly, “THE Revealer of Mysteries” is NOT ‘a keeper of secrets’! ³*

*This God of Mystery is THUS, the God of Revelation
– Truly a God of Openness ... who yearns to reveal ALL-WHO-GOD-IS!
Moreover, because “God is love” we are assured ... ⁴
“Anyone who lives in love, lives in God, and God lives in him”. ⁵
Taken together, it is radiantly clear, that Christ’s gifts ...
Of deepest INTIMACY, and of CO-IDENTIFICATION,” “You in Me, and I in you”, ⁶
Flow from this REVELATION of Divine Mysteries
– As we are wondrously drawn, in Abba’s Ascensional Embrace, IN Christ!*

*Yes! We sense we are mysteriously LED, into a Trinity of Belonging
... From whom all life and love issue, and TO whom, revitalized by the Spirit,
We hope to return, ‘IN the Ascended One’! ⁷*

*HERE, the Three Persons LOVE to share Their Wondrous Communing, with us.
They do so, with Divine Freedom, awesomely REVEALING, in glimpses and fleeting feelings,
How the Marvellous Distinction of Persons, in God,
Is also Oneness in Life, Oneness in Love!*

*Wondrously, this Trinity of Loving Intimacy CENTERS all our loving IN Christ
– Assuring us that the revelation of “the Mystery, IS Christ-among-you ... Your hope of glory!” ⁸*

1 Poem 1350. Year 23 of Prayer Ministry, ‘Viridian’ Brisbane, September 17th 2021.

2 Dan 2:28, 3 Dan 2:47, 4 1Jn4:8b, 5 1Jn4:9, 6 Jn 14:20, 7 Cf Jn3:13, 8 Col1:27.

Our Deepening Experiences of God ¹

All human experiences of God, are GIFT-EXPERIENCES

... Always, without exception, co-initiated by God,

And, in every instance, freely offered to us by God, IN Christ.

Toddlers to eight year olds or so, sense that God loves them, one on one

... 'Just as my Mum and my Dad love to hug me.'

Nine to fifteen year olds or so, sense that God loves

'To hug us ... with a love that draws us together' ... generally feeling

That 'God yearns to be AMONG us, or more warmly, WITHIN us.'

Late teens and adults affirm, through faith, that 'God draws US PERSONALLY'

– To experience God as our Abba or Dad,

– To experience Jesus as our Brother-God, or companioning Friend,

– To experience our Spirit-God, as our Enabling, Togethering Presence.

Some adults, as they age-in-grace,

Joyfully, peacefully, experience God, as the twinned GIFT

Of a wondrous Distinction of Persons, sharing a Depthless Oneness of Love !

These adult GIFT-EXPERIENCES were firstly delighted in, by Jesus,

... And thus, by us-in-Him ... in His Risen Ascended Person .

Jesus' OWN name for God, "Abba", meaning "Pa" or "Dad"

– Biblically UNIQUE to Jesus, as a form of address –

Involves a radical depth of the tenderest familiarity and intimacy

– A relationship into which He invites all ... whom He co-indwells.

*The Jesus we pray 'TO' and 'IN' ... as the adorable, loving Son of Abba ...
Is always Jesus Ascended, ETERNALLY EMBRACED by a Most Loving Abba .
As such, Jesus PERSONIFIES all of our "New Humanity's" prayer, ²
... So that 'TO PRAY', we need "to be found IN Him" ³
– Living the very life, as Son, that ENLIVENS Him
– Co-identifying with Him ... as He co-initiates
All our decision-making AS HIS OWN
... The Beloved of Abba !*

1 Poem 1351. Year 23 of Prayer Ministry, 'Viridian' Brisbane, October 9th 2021.

2 Eph 2:15

3 Phil 3:9.

Loving to Teach ¹

We need to LOVE ...

What we teach, and whom we teach.

Teachers ought always strive to UNITE –

Our HEAD ... with its logical, analytical, and associative modes of thinking ...

With both our HEART ... with its flow of uplifting and energizing emotions ...

And our GUT ... with its ‘grounding’, centering passions, that empower .

The aim of teachers is to integrate these two realities

... Our HEAD and our HEART/GUT ...

Both within oneself, and within those we teach.

We need to integrate our love for what we teach

... Its rationale, connectedness, and purpose ...

With our love for those we teach

... Through the flow of OUR MUTUALIZING feelings.

The inner key to integrating these two realities

Is revealed in our humanity’s common, deeper experience of LOVE

... Wherein, we discover

That the PURPOSE of love ... is TO LOVE

... To bring people together

... To become one .

1 Poem 1352. Year 23 of Prayer Ministry, ‘Viridian’ Brisbane, October 29th 2021.

NOTE: Written for the author’s 9 Telstra mentors, all in their 20’s, all involved in gaining I.T. degrees (following his earlier purchase of his first smart-phone). Some then asked him for a reference, after he told them he had completed 1400 or so personality assessments for each of the prisoners he had taught, in his 15 + years of prison Self Knowledge and Relationship Courses.

Jesus' and Our New Human Spirits

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PART 1 ...OF A TRILOGY

Into the sorry state of humankind's natural human spirits

– *With their LIMITED capacity ... to indwell other spirits, and to do so for an extended time,*

Or to indwell several human spirits, simultaneously –

A man, Jesus of Nazareth, came among us, 2000 years ago.

He ENABLED us, to give ourselves WHOLLY to others, IN His “New Risen HUMANITY”²

... Wondrously enabling us, to CO-INDWELL all those others, whom He NOW indwells !

... Indeed enabling us to lovingly indwell many, IN Himself, without limit !

How did all this come about, through another HUMAN BEING, just like us ?

From Jesus' conception in Mary, to before His being RESURRECTED into New Life,

His human spirit was truly limited, like ours :

... “Living in the limitations of weakness”³

... “Tempted in every way that we are, but without sin”.⁴

And even though Jesus' human spirit was superlatively pure,

And wholly OPEN to His Abba-God,

He STILL remained “as all human beings are”.⁵

Moreover, while with the incomparable OPENNESS of His own spirit,

“He was well aware of what was in everyone's heart”...⁶

And while he was able to work miracles of love and healing

... Because of His closeness to Abba.

STILL, His spirit was constrained to INDWELLING

A small number of people, for a limited time .

Intentionally, He desired to indwell all hearts, all of the time !
However, Jesus' ordinary human capabilities and attention-span were limited :
He needed to sleep, to take time apart, to focus on people ... often one by one
– He was very obviously, our EARTHEN brother !

Uniquely, because His was a life lived wholly for others,
Jesus ... before Calvary ... took upon Himself, INTO His very Person
... All of our vulnerabilities, weaknesses, and sinfulness
... All that LIMITS our spirits from coming together, and staying together .
However, His utter GIVING-IN-DEATH wholly removed ALL-THAT-LIMITS His and our spirits
... To the point of extinction, through the death of His own old limited life !
What wondrous love Jesus has for us !

1 Poem 1353. Year 23 of Prayer Ministry, 'Viridian' Brisbane, November 1st 2021.

PART 1 only: 2 Eph 2:15(N.R.S.V.)

3 Heb 5:2

4 Heb 4:15

5 Phil 2:7

6 Jn 2:25(I.B.).

What changes occur to Jesus' and our, NEW HUMAN SPIRITS ?

Firstly, Abba's boundless LOVE for His Beloved's wondrous open-heartedness,

Itself, raised Jesus' humanity, out of death

– To Life Eternal, Life Unlimited, to the Boundlessness of Love ... WITH HIMSELF !

This raising of Jesus was NOT a return to His pre-Calvary life and body.

Abba's Life Unlimited, DIVINLY TRANSFORMED Jesus' very humanity

– Gifting it, with a Divinized NEW HUMAN SPIRIT, that is now totally inclusive of,

All human spirits, INDWELT by Jesus' Risen – and thereby enabled, to INDWELL HIM !

What a Wondrous Wedding of hearts and spirits !

It is OURS ... wholly by gift !

As such, "God's own Spirit joins our spirit, to declare

We are God's children" IN Christ ! ⁶

Remembering that "Whatever happens IN Christ, happens IN us" through GRACE, ⁷

We praise Abba, that Jesus in His New Humanity's spirit, in His Resurrected Person,

Wholly OPENS each spirit He indwells – all who live as He lives – to Life Unlimited !

Wholly drawing us, into His boundless New Human Life !

The wonder is

... Because Jesus indwells us, He thereby empowers us to indwell His spirit

... And thus to CO-INDWELL all those others, whom He indwells !

His is truly a COMMUNAL human spirit !

His is an ALL-INCLUSIVE spirit !

His is humankind's CENTERING spirit !

His is a WHOLLY EMPATHETIC spirit !

His is an ETERNAL humanity !

His is an ETERNAL 'SPIRIT-HOME' FOR ALL :

"Make your home in Me, AS I make Mine in you" ⁸

– All, CO-INDWELLING spirits !

Wondrously, our lovable and loving Risen and Ascended Jesus

Is also our PERSONIFIED PRAYER, uniting heaven with earth,

The Divine with the human .

Thus, to be IN-others, IN-Him ... to CO-INDWELL Him ...

Is to PRAY.

How wondrous is our New Humanity

In the Ascended Jesus' Eternal Humanity !

*What happens with Jesus' Risen Body ? What sort of BODY is it ?
While human spirits can live within, or indwell, each other ... bodies cannot.
However, Jesus' Paschal 'Easter' Body, His Risen Ascended Body CAN !
Saint Paul teaches that Jesus' Paschal Body is a "life-giving spirit",⁹
Such that His Body, is "a spiritual body"!¹⁰*

*Within the TRANSCENDENT JESUS, how does this Mystery unfold ?
Jesus' Risen Body ... while being capable of bearing Calvary's wounds,
And of being touched ... "Give me your hand; put it into my side",¹¹
And of eating ... "They offered Him a piece of grilled fish,
Which He took and ate before their eyes",¹²
And of offering it to the apostles ... "Come and have breakfast",¹³
STILL ... His Body acts also as-a-spirit !
Thus, He suddenly appears in the midst of the apostles
– "They were still talking ... when He Himself stood among them",¹⁴
And appears geographically, where He simply CHOOSES to appear
– "Go tell my BROTHERS, that they leave for Galilee: they will see me there".¹⁵*

*Thus Jesus' many 'appearances' are NOT NECESSARILY subject to either TIME or SPACE !
Ultimately, the Ascension itself is the clearest proof
That His, was a "heavenly", "imperishable", and "glorious" body that "embodies the spirit"!^{16, 17, 18, 19}
Yes Jesus is a wholly 'en-spirited' Person, in both His spirit and body!
And, AS the human focus of TRINITARIAN LOVE, ... most certainly, an 'en-Spirited' Person also !*

1 Poem 1353. Year 23 of Prayer Ministry, 'Viridian' Brisbane, November 4th 2021.

PART 3 only: 9 1Cor 15:45 10 1Cor 15:44 11 Jn 20:27 12 Lk 24:42,43

13 Jn 21:12 14 Lk 24:36 15 Mt 28:10 16 1Cor 15:40 17 V.42 18 V.43 19 1Cor15:44

Through Your Enabling Grace

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– MY 60 YEARS' RENEWAL OF VOWS–

O Joy-filled Trinity,

Abba, Jesus Ascended, Spirit of Love,

Through Your Enabling Grace :

I RENEW MY VOW OF POVERTY –

Wholly surrendering myself to You

... At every level of life,

Becoming ever more DEPENDENT on You

... As You INITIATE every movement of my heart

TOWARD You,

Every facet of our Communing Together.

I RENEW MY VOW OF CHASTITY –

Becoming ever more, IN Christ Jesus

... the sole Beloved of Abba

... the very apple of Abba's eye

–Sacrificing all other loves,

For His Enrapturing Embrace .

I RENEW MY VOW OF OBEDIENCE –

I OFFER my spirit to be transformed by Your Spirit

... Into and OPENNESS, to Abba's every desire

... Embracing every movement of Abba's Heart

–Expressed in the NEEDS of humanity

–Through Christ, Our Lord, AMEN.

The Human Spirit of the Risen Jesus ¹

On Easter Morning, before His Resurrection

... Jesus' body lies LIFELESS, yet is not subject to corruption

... And His HUMAN SPIRIT, as with all spirits, is not subject to time or space.

His spirit newly rejoices in co-indwelling the spirits of all those,

Since Adam and Eve ... WHO HAVE DIED AT PEACE WITH GOD.

To sense, HOW Jesus communes with these spirits, we return to His Incarnation :

On entering this world, Jesus " did not cling to His EQUALITY WITH GOD.

But EMPTIED Himself ... and became as all humans are." ²

For Jesus, this self-limiting reality,

– Of setting aside 'experiencing-Himself-as-Divine' –

Remained in place until the Moment of His BEING RAISED TO NEW LIFE, in the Resurrection.

Thus, in the short interval of time, after Calvary, and before being RAISED,

Jesus' human spirit was still NOT 'wholly unlimited'

... In OPENING TO other indwelling spirits .

While this Holy Saturday spirit of Jesus, no longer grew tired, nor was needful of sleep,

His human spirit's inclusiveness-of-other-spirits

Was still not Divinely universal :

... He still did not fully know Himself Divinely,

... Nor those He indwelt, in a Divinely universal way .

For Jesus, this self-limiting reality, prevailed

– Even, as a now disembodied spirit .

Then on Easter Morning , at sun-rise,
Abba, the Most Loving and Life-Giving of all fathers
Draws Jesus' WHOLE PERSON
... Human spirit and human body AS ONE ...
Into the Eternal Moment of Limitlessness
Into His Own Divinely Encompassing Embrace,
Into WHOLLY AND HUMANLY EXPERIENCING HIS DIVINITY !
In that Eternal Moment, Jesus' human spirit IS WHOLLY INCLUSIVE :
– Without regard to TIME ... across all history, simultaneously OPEN to all reality !
– Without regard to SPACE ... across all of the universe, OPEN to all spatial reality !
For us, WONDROUSLY, “ whatever happens to Jesus Risen, HAPPENS TO US !” ³

Jesus' NOW DIVINIZED human spirit
Is wholly transcended, and thus utterly transformed
– Becoming radically and surpassingly HUMAN
Limitlessly HUMAN !
And now, experientially ... Divinely HUMAN !
As with Him, so too with us, IN Christ !
This “ New Humanity” of His, is DIVINELY OPEN : ⁴
So too, all human spirits He co-indwells ...
Are open, with His Openness,
Open, with His Empathy,
Open, with His Compassion,
Open, with His Humility .

What wondrous Love, flowing forth from Abba's Heart, deluges us IN Christ !
– Enabling us to be GLORIOUSLY HUMAN, IN Christ !

Yes ! Jesus Risen and Ascended's HUMAN SPIRIT

Now CENTERS ALL human spirits

... So that all graced spirits

Come together AS ONE in Him

... One in Identity, one in Self-Surrender, one in Destiny .

Wondrously, Abba's and Jesus VERY OWN Divine Spirit of Love, enables this Oneness !

Thus, to co-indwell Jesus Risen and Ascended's CENTERING human spirit

Is to be IN His new surpassingly HUMAN, Divinely HUMAN, spirit

... As He CO-INITIATES every act of our love, WITH US

... And as He moves us to love all others, IN Him !

Ours, it is, also to CO-CELEBRATE every loving human act everywhere, WITH Jesus

– As His DESTINY, wondrously becomes ours :

As we co-indwell all loving human spirits

... All , joyously enfolded ' within Abba's arms'

All , suffused by the Divine Spirit of Love !

1 Poem 1355. Year 24 of Prayer Ministry, ' Viridian' Brisbane, February 2nd 2022.

2 Phil 2:6,7

3 Church Theological Axiom

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

Life Unsurpassable ¹

*IN Jesus' Risen Humanity there is no lingering TRACE of death
... No latent corruptibility ... no possibility of degeneration
– Within any fibre, within any molecule, of His New Humanity !
This destiny of His is also ours ... because, through grace
... In indwelling His New Divinized Humanity ...
We become AS HE IS !*

*His is a Body raised – RAISED TO LIFE IMMORTAL
... Elevated and ALIVE with New Life !
As Jesus Risen fountains forth this Life,
In all its glorious vitality ...
His timeless, spaceless New Humanity is, NOW, for us
The inexhaustible SOURCE of Life Unsurpassable !*

*And what is true of Life, is true of Light.
Through Love's grace, we are radiant with the unseen, utter brilliance
Of the Sun of Life ... that-never-sets !
Wondrously, Abba's Luminous Light
Radiates from the heart of His Beloved's Love-lit humanity
– The ultimate epicentre of all that is ALIVE !*

*We come to share this Life, with Jesus Ascended,
By being enabled IN Him, to LIVE HIS LIVE WITHIN OURS :
... Within the very flow, of our Divinized human feelings
... And within those PIVOTAL DESIRES, we express as DECISIONS – co-decisions with Him.*

From this Ascended Son of Earth
– THROUGH us, His co-indwelling sisters and brothers –
Jesus' Life-giving Brotherly love, for those 'of earth,' for us 'hum-ans,'
New deluges ALL LIFE with His !
Equally, our human spirits, RAISED WITH HIS
*... Are now sensitive, with His sensitivity, to everyone's emotions ...*²
Yearning to leave no person, unembraced .

1 Poem 1356. Year 24 of Prayer Ministry, 'Viridian' Brisbane, March 4th 2022.

2 Dictionary of Biblical Theology Page 500 : Lk 1:47, Jn 11:33, Jn 13:21, 2Cor 2:13...7...13

Arms Open to Embrace ¹

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*Our dying Jesus' arms, are OPEN in surrender, to Abba
... Hands uplifted, as "He GIVES Himself, for us" ²
... His ever-failing sisters and brothers.*

*Our Risen Jesus' arms, again OPEN, but now 'in thanksgiving' (eucharistoun)
... Hands upturned, as He RECEIVES Abba's GIFT
Of His "New Humanity" ³
– With a newly Divinized human spirit, and a newly "spiritualized" BODY! ⁴
TOGETHER, THESE 'CENTER' our spirits in His!
Together, they deluge our humanity with His own New Life ... as God's Beloved!
And deluge the whole biosphere, with new life!*

*Moreover, Jesus Ascending's human arms also OPEN – exhilarated to RECEIVE Abba's Embrace
... While deeply moving to embrace Abba in return, with human arms of love!
O! How wondrously good is Jesus' Abba:
To gift us ... His wholly loved, but incredibly short-sighted children ...
WITH A NEW HUMANITY IN JESUS!*

*Given Abba's unsurpassable generous GIFT, it is not at all surprising,
That we long ... that we ache ... to put our arms around
OUR LOVABLE ABBA.
Wondrously ... IN Jesus ... WE CAN!*

1 Poem 1357. Part 1, Year 24 of Prayer Ministry, 'Viridian' Brisbane, March 7th 2022.

2 Eph 5:2

3 Eph 2:15

4 1Cor 5.

Jesus' Risen Humanity Enables Ours ¹

Jesus, in His Risen HUMAN spirit and body,

Experiences Himself AS DIVINE.

Jesus' wholly functioning human body

Is, LIKE ours, ultimately "fashioned of dust from the soil", ²

And is capable of eating, walking with us, being touched, bearing wounds ;

Yet UNLIKE ours, NOW, it is paradoxically "a SPIRITUAL body"! ³

As such, Scripture acclaims His Risen Body –

As "imperishable" "glorious", "empowering", and "heavenly" ⁴

... In a word His is an 'en-Spirited' Body – OPENED BY THE SPIRIT TO THE DIVINE ! ⁵

As such, He can gather a people WITHIN Himself

... In a word, He 'enpeoples' Himself, ⁶

With all who desire to "LIVE HIS LIFE"! ⁷

In His Risen and Ascended Body, He is "the perfect man" ⁸

– So that His Body, like His human spirit, IS DIVINIZED !

In His Body, while fleetingly revealing His GLORY

... As in His being raised, and to Paul on the road to Damascus ...

Still, in other RISEN appearances, and even IN His Ascension,

Jesus is not transcendently radiant !

Nonetheless, He RESERVES His appearances, to His CHOSEN WITNESSES

– Showing His RISEN SELF to them, but "not to the world". ⁹

Truly, His is a "New Humanity" wholly spiritualized, ¹⁰

And as such, HE, is "a New Creation"! ¹¹

*While Christ Jesus, in His Risen and Ascended New Humanity,
Is, as Scripture indicates, NOT OBVIOUSLY glorious MOST of the time,
STILL, the faith of the early Church PROCLAIMS :
Jesus is “ the IMAGE of the invisible God” ! ¹²
And His Risen HUMANITY ... “ the very reflection of God’s Glory”! ¹³
And AS a human being, He is “the perfect copy of God’s nature”! ¹⁴*

1 Poem 1358. Year 24 of Prayer Ministry, ‘Viridian’, Brisbane, March 7th 2022.

2 Gen2:7 3 1Cor15:44 4 1Cor15:42-48 5 1Cor15:15-44 6 literal sense of 2Cor 5:8b

7 Cf Jn 15:4 8 Eph 4:13 9 Jn 14:22 10 Eph 2:15 11 2Cor 5:17 12 Col 1:5

13 Heb 1:3a (N.R.S.V.) 14 Heb 1:3b (J.B.)

Our Ascended Jesus' Centering Presence

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*To be alive, IN CHRIST,
Is to be within the Ascended Jesus' Centering Presence
– Both centering each single indwelling person's life,
And, at once, centering the spirits of "the many".*

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*If we are receptive to the special grace, when offered,
Each indwelling sister and brother
Can fleetingly, wondrously, SENSE
Our Risen Brother's Centering New Humanity
At the very heart of our suffering, our loneliness, even our disunity
... Yearning to unite us, in Himself.*

*For the compassionate Jesus, Risen and Ascended, to say
... 'No sister, no brother of Mine, should ever SUFFER ALONE' ...
Would come as no surprise .*

*Equally wondrously, His transformative, enlivening New Humanity ... so beloved of Abba ...
ENSURES that none "will ever REJOICE ALONE" !*

*Yes to be IN Christ, is to be tenderly enraptured
Within Life's ... within Love's ... Centering Presence
– The source of all humanity's joys, of all our loves !
It is to be enraptured within the PEACE
Of Three Persons as One .*