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Prayer : the Flow of the Paschal Mystery

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*All PRAYER is ... experienced as the FLOW
Of the Paschal Mystery ... between Christ and us .
This Mystery's four key events or faces,
Are four faces of God's Eternal Moment of Love :
... The face of Jesus' self-surrender in His DEATH, for us,
... The face of Resurrection – Abba raising Jesus, and us-in-Him, in His “New Humanity”,²
... The face of Ascension – Abba's Embrace of Jesus' and our, New Humanity,
... The face of the Gift of the Spirit – given WITHIN Abba's Embrace, to Jesus and us-in-Him .*

Jesus' and our CO-INDWELLING, ensures Jesus IS our Pasch, our Passover ;

*He so PERSONIFIES the Paschal Mystery
That, IN Him, we pass over from the death of our ‘ old self’,
To living Jesus' New Life, IN His New Humanity !*

*To be IN Christ thus,
Is to live out the Paschal Mystery*

Within Him :

“Indwelling Jesus, AS He indwells us”³

*Because each event, is centered within Jesus,
In His ‘ever-new’ Eternal Moment
– Each is for us also, a CENTERING experience
... Wherein we are drawn into the very heart
Of the Trinitarian Paschal Mystery,
With Jesus Risen as its HUMAN FOCUS !*

Moreover, with limitless generosity, the Trinity have given us

The Wondrous Gift of Eucharist

... As an external, sensate Memorial

– Wherein, we are ‘physically’ ENGAGED

By Their Paschal Presence

– Rendering the entire Paschal EXPERIENCE available

... Across all of time and space ...

To nourish our spirits and communities .

¹ *Poem 1360. Year 24 of Prayer Ministry, ‘Viridian’ Brisbane, April 3rd 2022.*

² *Eph 2:15 (N.R.S.V.)* ³ *Cf Jn 15:4*

To Co-indwell the Divine

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“What happens IN Jesus, Risen and Ascended, happens IN us .” ²

While Abba’s Divine Life WHOLLY enables

The Risen Jesus’ New Human Life,

It, wondrously, does not ABSORB it.

Rather, Abba’s Divine Life

... In wholly suffusing Jesus’ “New Humanity”... ³

Utterly honours the distinctiveness of Jesus’ New Human Life.

Abba, as He lovingly DELIGHTS in indwelling

His Beloved’s New Humanity ... even more wondrously,

Enables His Son’s COMMUNAL New Humanity ... enables us, IN Him ...

To co-indwell the Divine,

Such that “ then we shall KNOW, AS we are KNOWN ”. ⁴

In being so surpassingly HONOURED

... We can but marvel, in our humanity,

At Abba’s stunning uplifting of our humanity

IN Christ’s !

Glory to Abba

For wedding the Divine to the human

– IN Christ

... And thus, to us ...IN Him !

¹ Poem 1361, Year 24 of Prayer Ministry, ‘Viridian’ Brisbane, Easter Sunday, 2022.

² Traditional Church theological axiom, based on Jn.15:9

³ Eph 2:15 (N.R.S.V.)

⁴ Cf 1Cor 13:12c

Within Abba's Ascensional Embrace ¹

TWO MARVELLOUS REALITIES come to fulfilment

WITHIN Abba's Ascensional Embrace :

- Wondrously, the GIVING of the Holy Spirit to Jesus and to us;*
- And equally, all humanity's prayer BEING PERSONIFIED, in the Ascendant Jesus.*

Firstly, within His Ascensional Embrace, a 'Prodigal' Jesus ²

Is enfolded lovingly within Abba's arms and heart.

This is Abba's Homecoming Embrace of Jesus' "New Humanity". ³

Eagerly yearning to GIFT His Beloved on His return, with a Gift Divine,

Abba excitedly does so 'WITHIN this very Embrace':

Exhilarated for His part, Jesus with arms and heart OPEN WIDE,

Is limitlessly open to RECEIVE Abba's GIFT.

In this Moment, He "receives from Abba, the Promised Holy SPIRIT". ⁴

Then Jesus, our new "Brother"... without hesitation ... ⁵

"Pours out" this self-same SPIRIT on us, who indwells Him ^{6.7.}

– On us, His newly adopted "Brothers" and Sisters ! ⁸

Equally, experiencing 'What happens IN Christ ... happens in us, by GRACE', ⁹

... And because PRAYER is PERSONIFIED IN the homecoming Jesus ...

The LOCUS of all human praying IS, IN Jesus, 'WITHIN ABBA'S EMBRACE' !

Thus, wondrously, in our indwelling Jesus, we both RECEIVE and GIVE the Spirit

... IN Jesus, 'within Abba's Embrace'

... GIVING the Spirit — to any who live the Life, now, that Jesus lives,

And wondrously receiving the Spirit from them !

Thus, the epicentre of every single encounter, of every experience
Between the God of Love, and any of us,
Is IN Jesus ‘within HIS ASCENSIONAL EMBRACE’ !
HERE, our humanity is ever embraced by Abba.
IN Jesus Ascended, we are AT HOME IN GOD !
All of this is comprehensively and intensely so, for us, IN EUCHARIST .
As with all prayer, the focus for Eucharist is the Crucified Jesus
... Uplifted by Abba in His New Risen Humanity ...
To be wondrously present to us ... ‘WITHIN ABBA’S ASCENSIONAL EMBRACE’ !

1.Poem 1362. Year 24 of Prayer Ministry, ‘Viridian’ Brisbane, April 19 2022.

2.Lk 15:21 3. Eph 2:15 (N.R.S.V.) 4.Acts 2:33 5.Jn 20:17 6..Acts 2:33 7. Jn 15:4 8.Jn 20:17

9.Church Axiom, based on Jn.15:9

“Jesus, Be me ... Be us”

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O Jesus, in Your Ascended humanity

... Divinely liberated

Within Abba’s Embrace :

BE ME ... as I

- Walk down the stairs of a new day, to share coffee,*
- Puzzle through words of forgiveness, for my last night’s hubris,*
- Break into a sweat, on my afternoon’s exercise circuit ;*

BE ME ... as my ‘ spirit-heart’

- Opens to Abba’s Word, proclaimed within Your Community,*
- Uplifts others in their low self-worth, and in their anxiety,*
- Suffers ... empathizes with others, in their confusion, or hurt ;*

BE US ... as we

- Are drawn from being individuals ... into Your Centering Communal Presence,*
- Come alive within Your FAMILY ... co-indwelling You, WITHIN,*
- Celebrate our surrender, embodied “for” us, within Your Sacrifice ;* ²

BE US ... as You and we

- Contemplate together Your Centering Presence, in the twilight’s stillness,*
- Allow Your spirit’s peace to permeate, to suffuse our COMMUNAL spirit*
... as evening’s music, washes through us,
- Surrender to our Spirit-suffused layers of communing, as eyes close in sleep*
... Only to open within the deep OSMOSIS of Your Presence, revitalizing our spirits
... “Make your home in Me
As I make mine in you” ... ³

Old Testament Faces of God ¹

In the Old Testament we witness three main faces of God :-

Firstly – THE GOD WHO LIVES AND WHO IS LIFE :

Who creates and empowers ALL life,

Who is inclusive of all expressions of life,

Who enables and enhances all experiences of being ‘ alive’,

Who Eternally, from ‘ age to age’, is “ a LOVER OF LIFE” : ²

Within ALL of the above, God especially favours ISRAEL.

Secondly –THE GOD WHO SAVES :

Who heals, restores, regenerates the SPIRIT-BODIES of all,

Who renews, and re-vivifies what is life-limiting, within each and all,

Who makes whole, all that divides and alienates ... enabling all to BELONG,

Who fights for all, by combating all that is FALSE, DECEPTIVE AND SECRETIVE :

Within ALL of the above, God especially protects and rescues ISRAEL.

Thirdly – THE GOD WHO IS WITH ... AMONG ... WITHIN PEOPLE :

Who YEARNs ... to “pitch One’s tent” with One’s people,

... to “hold them within One’s heart”,

... to companion One’s people on their life-journey,

Who loves ... to shower One’s people WITH GIFTS for the journey :

... with the words and Law of God

... with leaders chosen by God

Who loves ... to accompany them with God’s own PRESENCE :

Within ALL of the above, Israel is God’s CHOSEN PEOPLE .

All these faces resolves into one, in the New Testament, in JESUS :

Jesus is the One who declares “I am the Resurrection and the Life”.³

Jesus is the One who SAVES ALL HUMANITY by his Death on the cross .

Jesus is the One who invites all to “Make your home in Me ...

As I make mine in you.”⁴

As for Israel, Jesus Himself, is the NEW ISRAEL, for those who live-as-He-did,

– Exteriorly, within His Church ... and interiorly, WITHIN HIS OWN PERSON.

All these encounters with Jesus ... are ‘within HIS ABBA’S ASCENSIONAL EMBRACE’.

1 Poem 1364, Year 24 of Prayer Ministry, ‘Viridian’ Brisbane, May 18th 2022.

2. Wis 11:26 3. Jn 11:25 (N.R.S.V.) 4. Jn 15:4 (J.B.)

Love Is Ever a Divine Gift ¹

Love is ever a GIFT :

— Not measured in ‘ trade-offs ’ ... or even measured at all !

Nor to be contested — as a possession

... Or as a duty ... or as a right .

Why? Because love is ever a GIFT — a MUTUAL GIFT :

Ever to be given, freely ... and freely received !

Ever to be embraced — with wonder !

Ever to be wholly surrendered

... To the other !

And ultimately, ever to involve self-sacrifice

... Mutual sacrifice of each one’s self, FOR the other !

Yet, love’s very mutuality

—Of loving so selflessly, so freely, so open-heartedly —

Is always ... wondrously surpassed !

How ? By love’s deep enabling Divine Presence, WITHIN !

This Centering Presence

Elevates all our human loving

To a Mysterious Divine Mutuality

—That is Wondrously Tri-Personal,

And limitlessly Intimate !

Why are most, almost completely unaware of this REALITY ?

Because most fail to ask for the GIFT OF FAITH,

And then fail to stay open to Love’s limitless generosity .

Spirit-Breath : Received and Given ¹

As it was with Easter Evening's Apostles
... *Jesus, Risen and Ascended, EVER "breathes" His Spirit-Breath*
Within OUR spirits
... *Accompanied by His words : "RECEIVE the Holy Spirit".* ²

As with the Tri-unity of Love
... *Wherein, 'WHATEVER IS RECEIVED IS GIVEN'...*
We, in response to the Ascended Jesus' Spirit-Gift ... are moved IN Christ,
To BREATHE this same Spirit of love within Jesus' very own,
And our very own ... Sisters and Brothers !

And while this Spirit is Someone-we-ever-await-and-welcome
... *Even during our sleeping,*
This Spirit of Abba and Jesus
Is both mysteriously PRESENT and ABSENT to us
— *Because the Spirit moves where and when the Spirit chooses !*

*While wondrously ever-companions us
In deepest Intimacy ...
Still ... as we experience the Spirit-Presence more intensely,
Very often the same Spirit WITHDRAWS, or “vanishes from our senses”.³
Amazingly, this Ever Initiating Spirit
Leaves us with NO SENSE
Of “where it comes from, or where it goes”:⁴
“Thus it is — with EVERYONE who is born of the Spirit !” adds Jesus.⁵
Yet, most marvellously, all this UNFOLDS,
Most intimately, within the realm of OUR spirit
—Because “what is born of the Spirit, is SPIRIT”.⁶
Thus, we truly experience Divine companionship ... but NEVER at our initiative !*

¹ Poem 1366 Year 24 of Prayer Ministry, ‘Viridian’ Brisbane, Pentecost Sunday, 2022.

² Jn 20:22,3 (N.R.S.V.) ³ Cf Lk 24:31 (N.R.S.V.) ⁴ Jn 3:8a (N.R.S.V.) ⁵ Jn 3:8b (N.R.S.V.)

⁶ Jn 3:6 (N.R.S.V.)

Prayer to the Indwelling Jesus

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*“Jesus, thanks for doing that simple kindness for my friend at lunch
— In me, AS me ... we’re one seamless act together !
Thanks also, for TWINNING my few words of comfort
To that teenager, at the bus-stop this afternoon
... With the same tone of compassion as mine — seamlessly as one !*

*“For Us to co-indwell thus,
... You in me Jesus and I in You ...
Is to experience Your Life of Divine Grace
Ever at work
Within both my spirit ... and within our spirit-community !*

*“Indeed, Jesus, You and I, You and we ...
Are AS ONE
... WITHIN ...
Whenever we co-choose, wherever we co-operate !
Moreover, we become ONE
— Within ALL those You lovingly indwell,
And within all, whom You embolden and enable to indwell You !
Yes Jesus — You, living Your Life within ours,
And we, living Your Life AS ours ...
Is the wondrously intimate legacy we can enjoy
— Because of the outpouring
Of Your Divine Generosity !”*

Give of Your Abundance ¹

Jesus : “ One’s life does NOT consist in the abundance of possessions.” Lk 12:15

All who live thus, as followers of Jesus, can ultimately claim, with the Psalmist —

“ The Lord Himself is my prize” ²

If this is you ... allow yourself to be challenged, by St. Basil the Great :—

“ KNOW—

That your extra, unneeded clothing, stored away in your rooms

— BELONGS TO the poorly clad, and the naked, of your community ;

That the superfluous food, piled up on your tables, and filling your cupboards

— BELONGS TO the undernourished and the hungry, of your and other communities ;

That your spare sleeping spaces, beds, and bedrooms, your unused buildings

— BELONG TO the homeless, refugees, “ and victims of domestic abuse”. ³

KNOW too, - ‘ that your spare cash, spare electronic devices, spare bikes and sports gear

— BELONG TO needy one-parent families, the poor and the down-and-out .’

Christ’s own challenge, “ Love one another AS I have loved you” surpasses all ⁴

... With the total gift of Himself, to His wholly needy Family .

Inspired by this, Basil’s CHALLENGE can be extended

... To all varieties of personal and spiritual ABUNDANCE :—

Organisational skills abundance,

Social contacts abundance,

Communication skills abundance,

Emotional support abundance,

Intellectual planning abundance,

Spiritual support abundance !

With all the above, and much more-like, unneeded real estate and inheritances

... and for those WHO POSSESS AN ABUNDANCE OF ANY KIND ...

St Basil the Great CHALLENGES us all —

“Those who fail to disperse their abundance

... Commit as many injustices

As there are people, who are IN NEED !”⁵

ASK Abba, Jesus, and the Spirit, who give wholly of Themselves, Eternally

— To ENABLE Your giving .

¹ Poem 1368. Year 24 of Prayer Ministry, ‘Viridian’ Brisbane, June 28, 2022.

² Ps 15:5 (Grail translation as P 16:5)

³ A precis of St Basil.

⁴ Jn 15:12

⁵ Any biography of St Basil.

Agents of God's Presence ¹

Drawn into Jesus Ascended, WITHIN Abba's Embrace,

Into Jesus' Eternal Self-Surrender FOR all others ...

We become agents of God's Presence : —

... Open to ANY person

Who opens their heart — to welcome love

To receive love, to offer love,

— And companion them to purify their love .

... Open to any person

Who've lost their confidence

Or even lost their way in life

— And BE brother or sister to them.

... Open to any person

Who is lonely or isolated,

Or who feels they don't belong

— And BE a companion to them,

BE a home for them .

... Open to ANY person

Who feels they are discriminated against,

Who longs for the Godlike presence

Of EQUALITY in their lives

—And invite them TO LIVE WITHIN

Abba, Jesus, and Their Spirit,

Three persons ALIVE in Each Other

... AS ONE !

Free Within Ourselves ¹

To be free within ourselves

I to share in the Risen Jesus' utter inner HUMAN OPENNESS to His Abba.

– So to facilitate our-making-choices-in-Jesus, that free oneself and others !

Being free IN Jesus is no longer to be subject

... To various inner compulsions or obsessions,

... Or to secret motives, and hidden agendas .

To enable such freedom, Christ's own Spirit moves us to deepen our self-honesty,

And to TREASURE Christ-like open-heartedness !

To deepen one's freedom, is to always treasure EQUALITY

... That radiance that flows forth, from our God's depthless Tri-Personal Unity .

Also, it is to avoid acting out of either low self-worth, or of a sense of superiority .

Thus, one can diminish one's freedom, by insistently pursuing the ESOTERIC .

More subtly, we ought NOT delight in complexity

... But to be truly simple in all things, and with all people .

To be free, we need to champion

That openness that comes with empathy ... Jesus' Risen human empathy .

And that comes with talking out our own feelings, consistently .

To be wholly free, is to be alive to treasuring EQUALITY, in its many expressions :

It is to put aside favouritism, jealousy, and double-standards ;

It is to challenge the insidious POWER of lust, greed and pride

... Which cause us to treat people unequally, or HYPOCRITICALLY .

Christ's human solution ? BE radically INCLUSIVE of all people and influences !

Above all, to be free and freeing, is to be humble, lovable and loving .

It is to affirm these Christ-qualities

In every one of our relationships — through our body language, emotions, and choices .

Yes ! To be actively humble, lovable and loving,

Is to BE CHRIST

... In any friendship ... in any space ... in any group ... at any time !

The Ascension : Homecoming of the Prodigal Jesus

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For You, Jesus, the Parable of the Prodigal Son

... *Wherein “the father RAN to the boy, CLASPED him in his arms,*

And KISSED him TENDERLY”... 2

Is for You, a central image of Your Ascension

... *Wherein, the son being affectionately EMBRACED, becomes a KEY FOCUS*

For Your own homecoming Ascension

– As Beloved Son, within the arms of Your Abba-God !

You Jesus, are that younger son

Who, burdened with sin ... ours ...

Also seeks to return to Your Abba’s encompassing EMBRACE

... To be “ clasped in his arms”. 3

It is You, Jesus, “ made sin for us”, 4

– History’s communal human being

Made communal Lamb of God, for us –

Who, after Your self-sacrificing journey

Into the DEATH of ‘ all-we-sinners-once-were’

Is wonderfully welcomed HOME

–As Beloved Son, within Your Abba-God’s arms !

You, again like the younger son,

Are welcomed back INTO the heart of the family :

–For You Jesus, both INTO Your Tri-Personal Family,

And INTO a family, gathered together, “ enpeopled within” 5

Your very Person !

Jesus, Your Abba-God's over flowing eagerness to welcome You

Is beautifully captured

In Your parable's single word "RAN"! ⁶

Similarly, Your own sense of wholly belonging to Your Abba,

And, of our belonging, as adoptees, to You

... Is stunningly captured in the words

Of Your parable "he clasped him in his arms"! ⁷

Then WONDROUSLY, Jesus, Your Abba's deepest desire

For FULL FAMILY INTIMACY

... With You, His Homecoming Ascended Son,

And with us, Your new Brothers and Sisters ...

Is gloriously revealed in the words,

"And kisses him" ... You ... "tenderly". ⁸

1. Poem 1371, Year 24 of Prayer Ministry, 'Viridian' Brisbane, July 14th 2022.

2. Lk 15:21 3. *ibid* 4. 2Cor 5:21 5. 2Cor 5:8 (literal translation from Greek) 6. Lk 15:21 7. *Ibid* 8. *ibid*

8. *ibid*

Jesus' Discovering of Our Humanity ¹

Abba's Dream FOR US, in the Incarnation ...
Sees Him inviting His Beloved Jesus
– Who “emptied Himself” ²
Of all that is EXPERIENTIALLY DIVINE —
To explore, progressively,
His own emerging humanity
... From babe, to child, to teen, to mature adult ...
And thus, to come to know OUR humanity, with us .

Profoundly responsive to ‘the promptings’
Of His Abba's Spirit of Revelation,
Jesus joyfully seeks to discover
... Both internally and externally ...
All that is EXPERIENTIALLY HUMAN .

His quest, a life-journey-of-discovery, is to EXPLORE THIS,
Not only within Himself
... Within His own feelings, imagery, thoughts and choices ...
But also, through lovingly resonating, day by day,
With the common humanity of us all .

As Church wisdom lovingly instructs us —
“Jesus could only save, what He became”. ³
Thus, for Him, to co-feel ... to co-experience ...
In a word, to co-identify with ... our HUMANITY,
—Became His centering LIFE-TIME PASSION AND LOVE !

His is en-spirited exploration

... A heart-to-heart communing, with every person He engages with .

It is a journey of enthralling VARIETY, but also of DEPTH

... Of HOW IT FEELS to experience being human — passionately .

Jesus especially opens His heart

To all that is humanly lovable, and loving !

What is NOT these ... He comes to know, BY CONTRAST,

But, more personally, through COMPASSION .

As our earthen brother

... Through the graces, available to all of Abba's earthen family ...

Jesus is able to discover, in a life-long quest,

Our common humanity's

... Goodness ... yearnings ... possibilities ... fears,

... Our tender depths ... our exalted destiny !

Having RISEN, Jesus, “ who knew nothing of sin” ⁴

—And who already possessed a profoundly open human spirit,

With a radiantly clear vision of human nature —

Was now enabled, not just to sense, but to ‘ embrace’ that Mystery

That CENTERS the communal heart of humanity

— Paradoxically located, from His Resurrection on,

Within His very own human spirit !

*It is within His Risen ‘spirit-spaciousness’,
That Jesus delightfully discovers that we humans, together-IN-Him,*

Wholly BELONG TO HIS ABBA-GOD

— All, in His very own Person !

Jesus’ response is to actively CHOOSE to welcome us

As His indwelling Sisters and Brothers .

As this Mystery unfolds, He explicitly invites us

... To “be at home in Me, AS I am in you”.⁵

In so doing, Jesus Himself IS the homecoming human centre

For all restless, human hearts !

This is especially and poignantly true

For hearts that are DE-HUMANIZED by sin :

“Come to me, all you who are over-burdened

... And I will give you REST

... For I am gentle and humble in heart.”⁶

1 Poem 1372. Year 24 of Prayer Ministry, ‘Viridian’ Brisbane, July 15th 2022.

2.Phil 2:7 3.Ancient Church saying. 4.2Cor 5:21 5 Jn 15:4 6Mt 11:28-9

Life's Core Focus - the Ascended Jesus ¹

*Before the Resurrection, Jesus' human spirit's CAPACITY for indwelling others,
Was not exempt from life's natural limits ... "Being as all people are"!* ²

With the Resurrection ...

Came Abba's gifting of Jesus with a "New Humanity" ³

– With a New Divinized HUMAN SPIRIT, and "en-spirited BODY"! ⁴

The Risen Jesus experiences a completely different INDWELLING REALITY!

Jesus now experiences indwelling us in a WHOLLY UNLIMITED way

– With NO constraints as to time, and space, and simultaneity .

Jesus experiences His 'new human spirit' as ... transcended ... Divinized!

The Resurrection also wholly enables all, wondrously indwelt by Christ

... To, incredibly, CO-INDWELL first Himself and then each other, IN Christ!

This wondrous CO-INDWELLING experience is, of course, totally gifted by Abba

– Enabling, each, and all, to indwell an UNLIMITED number of Christlike people,

Simultaneously across all of history, and in every place,

And to the extent, each is GRACED to do so, by the Spirit!

Through Abba's Gift, and the Unifying Power of the Spirit,

All CO-INDWELLERS ... Jesus, our self, other spirits ...

BECOME ONE NEW HUMAN REALITY

As all together, reveal the Face of Jesus' New Humanity !

As such, as St Paul teaches, we become "members ONE OF ANOTHER" ⁵

– Therein, "belonging to each other" IN Christ ! ⁶

Thus, all CO-INDWELLERS - of differing times and places – together ENJOY

That unity, that oneness of HEART, that oneness of SPIRIT

... So profoundly yearned for, by Jesus, as He opens His 'heart-spirit' to Abba :

"That they may be one, as We are one

... With Me in them, and You in Me !" ⁷

This FAMILY ONENESS of heart and spirit is no more radiantly evident

Than when an eager Abba RAISES Jesus' New Humanity, to Himself, in the Ascension .

Jesus Himself, on Easter Day becomes so utterly aware of us AS His Brothers and Sisters,

That, in sheer exhilaration, He exults to Mary Magdalene :

"Go and find the BROTHERS and tell them,

I AM ASCENDING TO MY ABBA ... AND YOUR ABBA !

TO MY GOD ... AND YOUR GOD !" ⁸

That Easter evening, in a closed room, the how Ascended Jesus

"Stood among them", gently announcing ⁹

"As Abba sent Me, so I AM SENDING You ..." ¹⁰

*BETWEEN Jesus' exulting with Mary at sunrise, and greeting the Apostles at sunset,
The Risen Jesus was wondrously drawn INTO THE GLORIOUS HOMECOMING EMBRACE*

Of Abba, the fondest of fathers

Who " clasped Him in His arms, and kissed Him tenderly". ¹¹

Thus, IN Jesus, our homecoming humanity is Eternally EMBRACED !

This EMBRACE is humankind's CORE experience of being intimately UNITED

To our most tender loving and lovable God .

It is our experience, IN Christ, ... of the depthless communing

... That is possible " without ceasing", with our Abba-God . ¹²

It is Abba's and Jesus' OWN SPIRIT who joyfully ENABLES

The very Ascensional Embrace that They share with Each Other

... And also with us, the co-indwellers IN Jesus' Ascension .

As a WONDER WITHIN WONDERS

– Still within Abba's tender Embrace –

Jesus IS OVERWHELMED

... Even as our world's " New Man" ... ¹³

BY ABBA'S SUPREME ASCENSIONAL GIFT

– THE SPIRIT OF LOVE-WHO-UNITES !

JESUS ASCENDING'S response, is immediate !

OUR BROTHER WHOLLY DESIRES TO SHARE ABBA'S WONDROUS GIFT

With His Apostles and us !

OUTWARDLY, *on that same day, in Easter evening's supper room*

To His Apostles, and thus us,

“JESUS BREATHES ON THEM” *while saying*

“RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT.” ¹⁴

INWARDLY, *as CO-INDWELLING “members one of another” IN Him,* ¹⁵

Jesus' GIFT, BECOMES OUR GIFT

– *That very same ‘SPIRIT-GIFT’ HE HIMSELF RECEIVED*

... *THE VERY SPIRIT OF LOVE*

WHO UNITES

ABBA, AND ... His ASCENDING SELF!

Truly ... We “disciples are FILLED WITH JOY

AND THE HOLY SPIRIT”! ¹⁶

1 *Poem 1373. Year 24 of Prayer Ministry, ‘Viridian’ Brisbane, July 17th 2022.*

2. *Phil 2:7* 3. *Eph 2:15* 4. *1Cor 15:44* 5. *Rom 12:5 (N.R.S.V.)* 6. *IBID(J.B.)* 7. *Jn 17:22* 8. *Jn20:17b*

9. *Jn 20:20* 10. *Jn 20:21* 11. *Lk 15:21* 12. *Lk 18:1 (J.B.FR)* 13. *Eph 2:15* 14. *Jn 20:22*

15. *Rom 12:5 (N.R.S.V.)* 16. *Acts 13:52*

The Homecoming Journey of Human Hearts ¹

*The homecoming journey of human hearts
INTO the Centering Humanity of the Risen Jesus
Unsurprisingly leads to the Cross ... through death ... and ultimately
To Abba's Embrace of our humanity, IN Christ, in His Ascension .*

*As Jesus hangs between heaven and earth, on 'our' cross,
He lovingly COMPANIONS us
Even through the most horrific and extreme human ordeals .
Our earthly brother, as humanity's 'sole volunteer'
Is alone, naked, and reduced to helplessness,
... Carrying the burden of humanity's ultimate sin
— 'Of PRIORITIZING SELF : before God, and before others' .*

*Ultimately, in His movement of surrendering-all-for-us
... "Into Your hands, I entrust my-our spirit" ²
Jesus finds Himself, and us IN Him, within Abba's Ascensional Embrace
— AS GOD'S BELOVED !*

*The Divine Irony, for Jesus
... Who selflessly gave His life, in a loving quest
To become WHOLLY HUMAN with us ...
Is that Abba's overflowing love for His Beloved
— Ensures OUR HUMANITY IS DIVINIZED, wholly experientially, IN HIMSELF !*

RAISED UP, in His Resurrection AS our Eternalized earthen brother,
And raised to become a “New Humanity ... for us,”³
Jesus is now personally “ENPEOPLED”⁴
With countless adopted Sisters and Brothers, indwelling Him .
This new family of His,
Is enabled to be DRAWN into the very heart
Of God’s OWN TRI-PERSONAL LIFE OF LOVE, IN Himself !

The Divine Family is thus OUR HUMAN DESTINY :
OURS IT IS ... to ‘sit down at table’ with our Abba-God,
... Who through our Spirit-God,
Weds all that is human
To all that is Divine !

Our Eternally ‘wounded’ Brother-God
Becomes the HOME, to whom all prodigal humans return .
He sacrificed His life ... so that we, His Family
Can be at home, IN Him, IN Abba’s Arms
... With Their Spirit ensuring, that we
Have ‘SOMEONE TO BELONG TO’
— Jesus Ascended
... The BEST of all humans
— Because ... He surrendered wholly to the Divine !

1 Poem 1374. Year 24 of Prayer Ministry, ‘Viridian’ Brisbane, July 18th 2022.

2. Lk 22:46

3. Eph 2:15

4. Literal translation. 2 Cor 5:8

At Home ... In Abba's Arms ¹

*Your teach us, Risen Ascended Jesus,
That “no one can come to Me, unless DRAWN by Abba”. ²
So Jesus, JUST AS YOU ARE UPLIFTED TO ABBA,
In Your Eternal Resurrection and Ascension,
So, for all whom You enable to co-indwell You ...
Every breath, emotion, thought, image, choice, and action of THEIRS,
Is wondrously uplifted to Abba, IN Your Risen Ascended humanity !*

*Also, while You remind us that “Apart from Me, you can do nothing”, ... ³
You choose to wondrously live out Your Paschal Life, IN us.
For this, we are ceaselessly thankful, that, actively ENABLED by You within,
Even our smallest action, awake or asleep,
Every movement of our heart,
Is INITIATED by You, our new Risen Prodigal Brother !*

*Yes, Jesus, You are Abba's Prodigal Son,
Who was “made sin for us”. ⁴
And You Abba, are this Prodigal's Father, who is deepest love,
“Runs, puts His arms around Him. And kisses Him”. ⁵*

*So, Risen Jesus, our Prodigal Brother
We need always “to be found IN” You : ⁶
Because it is ONLY FOR You ... and for us IN You ...
That our tender-hearted Abba, opens wide His Arms
To enfold You, and us,
In His Wondrous Homecoming Embrace !*

¹Poem 1375. Year 24 of Prayer Ministry, 'Viridian' Brisbane, July 20th 2022.

²Jn 6:44(N.R.S.V.)

³Jn 15:5 (N.R.S.V.)

⁴2Cor 5:

⁵2Cor 5:21

⁶Phil 3:9

Abba's Dream, Jesus' Song, Spirit's Rhythm ¹

O Abba, in Your Dream for us, Your Risen Beloved comes ALIVE within us !

In His New Humanity, His ' Song of Ascension' SUMMONS US

To be EMBRACED AS Your ' Beloved Prodigal Son',

And together, to EMBRACE YOU, in response .

So as Jesus Ascended embraces ABBA, in His arms, in response,

We in Him, extend OUR arms — to encompass You, our Abba-God !

What a WONDROUS GIFT is ours !

In that very Moment ... mysteriously ... marvellously ...

We find ourselves ... wholly WITHIN Abba :

For His Embrace is total — wholly encompassing us

IN Jesus, IN Their Spirit of Belonging !

ABBA, Your continuing Embrace of Jesus, and of us, through time,

Causes our lives TO RESONATE with Your Spirit's RHYTHMS :

... With slow centering waves, of deepest calm, in Your Presence

... With uplifts of joy and surprise, as Love's Mystery unfolds WITHIN

... As jarring pulses of anger, angst and fear — lay bare our deep NEEDS

... As Your 'breathing' rhythms of peaceful trust reveal the depths of Your care.

Abba, may Your Spirit's Rhythm produce TUNES

That capture the daily unfolding of this flow of our emotions

— So they can HARMONIZE with Jesus' Ascension Song,

Amplifying the exhilaration of OUR New Humanity ... IN HIS !

*Unsurprisingly, these rhythmic ACCOMPANIMENTS of the Spirit
MOVE Jesus' New Eastered human spirit, to ROUSE our deep, CORE emotions
– Drawing them to move in sync, with HIS !
So deep is His New Humanity's JOY, so deep His Brotherly LOVE ... our spirits SOAR !
Humbly, we experience Jesus' own OVERTLY DIVINIZED human empathy
... Drawing Him to harmonize all our emotions WITH HIS !
What a wonderful Brother He is !*

Kissing Abba, IN Jesus Ascended ¹

Within the mutual Embrace between Abba and His Ascended Beloved,

There's a more Wondrous Gifting still !

It's a Gift far beyond the Glory of Creation's UNFOLDING

– A Gift that gloriously COMPLETES the Incarnation's outpouring of love :

It is Abba's and the Ascended Jesus' Divinely Mutual KISS, the SPIRIT !

– The Kiss uniting earth to Heaven, the Kiss wedding Humanity to God !

In Christ Ascended, we are KISSED by Abba ... AS the Spirit-Kiss !

And IN His Beloved, WE KISS GOD ... AS the Spirit-Kiss !

This Spirit-Kiss is Life's ULTIMATE EXCHANGE OF LOVE :

' Between

Our Abba-god and our Brother-God

– Is our Spirit-God ',

Mutually Breathed FORTH ...

And mutually Breathed WITHIN ...

It is THE ETERNAL KISS

Between our Divine Abba and our Divinely Human Jesus

... Mutually exchanging Their Divine Breath

– Each breathing Their Whole Being into the Other !

Thus, in this Kiss ...

Our humanity, IN Christ, is drawn into the Inner Life of God

– Into Their Tri-Personal Communing !

*This Spirit-Kiss is a God burst of Love
Within our New Humanity, IN Christ !
In time, it has a beginning, in the Paschal Mystery;
In Eternity, it is without end .
This Kiss is the Eternal Exchange of Love
Wherein ... we humans are kissed by God, IN Christ
And IN Christ, are able to kiss God !
O What a Gift is this Spirit-Kiss !*

‘Renewed by a Spiritual Revolution’ (Eph 4:23) ¹

Because Jesus Risen’s human spirit was Divinized ... wholly opened to the Divine,

It was universalized ... opened to all other human spirits .

As such, it is free from all constraints of time and space,

And, limitlessly available, as Indwelling Presence, to all !

His human spirit is the single CENTERING Presence for all humanity

– For everyone, everywhere, across all of history ... thus IN Eternity .

In being able to INDWELL all persons, world-wide simultaneously,

Jesus becomes humanity’s UNIVERSAL spirit, gathering all within His !

Simultaneously, in the Eternal Moment of Abba’s and His, Mutual Ascensional Embrace ...

We are enabled, all and each ...

To WONDROUSLY CO-INDWELL His New Humanity’s human spirit,

– As well as CO-INDWELLING all other human spirits, IN Him !

What a wholly unifying HUMAN PRESENCE, Jesus’ spirit is !

Indeed, to co-indwell Jesus, and thus others,

Enables us to CO-IDENTIFY with Him, and with others.

Furthermore, it enables HIM to CO-INITIATE

Every movement of our hearts, with His !

Also, His spirit moves our deeply, into the CO-CONSCIOUSNESS

... Of “having that mind in us, that is IN Christ Jesus”! ²

*Truly, wondrously, our GRACED human spirits
Enable us to become ONE-WITH-EACH-OTHER, IN Christ Jesus
... Such that, we surrender our identity – and take on Christ's!
Or, in St Paul's words "I live now, not with my own life,
But with the life of Christ, who lives in me!"³*

*Thus, all who share in the Risen Jesus' new human spirit,
... Who identify with His New Humanity ...
Are "renewed by a spiritual revolution
So that we can put on a new self!"⁴*

¹ Poem 1378. Year 24 of Prayer Ministry, 'Viridian' Brisbane, July 28th 2022.

² 1Cor2:16

³ Gal2:20

⁴ Eph 4:23,24.

Wholly Identifying with Jesus Ascended ¹

If honoured with the grace of co-indwelling,

Our spirits can experience being wholly SUFFUSED

With the Ascended Jesus' Brotherly Presence :

“There is ONLY Christ ; He is everything,

And He is in everything .” ²

Thus, our destiny, possible NOW by grace, is to IDENTIFY with Jesus Ascended

– Being IN Him, in the Moment of His Ascensional Embrace by Abba !

And in Him, in His Mutual Embrace of Abba, in response !

In this Moment, Jesus longs to, and can NOW, share and delight in

... Everything we feel, think, do and say :

In every shimmer of our body, in every glimmer of our spirits !

Even our very body-language can become that of Jesus

... As, minute by minute, He identifies WITH US

And in response, we identify with Him !

Thus every subtle love-touched moment of both our spirits,

Can be CO-EXPERIENCED !

The near continual flow of our emotions, even in sleep

– AS WE LIVE WITHIN HIM –

Freely flows FROM and TO Jesus : Himself WITHIN Abba's Embrace !

Wondrously,

EVERY aspect of our relating to others

IS CHRISTENED by His Presence :

From communing with ‘ the many’, to being intimate with the few.

... To partnering creation continuously, IN Him, our Cosmic Saviour .

*When we shake hands, it is Jesus' hand they hold;
When we dress a leg wound, the hands are those of Jesus;
When we sooth an anxious spirit, it is His healing words;
When we lean to kiss a warm-hearted friend, it is His lips.
So encompassing is the Risen Jesus' Presence in our lives,
We, with St Paul, can now feel wholly empowered
"To take our place in the Resurrection"! ³
Yet ALL IS GIFT — a stunning utterly undeserved share
In His new, glorious humanity, EVER EMBRACED by Abba !*

*Marvellously, we live IN our Ascended Brother
As in an essentially COMMUNAL PERSON
—Living IN all other indwellers, IN Him !
We live, in exquisite warm-hearted unity, IN Him .
We live, as DISTINCT, but not as separate, indwelling persons
—Profoundly ... indeed Divinely ... united to Him
IN His, and our, "New Humanity"! ⁴*

*The wonder of Jesus, Risen and Ascended, WITHIN ...
Is that, when we are drawn into His friendship and brothering ,
What we experience is beyond the PERSONAL :
We feel this pervasive sense of it being Tri-Personal
—The sense of Abba's Embracing Presence, ...
And of the Enabling Togethering Presence
Of Their Spirit of Love,
Within all .*

1 Poem 1379 Year 24 of Prayer Ministry, 'Viridian' Brisbane, August 1st 2022.

2. Col 3:11

3. Phil 3:11

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

