

Connecting New

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Once again it is my pleasure to share a basket of short poems. If you have a favorite among these, please let me know which it is.

Companions

She gave her spiritual guide
directions to the bakery,
both leading the other
on the pathway to goodness.

Evident

As clear as it is that a child
shares characteristics with her birth parents,
it is even more evident that
each of us exists in union with God.

Grateful But

Consolation woke me again
tears on my pillow
a poem is bubbling up
feeling deeply grateful and connected.
Dear One, you know I appreciate this gift,
but it's 3:30 am and I need my sleep.

Guilty

She asked, "How can I love him?"
not really wanting to know the answer
but feeling a bit better for having asked.
And I realized that we are not so different after all.

Held

When I hold her in prayer,
it's in my arms, in our bed,
while she rests in safety,
and together we relax into God.

Holy Communion

When church is real,
our bodies are the food of Eucharist
and the consecrated bread and wine
are but the appetizer.

Mirror

Like checking myself
in a mirror
I gaze upon her
and find reassurance

More Generous

I parked myself under a tree and waited for God.
The response was more generous than I expected.
God never showed.

Season

It's the time of year when
people are dropping like flies
left and right
near and with degrees of separation
come closer Sister Death if you wish
I am ready for you

Teacher

With full, dark lips
he tasted my tears
and taught me
how to receive
and how to give
compassion

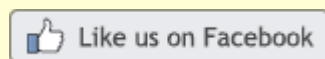
Think About It

If we acted toward our lover or best friend
the way we act toward Jesus,
how deep would that relationship be?
Wouldn't you rather be known than praised?
Wouldn't you rather share a picnic
than read her newsfeed?
Think about it.

Union

Union with God is not a thought for our mind to contain,
a feeling for our heart to hold,
or a visual for our imagination to conjure.
Union with God is the reality to be claimed and lived.

Peace and Blessings,
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