

Connecting New

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Lent is here once more, so once more we are invited to receive what Lent offers. But what is that exactly, and doesn't our answer to that question influence what we may receive? One answer is that we are invited into deeper, more authentic relationship with Jesus. Our experience of who Jesus is factors tremendously into that relationship. This month, I share two poems that explore the person of Jesus and our relationship with him.

Heretic

With crocodile tears in his eyes
he watched as the crowds rejected his precious gift,
avoidance disguised in the form of praise and worship,
misunderstanding shame and self-deprecation
as humility rather than denial.

Peter and Paul also raised friends from the dead.
The woman with the hemorrhage was saved by her faith
not the energy that flowed through Jesus.

To fully claim our union with God is the pathway
and to live in authentic communion with all
is what Jesus prayed we remember.

Could it be that Jesus' mission was to demonstrate
that humans already are possessed by God's Spirit?
Could it be that the most we can accept is that
we are called to love, ignoring that love is God's Spirit
moving in the part of the spectrum our hearts tolerate seeing?

To truly accept the message of Jesus is to accept
complete transformation into what we cannot yet know.
May we go there, with God's help.

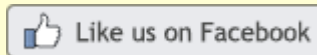
When Love Comes

When love comes...
I am ready,
I am open,
I am energetic and responsive,
I am moved to tears and to action,
I am moved to generosity and connection.

When love comes...
I am ready...
but when I'm not,
you are patient.

This Lent may each of us receive what God is offering.

Peace and Blessings,
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