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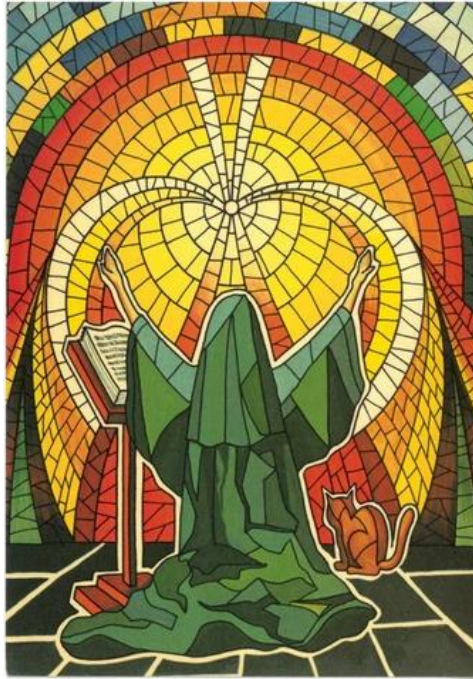


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## *Revelations of Divine Love*

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*Prayer ones the soul to God....*

*I saw that His continual working in all manner of things is done  
so goodly, so wisely, and so mightily,  
that it overpasses all our imagining,  
and all that we can hope and think.*

*And then we can do no more but behold Him,  
enjoying, with a high, mighty desire to be all oned unto Him  
— centered to His dwelling —  
and rejoice in His loving  
and delight in His goodness.*

Julian of Norwich 14<sup>th</sup> Century

Being Still

Resting in Presence

*The Lord abides with you.  
Only be still, only be still.  
Believe and you will see.  
Only be still, only be still.  
Though fears and doubts surround,  
Just wait on holy ground.  
For God is all around,  
Only be still, only be still.*

*“Only Be Still”*

Listening to Julian

*Revelations of Divine Love, chapter 56*

*God is nearer to us than our own soul, for He is the ground in whom our soul stands, and He is the mean that keeps the substance and the sensuality to God so that they shall never depart. For our soul sits in God in true rest, and our soul stands in God in true strength, and our soul is kindly rooted in God in endless love. And therefore, if we will have knowledge of our soul and communion and discourse with it, it behooves us to seek into our Lord God in whom it is enclosed.*

Finding Our Roots in God

***“Let Mystery Live in You”***

*Let mystery live in you.  
Be content to be in the unknown.  
God is greater than all you see.  
Let mystery live, let mystery live,  
Let mystery live in you.*

*Let mystery live in you.  
Let your questions come guide you along.  
Love sees more than the mind can know.  
Let mystery live, let mystery live,  
Let mystery live in you.*

*Let mystery in you.  
As you wander a path you can't see.  
You cannot journey outside of God.  
Let mystery live, let mystery live,  
Let mystery live in you.*

Becoming One in Love

***Ephesians 3:16-19***

*I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

Reprise

***“Let Mystery Live in You”***

Listening to Julian

*Revelations of Divine Love, chapter 58*

*And when He would, by full accord of all the Trinity, He made us all at once; and in our making He knit us and oned us to Himself: by which oneing we are kept as clear and as noble as we were made. By the virtue of the same precious oneing, we love our Maker and seek Him, praise Him and thank Him, and endlessly enjoy Him. And this is the work which is wrought continually in every soul that shall be saved: which is the Godly Will aforesaid. And thus in our making, God, Almighty, is our Nature's Father; and God, All-Wisdom, is our Nature's Mother; with the Love and the Goodness of the Holy Spirit: which is all one God, one Lord. And in the knitting and the oneing He is our Very, True Spouse, and we His loved Wife, His Fair Maiden: with which Wife He is never displeased. For He saith: I love thee and thou lovest me, and our love shall never be divided in two.*

## Meditation

### Finding Our Rest in God

*Everything belongs.  
All the broken pieces,  
The hurts that will not heal,  
The scars that will not fade.  
God will hold them all.  
Cherish them and love them.  
Nurture and restore them,  
Until we are complete.*

*“Everything Belongs”*

*Everything belongs, for God is in all things.  
We abide in him and he in us.  
Goodness, wisdom, love, enfolding all we are.  
Every hurt is held by him for everything belongs.*

### Prayer of the Heart

Contemplative Prayer is sometimes called the Prayer of the Heart. We turn our attention towards the physical region of our heart. From this place, we breathe deeply and pray. If it helps, use a sacred word to help you descend into the place of the heart and stay there in silence (such as Love, Peace, Beloved, Abba, Jesus, or Spirit) or a breath prayer, such as: “I am one” (*inhale*) “with You” (*exhale*). If a thought, feeling, or sensation takes you away from this interior place, don’t “cling” to it – simply and gently let it go by returning to your heart with the aid of your sacred word or breath prayer. In this way, we become more open and receptive to Divine Love.

## Communion

### Revelations of Divine Love



### Worship Response

Today @ 10:00 a.m. | The Anchor House

*Join us in The Anchor House as we reflect on the themes of today’s service, what arose for us, and what questions we have.*

### Pentecost Brunch Community Gathering

Sunday, May 28 @ 10:00 p.m. | The Anchor House

*Join us for a special community gathering after worship to celebrate Pentecost Sunday. We invite you to bring your favorite red, orange, or yellow dish to share with the community in honor of Pentecost. The Anchor House will be open before worship for folks to come place their dishes. You will also hear more about our summer offerings.*

## “Saints & Pilgrims: A Pilgrimage along the Coast of East England”

October 16-27, 2023

*Journey in the footsteps of medieval British saints and pilgrims along the eastern coast of England. There are three primary anchor pilgrimage sites and saints: Julian of Norwich, Hilda of Whitby, and Cuthbert of Lindisfarne. Along the way we will also visit the Shrine of Our Lady in the town of Walsingham (which was a major pilgrimage site in the medieval period); Rievaulx Abbey, home of St. Aelred; and Durham Cathedral. We conclude our pilgrimage in Edinburgh. This contemplative pilgrimage will be an opportunity to deepen your spirituality through exploring the literary texts as well as the historical contexts of these great British saints of medieval Christianity. To reserve a spot please see Michael or Peter for a Registration Form, the deposit is \$300. For more information go to [www.thecenterfcs.org/pilgrimage](http://www.thecenterfcs.org/pilgrimage).*

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