

Lenten Beholdings with Julian of Norwich
Enclosed Eternally



It is I. It is I.
It is I you love.
It is I you like.
It is I you serve.
It is I you long for. It is I you desire.
It is I who gives you meaning.
It is I who is all.

- ❖ As we hear these luminous words, “It is I” whispered in the silence of our heart, our crucified Beloved, Christ our mother, wants us to have “a true knowing of himself that he is being.” He thirsts for us to have “*a true knowing in himself*”, a true knowing from our oneness in Christ’s Self that “he is being”. Beloved Christ longs for our understanding to be grounded in the ground of our crucified Beloved, with “all our might, and all our intent, and all our meaning.”
- ❖ Beloved Christ desires for us to make our home, our *wonning*, our dwelling in him, to attend to the *wonning*, and to enjoy the loving.
- ❖ With these trustworthy words of love, “It is I”, whispered in our hearts, we gather again this week, as simple souls, nakedly, fully and homely. Gently, yet intently, we turn into the ground of our heart and awaken the soft penetrating gaze of the eye of our heart. We enter into the timelessness of beholding, to be - hold, to be and to hold, to become beholding.
- ❖ Lovingly and joyfully, Christ “stirs us to pray”, drawing us with “special grace” to “plainly behold” from our oneing in him. Sensitively, we hold our hearts open to each other, and to our planet, as Love draws us deeper, into the intimacy and intensity of the oneing of all things in Christ, our “I”, the subject, the centre, of our being.
- ❖ We feel ourselves drawn deeper into the rhythm of a loving, noughting and oneing, emptying ourselves of all illusions, all conceptualisations, as we continuously pour out our heart in love.
- ❖ Words of love, of intimacy, of oneness, draw us to silence and stillness, as the Beloved whispers in the silence of our souls “I am ground”. “Pray me”.
- ❖ “I am ground” draws us back to our original knitting and oneness in Christ our mother. We sense how we are “knit to God in our making by a knot so subtle and mighty we are oned into God.” Delicately, we feel the knitting and oneing in this love knot, this infusing of Christ Self.
- ❖ Our oneing in Christ awakens us to how we are made and kept in our Father, for the Father made us and keeps us in him. We touch how we participate in the deep wisdom of the Trinity our Mother, and sense how we are enclosed in Christ our mother. And we feel how we are enclosed in the high goodness of the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ Reciprocally, we touch, sense, feel how our Father is enclosed in us, the Son is enclosed in us, and the Holy Spirit is enclosed in us, all might, all wisdom, one God. We feel the enfolding, enveloping, enclosing, encompassing, encircling relationality of being in one another, closed and enclosed. We sense the oneing and the ongoing interpenetration and exchange of love throughout the cosmos. In this en-closing Trinitarian love we know “all shall be well”. We pour out wellness to our beautiful world.

Blessings of love, Kerrie Hide

¹ Imagery is from *A Showing of Love* introductory revelation, the fourteenth revelation and the Westminster text.