

Wisdom's Eucharist

Much of the wisdom literature is beautifully poetic and reads almost like a love song to the mysterious and elusive lady wisdom. The idea of wisdom can also be traced into the New Testament in the life and ministry of Jesus where wisdom language and imagery is used. Maybe this is why some feminist writers explore the use of the metaphor of God as lover!

This Eucharist picks up some of this imagery to explore the idea of the seven ages of wisdom and the invitation from wisdom who desires to be our companion throughout life and beyond.

I will live with Wisdom
all the days of my life
until death us do part.

And when you want nothing more
than peace and solitude?
When you crave the desert's tranquillity?

I will walk with Wisdom
following her footsteps
companions and friends

And when you tire of the journey
and want to rest?
If Wisdom summons you on?

I will talk with Wisdom
exchanging ideas
discussing the meaning of life

And when the questions run too deep?
and the universe is too big?
When you yearn for some silliness?

I will laugh with Wisdom
delighting in her jokes
playing games with the universe

And when you have heard all her jokes?
when you tire of her stories
and know how they end?

I will dance with Wisdom
casting shapes and patterns
interwoven, interdependent.

And when your muscles ache
and your bones grow crooked with age?
when the dancing days are done?

I will sing with Wisdom
harmonious and joyful

lifting our souls to heaven

And when the music pales?
Repeats itself, stuck in an endless loop?
Cynically exploiting cheap emotions?

I will eat with Wisdom
feasting upon her insights
tasting her precious understanding

And when her banquet is bread
broken from life's bounty?
A body torn apart?

I will drink with Wisdom
happily sampling the flavours of passion
celebrating life's creativity

Take, eat and drink
Live and die
Walk and talk,
laugh, dance and sing.
This is my body.
This is my blood.

[Share bread and wine]

**We have eaten with Wisdom
We have drunk with Wisdom
We will live with Wisdom
all the days of our lives
until death do us part
and beyond.**

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