

A Resurrection Hi Note from Mikl

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The New Man a new king
came riding on a Donkey
Exuding
Dispensing
Newness
And hope
Mostly hope
So that we could see things
through eyes
Stripped of every cloud
And see things as they truly
were;
Creation as God sees it
As God intends it to unfold.
Ourselves, humanity, as
God saw us in the
beginning,
Sees us now,
and as God intends us to
live

II

The new man; a new king
came riding on a donkey
Into the city of the bowed-
down and the oppressed
and the hopeless helpless
The city of the empty ones
Filled with emptiness
Their eyes revealing nothing
Overwhelmed,
expressionless, hungry,
lonely -
Godless

III

The new King God Prophet
Man came riding
He who could see
everything
His heart now like shattered
glass
His soul wracked with grief

His eyes betraying the depth of his despair
Emotion oozing out everywhere

IV

The Servant King God prophet Man
Consents
To being the sacrifice
In order that humanity
From this moment on
Will see
Everything
The truth;
Will see creation as it is
Life as God intends it
Themselves as God sees them
From this point forward
The gift of the King God Prophet Man Teacher, Lover, Sower
-when accepted-
restores all things; everything

Selah

Alleluia Christ is risen! He is risen indeed Alleluia! This powerful dramatic greeting begins the service on Easter morning after the Service of Light. It is a dramatic and huge statement of faith and fact. Our faith –the Christian faith stands or falls upon our acceptance or rejection of this statement. The Christian creed is simply this: Jesus lived, died and rose from the dead. That is the sum of it. And if that is the essence of our faith then that should be what we live and send out into the universe. We must say it and live it. We must – if we claim that we are followers of Jesus- be resurrection people living resurrected lives. So have you collected and are you proudly displaying your resurrection tag in a prominent place. Do people notice your *'resurrectioness'* before anything else about you.

I have to say, sadly, mostly no. The obfuscation, the clouds that we have allowed in has become our focus. There is so much attention focussed on the space between the west door and the beginning of the sanctuary; too little attention on the sanctuary itself. Yet the sanctuary is the miracle space, the space that enables resurrection. When the world looks at us they see a people who die, they can't see our resurrection because we haven't gone after it with all our heart and soul and mind.

Resurrection is for most of us an intellectual idea that we debate but whose impact we avoid.

So what does a resurrection person look like? In the first place they look like Jesus. So let's compile a list of words that describe Jesus starting at the beginning:

- ✦ Vulnerable and humble
- ✦ Curious
- ✦ Faithful
- ✦ Earnestly seeking Gods will through prayer.
- ✦ Thinks and prays all the time
- ✦ Risking in the desert – subjecting himself to that desert experience so that he may understand his vocation and the fullness of it
- ✦ Subjects himself to John's baptism
- ✦ The Spirit is upon him – he has consented to being led and empowered by the spirit
- ✦ Courageous
- ✦ Spending time with God frequently
- ✦ Cheeky
- ✦ Sees people's true value and treats them as such
- ✦ Does God's will not his own.
- ✦ Is compassionate
- ✦ Is mostly quiet so that when he speaks creation is altered forever!
- ✦ Waits for God to glorify him: at his

birth, baptism, Transfiguration, and Resurrection and Ascension and his eternal place at God's right hand.

- ✦ Takes on the devil in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- ✦ Takes on those whose nature is to do evil under the guise of religion – who make life challenging for the poor and the weak.
- ✦ Offers himself as a living sacrifice
- ✦ Does everything in love
- ✦ Goes into hell for a heavenly cause: becomes human so humans may become God – incarnation

So there are enough words to keep us busy reflecting on until Pentecost. For here is the real Good News: If it were up to us in our own strength, we would never attain resurrection.

Resurrection as we see from Jesus only happens in the power of the Holy Spirit and the only way to receive the Spirit is to be still; stay in one place literally and spiritually – body mind and Spirit so God's Spirit can find your spirit.

Read resurrection stories. Most stories are. Here are two I have seen in the recent past. They are both movies:

A song for Marion

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And a documentary of Paul Simon's collaboration with South African Artists during the cultural boycott called under African Skies.

I'll send you more as I experience them. They all serve to prove the relevance of the Christian notion of resurrection.

Be Resurrected Beloved

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