

Suddenly the Trinity Filled My Heart With Utmost Joy

by Julian of Norwich

Julian's heart was filled with utmost joy as she saw the Trinity revealed in the Passion of Jesus Christ, giving her strength against temptation and a deeper understanding of God's love.

Scripture: Matthew 27:29, Luke 1:38, Luke 1:46, Ephesians 6:10, 1 John 5:7, Revelation 21:4

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Description

Julian of Norwich shares a profound vision where she sees the red blood trickling down from under the Garland, symbolizing the Passion of Christ, who suffered for all. She experiences immense joy as the Trinity fills her heart, giving her a glimpse of the eternal joy in heaven. Julian is astonished by the humility of God towards sinful creatures and finds strength in the blessed Passion against all temptations. She also sees the blessed Virgin Mary in a vision, marveling at her wisdom and truth in humbly accepting her role in God's plan.

Transcript

IN this [moment] suddenly I saw the red blood trickle down from under the Garland hot and freshly and right plenteously, as it were in the time of His Passion when the Garland of thorns was pressed on His blessed head who was both God and Man, the same that suffered thus for me. I conceived truly and mightily that it was Himself shewed it me, without any mean.²² And in the same Shewing suddenly the Trinity fulfilled my heart most of joy. And so I understood it shall be in heaven without end to all that shall come there.

For the Trinity is God: God is the Trinity; the Trinity is our Maker and Keeper, the Trinity is our everlasting love and everlasting joy and bliss, by our Lord Jesus Christ. And this was shewed in the First [Shewing] and in all: for where Jesus appeareth, the blessed Trinity is understood, as to my sight. And I said: Benedicite Domine! This I said for reverence in my meaning, with mighty voice; and full greatly was astonished for wonder and marvel that I had, that He that is so reverend and dreadful will be so homely with a sinful creature living in wretched flesh.

This [Shewing] I took for the time of my temptation, 8 --for methought by the sufferance of God I should be tempted of fiends ere I died. Through this sight of the blessed Passion, with the Godhead that I saw in mine understanding, I knew well that It was strength enough for me, yea, and for all creatures living,

against all the fiends of hell and ghostly temptation. In this [Shewing] He brought our blessed Lady to my understanding. I saw her ghostly, in bodily likeness: a simple maid and a meek, young of age and little waxen above a child, in the stature that she was when she conceived.

Also God shewed in part the wisdom and the truth of her soul: wherein I understood the reverent beholding in which she beheld her God and Maker, marvelling with great reverence that He would be born of her that was a simple creature of His making. And this wisdom and truth: knowing the greatness of her Maker and the littleness of herself that was made,--caused her to say full meekly to Gabriel: Lo me, God's handmaid! In this sight I understood soothly that she is more than all that God made beneath her in worthiness and grace; for above her is nothing that is made but the blessed Manhood²³ Of Christ, as to my sight.²⁴

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