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FROM ASHES TO FIRE: A JOURNEY FROM LENT TO PENTECOST

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Words from Others - Unity and Peace

On Tuesdays & Wednesdays we'll explore words from others and resources from the arts - music, art, poetry to help us reflect and engage deeper. The Christian Life involves many different actions, engagement with scripture and the world.

As you reflect on these quotes, poetry, and reflections on the scriptures this week what do they make you think about the theme of Unity and Peace.



Freedom from anxiety is directly related to our putting our whole trust in God's grace and love, which becomes possible as we remember that love created us for love. – Geoffrey M. St J. Hoare

By faithfulness we are collected and wound up into unity within ourselves, whereas we had been scattered abroad in multiplicity. – Saint Augustine

One of the main tasks of theology is to find words that do not divide but unite, that do not create conflict but unity, that do not hurt but heal. – Henri Nouwen

Realize that each soul is related to you. When you recognize that everyone is part of you, you will find you cannot withdraw from another. – Elsie Morgan

Lydia by Graham Kings

Who is this woman facing this man?
Head lightly inclined,
Eyes wide open, gazing;
Hands uplifted, palms upward, surprised;
Gorgeously arrayed.

Who is this man facing this woman?
Coming from the right,
Profile clear, bearded;
Hand outstretched, palm down;
Gloriously appavelled.

Behind her, two angels hover
Reflecting her shape:
Behind him, scented trees lean
Setting the scene:
Below her, a dark opening hints.
All silent witnesses.

The eyes have it:
Focus of tension and attention.
One word awakes her: 'Mary'.
One word responds: 'Rabbouni'.

Their hands shape a triangle
At the centre of meeting:
Her two, shocked and suppliant;
His one, blessing, calming, sending.

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