

Brian Grogan SJ - Love that Pours Itself Out

Lord, it is good to chat, and I find myself looking forward to meeting you. Let me start by telling you my best thinking about you. I know the beautiful statement of St John, that *'God is love'* (John 3:8-16). But your love can't be thought of as static. It is always being poured out, inexhaustibly and richly. You yourself use the term *'poured out'* at the Last Supper, I notice. Often the Holy Spirit is described as being *'poured out'* on everyone.

Perhaps it is your very nature to be poured out, and this is at the heart of the universe? I have an image of this love as a great waterfall: am I being invited to come ever closer to it and to be drenched by its spray? Is this the deepest meaning of my life, whether I know it or not? Am I being constantly called into an unfathomable depth of loving relationships, since you, who are three divine persons, endlessly pour out your love on each other and on me too? Could it be that I, like a child, am being invited to *'dance'* with you? Perhaps you are untiringly calling to me, *'we'd like you to make a fourth!'*

Some writers speak about the endless laughter of the divine persons. One author says: *'In the core of the Trinity the Father laughs and gives birth to the Son. The Son laughs back at the Father and gives birth to the Spirit. The whole Trinity laughs and gives birth to you!'* It does me good, Lord, to feel that I share in the laughter that rings across the universe. You yourself have said, *'blessed are you who weep, because you shall laugh'*. Don't let me confuse divine intimacy with solemnity: you are a laughing as well as a loving God! You are indeed love that pours itself out.

Brian Grogan SJ, I am Infinitely Loved