

Lent 2016

"The abundant nature of God invites us to be generous, to risk in giving ourselves away in self-gift, to witness to God's abundance."
Michele Bisbey, CDP

Traditionally, the season of Lent offered us an invitation to 'give up something.' Let me suggest that our faith tradition invites us, no, calls us, to reflect God's perspective/ God's call to 'be generous and risk in giving our selves away in self-gift', to witness to 'God's abundance.'

Lent then, we might say, is a season that reinforces our call to continue the work God began with the Incarnation; the immersion of God's own Self into our wounded world in and through the person of Jesus. We continue God's work just as Jesus did, by the way we live and, I dare say, by the way we die. What a different face of Providence this would present to our wounded world... a true transformation and Transfiguration!

2015 showed us many faces of such love. The one that lives on in my imagination is the terrorist attack in Paris, France, November 2015. As innocent people were being massacred, strangers began to take care of, and protect the people/the strangers around them. Later, when questioned, many did not even have a name for those they helped.

Our Lenten call is, in the words of musician Jan Novotka (CD "Mystery Living You"), "Wake up and be what you are! Be Love, soft and true." That's what happened in Paris! Love conquered.

God of Providence, soften our hearts that we may indeed be channels of your love.

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