PROPHETIC WORDS GIVEN AT ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL

Prophecy isn't primarily about telling the future. It's essentially giving us current insight into God's plan and His Word, calling us back to what's already been revealed in public revelation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that although "Revelation is complete, it has not been made completely explicit; it remains for Christian faith gradually to grasp its full significance". (CCC66) Prophecy encourages us and reminds us of the heart of Christianity: of God's love, His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus and His presence with us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The following words were given at Alton Day of Renewal, and we believe they are from the Lord. But they will not all be relevant for everyone: you need to pray to the Holy Spirit for discernment about whether God is speaking to you personally about something. We hope you find them inspiring, encouraging, or comforting. Although we have prayed and discerned that they are in line with Scripture and the teaching of the Church, please bear in mind that "Private revelations.... do not belong to the deposit of faith. It is not their role to improve or complete Christ's definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history." (CCC67)

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First Word

I had a picture of a bunch of crosses all over the place that then all lined up to face the same way. I feel that as we give witness, the Cross shines out in the world. Jesus is seen to be alive. I felt Jesus say:

"Let your love for Me shine out. Be seen in the world. How will others know Me if you do not tell them about Me? Without Me, you are nothing but without you, I cannot live in the world. Be the light shining in the darkness, helping others hear My word. I choose you to bring Me to others, to be the voice crying in the wilderness, to make the path smooth, to open the narrow way."

Second Word

Fr Paul talks to us in the homily today about overcoming obstacles and over the past two years, due to the constraints of the pandemic, we've had many obstacles to overcome when it comes to meeting up with our family. We have an eleven year old granddaughter who we've only seen a handful of times – she is brought up without any faith, we were teaching her the faith before the pandemic. Yesterday I asked her to paint a couple of eggs and to put whatever she wanted on the egg. She did one for her granddad and automatically put the cross on that egg. She has special needs, and for her to have done that is just so amazing. So we have to keep witnessing to everybody, especially in this time of great challenge. (Note: although this is not strictly a prophecy, an inspired word from God as such, we are including it as the speaker was being a messenger of God's love, which is a prophetic thing to do.)

Third Word

This is what came to me during Adoration: "Today I wanted to immerse you in my Sacred Heart and its love pouring out for you. Do not disdain what I have to offer you but welcome it, welcome me. In this way you will be doing good for yourselves, which will overflow to all those you desire to bless. It all starts with you and me together. This is a pattern for your lives."

Fourth Word

During Adoration, on the monstrance on the left hand side the sunlight coming in through the window was just brightness to me and then it came to me, thinking of north south east and west, we seem to get predominant winds from the west and I thought the Holy Spirit blows wherever He will. Then psalm 30/31 came to me "As for me, I trust in you Lord, I say you are my God. My life is in your

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hands, deliver me from the hands of those who hate me. Let your face shine on your servant, save me in your love. Be strong, let your heart take courage, all who hope in the Lord."

Following on from what was preciously said about obstacles, I know I have a lot of obstacles in my life and I feel we just need to trust in the Lord, trust the Spirit, follow the wind wherever it may blow in the light of Christ and His resurrection.

Fifth Word

Thinking about Fr Paul's words in his homily and looking at the monstrance the thought came to me, we are all like a monstrance, we all bear Him in us. Somehow, if we are tarnished His radiance can shine brighter; if we are broken, His glory can penetrate out of our brokenness. The thought is: don't hide. I know we can wear masks and things but the more we can just be open and ourselves, the more God can radiate from us and touch other lives.

Sixth Word

There's quite a united theme coming through the words so far, particularly about God working through us and shining through us and so on, and what I received is similar to that in many ways. I started off realising that the monstrance was there in a very ordinary room and thinking that Jesus is glorified in very ordinary places. He uses ordinary things like bread to make Himself present. Jesus makes the ordinary holy, that's the first word that came to me. Then I thought of the first reading from Acts (4:13), referred to by Fr Paul in his homily, where God used "uneducated laymen" to work a miracle, and I felt the Lord say this:

"Thank you for your humility in bowing down in adoration, but remember I promised to exalt the humble. Receive my holiness, my power, my fullness into your emptiness, and I will raise you up with my resurrection life, so that you can be my witness in the world."

Seventh word

I just wanted to echo the words of encouragement that we've heard. I had three words of encouragement. The first was "When you face fear and death, embrace my Cross and find new life." Obviously we've just had Good Friday and we're now in the time of celebrating the resurrection. The next is "When in times of sadness remember my presence (God is always present to us) – look forward to the eternal joy that will come." That is a promise we can trust and can rely on. And finally "In times of worry, trust in me even more and receive my peace which passes all understanding."

Eighth word

Ephesians 2: 4-6 "Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus."

Ninth Word

I was aware of a great lifting up of hearts to the Glory of God, Alleluia!

Tenth word

There is light and darkness in the world. The light overcomes the darkness.

Eleventh word

"Follow me."

Twelfth word

"Let go. Trust me. I am the creator. You cannot mould. I am the potter."

Thirteenth word

"I will be with you wherever you go, go now and spread my word."

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Fourteenth word

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." I got the urge to sing, Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Fifteenth word

St. Joseph is very present to us all in this prayer group today, guiding and protecting us. Praise God for this. Praise God for His Holy Priests and lay people bringing Jesus to us into our homes today.

Sixteenth word

During Adoration I was aware of the wind blowing- a reminder of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world

Seventeenth word

"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Follow me, I live within you. I love you."

Eighteenth word

"Come to me, immerse yourself in my light."

Nineteenth word

This was during Adoration, I felt the Lord saying: "I am the bread of life, I do not run short, my supply is everlasting. Remember when I fed the five thousand there was food left over to fill others too. Come to me and you will never be hungry. I feed you and I feed the whole world too.

Twentieth word

Whilst in Adoration I had this picture of a lion that was really roaring. And it came to me that the passage of scripture that kind of describes what's happening in Ukraine at the moment is how God, on the cross, has everything in control, He's beaten the devil. And it's this in Isaiah Chapter 11:6 & 9 "The wolf shall live with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid. They shall not hurt nor destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." And just as we see in 1 Peter chapter 2 "a stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall. They stumble because they disobey the word." That's kind of what's happening in Ukraine. But we are all called, as we are this morning and this wonderful proclamation which we see in Peter, it says "You are all a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Him who called you out of darkness and into His marvellous light." That mighty act of Jesus dying on the cross and rising again, and the power of the Holy Spirit which is pure love... and we pray for reconciliation, we pray for peace in Ukraine.

Twenty first word

I got these words a while ago but I came across my notes yesterday and I thought it was relevant for today: "In my mercy, seek help."

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Words of knowledge for healing

- Man who has a sore throat and problems with his glands
- Someone with the soles of their feet being very itchy
- Woman with a sore left hip
- Woman who dances having a problem with her balance
- Someone who desperately wants the Gifts of the Holy Spirit they have been trying for years and feel that they have never been baptised in the Holy Spirit
- All who would have a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit
- Woman who drives her car too fast and wants patience and restraint
- Someone who would share the Blessed Sacrament with others in a school?
- Man being called to the diaconate
- Flower arranger who feels that their efforts are not appreciated
- Someone with depression and suicidal thoughts
- Someone plagued with guilt and self-blame, unable to forgive yourself.
- Man in his 70s who has a problem with his nose blockage of right nostril?
- Lady with fibroids.