

RE-TOUCHER / TOUCHING / LOOKING

Michaël Picard, Max Picard's son,
told Levinas one day that his father was in the habit
of saying that
"the face of the other is proof of God's existence".

The French verb 're-toucher' says it all:
repairing something means leaving yourself
open to being touched. What does touching
mean at a time when we have to keep a
meter and a half distance. Can you touch
without touching? Can you touch by looking?

THE RITUAL OF LOOKING

(per two people)

- Step quietly into the Choir with someone else (acquaintance or stranger).
- Choose a stone from the full circle of stones and in so doing place yourself in the story of the opposites (John 8,1-11).
- Walk separately to each side of the wall and place your stone on the pedestal.
- Behind the wall you'll find two chairs. Sit opposite each other in silence and look each other in the eyes.
- Take the time you need. You can use the hourglass (3 min).
- After that place your stone in the open arch of the dialogue.
- Leave the Choir in silence.

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**THAT'S HOW
THE LIGHT
GETS IN**

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RE + TOUCHER

we are all touched by recovery

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THERE IS
A CRACK
IN EVERYTHING
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Every one of us has to deal with recovery at some point in our lives. After a fracture, after illness, after trauma. Sometimes it happens to you, it's done to you. Sometimes it's what you do or don't do. Sometimes intentional, conscious, sometimes unintentional. Sometimes it happens to an entire society at once like a virus. Whether we want it or not, recovery is part of life.

Welcome to the Holy Magdalene Church, the church as a place of recovery.

LOOK

Recovery starts with you.

With looking consciously. See inside/ insight:

Quizzing yourself and letting yourself be quizzed.

Repentance that makes it possible to backtrack, to advance.

Allowing yourself to feel sorrow, shame, doubt.

Re-allowing a connection and balance between head, heart and gut.

You can't bring peace if you don't feel peace...

It's about regaining your right to exist. RE-STORING. Repositioning yourself. In spite of everything.

Recovery starts with others.

With those who look beyond "a quick glance". With those who don't pin you down on your actions,

but query you.

Try to understand, give space and open up perspective.

Installation eyewitnesses (2018-2020)

Pollie Gregoor

*advently on the lookout and in blind faith
staring at what's going on
in their field of vision
forgetting that both insight and eyes
are required here.*



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MOVING

Recovery requires change, movement.



A path of hope and perspective, a future route with direction, with meaning, making sense. This church space suggests this movement on the axis between portal and Choir. Along the way, you come across a swing that sets you in motion.

A back and forth between The Other and The Self. With a welcome boost from someone familiar or an accidental passer-by. Just ask!

THE RIGHT QUESTION

There is a story in the Gospel of John (John 8:1-11).

An adulteress is brought to Jesus and she challenges him to take a stand. To follow the law is to stone her. To set her free is to ignore the law. Classical A or B thinking is broken by Jesus in an unprecedented way. "He who is without sin cast the first stone" and everyone slinks away.

RE-STORING someone by taking a stand.

Choosing to take an open and unbiased position.