

Colossians 1:15-28 (NRSV) Interpretive Movement Script¹

Text

He is the image
of the invisible God,
the firstborn
of all creation;
for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—
all things have been created through him
and for him.

He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.
He is the head of the body,
the church;
he is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him all the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased
to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth
or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Movement

frame face like a picture
both hands in front of face, palms to face
“No. 1” finger
upward sweeping arms, around to sides
hands spreading from heart center out wide
hands beside face, palms facing, then closed
measure height w hand; 3’, 5’, 6’, 8’
upward sweeping arms, around to sides
hands over heart.

“No. 1” finger
self-hug
indicate head with hands
make roof over head with arms
“No. 1” finger
hold one palm out and down like ground, other
hand dives under it and come out and up
“No. 1” finger

arms “swan up”
hands to heart center, prayer hands
hands straight out front, palms together
“gather”, drawing hands back to heart
hands sweep low
hands sweep high
arms pass in front of heart, then out to the side,
as on the cross, then down to the sides.

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And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, One hand sweeping arc in front, indicating “you”
doing evil deeds, waggle finger, shake head
he has now reconciled wide arms gathering in toward heart
in his fleshly body through death, arms crossed over chest, eyes closed, as if dead
so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him

Like Vanna White, present an imaginary person
beside you, big smile!

— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith,

stomp left, stomp right, settle, cross arms

without shifting from

lean left, lean right, back to center

the hope promised by the gospel that you heard,

hands and eyes up, looking far away

which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven.

hands fall to either side indicating all under
heaven

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I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

right hand over heart

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake,

hands up, halfway between praise and pleading

and in my flesh

with shackles on

I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions

indicate body with hands

for the sake of his body,

hands clasped (like making a snowball)

that is, the church.

hands out as on cross

make roof over head with arms

I became its servant according to God’s commission

right hand over heart, then up to heaven

that was given to me

back to heart

for you,

hand out to “you”

to make the word of God fully known,

megaphone hands

the mystery

hands doing swirly, alchemy, mysteriousness

that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations

“hide” mystery

but has now been revealed to his saints.

energetic, revealing sweeps of arms left and right,
big smiles!

To them God chose to make known

how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery,

which is Christ in you,
the hope of glory.

It is he whom we proclaim,
warning everyone
and teaching everyone in all wisdom,

so that we may present everyone

mature in Christ.

keep sweeping, both together

like throwing up piles of coins or glitter, and then
“sparkle fingers” down

make a cross with your hands, over your heart
one hand stays over heart, the other off toward
heaven

point to heaven

warning finger pointing, grumpy face
same action but open upraised palm, peaceful
face

hands sweep in front of body, down low, then up,
extended to the sides, as on cross
face turned up, smiling, peaceful and content.