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Daily Reflections

JOURNEYING THROUGH EASTER

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THE FATHER'S LOVE

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Today's Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete."

JOHN 15:9-11

Reflection

This part of John's gospel is incredibly comforting and challenging! What does it mean to "remain in my love"? It takes faith, prayer, effort, and accountability to be a follower of Christ Jesus. At the same time, the joy of which Jesus speaks

is real and tangible. It is the joy beyond our human understanding when we experience our Beloved in expected and unexpected ways. The love and joy of our Savior cannot be captured in words; somehow words fall short. This Easter season allows us to embrace the joy of being Eastered and living our lives as people of the resurrection.



St. Joseph Servite Church, Innsbruck, Austria
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Remain in God's Love

*O Creator of Life
we lift our voices in praise
for you are our God
and in you we find strength.*

*Generously you love us
in good times and in bad
you are the wind beneath our sails
the calm found deep within the storm.*

*Love, O Love of life,
as we walk with you strengthen our resolve
to be love gently outpoured upon the world*

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For Pondering

- What do the words “remain in my love” speak to you at this moment in time?
- How and when have you experienced joy in your walk with God?

For Prayer

*O God of infinite love,
may we seek out those most in need
of your compassion.
May we have eyes to see
and ears to hear the cries
of the down-trodden
and respond in generosity and faith.
Amen.*

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