

Easter Expressions

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Hear the song of new creation, Hear the Easter people dance about.

Praise to our God who raised up Jesus,
Praise to our God who raised up His world.
Praise to our God whose gift is faithful, Jesus, hope of all the world.

Him, for whom the prophets waited in a stable born,
Tells a message most surprising, love will be my Spirit's only law.
And love will make you poor in spirit, full of mercy, hearts becoming free.
Joy you'll bring to broken moments, suffer gladly on my tree.

Love will be the bond that holds you, love will let you run.
Love's my Spirit of surprises, the hope of Easter in your hearts begun.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

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Embraced by such love we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise God's love in places we never suspected it would be found. We discover that what we once judged unclean may merely be an unfamiliar openness to God's truth. We discover that our own insistence on legitimate religious practice may really be spiritual elitism. Our eyes are opened to ways we have tried to confine God's love to the conventional boundaries we ourselves have set. As we are drawn into God's love, we eagerly embrace the commandments that help us to live righteous lives. To the extent that we love as universally as God does, we will know that we live in God and that God lives in us.

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Parish Working Bee

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